#### NEWPATH RESOURCES INC.

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# MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR AS AT FEBRUARY 15, 2023

This management information circular ("Information Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by management of Newpath Resources Inc. (the "Company") for use at the annual general and special meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") to be held on March 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver Time) and any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth in the attached Notice of Annual General and Special Meeting (the "Notice of Meeting"). Except where otherwise indicated, the information contained herein is stated as of February 15, 2023

In this Information Circular, references to the "Company" and "we" refer to Newpath Resources Inc. "Common Shares" means common shares without par value in the capital of the Company. "Registered Shareholders" means Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares. "Non-Registered Shareholders" means Shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. "Intermediaries" refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Non-Registered Shareholders. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "\$" or "dollars" in this Information Circular means Canadian Dollars.

#### GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and regular employees of the Company. The Company will bear all costs of this solicitation. We have arranged to send meeting materials directly to Registered Shareholders, as well as Non-Registered Shareholders who have consented to their ownership information being disclosed by the Intermediary holding the Common Shares on their behalf (non-objecting beneficial owners). We have not arranged for Intermediaries to forward the meeting materials to Non-Registered Shareholders who have objected to their ownership information being disclosed by the Intermediary holding the Common Shares on their behalf (objecting beneficial owners) under National Instrument 54-101 Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer ("NI 54-101"). As a result, objecting beneficial owners will not receive the Information Circular and associated meeting materials unless their Intermediary assumes the costs of delivery.

# **Appointment and Revocation of Proxies**

The individuals named in the accompanying form of proxy (the "Proxy") are officers of the Company or solicitors for the Company. If you are a Registered Shareholder, you have the right to attend the Meeting or vote by proxy and to appoint a person or company other than the person designated in the Proxy, who need not be a Shareholder, to attend and act for you and on your behalf at the Meeting. You may do so either by inserting the name of that other person in the blank space provided in the Proxy or by completing and delivering another suitable form of Proxy.

If you are a Registered Shareholder you may wish to vote by proxy whether or not you are able to attend the Meeting. 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 ("Odyssey"), in accordance with the instructions on the Proxy. Alternatively, Registered Shareholders may vote their shares via the internet or by telephone as per the instructions provided on the Proxy.

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

Every Proxy may be revoked by an instrument in writing:

(i) executed by the Shareholder or by his/her attorney authorized in writing or, where the Shareholder is a company, by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the company; and

(ii) delivered either to the registered office of the Company at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, at which the Proxy is to be used, or to the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof,

or in any other manner provided by law.

Only Registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a Proxy. Non-Registered Shareholders who wish to change their vote must, at least seven days before the Meeting, arrange for their respective Intermediaries to revoke the Proxy on their behalf. If you are a Non-Registered Shareholder, see "Voting by Non-Registered Shareholders" below for further information on how to vote your Common Shares.

#### **Exercise of Discretion by Proxyholder**

If you vote by Proxy, the persons named in the Proxy will vote or withhold from voting the Common Shares represented thereby in accordance with your instructions on any ballot that may be called for. If you specify a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, your Common Shares will be voted accordingly. The Proxy confers discretionary authority on the persons named therein with respect to:

- (i) each matter or group of matters identified therein for which a choice is not specified;
- (ii) any amendment to or variation of any matter identified therein;
- (iii) any other matter that properly comes before the Meeting; and
- (iv) exercise of discretion of the proxyholder.

In respect of a matter for which a choice is not specified in the Proxy, the persons named in the Proxy will vote the Common Shares represented by the Proxy for the approval of such matter. Management is not currently aware of any other matters that could come before the Meeting.

# Voting by Non-Registered Shareholders

The following information is of significant importance to Shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Non-Registered Shareholders should note that the only Proxies that can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting are those deposited by Registered Shareholders.

If Common Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by an Intermediary, then in almost all cases those Common Shares will not be registered in the Shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Common Shares will more likely be registered under the name of the Shareholder's Intermediary or an agent of that Intermediary. In the United States, the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depositary for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks), and in Canada, under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms).

If you have consented to disclosure of your ownership information, you will receive a request for voting instructions from the Company or Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("**Broadridge**"). If you have declined to disclose your ownership information, you may receive a request for voting instructions from your Intermediary if they have assumed the cost of delivering the Information Circular and associated meeting materials. Every Intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients. However, most Intermediaries now delegate responsibility for obtaining voting instructions from clients to Broadridge in the United States and in Canada.

If you are a Non-Registered Shareholder, you should carefully follow the instructions on the voting instruction form received from Broadridge in order to ensure that your Common Shares are voted at the Meeting. The voting instruction form supplied to you will be similar to the Proxy provided to the Registered Shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the Intermediary on how to vote on your behalf.

The voting instruction form sent by Broadridge will name the same persons as the Company's proxy to represent you at the Meeting. Although as a Non-Registered Shareholder you may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Common Shares registered in the name of your Intermediary, you, or a person designated by you (who need

not be a Shareholder), may attend at the Meeting as Proxyholder for your Intermediary and vote your Common Shares in that capacity. To exercise this right to attend the Meeting or appoint a Proxyholder of your own choosing, you should insert your own name or the name of the desired representative in the blank space provided in the voting instruction form. Alternatively, you may provide other written instructions requesting that you or your desired representative attend the Meeting as Proxyholder for your Intermediary. The completed voting instruction form or other written instructions must then be returned in accordance with the instructions on the form.

If you receive a voting instruction form from Broadridge, you cannot use it to vote Common Shares directly at the Meeting – the voting instruction form must be completed as described above and returned in accordance with its instructions well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the Common Shares voted.

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

Except as disclosed herein, no person has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors. For the purpose of this paragraph, "person" shall include each of the following persons or companies: (a) if the solicitation is made by or on behalf of management of the Company, each person who has been a director, senior officer or insider of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company's last financial year; (b) if the solicitation is made other than by or on behalf of management of the Company, each person or company by whom, or on whose behalf, directly or indirectly, the solicitation is made; (c) each proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company; or (d) each associate or affiliate of any of the persons or companies included in subparagraphs (a) to (c).

# RECORD DATE AND QUORUM

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") has fixed the record date for the Meeting as the close of business on February 13, 2023 (the "Record Date"). Shareholders of record as at the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of the Meeting and to vote their Common Shares at the Meeting, except to the extent that any such Shareholder transfers any Common Shares after the Record Date and the transferee of those Common Shares establishes that the transferee owns the Common Shares and demands, not less than ten (10) days before the Meeting, that the transferee's name be included in the list of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting, in which case, only such transferee shall be entitled to vote such Common Shares at the Meeting.

Under the Articles of the Company, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of Shareholders is one person who is, or who represents by proxy, one or more shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued shares entitled to be voted at the Meeting.

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

The Company's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value. On the Record Date there were 15,817,748 Common Shares issued and outstanding, with each Common Share carrying the right to one vote. Only Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote in person or by proxy at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as of the date of this Information Circular, the Shareholder who beneficially owns, or exercises control or direction over Common Shares, directly or indirectly, carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to Common Shares is:

Name	Number of Common Shares Owned, or Controlled or Directed, Directly or Indirectly <sup>(1)</sup>	Approximate Percentage of Total Outstanding Common Shares
Emma Fairhurst	2,925,200(2)	18.49%
Damien Reynolds	2,510,000(3)	15.87%

#### Notes:

- The above information was derived from the shareholder list maintained by the Company's registrar and transfer agent, or from insider and beneficial ownership reports available at <a href="https://www.sedi.com">www.sedi.com</a> and <a href="https://www.sedi.com">www.sedi.com</a>.
- (2) Includes 425,200 Common Shares held indirectly through Aeternum Asset Advisors and 1,500,000 Common Shares held indirectly through 1249489 B.C. Ltd.
- (3) Includes 1,010,000 Common Shares held indirectly through Darien Gap Advisors Inc. and 1,500,000 Common Shares held indirectly through Darien Gap Capital Corp.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

To the knowledge of the Company's directors, the only matters to be placed before the Meeting are those set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting and discussed below.

#### PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited annual financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended April 30, 2022, and the auditor's report thereon, will be placed before the Meeting. The Company's financial statements are available on the System of Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) website at www.sedar.com.

# **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Company proposes to fix the number of directors of the Company at four (4) and to nominate the persons listed below for election as directors. Each director will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company or until his or her successor is elected or appointed, unless his or her office is earlier vacated. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

The following table sets out the names of the director nominees; their positions and offices in the Company, the period of time that they have been directors of the Company, their principal occupations or employment, and the number of Common Shares that each beneficially owns or over which control or direction is exercised, directly and indirectly.

Name, Residence and Present Position within the Company	Director Since	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Over Which Control or Direction is Exercised, Directly or Indirectly <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment <sup>(1)</sup>
Alexander McAulay British Columbia, Canada Chief Executive Officer and Director	February 9, 2022	1,133,429 <sup>(3)</sup>	Chartered Accountant, Chief Executive Officer of Treewalk Consulting Inc. since 2016 to present; Director of Volatus Capital Corp. since February 2022, CFO of Comprehensive Healthcare Systems Inc. (formerly, Greenstone Capital Corp.) since September 2021; CFO of Vegano Foods Inc. since February 2022; CFO of Pacific Arc Resources Ltd. since August 2021; CFO of FRNT Financial Inc. since March 2022; CFO of Troy Minerals Inc. since August 2022; Director of Lite Access Technologies Inc. since July 2022; CFO and Director of Nepra Foods Inc. since August 2021; CFO of Medaro Mining Corp. since August 2021.

Name, Residence and Present Position within the Company	Director Since	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Over Which Control or Direction is Exercised, Directly or Indirectly <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment <sup>(1)</sup>
Darren Collins <sup>(2)</sup> Ontario, Canada Director	June 1, 2021	500,000	Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Secretary and Director of Hercules Silver Corp. (formerly, Bald Eagle Gold Corp.) (since March 2021); Chief Executive Officer, VP of Business Development and Director of Westbridge Energy Corp. (since July 2013); Self-employed consultant (since January 2006); Director of CX One (from December 2018 until March 2021); Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of Khiron Life Sciences Corp. (from February 2017 until June 14, 2019); Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President of Corporate Development and Advisor of Namaste Technologies Inc. (from June 2015 to February 2017); Chief Executive Officer and Director at US Critical Metals Corp.
Gerhard Merkel <sup>(2)</sup> British Columbia, Canada Director	Oct. 12, 2021	171,428	CEO and CFO of Metex (Germany) Trading Company from 1994 to 2005. From 2005 to present, CFO and COO of CGM Import-Export Ltd (Portugal) Import/Export, a wholesale and retail of catering equipment company and producer of catering accessories.
Christopher Reynolds <sup>(2)</sup> British Columbia, Canada Director	May 24, 2022	514,285 <sup>(4)</sup>	Founder, President, CEO and Director, Progenitor Metals Corp. (March 2018 to present); Director, Jessy Ventures Corp. (November 2020 to present); Director and Business Consultant to several private companies.

#### **Notes:**

- (1) The information as to principal occupation, business or employment and Common Shares beneficially owned or controlled is not within the knowledge of management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees. Unless otherwise stated above, any nominees named above have held the principal occupation or employment indicated for at least the five preceding years.
- (2) Member of the audit committee of the Company.
- (3) Includes 38,000 Common Shares held indirectly through ACM Management Inc., and 357,143 Common Shares held indirectly through End in Mind Capital Inc.
- (4) Includes 514,285 Common Shares held indirectly through 1216166 B.C. Ltd.

#### Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies

Other than as disclosed below, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no proposed director or executive officer of the Company is, at the date of this Information Circular, or was within the 10 years prior to the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:

- (a) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or
- (b) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

For the purposes of the foregoing, "order" means

- (a) a cease trade order;
- (b) an order similar to a cease trade order; or
- (c) 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.

Alexander McAulay was chief financial officer of CBD Global Sciences Inc. (CSE: CBDN) on May 3, 2021, when a management cease trade order was issued against CBD Global Sciences Inc.) for failing to file its audited financial statements and the related management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. On July 23, 2021, the management cease trade order was revoked, and a cease trade order was issued against CBD Global for failing to file its audited and unaudited financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 and the interim period ended March 31, 2021. On September 22, 2021, CBD Global Sciences Inc. received a revocation letter from the ASC. On June 17, 2020, a cease trade order was issued against CBD Global for failing to file its audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 and the related management's discussion and analysis. The cease trade order was revoked on August 6, 2020 upon CBD Global making the required filings.

Alexander McAulay was chief financial officer of Comprehensive Healthcare Systems Inc. (TSXV:CHS) on May 6, 2022, when a failure-to-file cease trade order was issued against Comprehensive Healthcare Systems Inc. by the Alberta Securities Commission ("ASC") and the Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC") as a result of the Company not having filed, on or before May 2, 2022, the annual financial statements, annual management's discussion and analysis and certification of the annual filings for the yar ended December 31, 2022. On May 19, 2022, Comprehensive Healthcare Systems Inc. received a revocation letter from the ASC and OSC upon making the required filings.

To the best of the Company's knowledge, no proposed director or executive officer of the Company, nor any shareholder holding sufficient securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company, nor any personal holding company of any such person:

- (a) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within the 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (b) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Information 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 director, executive officer or shareholder.

#### Penalties or Sanctions

To the best of the Company's knowledge, no director or executive officer of the Company, nor any shareholder holding sufficient securities of the Company to materially affect control of the Company has been subject to:

- (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to Canadian securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor making an investment decision.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the appointment of the auditor of the Company. Management is recommending that Shareholders vote to re-appoint Smythe Ratcliffe LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of #1700 – 475 Howe St., Vancouver, BC V6C 2B3 as auditor of the Company to hold office until the next annual general meeting of Shareholders, or until its successor has been appointed, and to authorize the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditor.

# APPROVAL OF OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

On February 14, 2023, the Board approved the Company's 2023 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan (the "**Plan**"). At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the Plan.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide an incentive to directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company, to continue their participation in the affairs of the Company and to increase their efforts on behalf of the Company.

The following summary of the Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Plan.

The Plan will be administered by the Board (or a committee thereof) and will provide that the Board may from time to time, in its discretion, and in accordance with CSE requirements, grant to eligible Participants (as defined in the Plan), non-transferable awards (the "Awards"). Such Awards include options ("Options"), RSUs, SARs, DSUs, and PSUs.

The number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options granted under the Plan will not, in the aggregate, exceed 10% of the then issued and outstanding Common Shares on a rolling basis. In addition, the maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs issued under the Plan shall not exceed 1,581,774, in the aggregate.

