

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

with respect to the Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 18, 2023

Dated as of July 14, 2023

# FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP. NOTICE OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual and special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders of First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "**Company**") will be held will be held at 77 King Street West, Suite 3000, Toronto, Ontario on Friday, August 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. (Toronto time), for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the report of the auditors thereon;
- 2. to elect the directors of the Company to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders;
- 3. to re-appoint Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte ("**DMCL**") LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company, to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders at a remuneration to be fixed by the board of directors;
- 4. to consider and, if deemed advisable, pass, with or without variation, a resolution of shareholders approving the Company's omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**Equity Plan**"), the full text of which is set out in the accompanying information circular; and
- 5. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

This notice is accompanied by a management information circular and form of proxy or voting instruction form, as applicable.

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**" or "**Board of Directors**") has by resolution fixed the close of business on July 14, 2023, as the record date (the "**Record Date**"), being the date for the determination of the registered holders of the common shares of the Company entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Registered shareholders and duly appointed proxyholders will be able to vote at the Meeting. Beneficial shareholders (being shareholders who hold their securities through a broker, investment dealer, bank, trust company, custodian, nominee, or other intermediary) who have not duly appointed themselves as proxyholder will be able to attend as a guest but not be able to participate or vote at the Meeting. Registered shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting are requested to complete, date, sign, and return the enclosed form of proxy so that as large a representation as possible may be had at the Meeting. Shareholders wishing to be represented by proxy at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof must deposit their duly completed and executed form of proxy with the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. ("Computershare"), 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, by not later than not later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) before the time of the Meeting or adjournments or postponements thereof at which the proxy is to be used.

As a shareholder of the Company, it is very important that you read the management information circular of the Company dated July 14, 2023 (the "**Information Circular**" or "**Circular**"), and other Meeting materials carefully; they contain important information regarding voting your securities and attending and participating at the Meeting.

Shareholders who wish to appoint a person other than the management nominees identified on the form of proxy or voting instruction form, to represent them at the Meeting, may do so by inserting such person's name in the blank space provided in the form of proxy or voting instruction form and following the instructions for submitting such form of proxy or voting instruction form. If you wish that a person other than the management nominees identified on the form of proxy or voting instruction form attend the Meeting as your proxy and vote your shares, including if you are a nonregistered shareholder and wish to appoint yourself as proxyholder to vote at the Meeting, you MUST identify such proxyholder on your form of proxy or voting instruction form.

# DATED at Toronto, Ontario as of the 14th day of July 2023.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ "Rob Saltsman"

Name: Rob Saltsman

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and

Director

# FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

Unless otherwise stated, information contained herein is given as of July 14, 2023. All references to dollar amounts herein are references to Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING PROXIES AND VOTING AT THE MEETING

#### Solicitation of Proxies

This management information circular (the "**Information Circular**" or "**Circular**") is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the management of First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "**Company**") of proxies to be voted at the annual and special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the holders (the "**shareholders**") of common shares of the Company ("**Common Shares**", "**common shares**" or "**Shares**") to be held at 77 King Street West, Suite 3000, Toronto, Ontario on Friday, August 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. (Toronto time) for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting.

In accordance with National Instrument 54-101 *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("**NI 54-101**") the Company has delivered proxy-related materials to intermediaries to forward to Beneficial Shareholders (as defined herein). The Company intends to pay for intermediaries to forward to OBOs (as defined herein) under NI 54-101, the proxy-related materials.

The head office and registered and records office of the Company is located at 77 King Street West, Suite 3000, Toronto, Ontario.

The solicitation of proxies by management of the Company will be made primarily by mail but solicitation may be made by telephone or in person with the cost of such solicitation to be borne by the Company. While no arrangements have been made to date, the Company may contract for the solicitation of proxies for the Meeting. Such arrangements would include customary fees which would be borne by the Company.

#### Appointment of Proxyholder

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy for the Meeting are officers of the Company and nominees of management. A REGISTERED SHAREHOLDER HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT SOME OTHER PERSON OR COMPANY, WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER, TO REPRESENT SUCH REGISTERED SHAREHOLDER AT THE MEETING BY STRIKING OUT THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS DESIGNATED IN THE ACCOMPANYING FORM OF PROXY AND BY INSERTING THE NAME OF THAT OTHER PERSON OR COMPANY IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED. If a registered shareholder appoints one of the persons designated in the accompanying form of proxy as a nominee and does not direct the said nominee to vote either "For", "Against", or "Withhold", as applicable, from voting on a matter or matters with respect to which an opportunity to specify how the Shares registered in the name of such registered shareholder shall be voted, the proxy shall be voted "For" such matter or matters.

The instrument appointing a proxyholder must be in writing and signed by the registered shareholder, or such registered shareholder's attorney authorized in writing, or if the registered shareholder is a corporation, by the authorized representative or a duly authorized person on behalf of such corporation. An undated but executed proxy will be deemed to be dated the date of the mailing of the proxy. For a proxy to be valid, a registered shareholder must:

- (a) sign and print his or her name on the lines specified for such purpose at the bottom of the form of proxy; and
- (b) return the properly executed and completed form of proxy by mailing it or delivering it by hand in the appropriate enclosed return envelope addressed to Computershare,

to be received no later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) before any adjournment(s) of the Meeting, unless the Chair of the Meeting elects to exercise their discretion to accept proxies received subsequently.

#### Revocation of Proxy

A registered shareholder may revoke a proxy by delivering a signed instrument in writing executed by such registered shareholder or by the registered shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, where the registered shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer or attorney of such corporation, 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 thereof, with the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, or before any vote in respect of which the proxy is to be used shall have been taken, or in any other manner permitted by law.

#### **Voting of Proxies**

A registered shareholder may direct the manner in which his or her Shares are to be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the registered shareholder by marking the form of proxy accordingly. The management nominees designated in the enclosed form of proxy will vote the Shares represented by proxy in accordance with the instructions of the registered shareholder on any resolution that may be called for and if the registered shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Shares will be voted accordingly. WHERE NO CHOICE IS SPECIFIED WITH RESPECT TO ANY RESOLUTION OR IN THE ABSENCE OF CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS, THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY A PROXY GIVEN TO MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED "FOR" THE RESOLUTION. IF MORE THAN ONE DIRECTION IS MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY RESOLUTION, SUCH SHARES WILL SIMILARLY BE VOTED "FOR" THE RESOLUTION.

#### Exercise of Discretion by Proxyholders

The enclosed form of proxy, when properly completed and delivered and not revoked, confers discretionary authority upon the proxyholders named therein with respect to amendments or variations of matters identified in the accompanying Notice of Meeting, and other matters not so identified which may properly be brought before the Meeting. At the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations, or other matters to come before the Meeting. If any amendment or variation or other matter comes before the Meeting, the persons named in the proxy will vote in accordance with their judgement on such amendment, variation, or matter.

#### ADVICE TO BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS

The information set out in this section is of significant importance to those shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Shareholders who do not hold their Common Shares in their own name (referred to in this Circular as "Beneficial Shareholders") should note that only proxies deposited by shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting.

If Shares are shown on an account statement provided to a Beneficial Shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases the name of such Beneficial Shareholder will not appear on the share register of the Company. Such Shares will most likely be registered in the name of the broker or an agent of the broker. In Canada, most of such Shares will be registered in the name of "CDS & Co.", the registration name of CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. which

acts as a nominee for many brokerage firms. Shares held by brokers, agents, trustees, or other intermediaries can only be voted by those brokers, agents, trustees, or other intermediaries in accordance with instructions received from Beneficial Shareholders. As a result, Beneficial Shareholders should carefully review the voting instruction form ("VIF") provided with this Information Circular and ensure they communicate how they would like their Shares voted in accordance with those instructions.

Beneficial Shareholders who have not objected to their intermediary disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as "NOBOs". Those Beneficial Shareholders who have objected to their intermediary disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as "OBOs". In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, the Company has delivered proxy-related materials to intermediaries to forward to Beneficial Shareholders. The Company intends to pay for intermediaries to forward to OBOs under NI 54-101 the proxy-related materials.

Generally, a Beneficial Shareholder who has not waived the right to receive Meeting materials will either:

- (a) be given a form of proxy which has already been signed by the intermediary (typically by a facsimile with a stamped signature), which is restricted as to the number of shares beneficially owned by the Beneficial Shareholder and must be completed, but not signed, by the Beneficial Shareholder and deposited with Computershare; or
- (b) more typically, be given a VIF which is not signed by the intermediary and which, when properly completed and signed by the Beneficial Shareholder and returned to the intermediary or its service Company, will constitute voting instructions which the intermediary must follow.

VIFs should be completed and returned in accordance with the specific instructions noted on the VIF. The purpose of this procedure is to permit Beneficial Shareholders to direct the voting of the Shares which they beneficially own. Beneficial Shareholders should carefully follow the instructions set out in the VIF, including those regarding when and where the VIF is to be delivered.

Although Beneficial Shareholders may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purpose of voting Shares registered in the name of their broker, agent, trustee, or other intermediary, a Beneficial Shareholder may attend the Meeting as a proxyholder for a registered shareholder and vote Shares in that capacity. Beneficial Shareholders who wish to attend the Meeting or have someone else attend on their behalf, and indirectly vote their Shares as proxyholder for the registered shareholder, should contact their broker, agent, trustee, or other intermediary well in advance of the Meeting to determine the steps necessary to permit them to indirectly vote their Shares as a proxyholder.

