# PASINEX RESOURCES LIMITED (the "Company")

# Form 51-102F6V STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION – VENTURE ISSUERS for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 Dated as of June 28, 2024

The Company is disclosing its executive compensation in accordance with Form 51-102F6V to National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*.

The following persons are considered the "Named Executive Officers" or "NEO"s for the purposes of this disclosure:

"CEO" means each individual who acted as chief executive officer of the Company or acted in a similar capacity for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

"CFO" means each individual who acted as chief financial officer of the Company or acted in a similar capacity for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

"Named Executive Officer" or "NEO" means each of the following individuals:

- (a) CEO;
- (b) CFO;
- each of the Company's three most highly compensated executive officers, including any of its subsidiaries, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year and whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 for that financial year, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(6) of Form 51-102F6. for that financial year: or
- (d) any individual who would be a NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

During the past three fiscal years ending December 31, 2023, the Company had the following NEOs: Andrew Gottwald, the CFO of the Company since July 9, 2019 and Mr. Koldas, the acting General Manager of Pasinex Arama ve Madencilik Anonim Sirketi (the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary in Turkey).

# **Compensation Governance and Discussion and Analysis**

The Company's compensation policies are designed to be competitive with similar companies and to recognize and reward executive performance consistent with the success of the Company. These policies are intended to attract and retain capable and experienced people.

The Company has a Human Resources Committee consisting of Larry Seeley (Chair) and Victor Wells. The members of the committee meet on an as needed basis and report back to the Board with the committee recommendations.

To determine compensation, the Human Resources Committee and the Board review compensation paid for directors and executives of companies of a similar business, size and stage of development and determines an appropriate compensation reflecting the need to provide incentive and compensation for the time and effort expended by the directors and senior management while also considering the financial and other resources of the Company. Although the Human Resources Committee may take into account executive compensation paid by companies comparable with the Company, no specific benchmarking policy is in place for determining compensation or any element of compensation.

Compensation of all executive officers is based primarily on corporate performance which includes achievement of the Corporation's strategic objective of growth and the enhancement of shareholder value

through increases in the stock price and enhanced annual cash flow.

An element of executive compensation that is available to the Company is the granting of stock options to purchase common shares under the Company's Stock Option Plan. Stock options are issued to provide an incentive to participate in the long-term development of the Company and to increase Shareholder value. All Directors and NEOs participate in the stock option plan. The CFO also received a management fee.

#### **Risk Management Disclosure**

The Board has reviewed the elements of compensation of the Company to identify any risks arising from the Company's compensation policies and practices that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company as well as the practices used to mitigate any such risks. The Board of Directors concluded that the compensation program and policies of the Company did not encourage its executives to take inappropriate or excessive risks. This assessment was based on a number of considerations, including, without limitation, the following: (i) the Company's compensation policies and practices are generally uniform throughout the organization; (ii) in exercising its discretion under its compensation policies the Board reviews individual and corporate performance taking into account the long-term interests of the Company; and (iii) the results of annual assessments of executives' goals, objectives and performance are reviewed and considered in awarding compensation.

#### **Restrictions on Purchase of Financial Instruments**

Although the Company has not adopted a formal policy forbidding an NEO or director from purchasing financial instruments 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 is not aware of any NEO or director having entered into this type of transaction.

# **Share based and Option Based Awards**

Executive officers of the Company, as well as directors, employees and consultants, are eligible to participate in the Company's Stock Option Plan to receive grants of stock options. Individual stock options are granted by the Board of Directors as a whole and the size of the options is dependent on, among other things, each officer's level of responsibility, authority and importance to the Company and the degree to which such officer's long-term contribution to the Company will be crucial to its long-term success.

The Board evaluates the number of options each participant has been granted, the exercise price of the options and the term remaining on those options when considering grants. Options are usually priced at or above the closing trading price of the Company's shares on the business day immediately preceding the date of grant and the current policy of the Board is that options expire five years from the date of grant.

# **Summary Compensation Table**

During the past three fiscal years ending December 31, 2023, the Company had two NEOs as set out below. The following table sets forth all direct and indirect compensation for, and in connection with, services provided to the Company and its subsidiary for the last three financial years:

			Share-	Option-	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)				
Name and principal position	Year Ended December 31	Salary (\$)	based awards (\$)	based awards (\$)	Annual incentive plans	Long-term incentive plans	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Andrew	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	220,350	220,350
Gottwald <sup>(1)</sup> Chief Financial	2022	Nil	Nil	57,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	231,300	288,300
Officer	2021	Nil	Nil	38,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	132,250	170,250
Soner Koldas <sup>(4)</sup> General Manager of Pasinex AS	2023	58,175	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	159,019	217,194
	2022	37,040	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	173,338	210,378
	2021	44,919	Nil	38,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	142,100	225,019

#### Notes:

- (1) Mr. Gottwald provides CFO services to the Company through 2192640 Ontario Inc., a company controlled by Mr. Gottwald. Mr. Gottwald commenced his services effective July 9, 2019.
- (2) The fair value of each option at the date of grant was estimated using the Black Scholes valuation model with the following assumptions: a 5-year expected term, a 183% expected volatility based on historic trends, risk free interest rate of 2.27%, share price at the date of grant of \$0.04 and an expected dividend yield of 0%.
- (3) The fair value of each option at the date of grant was estimated using the Black Scholes valuation model with the following assumptions: a 5-year expected term, a 184% expected volatility based on historic trends, risk free interest rate of 0.93%, share price at the date of grant of \$0.04 and an expected dividend yield of 0%.
- (4) Mr. Koldas is the acting General Manager of Pasinex Arama ve Madencilik Anonim Sirketi ("Pasinex AS"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Koldas receives a monthly management fee in USD from the Company and a monthly salary from Pasinex AS in Turkish Lira. These amounts have been converted to CAD.