The maximum number of Common Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding Common Shares, unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained, or 2% in the case of a grant of Awards to any consultant or persons (in the aggregate) retained to provide Investor Relations Activities (as defined by the CSE). Further, unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained: (i) the maximum number of Common Shares for which Awards may be issued to insiders of the Company (as a group) at any point in time shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares; and (ii) the aggregate number of Awards granted to insiders of the Common (as a group), within any 12-month period, shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

On a Change of Control (as defined in the Plan) of the Company, the Board shall have discretion as to the treatment of Awards, including whether to (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit, the vesting date of any Awards; (ii) permit the conditional exercise of any Awards, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of any Awards; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of a Change of Control, on such terms as it sees fit, the Awards not exercised prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control. If there is a Change of Control, any Awards held by a Participant shall automatically vest following such Change of Control, on the Termination Date (as defined in the Plan), if the Participant is an employee, officer or a director and their employment, or officer or director position is terminated or they resign for Good Reason (as defined in the Plan) within 12 months following the Change of Control, provided that no acceleration of Awards shall occur in the case of a Participant that was retained to provide Investor Relations Activities unless the approval of the CSE is either obtained or not required.

The following is a summary of the various types of Awards issuable under the Plan.

#### **Options**

Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the expiry date of each Option. Subject to a limited extension if an Option expires during a Black Out Period (as defined in the Plan), Options may be exercised for a period of up to ten years after the grant date, provided that: (i) upon a Participant's termination for Cause (as defined in the Plan), all Options, whether vested or not as at the Termination Date will automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited; (ii) upon the death of a Participant, all unvested Options as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; (iii) in the case of the Disability (as defined in the Plan) of a Participant, all Options shall remain and continue to vest (and are exercisable) in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised (whether vested or not) within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date; (iv) in the case of the retirement of a Participant, the Board shall have discretion, with respect to such Options, to determine whether to accelerate the vesting of such Options, cancel such Options with or without payment and determine how long, if at all, such Options may remain outstanding following the Termination Date, provided, however, that in no event shall such Options be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date; (v) subject to paragraph (vi) below, in all other cases where a Participant ceases to be eligible under the Plan, including a termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation, unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested Options shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited as of the Termination Date, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; and (vi) notwithstanding paragraphs (i)-(v), in connection with the resignation of the Participants holding options to purchase Common Shares granted to the directors and officers of the Company under the Plan, such options shall be exercisable for a period of 90 months after the Termination Date.

The exercise price of the Options will be determined by the Board at the time any Option is granted. In no event will such exercise price be lower than the last closing price of the Common Shares on the CSE less any discount permitted by the rules or policies of the CSE at the time the Option is granted. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, Options shall vest equally over a four year period such that ½ of the Options shall vest on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the date that the Options were granted.

#### Restricted Share Units

Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the expiry date of each RSU. Subject to a limited extension if an RSU expires during a Black Out Period, RSUs may vest and be paid out for a period of up to three years after the grant date, provided that: (i) upon a Participant's termination for Cause, all RSUs, whether vested (if not yet paid out) or not as at the Termination Date will automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited; (ii) upon the death of a Participant, all unvested RSUs as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest and be paid out; (iii) in the case of the Disability of a Participant, all RSUs shall remain and continue to vest in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any RSUs that have not been vested within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date; (iv) in the case of the retirement of a Participant, the Board shall have discretion, with respect to such RSUs, to determine whether to accelerate the vesting of such RSUs, cancel such RSUs with or without payment and determine how long, if at all, such RSUs may remain outstanding following the Termination Date, provided, however, that in no event shall such RSUs be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date; and (v) in all other cases where a Participant ceases to be eligible under the Plan, including a termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation, unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested RSUs shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited as of the Termination Date, and all vested RSUs will be paid out in accordance with the Plan.

The number of RSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each RSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of vesting for each RSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of RSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Common Shares. In the event settlement is made by payment in cash, such payment shall be made by the earlier of (i)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, RSUs shall vest equally over a three-year period such that  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the RSUs shall vest on the first, second and third anniversary dates of the date that the RSUs were granted.

#### Share Appreciation Rights

SARs may be issued together with Options or as standalone awards. Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount representing the difference between the fair market value of the underlying Common Shares on the date of exercise over the grant price of the SAR. At the discretion of the Board, the payment upon the exercise of a SAR may be in cash, Common Shares of equivalent value, in some combination thereof, or in any other form approved by the Board in its sole discretion. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each SAR. Subject to a limited extension if a SAR expires during a Black Out Period, SARs will not be exercisable later than the tenth anniversary date of its grant. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of SARs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Plan.

#### Deferred Share Units

The number and terms of DSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each DSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of settlement for each DSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of DSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Common Shares. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each DSU, provided that if a DSU would otherwise settle or expire during a Black Out Period, the Board may extend such date. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of DSUs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Plan.

# Performance Share Units

The number and terms (including applicable performance criteria) of PSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each PSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of settlement for each PSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of PSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Common Shares. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each PSU, provided that in no event will delivery of Common Shares or payment of any cash amounts be made later than the earlier of (i)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months after the close of the year in which the performance conditions or restrictions are satisfied or lapse, and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of PSUs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Plan.

The Plan will replace the Company's existing stock option plan.

Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to approve, with or without variation, the following ordinary resolution:

#### "BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. the Company's 2023 omnibus equity incentive plan, adopted by the board of directors of the Company effective as of February 14, 2023, (the "Plan"), in substantially the form described in the management information circular of the Company dated February 15, 2023, be and is hereby confirmed, ratified, and approved, and that in connection therewith a maximum of 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares at the time of each grant be approved for granting as options, and a maximum of 1,581,775 common shares issuable pursuant to restricted share units, share appreciation rights, deferred share units, and performance share units be approved for granting as Awards;
- 2. the Board of Directors of the Company be authorized in its absolute discretion to administer the Plan, and amend or modify the Plan in accordance with its terms and conditions and with the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE);
- 3. all issued and outstanding stock options of the Company previously granted shall be continued under and governed by the 2023 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan; and
- 4. any one or more director(s) or officer(s) of the Company be authorized and directed to do all acts and things and to execute and deliver all documents required, as in the opinion of such director or officer may be necessary or appropriate in order to give effect to this resolution."

A copy of the Plan is available at the records office of the Company, until the business day immediately preceding the date of the Meeting, and a copy will also be made available at the Meeting.

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the Plan.

#### ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES

The Company is seeking Shareholder approval to replace its articles (the "Current Articles"), with a new form of articles (the "New Articles"), attached hereto as Schedule "B", with a view to incorporating the latest changes in laws and procedures. Additionally, the Board believes that adopting the New Articles will enable the Company to be more efficient and cost effective.

# **Changes to Articles**

The main differences between the Current Articles and the New Articles are as follows: (i) the New Articles provide more flexible quorum requirements for shareholders' meetings; and (ii) the New Articles provide an advance notice provision for Shareholder nomination of persons for election to be a director of the Company.

Further changes between the articles are set out below. The following information is intended as a brief description of the New Articles and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the New Articles, a copy of which is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule "B".

1. Quorum: In the Current Articles, a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is at least one shareholder who holds at least 5% of the issued shares entitled to be voted at the meeting, present in person or represented by

proxy. The New Articles change the quorum to one person who is a shareholder, or who is otherwise permitted to vote shares of the Company at a shareholders meeting, present in person or by proxy (subject to the special rights and restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series of shares).

- **2. Uncertificated Shares**: The New Articles will permit the Company to issue uncertificated shares without prior written notice, unless a shareholder specifically requests a share certificate.
- **3. Mechanical Signatures:** The New Articles will permit any officer, director, registrar, branch registrar, transfer agent or branch transfer agent of the Company, unless otherwise required by the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "Act"); or by the New Articles, if authorized by the directors, to make their signature printed, lithographed, engraved or otherwise mechanically reproduced upon all instruments executed or issued by the Company or any officer thereof.
- **4. Notices:** Under the New Articles, in addition to ordinary mail, the Company may fax or email notices, statements, or records, to a person. Further, the Company will not be required to send any record under the New Articles to a shareholder who cannot be located, if such record is returned twice for failure to deliver. The New Articles also prescribe that attendance of a person at a meeting of shareholders is a waiver of entitlement to notice of the meeting unless that person attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called.
- **5.** Auditor Renumeration: The New Articles expressly permit the Company to set the renumeration of its auditors.
- **6. Transfer Agent:** The New Articles permit the Company to appoint one or more transfer agents.
- **7. Advance Notice:** The purpose of the addition of advance notice provisions (the "Advance Notice Provisions") in the New Articles is to provide the Company's shareholders, Board and management with a clear framework for nominating directors. The Advance Notice Provisions fix a deadline by which holders of record of common shares of the Company must submit director nominations to the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of shareholders and sets forth the information that a shareholder must include in the notice to the Company in order for any director nominee to be eligible for election at any annual or special meeting of the Company's shareholders.

Terms of the Advance Notice Provisions

The terms of the Advance Notice Provisions are summarized below:

The Advance Notice Provisions provide that advance notice to the Company must be given in circumstances where nominations of persons for election to the Board are made by shareholders of the Company other than pursuant to: (i) a "proposal" made in accordance with Division 7 of Part 5 of the Act; or (ii) a requisition of the shareholders made in accordance with section 167 of the Act.

Among other things, the Advance Notice Provisions fix a deadline by which holders of record of common shares of the Company must submit director nominations to the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of shareholders and sets forth the specific information that a shareholder must include in the written notice to the secretary of the Company for an effective nomination to occur. No person will be eligible for election as a director of the Company unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Advance Notice Provisions.

In the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, notice to the Company must be made not less than 30 days or more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice may be made not later than the close of business on the 10th day following such public announcement.

In the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of shareholders, notice to the Company must be made not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting was made.

The Board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement of the Advance Notice Provisions.

The Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to consider and to approve, with or without variation, the following special resolution approving and adopting the New Articles:

# "BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

- 1. the current articles of the Company be cancelled in their entirety and the new articles as more particularly described in the Company's management information circular dated February 15, 2023, and attached as Schedule "B" to such management information circular, be adopted as the articles of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing articles of the Company;
- 2. any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed, acting for, in the name and on behalf of Company, to execute or cause to be executed, and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other documents and to do or to cause to be done all such other acts and things as in such person's opinion may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the intent of these resolutions and the matters authorized hereby, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such document or the doing of such act or thing; and
- 3. the directors of the Company are hereby authorized and granted with absolute discretion to determine whether or not to proceed with the foregoing resolution, without further approval, ratification or confirmation by the Shareholders."

#### DISINTERESTED SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OF RSU GRANT

The Board wishes to grant Douglas Turnbull, a key technical consultant of the Company, up to 1,581,774 RSUs in the Company, under the Plan, in allotments of an amount to be determined by the Board (the "**Turnbull RSU Grant**"). Pursuant to the Plan, the Board seeks disinterested shareholder approval of this grant. The resolution approving the Turnbull RSU Grant will only pass if approval by the majority of votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting, excluding votes attaching to the Shares held by Douglas Turnbull, or any of is associates or affiliates.

The Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to consider and approve, with or without variation, the following ordinary resolution approving the Turnbull RSU Grant:

#### "BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION THAT:

- 1. the Board be authorized to grant Douglas Turnbull a total of up to 1,581,774 RSUs, as that term is defined in the Company's 2023 omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**Plan**") under the Plan, in allotments of an amount to be determined by the Board;
- 2. any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed, acting for, in the name and on behalf of Company, to execute or cause to be executed, and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other documents and to do or to cause to be done all such other acts and things as in such person's opinion may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the intent of these resolutions and the matters authorized hereby, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such document or the doing of such act or thing; and
- 3. the directors of the Company are hereby authorized and granted with absolute discretion to determine whether or not to proceed with the foregoing resolution, without further approval, ratification or confirmation by the Shareholders."

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

As of the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company knows of no other matters to be acted upon at the Meeting. However, should any other matters properly come before the Meeting, the Common Shares represented by the Proxy solicited hereby will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the persons voting the Common Shares represented by the Proxy.

# STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

For the purposes of this Statement of Executive Compensation, a "Named Executive Officer" or "NEO" means each of the following individuals:

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer ("CEO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer ("CFO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO;
- (c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(5) of Form 51-102F6V Statement of Executive Compensation Venture Issuers, for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

During the Company's fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, the following individuals were the Named Executive Officers of the Company:

- Alex McAulay, CEO and director, former CFO;
- Christian Scovenna, former CEO and former director; and
- Philip Ellard, CFO.

# Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities

# Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities

The following table provides a summary of compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company to each Named Executive Officer and director of the Company during the fiscal years ended April 30, 2022 and 2021, other than stock options and other compensation securities.

**Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities** 

Name and position	Financial Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission	Bonus	Committee or meeting fees	Value of perquisites	Value of all other compensation	Total compensati on
Christian Scovenna <sup>(2)</sup>	2022	\$120,000	\$50,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$170,000
Former Chief Executive Officer and former director	2021	\$59,132	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$59,132
Alex McAulay (3)	2022	\$18,324	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$18,324
Chief Executive Officer,	2021	\$73,865	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$73,865
Corporate Secretary and director, former Chief							
Financial Officer	2022	05.551	N 7''1	N 7'4	274	277	<b>\$5.551</b>
Philip Ellard <sup>(4)</sup>	2022	\$5,571	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$5,571
Chief Financial Officer	2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Darren Collins <sup>(5)</sup>	2022	\$33,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$33,000
Director	2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gerhard Merkel <sup>(6)</sup>	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Director	2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Christopher Reynolds <sup>(7)</sup>	2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Director	2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Peter Simeon <sup>(8)</sup>	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former Director	2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mark Smethurst (9)	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former director	2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Christopher Huggins <sup>(10)</sup>	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former director	2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
John Veltheer(11)	2022	\$4,100	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$4,100
Former director	2021	\$31,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$31,500
Jason Jessup <sup>(12)</sup>	2022	\$4,100	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$4,100
Former director	2021	\$90,190	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$90,190
Adam Schatzker <sup>(13)</sup>	2022	\$3,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$3,500
Former director	2021	\$14,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$14,000

#### **Notes:**

- (1) "Perquisites" include perquisites provided to an NEO or director that are not generally available to all employees and that, in aggregate, are: (a) \$15,000, if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$150,000 or less, (b) 10% of the NEO or director's salary for the financial year is greater than \$150,000 but less than \$500,000, or (c) \$50,000 if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$500,000 or greater.
- (2) Mr. Scovenna resigned as Chief Executive officer on January 14, 2022 and resigned as director of the company on May 24, 2022. In the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021, Mr. Scovenna received \$170,000 as compensation for his role as Chief Executive Officer, and \$Nil as compensation for his role as director, and in the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, he received an annual salary of \$120,000 as compensation for his role as Chief Executive Officer, and \$Nil for his role as director.
- (3) Mr. McAulay was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the Company on January 14, 2022, at which time he resigned as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. McAulay was appointed as a director of the Company on February 9, 2022. Mr. McAulay has served as Corporate Secretary of the Company since August 19, 2020. In the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, Mr. McAulay received \$18,324 as compensation for his role as Chief Executive Officer, and \$Nil for his role as director.
- (4) Mr. Ellard was appointed as the Chief Financial Officer during the financial year ended April 30, 2022, on January 14, 2022.
- (5) Mr. Collins was appointed as a director of the Company during the financial year ended April 30, 2022, on June 1, 2021.
- (6) Mr. Merkel was appointed as a director of the Company during the financial year ended April 30, 2022, on October 12, 2021.
- (7) Mr. Reynolds was appointed as a director of the Company subsequent to the financial year ended April 30, 2022, on May 24, 2022.
- (8) Mr. Simeon resigned as a director of the Company during the financial year ended April 30, 2022, on February 10, 2022.
- (9) Mr. Smethurst resigned as a director of the Company during the financial year ended April 30, 2022, on February 17, 2022.
- (10) Mr. Huggins resigned as a director of the Company subsequent to the financial year ended April 30, 2022, on August 10, 2022.
- (11) Mr. Veltheer resigned as a director of the Company during the financial year ended April 30, 2022 on June 11, 2021.
- (12) Mr. Jessup resigned as a director of the Company during the financial year ended April 30, 2022 on June 11, 2021.
- (13) Mr. Schatzker resigned as a director of the Company during the financial year ended April 30, 2022 on May 25, 2021.