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

#### ACCESSING AND VOTING AT THE MEETING

Beneficial Shareholders who have not duly appointed themselves as proxyholder will not be able to vote at the Meeting. This is because the Company and its transfer agent do not have a record of the beneficial shareholders of the Company, and as a result, will have no knowledge of your shareholdings or entitlement to vote, unless you appoint yourself as proxyholder. If you are a beneficial shareholder and wish to vote at the Meeting, you have to appoint yourself as proxyholder, by inserting your own name in the space provided on the VIF sent to you and must follow all of the applicable instructions provided by your intermediary. See "Appointment of a Third Party as Proxy" below.

#### Appointment of a Third Party as Proxy

The following applies to shareholders who wish to appoint a person (a "third-party proxyholder"), other than the management nominees set forth in the form of proxy or VIF, as proxyholder, including beneficial shareholders who wish to appoint themselves as proxyholder to attend, participate or vote at the Meeting.

Shareholders who wish to appoint a third-party proxyholder to vote at the Meeting as their proxy and vote their Shares MUST submit their proxy or VIF (as applicable) appointing such third-party proxyholder.

To appoint a third-party proxyholder, insert such person's name in the blank space provided in the form of proxy or VIF (if permitted) and follow the instructions for submitting such form of proxy or VIF. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder located in the United States, you must also provide Computershare with a duly completed legal proxy if you wish to vote at the Meeting, or if permitted, appoint a third party as your proxyholder. See below under this section for additional details.

If you are a beneficial shareholder and wish to attend, participate or vote at the Meeting, you have to insert your own name in the space provided on the VIF sent to you by your intermediary, follow all of the applicable instructions provided by your intermediary, AND register yourself as your proxyholder, as described above. By doing so, you are instructing your intermediary to appoint you as proxyholder. It is important that you comply with the signature and return instructions provided by your intermediary.

#### **Notice to Shareholders in the United States**

The solicitation of proxies involves securities of an issuer located in Canada and is being effected in accordance with the applicable federal laws of Canada and the provincial laws of Ontario. The proxy solicitation rules of the *United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended, are not applicable to the Company or this solicitation, and this solicitation has been prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Canadian securities laws applicable to the Company. Shareholders should be aware that disclosure requirements under the Canadian securities laws applicable to the Company differ from the disclosure requirements under United States securities laws.

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

The Board of the Company has fixed July 14, 2023 as the record date (the "**Record Date**") for determining persons entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Meeting. Only those shareholders who are recorded as such record holders as at the close of business on the Record Date may attend the Meeting or complete, sign, and deliver a form of proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above and have their Common Shares voted at the Meeting. As of the Record Date, the authorized share capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value of which 91,176,119 Common Shares are issued and outstanding and an unlimited number of preferred shares of the Company, none of which are issued and outstanding. Each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each Common Shares registered in their name at the close of business on the Record Date.

To the Company's knowledge, as of the Record Date, other than Rob Saltsman, no person or company beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, voting securities carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to any class of voting securities of the Company.

Name	Number of Common Shares (1)	Percentage of Total Issued and Outstanding Common Shares
Rob Saltsman	10,673,826	11.71%
Thornhill, Ontario, Canada		

#### Notes:

(1) Rob Saltsman holds 2,668,644 Shares directly, and indirectly controls or exercises control over 8,005,182 Shares through: Jencorp Inc., Paige Capital Inc., Jenna Saltsman, Jodi Saltsman, and Paige Saltsman.

The failure of any Shareholder to receive notice of the Meeting does not deprive a Shareholder of the entitlement to vote at the Meeting. Every Shareholder of record at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, except to the extent that:

- (a) such Shareholder has transferred the ownership of any of their Shares after the Record Date; and
- (b) the transferee of those Shares produces properly endorsed share certificates, or otherwise establishes that they own the Shares, and demands, not later than 10 days before the Meeting, that their name be included in the list of shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting, in which case the transferee is entitled to vote those Shares at the Meeting.

#### PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

#### Financial Statements

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022, including the report of the auditors thereon, will be tabled at the Meeting and received by the shareholders. These audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022, the reports of the auditors thereon, and the related management's discussion and analysis, will be available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### Election of Directors

#### Nominees

The persons named below are the nominees of management for election as directors. The term of office of each of the present directors expires at the Meeting. Management of the Company proposes to nominate the persons named below for election as directors of the Company at the Meeting, to serve until the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company, unless their office is earlier vacated. All nominees are currently members of the Board.

Approval of the election of directors will require the affirmative votes of the holders of not less than a simple majority of the votes cast in respect thereof by shareholders represented at the Meeting. **Unless otherwise directed, the management designees named in the accompanying instrument of proxy intend to vote in <u>FAVOUR</u> of the <b>election, as directors, of the nominees whose names are set forth below.** If prior to the Meeting, any vacancies occur on the slate of nominees submitted herewith, it is intended that discretionary authority will be granted to vote proxies solicited by or on behalf of management for the election of any other person or persons as directors. Management is not currently aware that any such nominees would not be willing to serve as director if elected. Furthermore, no director is being elected under any arrangement or understanding between the proposed director and any other person or company.

As a group, the proposed directors beneficially own, or control or direct, directly or indirectly, a total of 11,173,826 Common Shares, representing approximately 12.26% of the Common Shares outstanding.

Name and Residence of Proposed Directors	Principal Occupation and Present Offices Held	Director Since	Common Shares Beneficially Owned, or Controlled or Directed, Directly or Indirectly <sup>(2)</sup>
Rob Saltsman (1) Thornhill, Ontario, Canada	<ul> <li>President, CEO, Secretary and</li> <li>Director of the Company</li> </ul>	July 28, 2022	10,673,826 (3)
Peter Espig (1)(5)  Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	Director of the Company  Director of NAVCO Pharmaceuticals Inc.  CEO & Director of Nicola Mining Inc.  Director of Element 29 Resources Inc.	July 28, 2022	500,000 (4)
Ernest Mast <sup>(1)</sup> Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada	Director of the Company.  Director of Scottie Resources Corp.  Director, President & CEO of Dore Copper Mining Corp.	July 28, 2022	Nil

#### Notes:

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee of the Board.
- (2) The information as to residence, principal occupation, and number of Shares beneficially owned or controlled is not within the knowledge of the management of the Company and has been taken from the System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders (SEDI) or furnished by the respective nominees as of the Record Date.
- (3) Rob Saltsman holds 2,668,644 Shares directly, and indirectly controls or exercises control over 8,005,182 Shares through: Jencorp Inc., Paige Capital Inc., Jenna Saltsman, Jodi Saltsman, and Paige Saltsman.
- (4) Peter Espig holds 200,000 Shares directly, and indirectly controls or exercises control over 300,000 Shares through Akiko Espig.
- (5) Chair of the Audit Committee.

#### Biographies of Management's Nominees for Election to the Board

The following are brief profiles of each of the proposed nominees, including a description of each individual's principal occupation within the past five years.

#### Rob Saltsman - President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and Director

Mr. Saltsman has 25 years of experience in venture capital and public investments and is the Founder of First Lithium Minerals Corp., a company he founded in 2017. He served as the CEO of Compel Capital Inc. from 2011 to 2018 and RMM Ventures Inc. from 2005 to 2006, and as Vice President of Georgian Capital Corp. where he focused on investing and consulting services in private equity. He is currently a President and Managing Partner of Paige Capital Inc., a venture capital investment company, and is a founding partner of South America Finance Corp SAS, a private merchant banking group in Colombia.

#### Peter Espig - Director

Mr. Espig has been the President and CEO of Nicola Mining Inc. since 2013. The former Goldman Sachs banker and Olympus Capital Partners executive founded TriAsia Capital, a private equity and consulting firm focused on raising capital for mid-sized companies and pre-initial public offering investment in 2006. Mr. Espig is a founding director of Promontory Therapeutics, a private biopharmaceutical company, and has been a board member since November 2010. He is an independent director of Element 29 (TSX.V: ECU) and is an independent director of NAVCO Pharmaceuticals Inc. (formerly, BMGB Capital Corp.) (TSXV). Mr. Espig is a pioneer of SPACs, having completed

two mega transactions with a combined value of greater than US\$1.0 BN and served as a board member of Star Bulk Carriers (NASDAQ: SBLK) from 2006 to 2013. Mr. Espig received his MBA from Columbia Business School, where he was a Chazen International Scholar.

#### Ernest Mast - Director

Ernest (Ernie) Mast is currently the President and CEO of Doré Copper Mining Corp. He led the company's successful RTO process of its copper and gold assets in Québec, Canada. Mr. Mast is also a Director of Scottie Resources Corp. and Libero Copper and Gold Corporation. He has been the President and CEO of Primero Mining Corp. and Minera Panama S.A., Inmet Mining's subsidiary that advanced the giant Cobre Panama project though critical early-stage milestones. Mr. Mast has 30 years' experience in the copper, precious metals, nickel, and lithium industries. Mr. Mast worked and lived in Chile's Atacama region for seven years while working for Noranda as the Technical Director for Noranda Chile where amongst other projects, he led the first industrial natural gas installation in northern Chile.