#### **Narrative Discussion**

Andrew Gottwald – Chief Financial Officer effective July 9, 2019. Mr. Gottwald, through 2192640 Ontario Inc., a company controlled by Mr. Gottwald, entered into an agreement to provide consulting services to the company (the "Gottwald Agreement"). He receives a fee of \$1,200 per standard workday and was granted 1,000,000 stock options with a strike price of \$0.04 on April 30, 2021, and 1,500,000 stock options with a strike price of \$0.04 on March 24, 2022. The grant of Options on April 30, 2021 and the grant of Options on March 24, 2022, have five-year terms. Options issued for all grants vested on the date of the grant. The Gottwald Agreement can be terminated by the Company or by Mr. Gottwald on behalf of 2192640 Ontario Inc. upon 30 days' written notice. See Termination and Change of Control Benefits for further details.

Sonar Koldas - General Manager of Pasinex Arama ve Madencilik Anonim Sirketi. Mr. Koldas receives a monthly management fee of US\$9,750 from the Company and a monthly salary from Pasinex AS in Turkish Lira. He was granted 1,000,000 stock options with a strike price of \$0.04 on April 30, 2021. The options have a five-year term and vested in full on the date of the grant.

#### **Incentive Plan Awards**

Stock options are issued to provide an incentive to participate in the long-term development of the Company and to increase Shareholder value. The Company has a stock option plan (the "Stock Option Plan") in place for the granting of incentive stock options to the officers, employees and Directors. The purpose of granting options is to assist the Company in compensating, attracting, retaining and motivating the Directors and employees of the Company and to closely align the personal interests of such persons with that of the shareholders.

The following table details all Options-based Awards issued to the NEO's as at December 31, 2023:

		Option-based	Share-based Awards			
Name	Number of Common Shares underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$) <sup>(1)</sup> (2)	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share awards that have not vested (\$)
Andrew Gottwald	1,500,000	0.04	March 24, 2027	Nil	Nil	N/A
Andrew Gottwald	1,000,000	0.04	April 30, 2026	Nil	Nil	N/A
Soner Koldas	1,000,000	0.04	April 30, 2026	Nil	Nil	N/A
Andrew Gottwald	500,000	0.085	July 25, 2024	Nil	Nil	N/A

#### Notes

# **Defined Contribution, Deferred Compensation and Pension Plans**

The Company does not have any defined contribution, deferred compensation plan or pension plan that provides for payments or benefits at, following or in connection with retirement.

<sup>(1)</sup> The value of unexercised in-the-money options is calculated based on the difference between the closing price of the common shares on the CSE on December 31, 2023, of \$0.04 and the exercise price of the options, multiplied by the number of unexercised options.

<sup>(2)</sup> All of Mr. Gottwald's and Mr. Koldas' stock options vested when issued.

<sup>(3)</sup> No stock options were exercised in any of the three years ending December 31, 2023.

# **Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

The Gottwald Agreement provides that if a change of control, as defined in the agreement occurs, along with the occurrence of one of several triggering events, Mr. Gottwald is entitled to receive a payment equal to the lump sum of his billings to the Company for the past 12 months.

#### **Director Compensation**

The Company currently has four (4) directors, none of which is a Named Executive Officer.

The Company has no standard arrangement pursuant to which directors are compensated by the Company for their services in their capacity as directors, except for the granting from time to time of incentive stock options in accordance with the policies of the CSE.

The Company issued the following compensation to the non-executive directors in 2023.

Name	Fees earned (\$)	Share-based awards (\$)	Option-based awards(\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Victor Wells	18,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	18,000
Larry Seeley	18,000 (1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	18,000
Jonathan Challis	18,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	28,000 (2)	46,000
Joachim Rainer	18,000 (1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	18,000

# Notes:

- (1) All directors are entitled to cash compensation as a retainer for their roles as directors of the Company. Each director received a quarterly stipend of \$6,000 for the first three quarters of 2023. All of the directors elected to forego their entitlement to the 2023 fourth quarter retainer in order to conserve the Company's cash.
- (2) Mr. Challis is the acting Chairman of the Board of Pasinex AS and receives fees for acting in this capacity. Pasinex AS is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

The following table details all Options-based Awards issued to non-executive Board members:

		Option-based	Share-based Awards			
Name	Number of Common Shares underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$)	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share awards that have not vested (\$)
Victor Wells	1,250,000	0.04	April 30, 2026	N/A	Nil	N/A
Larry Seeley	1,000,000	0.04	April 30, 2026	N/A	Nil	N/A
Jonathan Challis	2,000,000	0.04	April 30, 2026	N/A	Nil	N/A
Joachim Rainer	1,250,000	0.04	April 30, 2026	N/A	Nil	N/A

# **Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

The Company has no contract, agreement, plan or arrangement that provides for payments to executive or non-executive directors, at, following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation, retirement, a change of control of the Company or a change in the director's responsibilities.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The only equity compensation plan which the Company has in place is the 2015 Stock Option Plan. The 2015 Stock Option Plan was established to assist the Company in attracting, retaining and motivating directors, executive officers, employees and consultants and to closely align the personal interests of those people with those of shareholders. The Board administers the Stock Option Plan. The Stock Option Plan provides that the Company may grant options, under option agreements and in accordance with the policies of the CSE. Detailed information on the Stock Option Plan can be found under "Executive Compensation".

The following table sets out equity compensation plan information as at the end of the financial year ended December 31, 2023.

Plan Category	A Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (A))	
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	10,500,000	\$0.04	3,955,437	
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Total	10,500,000	\$0.04	3,955,437	