# **Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities**

The following table sets out all compensation securities granted or issued to each director and NEO by the Company or any subsidiary thereof in the year ended April 30, 2022 for services provided, or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof.

#### **Compensation Securities**

Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and percentage of class <sup>(13)(14)</sup>	Date of issue or grant (15)(16)(17)(18)(19)	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 <sup>(20)</sup>
Christian Scovenna <sup>(1)</sup> Former Chief Executive Officer and former director	Stock Options	200,000	January 17, 2022	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.09	December 31, 2022
Alex McAulay (2)	Stock Options	500,000	January 17, 2022	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.09	January 17, 2027
Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Secretary, director, and former Chief Financial Officer		500,000	February 11, 2022	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.09	February 11, 2027
Phillip Ellard <sup>(3)</sup> Chief Financial Officer	Stock Options	150,000	January 17, 2022	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.09	January 17, 2027
Darren Collins (4) director	Stock Options	150,000	June 1, 2021	\$0.25	\$0.21	\$0.09	June 1, 2026
		50,000	November 29, 2021	\$0.25	\$0.12	\$0.09	November 29, 2026
		50,000	January 17, 2022	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.09	January 17, 2027
Gerhard Merkel (5) Director	Stock Options	200,000	November 29, 2021	\$0.17	\$0.12	\$0.09	November 29, 2026

		50,000	January 17, 2022	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.09	January 17, 2027
Christopher Reynolds (6) Director	Stock Options	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Peter Simeon (7) Former director	Stock Options	200,000	June 14, 2021	\$0.25	\$0.21	\$0.09	December 31, 2022
		50,000	January 17, 2022	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.09	December 31, 2022
Mark Smethurst (8) Former director	Stock Options	200,000	November 29, 2021	\$0.16	\$0.12	\$0.09	December 31, 2022
		50,000	January 17, 2022	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.09	December 31, 2022
Christopher Huggins (9) Former director	Stock Options	250,000	February 11, 2022	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.09	December 31, 2022
John Veltheer (10) Former director	Nil	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jason Jessup (11) Former director	Nil	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Adam Schatzker (12) Former director	Nil	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

#### Notes:

- (1) Christian Scovenna held 500,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (2) Alex McAulay held 1,200,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (3) Phillip Ellard held 150,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (4) Darren Collins held 250,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (5) Gerhard Merkel held 250,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (6) Christopher Reynolds did not hold stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (7) Peter Simeon held 150,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (8) Mark Smethurst held 250,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (9) Christopher Huggins held 250,000 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (10) John Veltheer held 87,500 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (11) Jason Jessup held 137,500 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year.
- (12) Adam Schatzker held 31,250 stock options on the last day of the most recently completed financial year
- (13) During the financial year ended April 30, 2022, there has been no compensation securities of the Company that have been re-priced, cancelled and replaced, had its term extended, or otherwise been materially modified, except as may be set out in the notes to this table.
- (14) Stock Options granted on June 14, 2021 vest as at: 25% on September 14, 2021; 25% on December 12, 2021; 25% on March 14, 2022; and 25% on June 14, 2022. The Stock Options expire 5 years from the grant date.
- (15) Stock Options granted on November 29, 2021 vest as at: 25% on February 29, 2022; 25% on May 29; 25% on August 29, 2022; and November 29, 2022. The Stock Options expire 5 years from the grant date.
- (16) Stock Options granted on January 17, 2022 have no vesting provisions. The Stock Options expire 5 years from the grant date.
- (17) Stock Options granted on February 11, 2022 vest as at: 25% on May 11, 2022; 25% on August 11, 2022; 25% on November 11, 2022; and 25% on February 11, 2023. The Stock Options expire 5 years from the grant date.
- (18) Stock Options granted on June 1, 2021 vest as at: 25% on September 1, 2021; 25% December 1, 2021; 25% on March 1, 2022; and 25% on June 1, 2022. The Stock Options expire 5 years from grant date.
- (19) Notwithstanding the stated expiry date in the above table, 100,000 Stock Options granted to Mr. Simeon were cancelled on February 11, 2022 and the remaining 100,000 Stock Options will expire on December 31, 2022.
- (20) On February 11, 2022, the Board of directors approved that on resignation of a director prior to July 1, 2022, the expiry of the vested options granted to such director be set at December 31, 2022, with all unvested options being cancelled on resignation. During the financial year ended April 30, 2022, the board of directors approved an extension on the termination of options clause in the stock option plan from 30 days from resignation to one year from resignation. Stock Options outstanding for former directors expire one year from resignation date.
- (21) Mr. Scovenna's Options granted on January 17, 2022 had an expiry date.
- (22) Subsequent to the financial year ended April 30, 2022, the Company completed a 5:1 share consolidation effective on August 15, 2022. The number of Stock Options disclosed in this table is on a pre-consolidation basis.

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

No director or NEO exercised any compensation securities, being solely comprised of stock options, during the year ended April 30, 2022.

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

See "Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan" above for the material terms of the Plan. The Plan, as amended, was adopted by the Board on February 14, 2023, and is being placed before the Meeting for Shareholder approval.

# **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

Other than as disclosed below, the Company did not have any employment, consulting or management agreements or arrangements with any of the Company's current NEOs or directors during the most recently completed financial year.

The Company and its subsidiaries have entered into, or had entered into, the following consulting or employment agreements with the NEOs:

#### Alex McAulay Agreement

Alex McAulay provides his services, as chief executive officer, to the Company pursuant to an employment agreement (the "McAulay Agreement") Mr. McAulay is required to report to the Board of Directors and to keep the Board informed of all relevant matters concerning his services. Mr. McAulay must act faithfully, honestly and diligently, use his best efforts to promote the best interests of the Company, and utilize maximum professional skill and care to ensure that his services are rendered to the satisfaction of the Company. Under the McAulay Agreement, the Company pays Mr. McAulay an annual base salary of \$60,000 and reimburses Mr. McAulay for documented expenses he reasonably incurs. Mr. McAulay is also eligible for a cash bonus, the awarding of which is to be assessed by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion against an annual operational plan. Mr. McAulay is subject to confidentiality obligations under the McAulay Agreement, and the McAulay Agreement is terminable by either party on 14 days' advance written notice, or by the Company, without notice, if Mr. McAulay breaches the McAulay Agreement, neglects his duties, engages in dishonest or reputationally damaging conduct; engages in moral turpitude, or commits certain acts of bankruptcy. The Company may terminate the McAulay Agreement without cause, and without further obligation, by providing Mr. McAulay with two (2) weeks' notice or salary in lieu of notice, plus one (1) additional week of notice or salary in lieu of notice for each complete and consecutive year of employment with the Company, up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks' notice or salary in lieu of notice in total.

# Philip Ellard Agreement

Philip Ellard provides his services, as chief financial officer, to the Company pursuant to an employment agreement (the "Ellard Agreement"). Mr. Ellard is required to report to the Board of Directors and to keep the Board informed of all relevant matters concerning his services. Mr. Ellard must act faithfully, honestly and diligently, use his best efforts to promote the best interests of the Company, and utilize maximum professional skill and care to ensure his services are rendered to the satisfaction of the Company. Under the Ellard Agreement, the Company pays Mr. Ellard an annual base salary of \$18,000, and reimburses Mr. Ellard for documented expenses he reasonably incurs. Mr. Ellard is also eligible for a cash bonus, the awarding of which is to be assessed by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion against an annual operational plan. Mr. Ellard is subject to confidentiality obligations under the Ellard Agreement, and the Ellard Agreement is terminable by either party on 14 days' advance written notice, or by the Company without notice if Mr. Ellard breaches the Ellard Agreement, neglects his duties, engages in dishonest or reputationally damaging conduct; engages in moral turpitude, or commits certain acts of bankruptcy. The Company may terminate the Ellard Agreement without cause, and without further obligation, by providing Mr. Ellard with two (2) weeks' notice or salary in lieu of notice, plus one (1) additional week of notice or salary in lieu of notice for each complete and consecutive year of employment with the Company, up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks' notice or salary in lieu of notice in total.

#### Consulting Agreement with Treewalk Consulting Inc.

The Company entered into a consulting agreement dated for reference September 29, 2020, with Treewalk Consulting Inc. (formerly, ACM Management Inc.) ("**Treewalk**"), pursuant to which Treewalk provides accounting, financial, and administrative services to the Company (the "**Treewalk Agreement**"). Treewalk is a private British Columbia company beneficially owned by Alex McAulay. During the financial year ended April 30, 2022, the Company paid Treewalk \$170,736 for its services.

Pursuant to the terms of the Treewalk Agreement, the Company or Treewalk may terminate the agreement immediately for failure of the other party to meet its obligations thereunder. Should the Company terminate the Treewalk Agreement without cause before the services have been fully provided, the Company will compensate Treewalk in accordance with the terms of the Treewalk Agreement for the services provided and expenses incurred through the effective date of termination.

# Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation

Compensation payable to directors, officers and employees of the Company is currently determined by the Board of Directors. The Board relies on the experience of its members to ensure that total compensation paid to the Company's management is fair and reasonable and is both in-line with the Company's financial resources and competitive with companies at a similar stage of development.

The Company does not have a compensation committee. All tasks related to developing and monitoring the Company's approach to the compensation of executive officers and directors of the Company are performed by members of the Board. The Board meets to discuss and determine management compensation as required, without reference to formal objectives, criteria, or analysis.

During the financial year ended April 30, 2022, cash compensation in the aggregate amount of \$44,700 was paid to certain directors of the Company for their services as a director. The compensation of directors is reviewed by the Board and the independent members of the Board, together with recommendation by the CEO and CFO of the Company, approve the annual compensation levels, if any, for the directors. Currently, the Company has no standard arrangement pursuant to which directors are compensated for their services in their capacity as directors.

The Company does not have any arrangements, standard or otherwise, pursuant to which directors are compensated by the Company for their services in their capacity as directors, or for committee participation, involvement in special assignments or for services as consultants or experts. The Board intends to compensate directors primarily through the grant of stock options and reimbursement of expenses incurred by such persons acting as directors of the Company.

## Compensation Philosophy

The Company has taken a forward-looking approach for the compensation of its directors, officers, employees, and consultants to ensure that the Company can continue to build and retain a successful and motivated discovery and development team and, importantly, align the Company's future success with that of the Company's shareholders.

The Company's compensation strategy is to attract and retain talent and experience with focused leadership in the operations, financing and asset management of the Company with the objective of maximizing the value of the Company. The Company compensates its NEOs based on their skill and experience levels and the existing stage of development of the Company. NEOs are rewarded on the basis of the skill and level of responsibility involved in their position, the individual's experience and qualifications, the Company's resources, industry practice, and regulatory guidelines regarding executive compensation levels.

Under the Company's compensation policies and practices, NEOs and directors are not prevented from purchasing financial instruments, including 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 equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the NEO or director.

The Company has not currently identified specific performance goals or benchmarks as such relate to executive compensation. The stage of the Company's development and the size of its specialized management team allow frequent communication and constant management decisions with the interest of developing shareholder value as a primary goal.

The Board believes that the compensation policies and practices of the Company do not encourage executive officers to take unnecessary or excessive risk; however, the Board intends to review from time to time and, at least once annually, the risks, if any, associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices at such time.

#### **Compensation Components**

The Board has implemented three levels of compensation to align the interests of the NEOs with those of the Company's shareholders. First, NEOs may be paid a monthly salary or consulting fee. Second, the Board may award NEOs long-term incentives in the form of stock options. Finally, and only in special circumstances, the Board may award cash or share bonuses for exceptional performance that results in a significant increase in shareholder value. The Company does not provide medical, dental, pension or other benefits to NEOs. To date, no specific formulas have been developed to assign a specific weighting to each of these components.

#### Base Salary

The base compensation of the NEOs is reviewed and set annually by the Board. The salary review for each NEO is based on an assessment of factors, such as:

- current competitive market conditions;
- level of responsibility and importance of the position within the Company; and
- particular skills, such as leadership ability and management effectiveness, experience, responsibility and proven or expected performance of the particular individual.

Using this information, together with budgetary guidelines and other internally generated planning and forecasting tools, the Board intends to perform an annual assessment of all executive officer compensation levels and then set the base salaries or consulting fees of the NEOs, in accordance with such assessment.

#### Annual Incentive Plan

The Company has no formal annual incentive plan.

#### **Long-term Compensation**

Long-term compensation is paid to NEOs in the form of grants of Awards pursuant to the Plan.

# **Pension Plan Benefits**

The Company has no pension, defined benefit or defined contribution plans in place.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets out information as at the end of the Company's most recently completed financial year ended April 30, 2022 with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance.

Plan Category	Plan Category  Plan Category  Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a) (1)		Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plan (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c) (1)	
Equity compensation plans approved by Shareholders (Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan)	2,656,250	\$0.31	382,267	
Equity compensation plans not approved by Shareholders	1,750,000	\$0.14	1,670,784	
Total:	4,406,250	\$0.24	1,670,784	

# **Notes:**

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

None of the directors, executive officers, employees, proposed nominees for election as directors or their associates, or any former executive officers, directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or at any time since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year have been, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

# INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

<sup>(1)</sup> Subsequent to the financial year ended April 30, 2022, the Company completed a 5:1 share consolidation effective on August 15, 2022. The number of Stock Options disclosed in this table is on a pre-consolidation basis.

Other than as disclosed herein, no informed person (a director, officer or holder of 10% or more of the Common Shares) or nominee for election as a director of the Company or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director had any interest in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Management functions of the Company or any of its subsidiaries are not to any substantial degree performed by anyone other than by the directors or the executive officers of the Company or subsidiary.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

# **Corporate Governance**

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 charged with the day to day management of the Company. The Canadian Securities Administrators ("CSA") have adopted National Policy 58-201 Corporate Governance Guidelines, which provides non-prescriptive guidelines on corporate governance practices for reporting issuers such as the Company. In addition, the CSA has implemented National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices ("NI 58-101"), which prescribes certain disclosure by the Company of its corporate governance practices. This disclosure is presented below.

## **Board of Directors**

Directors are considered to be independent if they have no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A material relationship is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment.

All members of the Board are considered to be independent, except for Alex McAulay (Chief Executive Officer).

The Board facilitates its independent supervision over Management by having regular Board meetings and by establishing and implementing prudent corporate governance policies and procedures.