Mr. Mast is a graduate of McGill University, with a bachelor's and master's degree in metallurgical engineering. Mr. Mast also has Executive MBAs from Henley Management School (U.K.) and Universidad Catolica de Chile.

# Corporate Cease Trade Orders; Penalties or Sanctions; Bankruptcies

During the past ten (10) years, none of the proposed directors of the Company, was a director, officer or promoter of any other person or company that was, while that person was acting in that capacity: (a) the subject of a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the other issuer access to any exemptions under applicable securities law for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, or (b) 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.

None of the proposed directors has: (a) been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or (b) been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body, including a self-regulatory body, that would be likely to be considered important to a reasonable security holder making a decision about the Transaction.

During the past ten (10) years, none of the proposed directors, or a personal holding company of any such Persons has become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or been 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, officer or promoter.

#### Appointment of Auditor

DMCL was first appointed as auditor of the Company effective May 12, 2021, to hold such position until the close of the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company. DMCL was reappointed as auditor of the Company for the 2022 fiscal year, following the recommendation of the Audit Committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") and approval by the Board of Directors and Shareholders.

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to reappoint DMCL as the auditors of the Company to hold office until the next annual meeting of the shareholders or until such firm is removed from office or resigns as provided by law, and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor. To be approved, the resolution must be passed by the majority of the votes cast by the holders of Common Shares at the Meeting. Management recommends a vote <u>FOR</u> the resolution approving the appointment of the auditor and authorizing the directors to fix the auditor's remuneration.

#### Approval of the Equity Plan

At the Meeting, shareholders of the Company will be asked to approve the Equity Plan; a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Schedule "A"</u>.

The purpose of the Equity Plan is to: (i) increase the interest in the Company's welfare by its directors, officers, senior executives, other employees and consultants ("Eligible Participants" or "Participants"); and (ii) to retain and reward certain Eligible Participants, and attract and retain other persons to the Company. The Equity Plan is a "rolling" plan for the grant of stock options ("Options") which will provide for the issuance of such number of Options as is equal to up to 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company, from time to time, and such number of restricted share units ("RSUs") and deferred share units ("DSUs") (collectively, with Options and RSUs, the "Awards") as is equal to up to 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company from time to time.

Effective April 3, 2023, the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE" or the "Exchange") amended Policy 6 – *Distributions & Corporate Finance*, which sets out Exchange requirements respecting security-based compensation arrangements, including stock options used as incentives or compensation mechanisms for employees, directors, officers, consultants and other persons who provide services for listed issuers. The Equity Plan incorporates these changes.

National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus Exemptions* ("**NI 45-106**") provides exemptions from the requirement to prepare and file a prospectus in connection with a distribution of securities. As the Company is listed on the Exchange, the Company is classified as an "unlisted reporting issuer" for purposes of the exemption provided in Section 2.24 of NI 45-106 for distributions of securities to employees, executive officers, directors and consultants of the Company (the "**Exemption**"). NI 45-106 restricts the use of the Exemption by "unlisted reporting issuers", such as the Company, unless the Company obtains disinterested shareholder approval. Specifically, NI 45-106 provides that the Exemption does not apply to a distribution to an employee or consultant of the "unlisted reporting issuer" who is an investor relations person of the issuer, an associated consultant of the issuer, an executive officer of the issuer, a director of the issuer, or a permitted assign of those persons if, after the distribution,

- a) the number of securities, calculated on a fully diluted basis, reserved for issuance under options granted to related persons, exceeds 10% of the outstanding securities of the issuer, or
- b) a related person, exceeds 5% of the outstanding securities of the issuer, or
- c) the number of securities, calculated on a fully diluted basis, issued within 12 months to related persons, exceeds 10% of the outstanding securities of the issuer, or
- d) a related person and the associates of the related person, exceeds 5% of the outstanding securities of the issuer.

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

In accordance with the requirements of NI 45-106, the Board wishes to provide the following information with respect to the Equity Plan so that the disinterested shareholders may form a reasoned judgment concerning the Equity Plan.

#### Summary of the Equity Plan

The Equity Plan is administered by the Board, which will have the full and final authority with respect to the granting of all Awards thereunder.

The Company has adopted the Equity Plan effective on July 28, 2022. The Equity Plan includes a "rolling" plan for the grant of Options which provides for the issuance of such number of Options as is equal to up to 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares from time to time, and such number of RSUs and DSUs as is equal to up to 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares from time to time.

Options may be granted under the Equity Plan to such Eligible Participants of the Company and its affiliates, if any, as the Board may from time to time designate. The Board will determine, at the time of granting the particular Option, the period during which the Option is exercisable, commencing on the date such Option is granted to the Eligible Participant and ending as specified in the Equity Plan, or in the Option agreement, but in no event will an Option expire on a date which is later than ten (10) years from the date it is granted. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unexercised Options shall be cancelled at the expiry of such Options. The Board will designate the number of Shares to be optioned to each Participant, provided that the total number of Shares to be optioned shall not exceed

the limits permitted by the Equity Plan, or the Exchange or other regulatory body having jurisdiction. The vesting provisions of Options will be determined by the Board but will not vest before the first anniversary from the date granted, unless otherwise determined. The exercise price of Options will be determined by the Board, but such price will not be less than the greater of the market value of such Shares on (i) the trading day prior to the date of grant of the Options and (ii) the date of grant of the Options or as otherwise permitted by any stock exchange on which the Shares are then listed or other regulatory body having jurisdiction.

DSUs may be awarded to eligible directors by the Board and may form all or a portion of a director's annual retainer fee, to be received in the form of Shares or cash equivalents, or a combination of both. DSUs may be redeemed after the director's termination date for a period of up to two years or less, as determined, by providing a DSU Redemption Notice (as defined in the Equity Plan) to the Company. If a DSU Redemption Notice is not received by the Company on or before the 90th day following the termination date, the director shall be deemed to have delivered a DSU Redemption Notice and the Company shall redeem all of the eligible director's DSUs in exchange for Shares or cash equivalent.

RSUs may be awarded to a recipient by the Board, subject to meeting certain performance criteria to acquire Shares at a price determined by the Board in the form of Shares or cash equivalents, or a combination of both. The Board shall determine the vesting terms, but the vesting of RSUs shall not commence before the first anniversary from the date granted, unless otherwise determined. The applicable restriction period for an RSU shall be determined by the Board, except for Eligible Participants subject to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), the restricted period shall end no later than December 31 of the calendar year which is three years after the calendar year in which the RSU is granted. The number of vesting RSUs shall be determined by whether certain performance criteria or other conditions are met by the recipient.

Awards may terminate as follows: (i) immediately in the event of dismissal with cause; (ii) 30 days from date of termination other than for cause; (iii) after 90 days from the date of disability; or (iv) 90 days from the date of death. Awards granted under the Equity Plan are not transferable or assignable and may only be exercised by the participant to whom the Award was granted, or upon death or incapacity by a legal representative, or with the Company's prior written approval and subject to conditions set by the Company. If and to the extent that an Award expires, terminates or is cancelled or forfeited for any reason without having been exercised in full, the Common Shares associated with that Award will again become available for grant under the Equity Plan. However, the terms of an Award may not be amended once issued. If an Award is cancelled prior to its expiry date, the Company will not grant new Options, RSUs and/or DSUs to the same person until 30 days have elapsed from the date of cancellation.

The above description is qualified entirely by and subject to the terms and conditions of the Equity Plan attached as Schedule "A" hereto.

In accordance with the policies of the Exchange, a plan with a rolling 10% maximum must be confirmed by shareholders within three years after institution and within every three years thereafter. At the Meeting, shareholders of the Company will be asked to consider and, if deemed appropriate, to pass, with or without variation, a resolution approving the Equity Plan (the "Equity Plan Resolution").

The text of the Equity Plan Resolution is set out below:

"BE IT RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "Company"), that:

- 1. the omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**Equity Plan**") of the Company as described in and attached as <u>Schedule "A"</u> to the management information circular of the Company dated July 14, 2023, be and is hereby adopted and approved;
- any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to execute and deliver all such further agreements, documents and instruments and to perform all such other acts, deeds and things as such director or officer may deem to be necessary or advisable for the purpose of giving full force and effect to the provisions of this resolution, the execution and delivery by such director

or officer of any such agreement, document or instrument or the doing of any such act or thing being conclusive evidence of such determination; and

3. notwithstanding the foregoing approvals, the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to abandon all or any part of these resolutions at any time prior to giving effect thereto without further notice to or approval of the shareholders of the Company."

To implement the Equity Plan, the Equity Plan Resolution must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by shareholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting. Each of the persons listed under "Particulars of Matters to Be Acted Upon – Election of Directors" are considered interested parties and will be excluded from voting on the Equity Plan Resolution.

The Board unanimously recommends a vote  $\underline{FOR}$  the Equity Plan Resolution. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the person(s) designated by management of the Company in the enclosed Form of Proxy will be voted  $\underline{FOR}$  the Equity Plan Resolution.

#### **QUORUM**

A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of shareholders shall be two persons present in person, each being a shareholder entitled to vote thereat or a duly appointed proxyholder for a shareholder so entitled to vote at such meeting. If a quorum is present at the opening of any meeting of shareholders, the shareholders present or represented may proceed with the business of the meeting notwithstanding that a quorum is not present throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present at the time appointed for the meeting or within a reasonable time thereafter as the shareholders may determine, the shareholders present or represented may adjourn the meeting to a fixed time and place but may not transact any other business.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board and executive officers consider good corporate governance to be an important factor in the efficient and effective operation of the Company.