# **Other Directorships**

The following table sets forth the directors of the Company who are directors of other reporting issuers:

Name	Name of other reporting issuer
Alex McAulay	Volatus Capital Corp.
	Lite Access Technologies Inc. Nepra Foods Inc.
Darren Collins	Hercules Silver Corp. (Formerly Bald Eagle Gold Corp.) US Critical Metals Corp. (formerly Holly Street Capital Ltd.) Harmony Acquisitions Corp.
Gerhard Merkel	Galleon Gold Corp.
Christopher Reynolds	Golcap Resources Corp. Generation Gold Corp. (formerly Jessy Gold Corp.) Rain City Resources Inc. Volatus Capital Corp. Forty Pillars Mining Corp.

#### Orientation and Continuing Education

The Board does not have a formal policy relating to the orientation of new directors and continuing education for directors. The

appointment of a new director is a relatively infrequent event in the Company's affairs, and each situation is addressed on its merits on a case-by-case basis. The Board, with the assistance of counsel, keeps itself appraised of changes in the duties and responsibilities of directors and deals with material changes of those duties and responsibilities as and when the circumstances warrant. The Board will implement an informal orientation program for new directors that suits their relative experiences. The Board will evaluate these positions, and if changes appear to be justified, formal policies will be developed and followed.

Board meetings are generally held virtually and, from time to time, are combined with presentations by management to give the directors additional insight into the Company's business. In addition, management makes itself available for discussion with the Board members.

#### Assessments

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

#### **Ethical Business Conduct**

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

## Nomination of Directors

The Board will consider its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of views and experience.

The Board does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole. However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

#### Compensation

Management will conduct an annual review of the compensation of the Company's directors and executive officers and make recommendations to the Board. The Board determines compensation for the directors and executive officers.

#### Other Board Committees

The Board has no committees other than the Audit Committee.

#### **Board Assessments**

The Company does not conduct formal assessments of the Board or its committees as it is at an early stage of development and believes that it can assess Board and committee performance informally through discussions at Board meetings, with input from management. The Board monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communication between the Board and Management and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and its committees. The Company may consider adopting formal assessment procedures if required.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

#### **Audit Committee Disclosure**

Pursuant to Section 224(1) of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and National Instrument 52-110 of the Canadian Securities Administrators ("NI 52-110") the Company is required to have an audit committee (the "Committee") comprising not less than three directors, a majority of whom are not officers, control persons or employees of the Company or an affiliate of the Company. NI 52-110 requires the Company as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its Information Circular certain information concerning the composition of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below.

The primary function of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by: (i) reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and Shareholders; (ii) reviewing the systems for internal corporate controls which have been established by the Board and management; and (iii) overseeing the Company's financial reporting processes generally. In meeting these responsibilities, the Committee monitors the financial reporting process and internal control system; reviews and appraises the work of external auditors and provides an avenue of communication between the external auditors, senior management and the Board. The Committee is also mandated to review and approve all material related party transactions.

#### The Audit Committee's Charter

The Company has adopted a Charter of the Audit Committee of the Board a copy of which is annexed hereto as Schedule "A".

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Company's Audit Committee is composed of the following:

Name	Independence <sup>(1)</sup>	Financial Literacy <sup>(2)</sup>	
Christopher Reynolds	Independent	Yes	
Darren Collins	Independent	Yes	
Gerhard Merkel	Independent	Yes	

#### **Notes:**

- (1) A member of an audit committee is independent if, in addition to meeting other regulatory requirements, 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 a member's independent judgment pursuant to NI 52-110.
- (2) An individual is financially literate if they have the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth 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**

Each member of the Company's Audit Committee has adequate education and experience that is relevant to his performance as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, the requisite education and experience that have provided the member with:

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

#### Christopher Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds has been an investor in the natural resource sector for over 10 years. Delivering solutions for corporate structure, strategy and communications for small-capitalization juniors, he was an instrumental part in the incubation of Lithium Consolidated Mineral Exploration, which went public on the Australian Securities Exchange in 2017. He started his career at Longview Capital Partners in corporate development, and then worked as an investment advisor at Mackie Research. He is currently the founder of Progenitor Metals Corp. and director of several Canadian listed companies. As such, Mr. Reynolds is familiar with financial statements and complex accounting issues and is financially literate. *Darren Collins* 

Mr. Collins has over 15 years of corporate experience as an executive, director advisor of private and public companies. His expertise spans mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financings, go-public transactions, commercial partnerships, accounting, and corporate governance. In recent engagements with corporate issuers, he has coordinated and executed on

fundraisings totaling over \$200 million inequity capital and launched active M&A programs for early-stage companies. Prior to his current corporate activities, Darren worked for several investment and merchant banks, including Alegro Capital LP in London, UK, Scotia Capital Inc., and Quest Capital Corp. (now known as Sprott Resource Lending Corp.) in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Collins holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance from Dalhousie University. This experience has provided Mr. Collins with an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements. Mr. Collins' experience also allows him to analyze or evaluate the Company's financial statements.

#### Gerhard Merkel

Mr. Merkel has extensive senior executive experience. He was the CEO and CFO of Metex (Germany) trading company from 1994 to 2005. From 2005 to present, he has been CFO and COO of CGM Import- Export Ltd (Portugal) Import/ Export, a wholesale and retail of catering equipment company and producer of catering accessories. As such, Mr. Merkel is familiar with financial statements and complex accounting issues and is financially literate.

In addition to the foregoing, the Company also makes third-party experts available to its audit committee members, including representatives of the Company's auditors, to address any questions the committee members may have regarding the preparation of the Company's financial statements.

#### **Audit Committee Oversight**

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

# **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial period, the Company has not relied on the exemptions contained in Section 2.4, 6.1.1(4), 6.1.1(5), 6.1.1(6), or Part 8 of NI 52-110.

# **Pre-approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

# **External Auditor Service Fees**

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

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

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
2022	\$37,427	N/A	\$3,400	N/A
2021	\$28,342	N/A	\$2,000	N/A

# **Notes:**

- 1) "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of the Company's financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- (2) "Audit-Related Fees" include services that are traditionally performed by the auditor. These audit-related services include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- (3) "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees". This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
- (4) "All Other Fees" include all other non-audit services.

#### **Exemption**

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

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative annual financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its most recently completed financial year, and available online at www.sedar.com. Shareholders may request additional copies by mail to the Company's Registered and Records office at 220 – 333 Terminal Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6A 4C1.

# ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Alex McAulay"
Alex McAulay
Chief Executive Officer

#### **SCHEDULE "A"**

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The primary function of the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") is to assist the Company's board of directors (the "Board") 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 systems and review the Company's financial statements;
- review and appraise the performance of the Company's external auditors; and
- provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the Board.

#### Composition

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three directors as determined by the Board, the majority of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would reasonably interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgement as a member of the Audit Committee. At least one member of the Audit Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Audit 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 this Audit Committee 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 Audit Committee shall be elected by the Board at its first meeting following the annual shareholder's meeting.

## Meetings

The Audit Committee shall meet at least four times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Audit 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 Audit Committee shall:

Documents/Reports Review

- (a) Review and update this Audit Committee 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 certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditors.
- (c) Confirm that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements.

#### External Auditors

- (a) Review annually, the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the Board and the Audit Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) Obtain annually, a formal written statement of the external auditors setting forth all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, consistent with the Independence Standards Board Standard 1.
- (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, take appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors.
- (e) Recommend to the Board the selection and compensation 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 preapproval 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 fees 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
  - 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 Audit Committee who are members of the Board to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Audit Committee. Provided the pre-approval of the non-audit services is presented to the Audit Committee's first scheduled meeting following such approval, such authority may be delegated by the Audit Committee to one more independent members of the Audit 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' judgements about the quality and appropriateness of the Issuer's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- (c) Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- (d) Review significant judgements made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditors as to appropriateness of such judgements.

- (e) 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.
- (f) Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with preparation of the financial statements.
- (g) Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- (h) Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- (i) Review certification process.
- (j) 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

# SCHEDULE "B"

# FORM OF NEW ARTICLES

See Attached

<b>ADOPTED</b> on	
Alexander McAulay, Director	
Alexander McAulay, Director	

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#### PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# **Business Corporations Act**

# Articles of NEWPATH RESOURCES INC. (the "Company")

#### 1. Interpretation

#### 1.1 Definitions

In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "board of directors", "directors" and "board" mean the directors or sole director of the Company for the time being;
- (b) "Business Corporations Act" means the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) from time to time in force and all amendments thereto and includes all regulations and amendments thereto made pursuant to that Act:
- (c) "Interpretation Act" means the Interpretation Act (British Columbia) from time to time in force and all amendments thereto and includes all regulations and amendments thereto made pursuant to that Act;
- (d) "legal personal representative" means the personal or other legal representative of the shareholder;
- (e) "registered address" of a shareholder means the shareholder's address as recorded in the central securities register;
- (f) "seal" means the seal of the Company, if any;
- (g) "solicitor of the Company" means any partner, associate or articled student of the law firm retained by the Company in respect of the matter in connection with which the term is used.

# 1.2 Business Corporations Act and Interpretation Act Definitions Applicable

The definitions in the *Business Corporations Act* and the definitions and rules of construction in the *Interpretation Act*, with the necessary changes, so far as applicable, and unless the context requires otherwise, apply to and form a part of these Articles. If there is a conflict between a definition in the *Business Corporations Act* and a definition or rule in the *Interpretation Act* relating to a term used in these Articles, the definition in the *Business Corporations Act* will prevail in relation to the use of the term in these Articles. If there is a conflict or inconsistency between these Articles and the *Business Corporations Act*, the *Business Corporations Act* will prevail.

# 2. SHARES AND SHARE CERTIFICATES

# 2.1 Authorized Share Structure

The authorized share structure of the Company consists of shares of the class or classes and series, if any, described in the Notice of Articles of the Company.

#### **2.2** Form of Share Certificate

Each share certificate issued by the Company shall be in such form as the directors may determine and approve and must comply with, and be signed as required by, the *Business Corporations Act*.

# 2.3 Shareholder Entitled to Certificate or Acknowledgment

Shares may be issued without a share certificate or written acknowledgment. Upon request, however, each shareholder is entitled, without charge, to (a) one share certificate representing the shares of each class or series of shares registered in the shareholder's name or (b) a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain such a share certificate, provided that in respect of a share held jointly by several persons, the Company is not bound to issue more than one share certificate or acknowledgement and delivery of a share certificate or acknowledgement to one of several joint shareholders or to a duly authorized agent of one of the joint shareholders will be sufficient delivery to all.

# **2.4** Delivery by Mail

Any share certificate or non-transferable written acknowledgment of a shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate may be sent to the shareholder by mail at the shareholder's registered address and neither the Company nor any director, officer or agent of the Company is liable for any loss to the shareholder because the share certificate or acknowledgement is lost in the mail or stolen.

# 2.5 Replacement of Worn Out or Defaced Certificate or Acknowledgement

If the directors are satisfied that a share certificate or a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate is worn out or defaced, they must, on production to them of the share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, and on such other terms, if any, as they think fit:

- (a) order the share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, to be cancelled; and
- (b) issue a replacement share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be.

#### 2.6 Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificate or Acknowledgment

If a share certificate or a non-transferable written acknowledgment of a shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed, a replacement share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, must be issued to the person entitled to that share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, if the directors receive:

- (a) proof satisfactory to them that the share certificate or acknowledgment is lost, stolen or destroyed; and
- (b) any indemnity the directors consider adequate.

#### **2.7** Splitting Share Certificates

If a shareholder surrenders a share certificate to the Company with a written request that the Company issue in the shareholder's name two or more share certificates, each representing a specified number of shares and in the aggregate representing the same number of shares as the share certificate so surrendered, the Company must cancel the surrendered share certificate and issue replacement share certificates in accordance with that request.

# 2.8 Certificate Fee

There must be paid to the Company, in relation to the issue of any share certificate under Articles 2.5, 2.6 or 2.7, the amount, if any and which must not exceed the amount prescribed under the *Business Corporations Act*, determined by the directors.

# 2.9 Recognition of Trusts

Except as required by law or statute or these Articles, no person will be recognized by the Company as holding any share upon any trust, and the Company is not bound by or compelled in any way to recognize (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or fraction of a share or (except as required by law or statute or these Articles or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the shareholder.

#### 3. ISSUE OF SHARES

#### 3.1 Directors Authorized

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act* and the rights, if any, of the holders of issued shares of the Company, the Company may issue, allot, sell or otherwise dispose of the unissued shares, and issued shares held by the Company, at the times, to the persons, including directors, in the manner, on the terms and conditions and for the issue prices (including any premium at which shares with par value may be issued) that the directors may determine. The issue price for a share with par value must be equal to or greater than the par value of the share.

#### 3.2 Commissions and Discounts

The Company may at any time pay a reasonable commission or allow a reasonable discount to any person in consideration of that person purchasing or agreeing to purchase shares of the Company from the Company or any other person or procuring or agreeing to procure purchasers for shares of the Company.

#### 3.3 Brokerage

The Company may pay such brokerage fee or other consideration as may be lawful for or in connection with the sale or placement of its securities.

#### **3.4** Conditions of Issue

Except as provided for by the *Business Corporations Act*, no share may be issued until it is fully paid. A share is fully paid when:

- (a) consideration is provided to the Company for the issue of the share by one or more of the following:
  - (1) past services performed for the Company;
  - (2) property; or
  - (3) money; and
- (b) the value of the consideration received by the Company equals or exceeds the issue price set for the share under Article 3.1.

# 3.5 Share Purchase Warrants and Rights

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company may issue share purchase warrants, options and rights upon such terms and conditions as the directors determine, which share purchase warrants, options and rights may be issued alone or in conjunction with debentures, debenture stock, bonds, shares or any other securities issued or created by the Company from time to time.

## 4. SHARE REGISTERS

## 4.1 Central Securities Register

The Company must maintain a central securities register in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*. The directors may, subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, appoint an agent to maintain the central securities register. The directors may also appoint one or more agents, including the agent which keeps the central securities register, as transfer agent for its shares or any class or series of its shares, as the case may be, and the same or another agent as registrar for its shares or such class or series of its shares, as the case may be. The directors may terminate such appointment of any agent at any time and may appoint another agent in its place.

# 4.2 Closing Register

The Company must not at any time close its central securities register.

#### 5. SHARE TRANSFERS

#### 5.1 Private Issuer Restrictions

The provisions of Article 27 shall apply to any proposed transfer of a share of the Company.

# 5.2 Registering Transfers where Certificate or Acknowledgement

A transfer of a share of the Company for which a share certificate has been issued or for which the shareholder has received a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate must not be registered unless the Company or the transfer agent or registrar for the class or series of share to be transferred has received:

- (a) an instrument of transfer, duly executed by the transferor or a duly authorized attorney of the transferor, in respect of the share;
- (b) if a share certificate has been issued by the Company in respect of the share to be transferred, that share certificate:
- (c) if a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate has been issued by the Company in respect of the share to be transferred, that acknowledgment; and
- (d) such other evidence, if any, as the directors or the transfer agent may require to prove the title of the transferor or his duly authorized attorney or the right to transfer the shares, and the right of the transferee to have the transfer registered.

# 5.3 Registering Transfers where no Certificate or Acknowledgement

A transfer of a share of the Company for which a share certificate has not been issued or for which the shareholder has not received a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate (for example, where shares are issued in book-only form), must not be registered unless the requirements for transfer as approved by the directors have been met.

#### **5.4** Form of Instrument of Transfer

The instrument of transfer in respect of any share of the Company must be either in the form, if any, on the back of the Company's share certificates or in any other form that may be approved by the directors from time to time.

#### **5.5** Transferor Remains Shareholder

Except to the extent that the *Business Corporations Act* otherwise provides, the transferor of shares is deemed to remain the holder of the shares until the name of the transferee is entered in a securities register of the Company in respect of the transfer.

# **5.6** Signing of Instrument of Transfer

If a shareholder, or his or her duly authorized attorney, signs an instrument of transfer in respect of shares registered in the name of the shareholder, the signed instrument of transfer constitutes a complete and sufficient authority to the Company and its directors, officers and agents to register the number of shares specified in the instrument of transfer or specified in any other manner, or, if no number is specified, all the shares represented by the share certificates or set out in the written acknowledgments deposited with the instrument of transfer:

(a) in the name of the person named as transferee in that instrument of transfer; or

(b) if no person is named as transferee in that instrument of transfer, in the name of the person on whose behalf the instrument is deposited for the purpose of having the transfer registered.

# **5.7** Enquiry as to Title Not Required

Neither the Company nor any director, officer or agent of the Company is bound to inquire into the title of the person named in the instrument of transfer as transferee or, if no person is named as transferee in the instrument of transfer, of the person on whose behalf the instrument is deposited for the purpose of having the transfer registered or is liable for any claim related to registering the transfer by the shareholder or by any intermediate owner or holder of the shares, of any interest in the shares, of any share certificate representing such shares or of any written acknowledgment of a right to obtain a share certificate for such shares.

# 5.8 Transfer Agent

The Company may appoint one or more trust companies or agents as its transfer agent for the purpose of issuing, countersigning, registering, transferring and certifying the shares and share certificates of the Company.

#### **5.9** Transfer Fee

There must be paid to the Company, in relation to the registration of any transfer, the amount, if any, determined by the directors.

#### 6. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

#### **6.1** Legal Personal Representative Recognized on Death

In case of the death of a shareholder, the legal personal representative of the shareholder, in the case of shares registered in the shareholders' name and the name of another person in joint tenancy, the surviving joint holder, will be the only person recognized by the Company as having any title to the shareholder's interest in the shares. Before recognizing a person as a legal personal representative of a shareholder, the directors may require proof of appointment by a court of competent jurisdiction, a grant of letters probate, letters of administration or such other evidence or documents as the directors consider appropriate.

## **6.2** Rights of Legal Personal Representative

Subject to Article 6.1, on death or bankruptcy, the legal personal representative of a shareholder has the same rights, privileges and obligations that attach to the shares held by the shareholder, including the right to transfer the shares in accordance with these Articles, provided the documents required by the *Business Corporations Act* and the directors have been deposited with the Company.

# **6.3** Registration of Legal Personal Representative

Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder shall, upon such documents and evidence being produced to the Company as the *Business Corporations Act* requires, or who becomes entitled to a share as a result of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or a statute, has the right either to be registered as a shareholder in his representative capacity in respect of such share, or, if he is a personal representative, instead of being registered himself, to make such transfer of the share as the deceased or bankrupt person could have made; but the directors shall, as regards a transfer by a personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy, have the same right, if any, to decline or suspend registration of a transferee as they would have in the case of a transfer of a share by the deceased or bankrupt person before the death or bankruptcy.

#### 7. PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

## 7.1 Company Authorized to Purchase or Redeem Shares

Subject to Article 7.2, the special rights and restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series and the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company may, if authorized by the directors, purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any of its shares at the price and upon the terms the directors determine. The Company may, by a resolution of directors, cancel any of its shares purchased by the Company, and upon the cancellation of such shares the number of issued shares shall be reduced accordingly.

### 7.2 Purchase When Insolvent

The Company must not make a payment or provide any other consideration to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any of its shares if there are reasonable grounds for believing that:

- (a) the Company is insolvent; or
- (b) making the payment or providing the consideration would render the Company insolvent.

# 7.3 Sale and Voting of Purchased Shares

If the Company retains a share purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired by it, the Company may sell, gift or otherwise dispose of the share, but, while such share is held by the Company, it:

- (a) is not entitled to vote the share at a meeting of its shareholders;
- (b) must not pay a dividend in respect of the share; and
- (c) must not make any other distribution in respect of the share.

#### 8. Borrowing Powers

The Company, if authorized by the directors, may:

- (a) borrow money in the manner and amount, on the security, from the sources and on the terms and conditions that they consider appropriate;
- (b) issue bonds, debentures and other debt obligations either outright or as security for any liability or obligation of the Company or any other person and at such discounts or premiums and on such other terms as they consider appropriate;
- (c) guarantee the repayment of money by any other person or the performance of any obligation of any other person; and
- (d) mortgage, charge, whether by way of specific or floating charge, grant a security interest in, or give other security on, the whole or any part of the present and future assets and undertaking of the Company.

Any bonds, debentures or other debt obligations of the Company may be issued at a discount, premium or otherwise, and with any special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of or conversion into or exchange for shares or other securities, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of directors or otherwise and may by their terms be assignable free from any equities between the Company and the person to whom they were issued or any subsequent holder thereof, all as the directors may determine.

#### 9. ALTERATIONS

#### **9.1** Alteration of Authorized Share Structure

Subject to Article 9.2 and the Business Corporations Act, the Company may:

- (a) either by directors' resolution or by ordinary resolution, at the election of the directors in their sole discretion:
  - (1) create one or more classes or series of shares or, if none of the shares of a class are allotted or issued, eliminate that class of shares;
  - (2) increase, reduce or eliminate the maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares or establish a maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares for which no maximum is established;
  - (3) subdivide or consolidate all or any of its unissued, or fully paid issued, shares;
  - (4) if the Company is authorized to issue shares of a class of shares with par value:
    - i decrease the par value of those shares; or
    - ii if none of the shares of that class of shares are allotted or issued, increase the par value of those shares;
  - change all or any of its unissued, or fully paid issued, shares with par value into shares without par value or any of its unissued shares without par value into shares with par value;
  - (6) alter the identifying name of any of its shares;
  - (7) otherwise alter its shares or authorized share structure when required or permitted to do so by the Business Corporations Act; or
- (b) by ordinary resolution otherwise alter its shares or authorized share structure;

and alter its Articles and Notice of Articles accordingly.

### **9.2** Special Rights and Restrictions

Subject to the Business Corporations Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution:

- (a) create special rights or restrictions for, and attach those special rights or restrictions to, the shares of any class or series of shares, whether or not any or all of those shares have been issued; or
- (b) by ordinary resolution vary or delete any special rights or restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series, whether or not any or all of those shares have been issued

and alter its Articles and Notice of Articles accordingly.

### **9.3** Change of Name

The Company may by directors' resolution or by ordinary resolution, in each case as determined by the directors, authorize an alteration of its Notice of Articles in order to change its name.

#### **9.4** Other Alterations

The Company, save as otherwise provided by these Articles and subject to the Business Corporations Act, may:

- (a) by directors' resolution or by ordinary resolution, in each case as determined by the directors, authorize alterations to the Articles that are procedural or administrative in nature or are matters that pursuant to these Articles are solely within the directors' powers, control or authority; and
- (b) if the *Business Corporations Act* does not specify the type of resolution and these Articles do not specify another type of resolution, the Company may by ordinary resolution alter these Articles.

### 10. MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

## **10.1** Annual General Meetings

Unless an annual general meeting is deferred or waived in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after the date on which it was incorporated or otherwise recognized, and thereafter must hold an annual general meeting at least once in each calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last annual reference date at such time and place as may be determined by the directors.

## 10.2 Consent Resolution Instead of Meeting of Shareholders

If all the shareholders who are entitled to vote at an annual general meeting consent by a unanimous resolution under the *Business Corporations Act* to all of the business that is required to be transacted at that annual general meeting, the annual general meeting is deemed to have been held on the date of the unanimous resolution. The shareholders must, in any unanimous resolution passed under this Article 10.2, select as the Company's annual reference date a date that would be appropriate for the holding of the applicable annual general meeting.

## 10.3 Calling of Meetings of Shareholders

The directors may, whenever they think fit, call a meeting of shareholders.

### **10.4** Notice for Meetings of Shareholders

The Company must send notice of the date, time and location of any meeting of shareholders (including, without limitation, any notice specifying the intention to propose a resolution as an exceptional resolution, a special resolution or a special separate resolution and any notice of a general meeting, class meeting or series meeting or to consider approving the adoption of an amalgamation agreement, the approval of any amalgamation into a foreign jurisdiction or the approval of any arragement), in the manner provided in these Articles, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by directors' resolution (whether previous notice of the resolution has been given or not), to each shareholder entitled to attend the meeting, to each director and to the auditor of the Company, unless these Articles otherwise provide, at least the following number of days before the meeting:

- (a) if and for so long as the Company is a public company, 21 days;
- (b) otherwise, 10 days.

# 10.5 A Notice of Resolution to Which Shareholders May Dissent

The Company must send to each of its shareholders, whether or not their shares carry the right to vote, a notice of any meeting of shareholders at which a resolution entitling shareholders to dissent is to be considered specifying the date of the meeting and containing a statement advising of the right to send a notice of dissent and a copy of the proposed resolution at lease the following number of days before the meeting:

(a) if and for so long as the Company is a public company, 21 days;

(b) otherwise, 10 days.

#### **10.6** Record Date for Notice

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of any meeting of shareholders. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than two months or, in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders under the *Business Corporations Act*, by more than four months. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is held by fewer than:

- (a) if and for so long as the Company is a public company, 21 days;
- (b) otherwise, 10 days.

If no record date is set, the record date is 5 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting.

## 10.7 Record Date for Voting

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to vote at any meeting of shareholders. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than two months or, in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders under the *Business Corporations Act*, by more than four months. If no record date is set, the record date is 5 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting.

#### **10.8** Failure to Give Notice and Waiver of Notice

The accidental omission to send notice of any meeting of shareholders to, or the non-receipt of any notice by, any of the persons entitled to notice does not invalidate any proceedings at that meeting. Any person entitled to notice of a meeting of shareholders may, in writing or otherwise, waive or reduce the period of notice of such meeting. Attendance of a person at a meeting of shareholders is a waiver of entitlement to notice of the meeting unless that person attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called.

## 10.9 Notice of Special Business at Meetings of Shareholders

If a meeting of shareholders is to consider special business within the meaning of Article 11.1, the notice of meeting must:

- (a) state the general nature of the special business; and
- (b) if the special business includes considering, approving, ratifying, adopting or authorizing any document or the signing of or giving of effect to any document, have attached to it a copy of the document or state that a copy of the document will be available for inspection by shareholders:
  - (1) at the Company's records office, or at such other reasonably accessible location in British Columbia as is specified in the notice; and
  - (2) during statutory business hours on any one or more specified days before the day set for the holding of the meeting.

### 10.10 Location of Meetings of Shareholders

The Company will hold meetings of shareholders in British Columbia, subject to the directors, by resolution, approving a location for such meetings outside of British Columbia.

#### 11. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

## 11.1 Special Business

At a meeting of shareholders, the following business is special business:

- (a) at a meeting of shareholders that is not an annual general meeting, all business is special business except business relating to the conduct of or voting at the meeting;
- (b) at an annual general meeting, all business is special business except for the following:
  - (1) business relating to the conduct of or voting at the meeting;
  - (2) consideration of any financial statements of the Company presented to the meeting;
  - (3) consideration of any reports of the directors or auditor;
  - (4) the setting or changing of the number of directors;
  - (5) the election or appointment of directors;
  - (6) the appointment of an auditor;
  - (7) the setting of the remuneration of an auditor;
  - (8) business arising out of a report of the directors not requiring the passing of a special resolution or an exceptional resolution;
  - (9) any other business which, under these Articles or the *Business Corporations Act*, may be transacted at a meeting of shareholders without prior notice of the business being given to the shareholders.

## 11.2 Majority Required for a Special Resolution

The majority of votes required for the Company to pass a special resolution at a general meeting of shareholders is two-thirds of the votes cast on the resolution.

#### 11.3 Quorum

Subject to the special rights and restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series of shares, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is one person who is a shareholder, or who is otherwise permitted to vote shares of the Company at a meeting of shareholders pursuant to these articles, present in person or by proxy.

## 11.4 Other Persons May Attend

The directors, the president (if any), the secretary (if any), the assistant secretary (if any), any solicitor for the Company, the auditor of the Company and any other persons invited by the directors are entitled to attend any meeting of shareholders, but if any of those persons does attend a meeting of shareholders, that person is not to be counted in the quorum and is not entitled to vote at the meeting unless that person is a shareholder or proxy holder entitled to vote at the meeting.

# 11.5 Requirement of Quorum

No business, other than the election of a chair of the meeting and the adjournment of the meeting, may be transacted at any meeting of shareholders unless a quorum of shareholders entitled to vote is present at the commencement of the meeting, but such quorum need not be present throughout the meeting.

#### 11.6 Lack of Quorum

If, within one-half hour from the time set for the holding of a meeting of shareholders, a quorum is not present:

- (a) in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders, the meeting is dissolved, and
- (b) in the case of any other meeting of shareholders, the meeting stands adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place.

### 11.7 Lack of Quorum at Succeeding Meeting

If, at the meeting to which the meeting referred to in Article 11.6(b) was adjourned, a quorum is not present within one-half hour from the time set for the holding of the meeting, the person or persons present and being, or representing by proxy, one or more shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the meeting constitute a quorum.

### 11.8 Chair

The following individuals are entitled to preside as chair at a meeting of shareholders:

- (a) the chair of the board, if any; or
- (b) if no chair of the board exists or is present and willing to act as chair of the meeting, the president of the Company; or
- (c) if the chair of the board, and the president of the Company are absent or unwilling to act as chair of the meeting, the solicitor of the Company.

#### 11.9 Selection of Alternate Chair

If, at any meeting of shareholders, there is no chair of the board or president present within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting, or if the chair of the board and the president are unwilling to act as chair of the meeting, or if the chair of the board and the president have advised the secretary, if any, or any director present at the meeting, that they will not be present at the meeting, and the solicitor of the Company is absent or unwilling to act as chair of the meeting, the directors present must choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting or if all of the directors present decline to take the chair or fail to so choose or if no director is present, the shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting who are present in person or by proxy may choose any person present at the meeting to chair the meeting.

### 11.10 Adjournments

The chair of a meeting of shareholders may, and if so directed by the meeting must, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

## 11.11 Notice of Adjourned Meeting

It is not necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting of shareholders or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting of shareholders except that, when a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of the original meeting.