#### **Board of Directors**

As of the date of this Information Circular, the Board consists of three directors: Rob Saltsman, Peter Espig, and Ernest Mast.

National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines* suggests that the board of directors of a public company should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as "independent" directors. An "independent" director is a director who is independent of management and is free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the director's ability to act with a view to the best interests of the Company, other than interests and relationships arising from shareholding. Peter Espig, and Ernest Mast are considered by the Board to be "independent" within the meaning of National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, and Rob Saltsman is considered to be "non-independent." Rob Saltsman is not an independent director as he serves as President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Company.

#### Directorships

The following table provides a list of the Company's directors who are presently serving as a director of other reporting issuers:

Name	Name of Reporting Issuer	Position	Start Date
Peter Espig	Nicola Mining Inc. (TSXV) Element 29 Resources Inc. (TSXV) NAVCO Pharmaceuticals Inc. (formerly, BMGB Capital Corp.) (TSXV)	Director / CEO Director Director	May 2, 2011 July 28, 2020 April 18, 2023
Ernest Mast	Libero Copper & Gold Corporation (Formerly Libero Copper Corporation) (TSXV) Scottie Resources Corp. (TSXV) Dore Copper Mining Corp. (TSXV)	Director Director Director/President/ CEO	January 21, 2021 February 23, 2018 December 13, 2019

#### Orientation and Continuing Education

The Company provides new Board members with an orientation package which includes reports on operations and results, organizational structure, corporate policies and public disclosure filings by the Company. Management of the Company is available for discussion with all Board members. In addition, individual directors identify their continuing education needs through a variety of means, including discussions with management and at Board and Committee meetings.

#### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the OBCA and the common law, and the restrictions placed by the OBCA on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest, have helped to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

Under corporate legislation, a director is required to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company, and exercise the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. In addition, if a director of the Company also serves as a director or officer of another company engaged in similar business activities to the Company, that director must comply with the conflict-of-interest provisions of the OBCA, as well as the relevant securities regulatory instruments, in order to ensure that directors exercise independent judgment in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or officer has a material interest. Any interested director would be required to declare the nature and extent of his interest and would not be entitled to vote at meetings of directors that evoke such a conflict.

Ethical business conduct and behaviour is of great importance to the Board and management of the Company. The Board has discussed the adoption of a written code of conduct, but it has not yet adopted a written code. The Company does expect that each of the directors, officers and employees conduct themselves ethically and within the confines of professional behaviour, including the avoidance of conflicts of interest, protection and proper use of Company information, compliance with laws, rules and regulations and reporting of illegal or unethical behaviour.

Any director or officer of the Company shall disclose in writing, or request to have it entered into the minutes of Board's meeting or any of the committees of the directors, the nature and extent of any interest in a material contract or a material transaction, whether made or proposed, as soon as the director or officer becomes aware of such a contract or transaction. In such a case, the director shall abstain from voting on any resolution to approve such a contract or transaction.

#### Nomination of Directors

The Board does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole.

To encourage an objective nomination process, the Board considers 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's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of view and experience.

#### Compensation

The Board is responsible for determining compensation for the officers, employees and non-executive directors of the Company. The Board annually reviews all forms of compensation paid to officers, employees and non-executive directors, both with regards to the expertise and experience of each individual and in relation to industry peers. For more information, please see "Statement of Executive Compensation".

#### **Board Committees**

Currently, the Board has no committees other than the Audit Committee. For more details on the Audit Committee, see "Committees of the Board of Directors".

#### 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 committee(s). On an ongoing annual basis, the Board assesses the performance of the Board as a whole, each of the individual directors, and the committee(s) of the Board, in order to satisfy itself that each is functioning effectively.

#### **Corporate Policies**

The Company's directors, officers, employees, and consultants, adhere to the requirements of the OBCA, the articles of incorporation of the Company, and the policies of the Exchange.

#### MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board meets at least once each calendar quarter to review, among other things, the performance of the Company. Results are compared and measured against a previously established plan and performance of prior fiscal years. The Board reviews and assess the Company's financial budget and business plan for the ensuing year and its overall strategic objectives. This process establishes, among other things, benchmarks against which the Board measures the performance of management. Other meetings of the Board are called to deal with special matters, as circumstances require.

#### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board does not have any other committees than the Audit Committee.

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for the Company's financial reporting process and quality of its financial reporting. The Audit Committee is charged with the mandate of providing independent review and oversight of the Company's financial reporting process, the system of internal control and management of financial risks, and the audit process, including the selection, oversight and compensation of the Company's external auditors. In performing its duties, the Audit Committee maintains effective working relationships with the Board, management, and the external auditors and monitors the independence of those auditors. The full text of the charter of the Audit Committee is attached hereto as <u>Schedule "B"</u>.

#### Composition of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is comprised of the following individuals:

Name	Independent <sup>(1)</sup>	Financially Literate <sup>(2)</sup>
Rob Saltsman	No	Yes
Peter Espig (Chair)	Yes	Yes
Ernest Mast	Yes	Yes

#### Notes:

- (1) A member of the Audit Committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment.
- (2) An individual is financially literate if he has 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 audit committee member has had extensive experience reviewing financial statements. Additionally, each member understands the Company's business and appreciates the relevant accounting principles for that business.

Name of Member	Relevant Education and Experience
Rob Saltsman	Mr. Saltsman has 25 years of experience in venture capital and public investments and is the Founder of First Lithium Minerals Corp., a company he founded in 2017. He served as the CEO of Compel Capital Inc. from 2011 to 2018 and RMM Ventures Inc. from 2005 to 2006, and as Vice President of Georgian Capital Corp. where he focused on investing and consulting services in private equity. He is currently a President and Managing Partner of Paige Capital Inc., a venture capital investment company, and is a founding partner of South America Finance Corp SAS, a private merchant banking group in Colombia.
Peter Espig (Chair)	Mr. Espig has been the President and CEO of Nicola Mining Inc. since 2013. The former Goldman Sachs banker and Olympus Capital Partners executive founded TriAsia Capital, a private equity and consulting firm focused on raising capital for mid-sized companies and pre-initial public offering investment in 2006. Mr. Espig is a founding director of Promontory Therapeutics, a private biopharmaceutical company, and has been a board member since November 2010. He is an independent director of Element 29 (TSX.V: ECU) and is an independent director of NAVCO Pharmaceuticals Inc. (formerly, BMGB Capital Corp.) (TSXV). Mr. Espig is a pioneer of SPACs, having completed two mega transactions with a combined value of greater than US\$1.0 BN and served as a board member of Star Bulk Carriers (NASDAQ: SBLK) from 2006 to 2013. Mr. Espig received his MBA from Columbia Business School, where he was a Chazen International Scholar.
Ernest Mast	Ernest (Ernie) Mast is currently the President and CEO of Doré Copper Mining Corp. Mr. Mast led the company's successful RTO process of its copper and gold assets in Québec, Canada. He is also a Director of Scottie Resources Corp. and Libero Copper and Gold Corporation. He has been the President and CEO of Primero Mining Corp. and Minera Panama S.A., Inmet Mining's subsidiary that advanced the giant Cobre Panama project though critical early-stage milestones. He has 30 years' experience in the copper, precious metals, nickel, and lithium industries. Mr. Mast is a graduate of McGill University, with Bachelors and Masters degrees in Metallurgical Engineering and has Executive MBAs from Henley Management School (U.K.) and Universidad Catolica de Chile.

### Audit Committee Oversight

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, there has not been a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor which was not adopted by the Board.

# Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

If the Company wishes to retain the services of the Company's external auditors for any non-audit services, prior approval of the Audit Committee must be obtained.

#### Audit Fees

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

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

	Year ended December 31, 2022 (\$)	Year ended December 31, 2021 (\$)
Audit Fees	\$55,671	\$40,994
Audit Related Fees	\$12,500	Nil.
Tax Fees	Nil.	Nil.
All other Fees	Nil.	Nil.

#### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### General

For the purpose of this Statement of Executive Compensation:

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

#### "NEO" or "Named Executive Officer" means:

- a) each individual who served as CEO of the Company, or who performed functions similar to a CEO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year,
- b) each individual who served as CFO of the Company, or who performed functions similar to a CFO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year,
- c) the most highly compensated executive officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (if any) other than 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, for that financial year, and
- d) each 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 its subsidiaries (if any), nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

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

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

The Company's NEOs for each of the Company's two most recently completed financial years were: Rob Saltsman, President, Chief Executive Officer, and Secretary, Claude Ayache, Chief Financial Officer, and Adrian Smith, Vice President of Exploration.

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

This section sets out the objectives of the Company's executive compensation arrangements, the Company's executive compensation philosophy and the application of this philosophy to the Company's executive compensation arrangements. It also provides an analysis of the compensation design, and the decisions that the Board made in fiscal year 2022 with respect to the NEOs. The Company considers the following objectives when determining compensation arrangements for the NEOs: (i) retaining an executive critical to the success of the Company and the enhancement of shareholder value; (ii) providing fair and competitive compensation; (iii) balancing the interests of management and shareholders; and (iv) rewarding performance, both on an individual basis and with respect to the business in general.