# 11.12 Decisions by Show of Hands, Verbal Statements, or Poll

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, every motion put to a vote at a meeting of shareholders will be decided on a show of hands unless a poll, before or on the declaration of the result of the vote by show of hands, is directed by the chair or demanded by at least one shareholder entitled to vote who is present in person or by proxy. In determining the result of a vote by show of hands, shareholders present by telephone or other communications medium in which all shareholders and proxy holders entitled to attend and participate in voting at the meeting are able to communicate with each other, may

indicate their vote verbally or, otherwise in such manner as clearly evidences their vote and is accepted by the chair of the meeting.

### 11.13 Declaration of Result

The chair of a meeting of shareholders must declare to the meeting the decision on every question in accordance with the result of the show of hands or the poll, as the case may be, and that decision must be entered in the minutes of the meeting. A declaration of the chair that a resolution is carried by the necessary majority or is defeated is, unless a poll is directed by the chair or demanded under Article 11.12, conclusive evidence without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

#### 11.14 Motion Need Not be Seconded

No motion proposed at a meeting of shareholders need be seconded unless the chair of the meeting rules otherwise, and the chair of any meeting of shareholders is entitled to propose or second a motion.

### 11.15 Casting Vote

In case of an equality of votes either on a show of hands or on a poll, the chair of a meeting of shareholders will not have a second or casting vote in addition to the vote or votes to which the chair may be entitled as a shareholder.

## 11.16 Manner of Taking Poll

Subject to Article 11.18, if a poll is duly demanded at a meeting of shareholders:

- (a) the poll must be taken:
  - (1) at the meeting, or within seven days after the date of the meeting, as the chair of the meeting directs; and
  - in the manner, at the time and at the place that the chair of the meeting directs;
- (b) the result of the poll is deemed to be the decision of the meeting at which the poll is demanded; and
- (c) the demand for the poll may be withdrawn by the person who demanded it.

## 11.17 Demand for Poll on Adjournment

A poll demanded at a meeting of shareholders on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately at the meeting.

### 11.18 Chair Must Resolve Dispute

In the case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote given on a poll, the chair of the meeting must determine the dispute, and his or her determination made in good faith is final and conclusive.

## 11.19 Casting of Votes

On a poll, a shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not cast all the votes in the same way.

#### 11.20 No Demand for Poll on Election of Chair

No poll may be demanded in respect of the vote by which a chair of a meeting of shareholders is elected.

## 11.21 Demand for Poll Not to Prevent Continuance of Meeting

The demand for a poll at a meeting of shareholders does not, unless the chair of the meeting so rules, prevent the continuation of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

#### 11.22 Retention of Ballots and Proxies

The Company must, for at least three months after a meeting of shareholders, keep each ballot cast on a poll and each proxy voted at the meeting, and, during that period, make them available for inspection during normal business hours by any shareholder or proxyholder entitled to vote at the meeting. At the end of such three month period, the Company may destroy such ballots and proxies.

#### 12. VOTES OF SHAREHOLDERS

## 12.1 Number of Votes by Shareholder or by Shares

Subject to any special rights or restrictions attached to any shares and to the restrictions imposed on joint shareholders under Article 12.3:

- (a) on a vote by show of hands, every person present who is a shareholder or proxy holder and entitled to vote on the matter has one vote; and
- (b) on a poll, every shareholder entitled to vote on the matter has one vote in respect of each share entitled to be voted on the matter and held by that shareholder and may exercise that vote either in person or by proxy.

# 12.2 Votes of Persons in Representative Capacity

A person who is not a shareholder may vote at a meeting of shareholders, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, and may appoint a proxy holder to act at the meeting, if, before doing so, the person satisfies the chair of the meeting, or the directors, that the person is a legal personal representative or a trustee in bankruptcy for a shareholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting.

### 12.3 Votes by Joint Holders

If there are joint shareholders registered in respect of any share:

- (a) any one of the joint shareholders may vote at any meeting of shareholders, either personally or by proxy, in respect of the share as if that joint shareholder were solely entitled to it; or
- (b) if more than one of the joint shareholders is present at any meeting of shareholders, personally or by proxy, and more than one of them votes in respect of that share, then only the vote of the joint shareholder present whose name stands first on the central securities register in respect of the share will be counted.

## 12.4 Legal Personal Representatives as Joint Shareholders

Two or more legal personal representatives of a shareholder in whose sole name any share is registered are, for the purposes of Article 12.3, deemed to be joint shareholders registered in respect of that share.

### 12.5 Representative of a Corporate Shareholder

If a corporation, that is not a subsidiary of the Company, is a shareholder, that corporation may appoint a person to act as its representative at any meeting of shareholders of the Company, and:

(a) for that purpose, the instrument appointing a representative must:

- (1) be received at the registered office of the Company or at any other place specified, in the notice calling the meeting, for the receipt of proxies, at least the number of business days specified in the notice for the receipt of proxies, or if no number of days is specified, two business days before the day set for the holding of the meeting; or
- (2) be provided, at the meeting, to the chair of the meeting or to a person designated by the chair of the meeting;
- (b) if a representative is appointed under this Article 12.5:
  - (1) the representative is entitled to exercise in respect of and at that meeting the same rights on behalf of the corporation that the representative represents as that corporation could exercise if it were a shareholder who is an individual, including, without limitation, the right to appoint a proxy holder; and
  - (2) the representative, if present at the meeting, is to be counted for the purpose of forming a quorum and is deemed to be a shareholder present in person at the meeting.

Evidence of the appointment of any such representative may be sent to the Company by written instrument, fax or any other method of transmitting legibly recorded messages.

## 12.6 Proxy Provisions Do Not Apply to All Companies

Articles 12.7 to 12.15 do not apply to the Company if and for so long as it is a public company or a pre-existing reporting company which has the Statutory Reporting Company Provisions as part of its Articles or to which the Statutory Reporting Company Provisions apply.

## 12.7 Appointment of Proxy Holders

Every shareholder of the Company, including a corporation that is a shareholder but not a subsidiary of the Company, entitled to vote at a meeting of shareholders may, by proxy, appoint one or more (but not more than five) proxy holders to attend and act at the meeting in the manner, to the extent and with the powers conferred by the proxy.

## **12.8** Alternate Proxy Holders

A shareholder may appoint one or more alternate proxy holders to act in the place of an absent proxy holder.

### 12.9 When Proxy Holder Need Not Be Shareholder

A person must not be appointed as a proxy holder unless:

- (a) the person is a shareholder, although a person who is not a shareholder may be appointed as a proxy holder if:
  - (1) the person appointing the proxy holder is a company or a representative of a company appointed under Article 12.5;
  - (2) the Company has at the time of the meeting for which the proxy holder is to be appointed only one shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting; or
  - (3) the shareholders present in person or by proxy at and entitled to vote at the meeting for which the proxy holder is to be appointed, by a resolution on which the proxy holder is not entitled to vote but in respect of which the proxy holder is to be counted in the quorum, permit the proxy holder to attend and vote at the meeting; or

(b) the person is a director, officer or the solicitor of the Company.

## 12.10 Deposit of Proxy

A proxy for a meeting of shareholders must:

- (a) be received at the registered office of the Company or at any other place specified, in the notice calling the meeting, for the receipt of proxies, at least the number of business days specified in the notice, or if no number of days is specified, two business days before the day set for the holding of the meeting; or
- (b) unless the notice provides otherwise, be provided, at the meeting, to the chair of the meeting or to a person designated by the chair of the meeting.

A proxy may be sent to the Company by written instrument, fax or any other method of transmitting legibly recorded messages.

## 12.11 Validity of Proxy Vote

A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy is valid notwithstanding the death or incapacity of the shareholder giving the proxy and despite the revocation of the proxy or the revocation of the authority under which the proxy is given, unless notice in writing of that death, incapacity or revocation is received:

- (a) at the registered office of the Company, at any time up to and including the last business day before the day set for the holding of the meeting at which the proxy is to be used; or
- (b) by the chair of the meeting, before the vote is taken.

## **12.12** Form of Proxy

A proxy, whether for a specified meeting or otherwise, must be either in the following form or in any other form approved by the directors or the chair of the meeting:

[name of company] (the "Company")

The undersigned, being a shareholder of the Company, hereby appoints [name] or, failing that person, [name], as proxy holder for the undersigned to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of the undersigned at the meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held on [month, day, year] and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Number of shares in respect of which this proxy is given (if no number is specified, then this proxy if given in respect of all shares registered in the name of the shareholder):

Signed [month, day, year]

[Signature of shareholder]

[Name of shareholder—printed]

## 12.13 Revocation of Proxy

Subject to Article 12.14, every proxy may be revoked by an instrument in writing that is:

- (a) received at the registered office of the Company at any time up to and including the last business day before the day set for the holding of the meeting at which the proxy is to be used; or
- (b) provided, at the meeting, to the chair of the meeting.

## 12.14 Revocation of Proxy Must Be Signed

An instrument referred to in Article 12.13 must be signed as follows:

- (a) if the shareholder for whom the proxy holder is appointed is an individual, the instrument must be signed by the shareholder or his or her legal personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy;
- (b) if the shareholder for whom the proxy holder is appointed is a corporation, the instrument must be signed by the corporation or by a representative appointed for the corporation under Article 12.5.

## 12.15 Production of Evidence of Authority to Vote

The chair of any meeting of shareholders may, but need not, inquire into the authority of any person to vote at the meeting and may, but need not, demand from that person production of evidence as to the existence of the authority to vote.

#### 13. DIRECTORS

## 13.1 First Directors; Number of Directors

If the Company is not a pre-existing company under the *Business Corporations Act*, the first directors are the persons designated as directors of the Company in the Notice of Articles that applies to the Company when it is recognized under the *Business Corporations Act*. The number of directors, excluding additional directors appointed under Article 14.8, is set at:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the number of directors that is equal to the number of the Company's first directors if applicable;
- (b) if the Company is a public company, the greater of three and the most recently set of:
  - (1) the number of directors set by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and
  - (2) the number of directors set under Article 14.4;
- (c) if the Company is not a public company, the most recently set of:
  - (1) the number of directors set by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and
  - (2) the number of directors set under Article 14.4.

# 13.2 Change in Number of Directors

If the number of directors is set under Articles 13.1(b)(1) or 13.1(c)(1):

- (a) the shareholders may contemporaneously elect or appoint the directors up to that number; and
- (b) subject to Article 14.8, if the shareholders do not contemporaneously elect or appoint the number of directors set resulting in vacancies, then the directors may appoint, or failing which the shareholders may elect or appoint, directors to fill those vacancies.

## 13.3 Directors' Acts Valid Despite Vacancy

An act or proceeding of the directors is not invalid merely because fewer than the number of directors set or otherwise required under these Articles is in office.

## 13.4 Qualifications of Directors

A director is not required to hold a share in the capital of the Company as qualification for his or her office but must be qualified as required by the *Business Corporations Act* to become, act or continue to act as a director.

### 13.5 Remuneration of Directors

The directors are entitled to the remuneration for acting as directors, if any, as the directors may from time to time determine. If the directors so decide, the remuneration of the directors, if any, will be determined by the shareholders. That remuneration may be in addition to any salary or other remuneration paid to any officer or employee of the Company as such, who is also a director.

## **13.6** Reimbursement of Expenses of Directors

The Company must reimburse each director for the reasonable expenses that he or she may incur in and about the business of the Company.

### 13.7 Special Remuneration for Directors

If any director performs any professional or other services for the Company that in the opinion of the directors are outside the ordinary duties of a director, or if any director is otherwise specially occupied in or about the Company's business, he or she may be paid remuneration fixed by the directors, or, at the option of that director, fixed by ordinary resolution, and such remuneration may be either in addition to, or in substitution for, any other remuneration that he or she may be entitled to receive.

## 13.8 Gratuity, Pension or Allowance on Retirement of Director

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the directors on behalf of the Company may pay a gratuity or pension or allowance on retirement to any director who has held any salaried office or place of profit with the Company or to his or her spouse or dependants and may make contributions to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such gratuity, pension or allowance.

### 14. ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

#### **14.1** Election at Annual General Meeting

At every annual general meeting and in every unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 10.2:

- (a) the shareholders entitled to vote at the annual general meeting for the election of directors must elect, or in the unanimous resolution appoint, a board of directors consisting of the number of directors set under these Articles from time to time; and
- (b) all the directors cease to hold office immediately before the election or appointment of directors under paragraph (a), but are eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

## 14.2 Consent to be a Director

No election, appointment or designation of an individual as a director is valid unless:

- (a) that individual consents to be a director in the manner provided for in the Business Corporations Act;
- (b) that individual is elected or appointed at a meeting at which the individual is present and the individual does not refuse, at the meeting, to be a director; or

(c) with respect to first directors, the designation is otherwise valid under the Business Corporations Act.

# 14.3 Failure to Elect or Appoint Directors

If:

- (a) the Company fails to hold an annual general meeting, and all the shareholders who are entitled to vote at an annual general meeting fail to pass the unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 10.2, on or before the date by which the annual general meeting is required to be held under the *Business Corporations Act*; or
- (b) the shareholders fail, at the annual general meeting or in the unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 10.2, to elect or appoint any directors;

then each director then in office continues to hold office until the earlier of:

- (a) when his or her successor is elected or appointed; and
- (b) when he or she otherwise ceases to hold office under the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles.

### 14.4 Places of Retiring Directors Not Filled

If, at any meeting of shareholders at which there should be an election of directors, the places of any of the retiring directors are not filled by that election, those retiring directors who are not re-elected and who are asked by the newly elected directors to continue in office will, if willing to do so, continue in office to complete the number of directors for the time being set pursuant to these Articles until further new directors are elected at a meeting of shareholders convened for that purpose. If any such election or continuance of directors does not result in the election or continuance of the number of directors for the time being set pursuant to these Articles, the number of directors of the Company is deemed to be set at the number of directors actually elected or continued in office.

### 14.5 Directors May Fill Casual Vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the board of directors may be filled by the directors.

# 14.6 Remaining Directors' Power to Act

The directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the board of directors, but if the Company has fewer directors in office than the number set pursuant to these Articles as the quorum of directors, the directors may only act for the purpose of appointing directors up to that number or of calling a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of filling any vacancies on the board of directors or, subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, for any other purpose.

### 14.7 Shareholders May Fill Vacancies

If the Company has no directors or fewer directors in office than the number set pursuant to these Articles as the quorum of directors, then failing the filling of any vacancies as set forth in Article 14.6, the shareholders may elect or appoint directors to fill any vacancies on the board of directors.

### 14.8 Additional Directors

Notwithstanding Articles 13.1 and 13.2, between annual general meetings or resolutions contemplated by Article 10.2, the directors may appoint one or more additional directors, but the number of additional directors appointed under this Article 14.8 must not at any time exceed:

- (a) one-third of the number of first directors, if, at the time of the appointments, one or more of the first directors have not yet completed their first term of office; or
- (b) in any other case, one-third of the number of the current directors who were elected or appointed as directors other than under this Article 14.8.

Any director so appointed ceases to hold office immediately before the next election or appointment of directors under Article 14.1(1), but is eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

## **14.9** Ceasing to be a Director

A director ceases to be a director when:

- (a) the term of office of the director expires;
- (b) the director dies;
- (c) the director resigns as a director by notice in writing provided to the Company or a solicitor for the Company; or
- (d) the director is removed from office pursuant to Articles 14.10 or 14.11.

### **14.10** Removal of Director by Shareholders

The Company may remove any director before the expiration of his or her term of office by special resolution. In that event, the shareholders may elect, or appoint by ordinary resolution, a director to fill the resulting vacancy. If the shareholders do not elect or appoint a director to fill the resulting vacancy contemporaneously with the removal, then the directors may appoint or the shareholders may elect, or appoint by ordinary resolution, a director to fill that vacancy.

## **14.11** Removal of Director by Directors

The directors may remove any director before the expiration of his or her term of office if the director is convicted of an indictable offence, or if the director ceases to be qualified to act as a director of a company and does not promptly resign, and the directors may appoint a director to fill the resulting vacancy.

#### 14.12 Nominations Of Directors

- (a) This Article 14.12 only applies to the Company if and for so long as it is a public company.
- (b) Only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the Company. Nominations of persons for election to the board may be made at any annual meeting of shareholders, or at any special meeting of shareholders if one of the purposes for which the special meeting was called was the election of directors:
  - (1) by or at the direction of the board, including pursuant to a notice of meeting;
  - (2) by or at the direction or request of one or more shareholders pursuant to a proposal made in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*, or a requisition of the shareholders made in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*; or
  - (3) by any person who:
    - (i) at the close of business on the date of the giving of the notice provided for in this Article 14.12 and on the record date for notice of such meeting, is entered in the securities register as a holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at such meeting or who beneficially owns one or more shares that are entitled to be voted at such meeting; and
    - (ii) complies with the notice procedures set forth below in this Article 14.12,
    - (a "Nominating Shareholder").
- (c) In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be made by a Nominating Shareholder, the Nominating Shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the secretary of the Company, if any, or such other officer of the Company acting in that capacity, at the principal executive offices of the Company.

- (d) To be timely, a Nominating Shareholder's notice under Article 14.12(c) must be made:
  - (1) in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not less than 30 nor more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of shareholders, provided that (i) if the Company chooses to use notice and access to deliver meeting materials, the time frame will be not less than 40 and no more than 65 days; and (ii) if the annual meeting of shareholders is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date on which the first public announcement of the date of the meeting was made (the "Notice Date"), notice by the Nominating Shareholder may be made not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the Notice Date; and
  - (2) in the case of a special meeting of shareholders which is not also an annual meeting, and is called for the purpose of electing directors (whether or not called for other purposes), not later than the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day following the Notice Date.

In no event shall any adjournment or postponement of a meeting of shareholders, or the announcement of an adjournment or postponement, commence a new time period for the giving of a Nominating Shareholder's notice as described above.

- (e) To be in proper written form, a Nominating Shareholder's notice under Article 14.12(c) must set forth:
  - (1) for each person whom the Nominating Shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director:
    - (i) the name, age, business address and residential address of the person;
    - (ii) the principal occupation or employment of the person;
    - (iii) the class or series and number of shares in the capital of the Company which are controlled or which are owned beneficially or of record by the person as of the date of the notice and as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and shall have occurred); and
    - (iv) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below); and
  - (2) for the Nominating Shareholder giving the notice, any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship pursuant to which such Nominating Shareholder has a right to vote any shares of the Company and any other information relating to such Nominating Shareholder that would be required to be made in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below).
- (f) The Company may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Company or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.
- (g) No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the Company unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of this Article 14.12, provided, however, that nothing in this Article 14.12 shall be deemed to preclude discussion by a shareholder at a meeting of shareholders of any matter, other than the nomination of directors, in respect of which the shareholder would have been entitled to submit a proposal pursuant to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act*. The chair of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination was made in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article 14.12 and, if any proposed nomination is not in compliance with this Article 14.12, to declare that such defective nomination shall be disregarded.
- (h) For purposes of this Article 14.12:
  - (1) "public announcement" shall mean disclosure in:

- (i) a press release reported by a national news service in Canada; or
- (ii) a document publicly filed by the Company under its profile on the System of Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR), or such other electronic disclosure service as the Company is required to utilize for the filing of continuous disclosure documents pursuant to Applicable Securities Laws; and
- (2) "Applicable Securities Laws" means the applicable securities legislation of each relevant province and territory of Canada, as amended from time to time, the rules, regulations and forms made or promulgated under any such legislation, and the published national instruments, multilateral instruments, policies, bulletins and notices of the securities commission and similar regulatory authority of each province and territory of Canada.
- (i) Notice given under Article 14.12(c) may only be given by personal delivery, facsimile transmission or email, and shall be deemed to have been given and made at the time it is sent to the secretary of the Company, if any, or such other officer of the Company acting in that capacity, by:
  - (1) personal delivery to the address of the principal executive offices of the Company;
  - (2) facsimile transmission, at such facsimile number as stipulated from time to time for the purposes of this notice by the secretary of the Company, if any, or such other officer of the Company acting in that capacity, and provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has been received; or
  - (3) email, at such email address as stipulated from time to time for the purposes of this notice by the secretary of the Company, if any, or such other officer of the Company acting in that capacity, and provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has been received.

If such delivery or electronic communication is made on a day which is a not a business day in Vancouver, British Columbia, or later than 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on a day which is a business day, then such delivery or electronic communication shall be deemed to have been made on the subsequent day that is a business day.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 14.12, the board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement of this Article 14.12.

## 15. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

# 15.1 Appointment of Alternate Director

Any director (an "appointor") may by notice in writing received by the Company appoint any person (an "appointee") who is qualified to act as a director to be his or her alternate to act in his or her place at meetings of the directors or committees of the directors at which the appointor is not present unless (in the case of an appointee who is not a director) the directors have reasonably disapproved the appointment of such person as an alternate director and have given notice to that effect to his or her appointor within a reasonable time after the notice of appointment is received by the Company.

## 15.2 Notice of Meetings

Every alternate director so appointed is entitled to notice of meetings of the directors and of committees of the directors of which his or her appointor is a member and to attend and vote as a director at any such meetings at which his or her appointor is not present.

### 15.3 Alternate for More Than One Director Attending Meetings

A person may be appointed as an alternate director by more than one director, and an alternate director:

- (a) will be counted in determining the quorum for a meeting of directors once for each of his or her appointors and, in the case of an appointee who is also a director, once more in that capacity;
- (b) has a separate vote at a meeting of directors for each of his or her appointors and, in the case of an appointee who is also a director, an additional vote in that capacity;

- (c) will be counted in determining the quorum for a meeting of a committee of directors once for each of his or her appointors who is a member of that committee and, in the case of an appointee who is also a member of that committee as a director, once more in that capacity;
- (d) has a separate vote at a meeting of a committee of directors for each of his or her appointors who is a member of that committee and, in the case of an appointee who is also a member of that committee as a director, an additional vote in that capacity.

#### **15.4** Consent Resolutions

Every alternate director, if authorized by the notice appointing him or her, may sign in place of his or her appointor any resolutions to be consented to in writing.

### 15.5 Alternate Director Not an Agent

Every alternate director is deemed not to be the agent of his or her appointor.

### 15.6 Revocation of Appointment of Alternate Director

An appointor may at any time, by notice in writing received by the Company, revoke the appointment of an alternate director appointed by him or her.

# 15.7 Ceasing to be an Alternate Director

The appointment of an alternate director ceases when:

- (a) his or her appointor ceases to be a director and is not promptly re-elected or re-appointed;
- (b) the alternate director dies;
- (c) the alternate director resigns as an alternate director by notice in writing provided to the Company or a solicitor for the Company;
- (d) the alternate director ceases to be qualified to act as a director; or
- (e) his or her appointor revokes the appointment of the alternate director.

### 15.8 Remuneration and Expenses of Alternate Director

The Company may reimburse an alternate director for the reasonable expenses that would be properly reimbursed if he or she were a director, and the alternate director is entitled to receive from the Company such proportion, if any, of the remuneration otherwise payable to the appointor as the appointor may from time to time direct.

## 16. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

#### **16.1** Powers of Management

The directors must, subject to the *Business Corporations Act* and these Articles, manage or supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Company and have the authority to exercise all such powers of the Company as are not, by the *Business Corporations Act* or by these Articles, required to be exercised by the shareholders of the Company.

## **16.2** Appointment of Attorney of Company

The directors may from time to time, by power of attorney or other instrument, under seal if so required by law, appoint any person to be the attorney of the Company for such purposes, and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the directors under these Articles and excepting the power to fill vacancies in the board of directors, to remove a director, to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in, any committee of the directors, to appoint or

remove officers appointed by the directors and to declare dividends) and for such period, and with such remuneration and subject to such conditions as the directors may think fit. Any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection or convenience of persons dealing with such attorney as the directors think fit. Any such attorney may be authorized by the directors to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in him or her.

## **16.3** Setting the Remuneration of Auditors

The directors may from time to time set the remuneration of the auditors of the Company.

### 17. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

### 17.1 Obligation to Account for Profits

A director or senior officer who holds a disclosable interest (as that term is used in the *Business Corporations Act*) in a contract or transaction into which the Company has entered or proposes to enter is liable to account to the Company for any profit that accrues to the director or senior officer under or as a result of the contract or transaction only if and to the extent provided in the *Business Corporations Act*.

## 17.2 Restrictions on Voting by Reason of Interest

A director who holds a disclosable interest in a contract or transaction into which the Company has entered or proposes to enter is not entitled to vote on any directors' resolution to approve that contract or transaction, unless all the directors have a disclosable interest in that contract or transaction, in which case any or all of those directors may vote on such resolution.

#### 17.3 Interested Director Counted in Quorum

A director who holds a disclosable interest in a contract or transaction into which the Company has entered or proposes to enter and who is present at the meeting of directors at which the contract or transaction is considered for approval may be counted in the quorum at the meeting whether or not the director votes on any or all of the resolutions considered at the meeting.

# 17.4 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest or Property

A director or senior officer who holds any office or possesses any property, right or interest that could result, directly or indirectly, in the creation of a duty or interest that materially conflicts with that individual's duty or interest as a director or senior officer, must disclose the nature and extent of the conflict as required by the *Business Corporations Act*.

## 17.5 Director Holding Other Office in the Company

A director may hold any office or place of profit with the Company, other than the office of auditor of the Company, in addition to his or her office of director for the period and on the terms (as to remuneration or otherwise) that the directors may determine.

## 17.6 No Disqualification

No director or intended director is disqualified by his or her office from contracting with the Company either with regard to the holding of any office or place of profit the director holds with the Company or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, and no contract or transaction entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which a director is in any way interested is liable to be voided for that reason.

#### 17.7 Professional Services by Director or Officer

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, a director or officer, or any person in which a director or officer has an interest, may act in a professional capacity for the Company, except as auditor of the Company, and the director or officer or such person is entitled to remuneration for professional services as if that director or officer were not a director or officer.

### 17.8 Director or Officer in Other Corporations

A director or officer may be or become a director, officer or employee of, or otherwise interested in, any person in which the Company may be interested as a shareholder or otherwise, and, subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the director or officer is not accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefits received by him or her as director, officer or employee of, or from his or her interest in, such other person.

### 18. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

### **18.1** Meetings of Directors

The directors may meet together for the conduct of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and meetings of the directors held at regular intervals may be held at the place, at the time and on the notice, if any, as the directors may from time to time determine.

### **18.2** Voting at Meetings

Questions arising at any meeting of directors are to be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting does not have a second or casting vote.

## 18.3 Chair of Meetings

The following individual is entitled to preside as chair at a meeting of directors:

- (a) the chair of the board, if any;
- (b) in the absence of the chair of the board, the president, if any, if the president is a director; or
- (c) any other director chosen by the directors if:
  - (1) neither the chair of the board nor the president, if a director, is present at the meeting within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting;
  - (2) neither the chair of the board nor the president, if a director, is willing to chair the meeting; or
  - (3) the chair of the board and the president, if a director, have advised the secretary, if any, or any other director, that they will not be present at the meeting.

## 18.4 Meetings by Telephone or Other Communications Medium

A director may participate in a meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors:

- (a) in person;
- (b) by telephone; or
- (c) with the consent of all directors, by other communications medium;

if all directors participating in the meeting, whether in person or by telephone or other communications medium, are able to communicate with each other. A director who participates in a meeting in a manner contemplated by this Article 18.4 is deemed for all purposes of the *Business Corporations Act* and these Articles to be present at the meeting and to have agreed to participate in that manner.

## 18.5 Calling of Meetings

A director may, and the president, secretary or an assistant secretary of the Company, if any, on the request of a director must, call a meeting of the directors at any time.

## **18.6** Notice of Meetings

Other than for meetings held at regular intervals as determined by the directors pursuant to Article 18.1, reasonable notice of each meeting of the directors, specifying the place, day and time of that meeting must be given to each of the directors and the alternate directors by any method set out in Article 24.1 or orally or by telephone.

## 18.7 When Notice Not Required

It is not necessary to give notice of a meeting of the directors to a director or an alternate director if:

- (a) the meeting is to be held immediately following a meeting of shareholders at which that director was elected or appointed, or is the meeting of the directors at which that director is appointed; or
- (b) the director or alternate director, as the case may be, has waived notice of the meeting.

## **18.8** Meeting Valid Despite Failure to Give Notice

The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting of directors to, or the non-receipt of any notice by, any director or alternate director, does not invalidate any proceedings at that meeting.

## 18.9 Waiver of Notice of Meetings

Any director or alternate director may send to the Company a document signed by him or her waiving notice of any past, present or future meeting or meetings of the directors and may at any time withdraw that waiver with respect to meetings held after that withdrawal. After sending a waiver with respect to all future meetings and until that waiver is withdrawn, no notice of any meeting of the directors need be given to that director and, unless the director otherwise requires by notice in writing to the Company, to his or her alternate director, and all meetings of the directors so held are deemed not to be improperly called or constituted by reason of notice not having been given to such director or alternate director. Attendance of a director or alternate director is a waiver of notice of the meeting unless that director or alternate director attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called.

### 18.10 Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors may be set by the directors and, if not so set, is no less than half of the directors then in office or, if the number of directors is set at one, is deemed to be set at one director, and that director may constitute a meeting.

## 18.11 Validity of Acts Where Appointment Defective

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, an act of a director or officer is not invalid merely because of an irregularity in the election or appointment or a defect in the qualification of that director or officer.

## **18.12** Consent Resolutions in Writing

A resolution of the directors or of any committee of the directors consented to in writing by all of the directors entitled to vote on it, whether by signed document, fax, e-mail or any other method of transmitting legibly recorded messages, is as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors or of the committee of the directors duly called and held. Such resolution may be in two or more counterparts which together are deemed to constitute one resolution in writing. A resolution passed in that manner is effective on the date stated in the resolution or on the latest date stated on any counterpart. A resolution of the directors or of any committee of the directors passed in accordance with this Article 18.12 is deemed to be a proceeding at a meeting of directors or of the committee of the directors and to be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors or of the committee of the directors that satisfies all the requirements of the Business Corporations Act and all the requirements of these Articles relating to meetings of the directors or of a committee of the directors.