#### **Benchmarking**

A variety of factors are considered when designing and establishing, reviewing and making recommendations for executive compensation arrangements for all executive officers of the Company. The Board typically does not position executive pay to reflect a single percentile within the industry for each executive. Rather, in determining the compensation level for each executive, a variety of factors are considered, such as the relative complexity of the executive's role within the organization, the executive's performance and potential for future advancement, the compensation paid by the other companies in comparative industries and pay equity considerations.

#### Elements of Named Executive Officer Compensation

The compensation paid to the Company's NEOs generally consists of two primary components: a base salary, and long-term incentives in the form of Awards granted under the Equity Plan. The key features of these two primary components of compensation are discussed below:

#### 1. <u>Base Salary</u>

Base salary recognizes the value of an individual to the Company based on their role, skill, performance, contributions, leadership and potential. It is critical in attracting and retaining executive talent in the markets in which the Company competes for talent. Base salaries for the NEOs are reviewed annually. Any change in base salary of a NEO is generally determined by an assessment of such executive's performance, a consideration of competitive compensation levels in companies similar to the Company and a review of the performance of the Company as a whole and the role such executive officer played in such corporate performance.

#### 2. Long-Term Incentives

The Company provides long-term incentives to its NEOs in the form of Awards granted pursuant to the Equity Plan as part of its overall executive compensation strategy. The Company believes that granting Awards serves the Company's executive compensation philosophy in several ways, including: by helping to attract, retain, and motivate talent; aligning the interests of the NEOs with those of shareholders by linking a specific portion of the NEO's total pay opportunity to the share price; and by providing long-term accountability for its NEOs. Please see "Summary of the Equity Plan" for a more detailed description of the Equity Plan.

#### Risks Associated with Compensation Policies and Practices

The Company's executive compensation policies and practices are intended to align management incentives with the long-term interests of the Company and its Shareholders. In each case, the Company seeks an appropriate balance of risk and reward. Practices that are designed to avoid inappropriate or excessive risks include: (i) financial controls that provide limits and authorities in areas such as capital and operating expenditures to mitigate risk taking that could affect compensation, (ii) balancing base salary and variable compensation elements, and (iii) spreading compensation across short and long-term programs.

#### **Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation**

The following table sets forth compensation for each NEO and director of the Company for the two most recently completed financial years, excluding compensation securities.

Table of compensation excluding compensation securities							
Name and position	Years ended December 31	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Rob Saltsman (2)	2022 2021	100,000 Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	100,000 Nil
President, CEO and Secretary							
Claude Ayache (3)	2022	73,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	73,000
CFO	2021	36,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	36,000
Adrian Smith (4)	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Vice President of Exploration	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Peter Espig (5)	2022	7,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7,500
Director	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ernest Mast (6)	2022	5,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5,000
Director	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### Notes:

- "Perquisites" include perquisites provided to a 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) Rob Saltsman has been the President, CEO and Secretary of the Company since July 28, 2022 and his remuneration have been paid to Exadyn Consultants Inc., a company wholly owned by him.
- (3) Claude Ayache has been the CFO of the Company since July 28, 2022 and his remuneration have been paid to Exadyn Consultants Inc., a company wholly owned by him.
- (4) Adrian Smith has been the VP of Exploration of the Company since July 28, 2022.
- (5) Peter Espig has been a Director of the Company since July 28, 2022.
- (6) Ernest Mast been a Director of the Company since July 28, 2022.

#### **Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities**

The following table discloses all compensation securities granted or issued to each NEO and director of the Company in the most recently completed year, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company.

	Compensation Securities						
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and percentage of class	Date of issue or grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security on date of grant (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end (\$)	Expiry date
Rob Saltsman President, CEO	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
and Secretary							
Claude Ayache	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CFO							
Adrian Smith	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vice President of Exploration							
Peter Espig	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Director							
Ernest Mast	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Director							

The following table discloses each exercise by a director or NEO of compensation securities during the most recently completed financial year, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021. The only incentive award plan of the Company during such fiscal year was the Equity Plan (as defined in "Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans" below).

Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs							
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of underlying securities exercised	Exercise price per security (\$)	Date of exercise	Closing price per security on date of exercise (\$)	Difference between exercise price and closing price on date of exercise (\$)	Total value on exercise date (\$)
Rob Saltsman  President, CEO and Secretary	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Claude Ayache CFO	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adrian Smith  Vice President of Exploration	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Peter Espig Director	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ernest Mast Director	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

The Company has established the Equity Plan under which the Company's directors and officers are eligible to receive Awards, if granted by the Board. As at the Record Date, no Awards have been granted under the Equity Plan.

Awards may be granted under the Equity Plan to Eligible Participants. The granting of Awards pursuant to the Equity Plan is intended to: (i) increase the interest in the Company's welfare by its Eligible Participants; and (ii) to retain and reward certain Eligible Participants and attract and retain other persons to the Company. Participation in the Equity Plan rewards overall corporate performance, as measured with reference to the price of the Company's Shares, which are currently traded on the Exchange.

Upon request, the Company will promptly provide a copy of the Equity Plan free of charge to a shareholder of the Company. Shareholder's may contact the Company at its head office at 3000 - 77 King Street West, Toronto, ON M5K 1G8, to request a copy.

For more information regarding the Equity Plan please see "Summary of the Equity Plan" as well as Schedule "A" herein.

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

As of the date hereof, other than as stated below there are no written contracts or agreements that provide for payment to a director or NEO at, following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation, retirement, a change in control of the Company or a change in a director or NEO's responsibilities.

The Company has a verbal agreement with Rob Saltsman (the "Saltsman Agreement") pursuant to which Mr. Saltsman provides his management services to the Company as President, CEO and Secretary in exchange for \$20,000 per month, as well as the opportunity to participate in the Equity Plan. The Saltsman Agreement may be terminated by Mr. Saltsman or the Company on reasonable notice.

The Company has a verbal agreement with Claude Ayache (the "Ayache Agreement") pursuant to which Mr. Ayache provides his services to the Company as CFO in exchange for \$8,000 per month, as well as the opportunity to participate in the Equity Plan. The Ayache Agreement may be terminated by Mr. Ayache or the Company on reasonable notice.

#### Pension Plans Benefits

The Company does not currently have any pension plans.

#### Director's Compensation

Other than as stated below, 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 Awards in accordance with the Equity Plan and the policies of the Exchange.

The Company has verbal agreements with each of Mr. Espig and Mr. Mast pursuant to which they are permitted to participate in the Equity Plan and compensated \$1,500 per month and \$1,000 per month, respectively, in exchange for providing services related to their roles as directors of the Company.

#### 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 December 31, 2022, with respect to the compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding Options, warrants and rights <sup>(1)</sup>	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))
	(a)	<b>(b)</b>	(c)
Equity Plan approved by	Nil (Options)	Nil (Options)	Nil (Options)
securityholders	Nil (RSUs)	Nil (RSUs)	Nil (RSUs)
	Nil (DSUs)	Nil (DSUs)	Nil (DSUs)
Equity compensation plans not	Nil	Nil	Nil
approved by security holders			
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### **Notes:**

(1) The Equity Plan provides that the aggregate number of securities reserved for issuance under the Equity Plan may not exceed 20% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company at the time of granting of Awards. As at the Record Date, there were Nil Common Shares issued and outstanding, Nil Awards granted, with the result that Nil Awards are available to the Company to be granted.

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No current or former director, executive officer, or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is, as at the date of this Information Circular, indebted to the Company in connection with the purchase of Shares of the Company or for any other reason, and no such person's indebtedness to any other entity is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

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

The Company is not aware of any of the directors or executive officers of the Company, any proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any of these persons having any material interest, direct or indirect, in the matters to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors or appointment of auditors, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

To the best of the Company's knowledge, since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, no informed person of the Company, proposed nominee for director, or any associate or affiliate of an informed person or proposed nominee, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries. For the purposes of this Information Circular, an "informed person" of the Company means: (a) a director or executive officer of the Company; (b) a director or executive officer of a person or Company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of the Company; (c) any person or Company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of the Company or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights other than voting securities held by the person or Company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and (d) the Company itself, if and for so long as it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its Shares.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Except as otherwise disclosed in this Information Circular, management functions of the Company are generally performed by directors and senior officers of the Company and not, to any substantial degree, by any other person to whom the Company has contracted.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this Circular, the Board and management of the Company are not aware of any matters to come before the Meeting other than those matters specifically identified in the accompanying Notice of Meeting. However,

if such other matters properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof, the persons designated in the accompanying form of proxy will vote thereon in accordance with their judgment, pursuant to the discretionary authority conferred by the form of proxy with respect to such matters.

#### REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT

Computershare Investor Services Inc., at 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1 is the registrar and transfer agent for the Shares.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Company will provide to any person or company, upon request, one copy of any of the following documents:

- a) the annual financial statements of the Company for the most recently completed fiscal year, together with the report of the auditor thereon, together with the management's discussion and analysis in respect thereof, and any interim financial statements of the Company subsequent to the financial statements for the Company's most recently completed fiscal year, together with the management's discussion and analysis in respect thereof; and
- b) the management information circular of the Company in respect of the most recent annual meeting of shareholders of the Company which involved the election of directors.