#### 19. EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES

## 19.1 Appointment and Powers of Executive Committee

The directors may, by resolution, appoint an executive committee consisting of the director or directors that they consider appropriate, and this committee has, during the intervals between meetings of the board of directors, all of the directors' powers, except:

- (a) the power to fill vacancies in the board of directors;
- (b) the power to remove a director;
- (c) the power to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in, any committee of the directors; and
- (d) such other powers, if any, as may be set out in the resolution or any subsequent directors' resolution.

# 19.2 Appointment and Powers of Other Committees

The directors may, by resolution:

- (a) appoint one or more committees (other than the executive committee) consisting of the director or directors that they consider appropriate;
- (b) delegate to a committee appointed under paragraph (a) any of the directors' powers, except:
  - (1) the power to fill vacancies in the board of directors;
  - (2) the power to remove a director;
  - (3) the power to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in, any committee of the directors; and
  - (4) the power to appoint or remove officers appointed by the directors; and
- (c) make any delegation referred to in paragraph (b) subject to the conditions set out in the resolution or any subsequent directors' resolution.

### 19.3 Obligations of Committees

Any committee appointed under Articles 19.1 or 19.2, in the exercise of the powers delegated to it, must:

- (a) conform to any rules that may from time to time be imposed on it by the directors; and
- (b) report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers at such times as the directors may require.

### 19.4 Powers of Board

The directors may, at any time, with respect to a committee appointed under Articles 19.1 or 19.2:

- (a) revoke or alter the authority given to the committee, or override a decision made by the committee, except as to acts done before such revocation, alteration or overriding;
- (b) terminate the appointment of, or change the membership of, the committee; and
- (c) fill vacancies in the committee.

## 19.5 Committee Meetings

Subject to Article 19.3(a) and unless the directors otherwise provide in the resolution appointing the committee or in any subsequent resolution, with respect to a committee appointed under Articles 19.1 or 19.2:

- (a) the committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper;
- (b) the committee may elect a chair of its meetings but, if no chair of a meeting is elected, or if at a meeting the chair of the meeting is not present within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting, the directors present who are members of the committee may choose one of their number to chair the meeting;
- (c) a majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum of the committee; and
- (d) questions arising at any meeting of the committee are determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and in case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting does not have a second or casting vote.

#### 20. OFFICERS

## 20.1 Directors May Appoint Officers

The directors may, from time to time, appoint such officers, if any, as the directors determine and the directors may, at any time, terminate any such appointment.

### **20.2** Functions, Duties and Powers of Officers

The directors may, for each officer:

- (a) determine the functions and duties of the officer;
- (b) entrust to and confer on the officer any of the powers exercisable by the directors on such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as the directors think fit; and
- (c) revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of the functions, duties and powers of the officer.

## 20.3 Qualifications

No officer may be appointed unless that officer is qualified in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act*. One person may hold more than one position as an officer of the Company. Any person appointed as the chair of the board or as a managing director must be a director. Any other officer need not be a director.

### **20.4** Remuneration and Terms of Appointment

All appointments of officers are to be made on the terms and conditions and at the remuneration (whether by way of salary, fee, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) that the directors think fit and are subject to termination at the pleasure of the directors, and an officer may in addition to such remuneration be entitled to receive, after he or she ceases to hold such office or leaves the employment of the Company, a pension or gratuity.

### 21. INDEMNIFICATION

#### 21.1 Definitions

In this Article 21:

(a) "eligible penalty" means a judgment, penalty or fine awarded or imposed in, or an amount paid in settlement of, an eligible proceeding;

- (b) "eligible proceeding" means a legal proceeding or investigative action, whether current, threatened, pending or completed, in which a director, former director or alternate director of the Company (an "eligible party") or any of the heirs and legal personal representatives of the eligible party, by reason of the eligible party being or having been a director or alternate director of the Company:
  - (1) is or may be joined as a party; or
  - (2) is or may be liable for or in respect of a judgment, penalty or fine in, or expenses related to, the proceeding;
- (c) "expenses" has the meaning set out in the Business Corporations Act.

# 21.2 Mandatory Indemnification of Eligible Parties

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company must indemnify a director, former director or alternate director of the Company and his or her heirs and legal personal representatives against all eligible penalties to which such person is or may be liable, and the Company must, after the final disposition of an eligible proceeding, pay the expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in respect of that proceeding. Each director and alternate director is deemed to have contracted with the Company on the terms of the indemnity contained in this Article 21.2.

### 21.3 Indemnification of Other Persons

Subject to any restrictions in the Business Corporations Act, the Company may indemnify any person.

# 21.4 Non-Compliance with Business Corporations Act

The failure of a director, alternate director or officer of the Company to comply with the *Business Corporations Act* or, these Articles or, if applicable, any former *Companies Act* or former Articles does not invalidate any indemnity to which he or she is entitled under this Part.

## 21.5 Company May Purchase Insurance

The Company may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any person (or his or her heirs or legal personal representatives) who:

- (a) is or was a director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent of the Company;
- (b) is or was a director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation at a time when the corporation is or was an affiliate of the Company;
- (c) at the request of the Company, is or was a director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation or of a partnership, trust, joint venture or other unincorporated entity;
- (d) at the request of the Company, holds or held a position equivalent to that of a director, alternate director or officer of a partnership, trust, joint venture or other unincorporated entity;

against any liability incurred by him or her as such director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent or person who holds or held such equivalent position.

# 22. DIVIDENDS

## **22.1** Payment of Dividends Subject to Special Rights

The provisions of this Article 22 are subject to the rights, if any, of shareholders holding shares with special rights as to dividends.

#### **22.2** Declaration of Dividends

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the directors may from time to time declare and authorize payment of such dividends as they may deem advisable.

## 22.3 No Notice Required

The directors need not give notice to any shareholder of any declaration under Article 22.2.

### 22.4 Record Date

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to receive payment of a dividend. The record date must not precede the date on which the dividend is to be paid by more than two months. If no record date is set, the record date is 5 p.m. on the date on which the directors pass the resolution declaring the dividend.

## 22.5 Manner of Paying Dividend

A resolution declaring a dividend may direct payment of the dividend wholly or partly in money or by the distribution of specific assets or of fully paid shares or of bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company or any other corporation, or in any one or more of those ways.

#### **22.6** Settlement of Difficulties

If any difficulty arises in regard to a distribution under Article 22.5, the directors may settle the difficulty as they deem advisable, and, in particular, may:

- (a) set the value for distribution of specific assets;
- (b) determine that cash payments in substitution for all or any part of the specific assets to which any shareholders are entitled may be made to any shareholders on the basis of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties; and
- (c) vest any such specific assets in trustees for the persons entitled to the dividend.

# 22.7 When Dividend Payable

Any dividend may be made payable on such date as is fixed by the directors.

### 22.8 Dividends to be Paid in Accordance with Number of Shares

All dividends on shares of any class or series of shares must be declared and paid according to the number of such shares held.

### **22.9** Receipt by Joint Shareholders

If several persons are joint shareholders of any share, any one of them may give an effective receipt for any dividend, bonus or other money payable in respect of the share.

### 22.10 Dividend Bears No Interest

No dividend bears interest against the Company.

#### **22.11** Fractional Dividends

If a dividend to which a shareholder is entitled includes a fraction of the smallest monetary unit of the currency of the dividend, that fraction may be disregarded in making payment of the dividend and that payment represents full payment of the dividend.

#### 22.12 Payment of Dividends

Any dividend or other distribution payable in cash in respect of shares may be paid by cheque, made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent, and mailed to the registered address of the shareholder, or in the case of joint shareholders, to the registered address of the joint shareholder who is first named on the central securities register, or to the person and to the registered address the shareholder or joint shareholders may direct in writing. The mailing of such cheque will, to the extent of the sum represented by the cheque (plus the amount of the tax required by law to be deducted), discharge all liability for the dividend unless such cheque is not paid on presentation or the amount of tax so deducted is not paid to the appropriate taxing authority.

## 22.13 Capitalization of Retained Earnings or Surplus

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, the directors may from time to time capitalize any retained earnings or surplus of the Company and may from time to time issue, as fully paid, shares or any bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company as a dividend representing the retained earnings or surplus so capitalized or any part thereof.

#### 23. DOCUMENTS, RECORDS AND REPORTS

## 23.1 Recording of Financial Affairs

The directors must cause adequate accounting records to be kept to record properly the financial affairs and condition of the Company and to comply with the *Business Corporations Act*.

## 23.2 Inspection of Accounting Records

Unless the directors determine otherwise, or unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, no shareholder of the Company is entitled to inspect or obtain a copy of any accounting records of the Company.

#### 24. NOTICES

# 24.1 Method of Giving Notice

Unless the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles provides otherwise, a notice, statement, report or other record required or permitted by the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles to be sent by or to a person may be sent by any one of the following methods:

- (a) mail addressed to the person at the applicable address for that person as follows:
  - (1) for a record mailed to a shareholder, the shareholder's registered address;
  - (2) for a record mailed to a director or officer, the prescribed address for mailing shown for the director or officer in the records kept by the Company or the mailing address provided by the recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
  - in any other case, the mailing address of the intended recipient;
- (b) delivery at the applicable address for that person as follows, addressed to the person:
  - (1) for a record delivered to a shareholder, the shareholder's registered address;

- (2) for a record delivered to a director or officer, the prescribed address for delivery shown for the director or officer in the records kept by the Company or the delivery address provided by the recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
- in any other case, the delivery address of the intended recipient;
- (c) sending the record by fax to the fax number provided by the intended recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
- (d) sending the record by email to the email address provided by the intended recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
- (e) physical delivery to the intended recipient; and
- (f) delivery in such other manner as may be approved by the directors and reasonably evidenced.

# 24.2 Deemed Receipt of Mailing

A notice, statement, report or other record that is:

- (a) mailed to a person by ordinary mail to the applicable address for that person referred to in Article 24.1 is deemed to be received by the person to whom it was mailed on the day, (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted), following the date of mailing;
- (b) faxed to a person to the fax number provided by that person referred to in Article 24.1 is deemed to be received by the person to whom it was faxed on the day it was faxed; and
- e-mailed to a person to the e-mail address provided by that person referred to in Article 24.1 is deemed to be received by the person to whom it was e-mailed on the day it was e-mailed.

### 24.3 Certificate of Sending

A certificate signed by the secretary, if any, or other officer of the Company or of any other corporation acting in that capacity on behalf of the Company stating that a notice, statement, report or other record was sent in accordance with Article 24.1 is conclusive evidence of that fact.

## **24.4** Notice to Joint Shareholders

A notice, statement, report or other record may be provided by the Company to the joint shareholders of a share by providing the notice to the joint shareholder first named in the central securities register in respect of the share.

## 24.5 Notice to Legal Personal Representatives and Trustees

A notice, statement, report or other record may be provided by the Company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy or incapacity of a shareholder by:

- (a) mailing the record, addressed to them:
  - (1) by name, by the title of the legal personal representative of the deceased or incapacitated shareholder, by the title of trustee of the bankrupt shareholder or by any similar description; and
  - (2) at the address, if any, supplied to the Company for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled; or
- (b) if an address referred to in paragraph (a)(2) has not been supplied to the Company, by giving the notice in a manner in which it might have been given if the death, bankruptcy or incapacity had not occurred.

#### **24.6** Undelivered Notices

If any record sent to a shareholder pursuant to Article 24.1 is returned on two consecutive occasions because the shareholder cannot be located, the Company shall not be required to send any further records to the shareholder until the shareholder informs the Company in writing of his or her new address.

#### 25. SEAL

## **25.1** Who May Attest Seal

Except as provided in Articles 25.2 and 25.3, the Company's seal, if any, must not be impressed on any record except when that impression is attested by the signatures of:

- (a) any two directors;
- (b) any officer, together with any director;
- (c) if the Company only has one director, that director; or
- (d) any one or more directors or officers or persons as may be determined by the directors.

## 25.2 Sealing Copies

For the purpose of certifying under seal a certificate of incumbency of the directors or officers of the Company or a true copy of any resolution or other document, despite Article 25.1, the impression of the seal may be attested by the signature of any director or officer or the signature of any other person as may be determined by the directors.

# 25.3 Mechanical Reproduction of Seal

The directors may authorize the seal to be impressed by third parties on share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company as they may determine appropriate from time to time. To enable the seal to be impressed on any share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company, whether in definitive or interim form, on which facsimiles of any of the signatures of the directors or officers of the Company are, in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced, there may be delivered to the person employed to engrave, lithograph or print such definitive or interim share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities one or more unmounted dies reproducing the seal and the chair of the board or any senior officer together with the secretary, treasurer, secretary-treasurer, an assistant secretary, an assistant treasurer or an assistant secretary-treasurer may in writing authorize such person to cause the seal to be impressed on such definitive or interim share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities by the use of such dies. Share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities to which the seal has been so impressed are for all purposes deemed to be under and to bear the seal impressed on them.

### 26. MECHANICAL REPRODUCTIONS OF SIGNATURES

# 26.1 Instruments may be Mechanically Signed

The signature of any officer, director, registrar, branch registrar, transfer agent or branch transfer agent of the Company, unless otherwise required by the *Business Corporations Act* or by these Articles, may, if authorized by the directors, be printed, lithographed, engraved or otherwise mechanically reproduced upon all instruments executed or issued by the Company or any officer thereof; and any instrument on which the signature of any such person is so reproduced shall be deemed to have been manually signed by such person whose signature is so reproduced and shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if such instrument had been signed manually, and notwithstanding that the person whose signature is so reproduced may have ceased to hold the office that he is stated on such instrument to hold at the date or issue of such instrument.

#### **26.2** Definitions of Instruments

The term "instrument" as used in Article 26.1 shall include deeds, mortgages, hypothecs, charges, conveyances, transfers and assignments of property, real or personal, agreements, releases, receipts and discharges for the payment of money or other obligations, shares and share warrants of the Company, bonds, debentures and other debt obligations of the Company, and all paper writings.

#### 27. PROHIBITIONS

#### 27.1 Definitions

In this Article 27:

- (a) "designated security" means:
  - (1) a voting security of the Company;
  - (2) a security of the Company that is not a debt security and that carries a residual right to participate in the earnings of the Company or, on the liquidation or winding up of the Company, in its assets; or
  - (3) a security of the Company convertible, directly or indirectly, into a security described in paragraph (a) or (b);
- (b) "security" has the meaning assigned in the Securities Act (British Columbia);
- (c) "voting security" means a security of the Company that:
  - (1) is not a debt security, and
  - (2) carries a voting right either under all circumstances or under some circumstances that have occurred and are continuing.

# 27.2 Application

Article 27.3 does not apply to the Company if and for so long as it is a:

- (a) public company; or
- (b) a pre-existing reporting company which has the Statutory Reporting Company Provisions as part of its Articles or to which the Statutory Reporting Company Provisions apply.

## 27.3 Consent Required for Transfer of Shares or Designated Securities

No share or designated security may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of without the consent of the directors and the directors are not required to give any reason for refusing to consent to any such sale, transfer or other disposition.