Copies of the above documents will be provided, upon request to Rob Saltsman: <a href="rob@firstlithium.ca">rob@firstlithium.ca</a>, free of charge to shareholders of the Company. The Company may require the payment of a reasonable charge from any person or company who is not a shareholder of the Company and who requests a copy of any such document. Financial information relating to the Company is provided in the Company's financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its most recently completed fiscal year. Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### MULTIPLE SHAREHOLDERS SHARING THE SAME ADDRESS

Recent changes in the regulations regarding the delivery of copies of proxy materials to shareholders permit the Company and brokerage firms to send copy of the meeting materials to multiple shareholders who share the same address, under certain circumstances. Shareholders who hold their Shares through a broker may have consented to reducing the number of copies of materials delivered to their address. If a shareholder wishes to revoke such a consent previously provided to a broker, the shareholder must contact the broker to revoke the consent. In any event, if a shareholder wishes to receive a separate Information Circular and accompanying materials for the Meeting, the shareholder may receive copies by contacting the Company via email at <a href="mailto:rob@firstlithium.ca">rob@firstlithium.ca</a>. Shareholders receiving multiple copies of these documents at the same address can request delivery of a single copy of these documents by contacting the Company in the same manner. Persons holding Shares through a broker can request a single copy by contacting the broker.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the contents and sending of this Information Circular to the shareholders of the Company have been approved by the Board.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario as of the 14th day of July 2023.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ "Rob Saltsman"

Name: Rob Saltsman

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and

Director

# SCHEDULE "A" OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

See Attached.

# FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP. OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

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# FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP.

# OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "**Corporation**") hereby adopts an Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**") for certain qualified directors, officers, employees, Consultants (as defined herein) and service providers providing ongoing services to the Corporation and its Affiliates (as defined herein) that can have a significant impact on the Corporation's long-term results.

# ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

#### 1.1 Definitions.

Where used herein or in any amendments hereto or in any communication required or permitted to be given hereunder, the following terms shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the context otherwise requires:

- "Affiliates" has the meaning given to this term in the Securities Act (Ontario), as such legislation may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
- "Associate", where used to indicate a relationship with a Participant, means (i) any partner of that Participant and (ii) the spouse of that Participant and that Participant's children, as well as that Participant's relatives and that Participant's spouse's relatives, if they share that Participant's residence;
- "Awards" means Options, RSUs, DSUs granted to a Participant pursuant to the terms of the Plan;
- "Black-Out Period" means a period of time when pursuant to any policies of the Corporation, any securities of the Corporation may not be traded by certain persons designated by the Corporation;
- "**Board**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.2(a) hereof;
- "Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday, when banks are generally open for business in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for the transaction of banking business;
- "Cash Equivalent" means the amount of money equal to the Market Value multiplied by the number of vested RSUs in the Participant's Account, net of any applicable taxes in accordance with Section 8.2, on the RSU Settlement Date;
- "Change in Control" means the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any Person or group of Persons acting jointly or in concert, within the meaning of National Instrument 62-104 Takeover Bids and Issuer Bids (or any successor instrument thereto), of a beneficial interest in voting or equity securities of the Corporation, together with all voting or equity securities of the Corporation at the

time held beneficially, directly or indirectly by such person or persons acting jointly or in concert, equal to more than 50% of the votes associated with the outstanding voting securities of the Corporation; (ii) a merger, consolidation, plan of arrangement or reorganization of the Corporation that results in the beneficial, direct or indirect transfer of more than 50% of the total voting power of the resulting entity's outstanding securities to a person, or group of persons acting jointly and in concert, who are different from the person(s) that have, beneficially, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the total voting power prior to such transaction; (iii) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or series of related transactions) of all or substantially all of the Corporation's property and assets, or (iv) the Corporation's shareholders approving any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation;

"Code of Conduct" means any code of conduct adopted by the Corporation, as modified from time to time:

"Committee" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.2(a) hereof;

"Consultant" means a person that is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Corporation or to an affiliate of the Corporation; provided that such services are not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raisi

ng transaction, and do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Corporation's securities;

"Corporation" means First Lithium Minerals Corp., a corporation existing under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario), as amended from time to time;

"CSE" means the Canadian Securities Exchange;

"Date of Grant" means, for any Award, the date specified by the Board at the time it grants the Award or if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Award was granted.

"**DSU**" means a deferred share unit, which is a bookkeeping entry equivalent in value to a Share credited to a Participant's Account in accordance with Article 4 hereof;

"**DSU Agreement**" means a written letter agreement between the Corporation and a Participant evidencing the grant of DSUs and the terms and conditions thereof, substantially in the form of Appendix "B";

"DSU Redemption Notice" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 4.3(a) hereof;

"Eligible Director" means members of the Board who, at the time of execution of a Grant Agreement, and at all times thereafter while they continue to serve as a member of the Board, are not officers, senior executives or other employees of the Corporation or a Subsidiary, Consultants or service providers providing ongoing services to the Corporation and its Affiliates;

"Eligible Participants" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.3(a) hereof;

"Employment Agreement" means, with respect to any Participant, any written employment agreement between the Corporation or an Affiliate and such Participant;

"Exercise Notice" means a notice in writing signed by a Participant and stating the Participant's intention to exercise a particular Award, if applicable;

"Grant Agreement" means an agreement evidencing the grant to a Participant of an Award, including an Option Agreement, a DSU Agreement, a RSU Agreement or an Employment Agreement;

"**Insider**" has the meaning given to the term in the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as same may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;

"Market Value" means at any date when the market value of Shares of the Corporation is to be determined, the higher of i) the closing price of the Shares on the Trading Day prior to the date of grant on the principal stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, and ii) the closing price of the Shares on the date of grant if the date of the grant is a Trading Day on the principal stock exchange on which the Shares are listed; however, if the Shares of the Corporation are not listed on any stock exchange, the value as is determined solely by the Board, acting reasonably and in good faith;

"**Option**" means an option granted by the Corporation to a Participant entitling such Participant to acquire a designated number of Shares from treasury at the Option Price, but subject to the provisions hereof;

"**Option Agreement**" means a written letter agreement between the Corporation and a Participant evidencing the grant of Options and the terms and conditions thereof, substantially in the form set out in Appendix "A";

"**Option Price**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.3 hereof;

"**Option Term**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.4 hereof;

"Participants" means Eligible Participants that are granted Awards under the Plan;

"Participant's Account" means an account maintained for each Participant's participation in DSUs and/or RSUs under the Plan:

"Performance Criteria" means criteria established by the Board which, without limitation, may include criteria based on the Participant's personal performance and/or the financial performance of the Corporation and/or of its Affiliates, and that may be used to determine the vesting of the Awards, when applicable;

"**Performance Period**" means the period determined by the Board pursuant to Section 5.3 hereof;

"**Person**" means an individual, corporation, company, cooperative, partnership, trust, unincorporated association, entity with juridical personality or governmental authority or body, and pronouns which refer to a Person shall have a similarly extended meaning;

"Plan" means this Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated from time to time;

"**Restriction Period**" means the period determined by the Board pursuant to Section 5.3 hereof;

"**RSU**" means a right awarded to a Participant to receive a payment in the form of Shares as provided in Article 5 hereof and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan;

"RSU Agreement" means a written letter agreement between the Corporation and a Participant evidencing the grant of RSUs and the terms and conditions thereof, substantially in the form of Appendix "C";

"RSU Settlement Date" has the meaning determined in Section 5.6(a)(i);

"RSU Settlement Notice" means a notice by a Participant to the Corporation electing the desired form of settlement of vested RSUs.

"RSU Vesting Determination Date" has the meaning described thereto in Section 5.5 hereof;

"Share Compensation Arrangement" means a stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan, long-term incentive plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to one or more full-time employees, directors, officers, insiders, service providers or Consultants of the Corporation or a Subsidiary including a share purchase from treasury by a full-time employee, director, officer, insider, service provider or Consultant which is financially assisted by the Corporation or a Subsidiary by way of a loan, guarantee or otherwise;

"Shares" means the common shares in the capital of the Corporation;

"Subsidiary" means a corporation, company, partnership or other body corporate that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Corporation;

"**Tax Act**" means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and its regulations thereunder, as amended from time to time.

"**Termination Date**" means the date on which a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Participant;

"Trading Day" means any day on which the CSE is opened for trading; and

"Vested Awards" has the meaning described thereto in Section 6.2(b) hereof.

# ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN; GRANTING OF AWARDS

# 2.1 Purpose of the Plan.

- (a) The purpose of the Plan is to permit the Corporation to grant Awards to Eligible Participants, subject to certain conditions as hereinafter set forth, for the following purposes:
  - (i) to increase the interest in the Corporation's welfare of those Eligible Participants, who share responsibility for the management, growth and protection of the business of the Corporation or a Subsidiary;
  - (ii) to provide an incentive to such Eligible Participants to continue their services for the Corporation or a Subsidiary and to encourage such Eligible Participants whose skills, performance and loyalty to the objectives and interests of the Corporation or a Subsidiary are necessary or essential to its success, image, reputation or activities;
  - (iii) to reward the Participants for their performance of services while working for the Corporation or a Subsidiary; and
  - (iv) to provide a means through which the Corporation or a Subsidiary may attract and retain able Persons to enter its employment.

# 2.2 Implementation and Administration of the Plan.

- (a) The Plan shall be administered and interpreted by the Board or, if the Board by resolution so decides, by a committee appointed by the Board (the "Committee") and consisting of not less than three (3) members of the Board. If a Committee is appointed for this purpose, all references to the term "Board" will be deemed to be references to the Committee.
- (b) The Board may, from time to time, as it may deem expedient, adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions and purposes of the Plan, subject to any applicable rules of the CSE. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Board is authorized, in its sole discretion, to make such determinations under, and such interpretations of, and take such steps and actions in connection with, the proper administration of the Plan as it may deem necessary or advisable. The interpretation, construction and application of the Plan and any provisions hereof made by the Board shall be final and binding on all Eligible Participants.
- (c) No member of the Board or of the Committee shall be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith in the administration, interpretation, construction or application of the Plan or any Award granted hereunder.
- (d) Any determination approved by a majority of the Board shall be deemed to be a determination of that matter by the Board.

# 2.3 Eligible Participants.

- The Persons who shall be eligible to receive Awards ("Eligible Participants") shall (a) be bona fide directors, officers, senior executives and other employees of the Corporation or a Subsidiary, Consultants and service providers providing ongoing services to the Corporation and its Affiliates, who the Board may determine from time to time, in its sole discretion, to hold key positions in the Corporation or a Subsidiary. In determining Awards to be granted under the Plan, the Board shall give due consideration to the value of each Eligible Participant's present and potential future contribution to the Corporation's success. For greater certainty, a Person whose employment with the Corporation or a Subsidiary has ceased for any reason, or who has given notice or been given notice of such cessation, whether such cessation was initiated by such employee, the Corporation or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, shall cease to be eligible to receive Awards hereunder as of the date on which such Person provides notice to the Corporation or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, in writing or verbally, of such cessation, or on the Termination Date for any cessation of a Participant's employment initiated by the Corporation.
- (b) Participation in the Plan shall be entirely voluntary and any decision not to participate shall not affect an Eligible Participant's relationship or employment with the Corporation.
- (c) Notwithstanding any express or implied term of this Plan to the contrary, the granting of an Award pursuant to the Plan shall in no way be construed as a guarantee of employment by the Corporation to the Participant.

#### 2.4 Shares Subject to the Plan.

- (a) Subject to adjustment pursuant to provisions of Article 7 hereof, the total number of Shares reserved and available for grant and issuance pursuant to Options shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the issued and outstanding Shares.
- (b) Subject to adjustment pursuant to provisions of Article 7 hereof, the total number of Shares reserved and available for grant and issuance pursuant to the settlement of DSUs and RSUs in the aggregate shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the issued and outstanding Shares.
- (c) The aggregate number of Shares issuable to Insiders at any time, under all of the Corporation's Share Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Shares.
- (d) The aggregate number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding Shares, calculated on the date an Award is granted to the Participant, unless the Corporation obtains disinterested shareholder approval. The aggregate number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Consultant within any 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the outstanding Shares, calculated on the date an Award is granted to the Consultant. The aggregate number of Shares for which Options may

- be issued to any Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities (as defined by the CSE) within any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the outstanding Shares, calculated on the date an Option is granted to such Persons.
- (e) Subject to adjustment pursuant to provisions of Article 7 hereof, the aggregate number of Shares (i) issued to Insiders under the Plan or any other proposed or established Share Compensation Arrangement within any 12-month period and (ii) issuable to Insiders at any time under the Plan or any other proposed or established Share Compensation Arrangement, shall in each case not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total issued and outstanding Shares of the Corporation (on a non-diluted basis) from time to time.

# 2.5 Granting of Awards.

- (a) Any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time counsel to the Corporation shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares subject to such Award, if applicable, upon any securities exchange or under any law or regulation of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of any securities exchange or any governmental or regulatory body, is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant or exercise of such Award or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, if applicable, such Award may not be accepted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Board. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Corporation to apply for or to obtain such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval.
- (b) Any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, the Corporation has the right to place any restriction or legend on any securities issued pursuant to this Plan including, but in no way limited to placing a legend to the effect that the securities have not been registered under the *United States Securities Act of 1933* and may not be offered or sold in the United States unless registration or an exemption from registration is available.

# ARTICLE 3 OPTIONS

# 3.1 Nature of Options.

An Option is an option granted by the Corporation to a Participant entitling such Participant to acquire, for each Option issued, one Share from treasury at the Option Price, but subject to the provisions hereof.

# 3.2 Option Awards.

Subject to the provisions set forth in this Plan and any shareholder or regulatory approval which may be required, the Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive Options under the Plan, (ii) fix the number of

Options, if any, to be granted to each Eligible Participant and the date or dates on which such Options shall be granted, (iii) determine the price per Share to be payable upon the exercise of each such Option (the "**Option Price**") and the relevant vesting provisions (including Performance Criteria, if applicable) and Option Term, the whole subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this Plan, in any Option Agreement and any applicable rules of the CSE. Unless otherwise set forth in the Option Agreement or outlined under Article 6.2, the vesting of Options will not commence before the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary from the Date of Grant.

# 3.3 Option Price.

The Option Price for Shares that are the subject of any Option shall be fixed by the Board when such Option is granted, but shall not be less than the Market Value of such Shares at the time of the grant.

# 3.4 Option Term.

- (a) The Board shall determine, at the time of granting the particular Option, the period during which the Option is exercisable, commencing on the date such Option is granted to the Participant and ending as specified in this Plan, or in the Option Agreement, but in no event shall an Option expire on a date which is later than ten (10) years from the date the Option is granted ("**Option Term**"). Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unexercised Options shall be cancelled at the expiry of such Options.
- (b) Should the expiration date for an Option fall within a Black-Out Period or within ten (10) Business Days following the expiration of a Black-Out Period, such expiration date shall be automatically extended without any further act or formality to that date which is the tenth Business Day after the end of the Black-Out Period, such tenth Business Day to be considered the expiration date for such Option for all purposes under the Plan. Notwithstanding Section 7.2 hereof, the ten (10) Business Day-period referred to in this Section 3.4 may not be extended by the Board.

# 3.5 Exercise of Options.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this Plan, a Participant shall be entitled to exercise an Option granted to such Participant at any time prior to the expiry of the Option Term, subject to vesting limitations which may be imposed by the Board at the time such Option is granted.
- (b) Prior to its expiration or earlier termination in accordance with the Plan, each Option shall be exercisable as to all or such part or parts of the optioned Shares and at such time or times and/or pursuant to the achievement of such Performance Criteria and/or other vesting conditions as the Board at the time of granting the particular Option, may determine in its sole discretion. For greater certainty, no Option shall be exercised by a Participant during a Black-Out Period.

#### 3.6 Method of Exercise and Payment of Purchase Price.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the alternative exercise procedures set out herein, an Option granted under the Plan may be exercisable (from time to time as provided in Section 3.5 hereof) by the Participant (or by the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) by delivering a fully completed Exercise Notice to the Corporation at its registered office to the attention of the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation (or the individual that the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation may from time to time designate), together with a bank draft, certified cheque or other form of payment acceptable to the Corporation in an amount equal to the aggregate Option Price of the Shares to be purchased pursuant to the exercise of the Options.
- (b) Where Shares are to be issued to the Participant pursuant to the terms of this Section 3.6, as soon as practicable following the receipt of the Exercise Notice and, if Options are exercised only in accordance with the terms of Section 3.6(a), the required bank draft, certified cheque or other acceptable form of payment, the Corporation shall duly issue such Shares to the Participant as fully paid and non-assessable.
- (c) Upon the exercise of an Option pursuant to Section 3.6(a), the Corporation shall, as soon as practicable after such exercise but no later than ten (10) Business Days following such exercise, forthwith cause the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares to either:
  - (i) deliver to the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) a certificate in the name of the Participant representing in the aggregate such number of Shares as the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall have then paid for and as are specified in such Exercise Notice; or
  - (ii) in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, cause the issuance of the aggregate number of Shares the Participant (or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall have then paid for and as are specified in such Exercise Notice to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Corporation to be maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares.

#### 3.7 Option Agreements.

Options shall be evidenced by an Option Agreement or included in an Employment Agreement, in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine, provided that the substance of Article 3 and Article 6 hereof be included therein. The Option Agreement shall contain such terms that may be considered necessary in order that the Option will comply with any provisions respecting options in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or

jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be a resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the corporation.

# ARTICLE 4 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

#### 4.1 Nature of DSUs.

A DSU is an Award to an Eligible Director, subject to restrictions and conditions as the Board may determine at the time of grant. Conditions may be based on continuing service to the Corporation and/or achievement of pre-established vesting conditions.

#### 4.2 DSU Awards.

- (a) Each Eligible Director may receive all or a portion of his or her annual retainer fee in the form of a grant of DSUs in each fiscal year. The number of DSUs shall be calculated as the applicable portion of the Eligible Director's annual retainer fee divided by the Market Value. At the discretion of the Board, fractional DSUs will not be issued and any fractional entitlements will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.
- (b) The DSUs are structured so as to be considered to be a plan described in section 7 of the Tax Act or any successor to such provision.
- (c) Subject to the vesting and other conditions and provisions set forth herein and in the DSU Agreement, the Board shall determine whether each DSU awarded to a Participant shall entitle the Participant: (i) to receive one Share issued from treasury; (ii) to receive the Cash Equivalent of one Share; or (iii) to elect to receive either One Share from treasury, the Cash Equivalent of One Share or a combination of cash and Shares.

### 4.3 Redemption of DSUs.

- (a) Each Eligible Director shall be entitled to redeem his or her DSUs during the period commencing on the Business Day immediately following the Termination Date and ending on the date that is two years following the Termination Date, or a shorter such redemption period set out in the relevant DSU Agreement, by providing a written notice of settlement to the Corporation setting out the number of DSUs to be settled and the particulars regarding the registration of the Shares issuable upon settlement (the "DSU Redemption Notice"). In the event of the death of an Eligible Director, the Notice of Redemption shall be filed by the administrator or liquidator of the estate of the Eligible Director.
- (b) If a DSU Redemption Notice is not received by the Corporation on or before the 90<sup>th</sup> day following the Termination Date, the Eligible Director shall be deemed to have delivered a DSU Redemption Notice and the Corporation shall redeem all of

the Eligible Director's DSUs in exchange for Shares to be delivered to the Eligible Director, administrator or liquidator of the estate of the Eligible Director or the cash equivalent of the shares, as applicable.

- (c) For the purposes of determining the number of Shares from treasury to be issued or cash equivalent value to be delivered to an Eligible Director upon redemption of DSUs pursuant to Section 4.3, such calculation will be made on the date the Corporation receives, or is deemed to receive, the DSU Redemption Notice and be the whole number of Shares equal to the whole number of DSUs then recorded in the Eligible Director's Account which the Eligible Director requests or is deemed to request to redeem pursuant to the DSU Redemption Notice. Shares issued from treasury or the cash equivalent provided will be issued in consideration for the past services of the Eligible Director to the Corporation and the entitlement of the Eligible Director under this Plan shall be satisfied in full by such issuance of Shares.
- (d) Subject to Section 4.3(e), settlement of DSUs shall take place promptly following the Corporation's receipt or deemed receipt of the DSU Redemption Notice through delivery of a share certificate to the Eligible Director, the entry of the Eligible Director's name on the share register for the Shares or the cash equivalent of the shares.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, in the event that (i) a DSU Redemption Notice is received during a Black-Out Period or other trading restriction imposed by the Corporation; or (ii) the Eligible Director has not delivered a DSU Redemption Notice and the 90<sup>th</sup> day following the Termination Date falls during a Black-Out Period or other trading restriction imposed by the Corporation, then settlement of the applicable DSUs shall be automatically extended to the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Business Day following the date that such Black-Out Period or other trading restriction is lifted, terminated or removed.

#### 4.4 DSU Agreements.

DSUs shall be evidenced by a DSU Agreement or included in an Employment Agreement, in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine, provided that the substance of Article 4 and Article 6 hereof be included therein. The DSU Agreement shall contain such terms that may be considered necessary in order that the DSU will comply with any provisions respecting deferred share units in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be a resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the corporation.

# ARTICLE 5 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

#### 5.1 Nature of RSUs.

A RSU is an Award entitling the recipient to acquire Shares, at such purchase price as determined by the Board, subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Board may determine at the time

of grant. Conditions may be based on continuing employment (or other service relationship) and/or achievement of pre-established performance goals and objectives.

#### 5.2 RSU Awards.

- (a) Subject to the provisions herein set forth and any shareholder or regulatory approval which may be required, the Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive RSUs under the Plan, (ii) fix the number of RSUs, if any, to be granted to each Eligible Participant and the date or dates on which such RSUs shall be granted, and (iii) determine the relevant conditions and vesting provisions (including the applicable Performance Period and Performance Criteria, if any) and Restriction Period of such RSUs, the whole subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this Plan and in any RSU Agreement.
- (b) The Board shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A, with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer.
- (c) Unless otherwise set forth in the RSU Agreement or outlined under Article 6.2, the vesting of RSUs will not commence before the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary from the Date of Grant.
- (d) The RSUs are structured so as to be considered to be a plan described in section 7 of the Tax Act or any successor to such provision.
- (e) Subject to the vesting and other conditions and provisions set forth herein and in the RSU Agreement, the Board shall determine whether each RSU awarded to a Participant shall entitle the Participant: (i) to receive one Share issued from treasury; (ii) to receive the Cash Equivalent of one Share; or (iii) to elect to receive either One Share from treasury, the Cash Equivalent of One Share or a combination of cash and Shares.
- (f) RSUs shall be settled by the Participant at any time beginning on the first Business Day following their RSU Vesting Determination Date but no later than the RSU Settlement Date.

#### 5.3 Restriction Period.

The applicable restriction period in respect of a particular RSU award shall be determined by the Board. For Eligible Participants subject to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), the Restriction Period of a particular RSU in all cases shall end no later than December 31 of the calendar year which is three (3) years after the calendar year in which the Award is granted ("**Restriction Period**"). For example, the Restriction Period for a grant made in June 2021 shall end no later than December 31, 2024. Subject to the Board's determination, any vested RSUs with respect to a Restriction Period will be paid to Participants in accordance with Article 5, no later than the end of the Restriction Period. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested RSUs shall be

cancelled on the RSU Vesting Determination Date (as such term is defined in Section 5.5) and, in any event, no later than the last day of the Restriction Period.

#### 5.4 Performance Criteria and Performance Period.

- (a) For each award of RSUs, the Board shall establish the period in which any Performance Criteria and other vesting conditions must be met in order for a Participant to be entitled to receive Shares in exchange for all or a portion of the RSUs held by such Participant (the "**Performance Period**"), provided that such Performance Period may not expire after the end of the Restriction Period, being no longer than three (3) years after the calendar year in which the Award was granted.
- (b) The Board will issue Performance Criteria prior to the Date of Grant to which such Performance Criteria pertain. The Performance Criteria may be based upon the achievement of corporate, divisional or individual goals, and may be applied to performance relative to an index or comparator group, or on any other basis determined by the Board. Following the Date of Grant, the Board may modify the Performance Criteria as necessary to align them with the Corporation's corporate objectives, subject to any limitations set forth in an RSU Agreement or an employment or other agreement with a Participant. The Performance Criteria may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment will be made (or no vesting will occur), levels of performance at which specified payments will be made (or specified vesting will occur) and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment will be made (or at which full vesting will occur), all as set forth in the applicable RSU Agreement.

#### 5.5 RSU Vesting Determination Date.

The vesting determination date means the date on which the Board determines if the Performance Criteria and/or other vesting conditions with respect to a RSU have been met (the "**RSU Vesting Determination Date**"), and as a result, establishes the number of RSUs that become vested, if any. For greater certainty, the RSU Vesting Determination Date must fall after the end of the Performance Period, if any, but no later than the last day of the Restriction Period each of which will not occur before the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary from the Date of Grant, unless provided for under the RSU Agreement or under a situation outlined in Article 6.2.

#### 5.6 Settlement of RSUs.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in the RSU Agreement,
  - (i) all of the vested RSUs covered by a particular grant shall be settled as soon as practicable and in any event within ten (10) Business Days following their RSU Vesting Determination Date and, subject to Section 5.2 no later than the end of the Restriction Period (the "RSU Settlement Date").

- (ii) a Participant is entitled to deliver to the Corporation, on or before the RSU Settlement Date, an RSU Settlement Notice in respect of any or all vested RSUs held by such Participant.
- (b) Subject to Section 5.6(d), settlement of RSUs shall take place promptly following the RSU Settlement Date and take the form set out in the RSU Settlement Notice through:
  - (i) in the case of settlement of RSUs for their Cash Equivalent, delivery of a cheque to the Participant representing the Cash Equivalent;
  - (ii) in the case of settlement of RSUs for Shares, delivery of a share certificate to the Participant or the entry of the Participant's name on the share register for the Shares; or
  - (iii) in the case of settlement of the RSUs for a combination of Shares and the Cash Equivalent, a combination of (a) and (b) above.
- (c) If an RSU Settlement Notice is not received by the Corporation on or before the RSU Settlement Date, settlement shall take the form of Shares issued from treasury as set out in Section 5.7(b).
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, in the event that an RSU Settlement Date falls during a Black-Out Period or other trading restriction imposed by the Corporation and the Participant has not delivered an RSU Settlement Notice, then such RSU Settlement Date shall be automatically extended to the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Business Day following the date that such Black-Out Period or other trading restriction is lifted, terminated or removed.

#### 5.7 Determination of Amounts.

- (a) Cash Equivalent of RSUs. For purposes of determining the Cash Equivalent of RSUs to be made pursuant to Section 5.6, such calculation will be made on the RSU Settlement Date and shall equal the Market Value on the RSU Settlement Date multiplied by the number of vested RSUs in the Participant's Account which the Participant desires to settle in cash pursuant to the RSU Settlement Notice.
- (b) Payment in Shares; Issuance of Shares from Treasury. For the purposes of determining the number of Shares from treasury to be issued and delivered to a Participant upon settlement of RSUs pursuant to Section 5.6, such calculation will be made on the RSU Settlement Date and be the whole number of Shares equal to the whole number of vested RSUs then recorded in the Participant's Account which the Participant desires to settle pursuant to the RSU Settlement Notice. Shares issued from treasury will be issued in consideration for the past services of the Participant to the Corporation and the entitlement of the Participant under this Plan shall be satisfied in full by such issuance of Shares.

### 5.8 RSU Agreements.

RSUs shall be evidenced by a RSU Agreement or included in an Employment Agreement, in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine, provided that the substance of Article 6 hereof be included therein. The RSU Agreement shall contain such terms that may be considered necessary in order that the RSU will comply with any provisions respecting restricted share units in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be a resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the corporation.

# ARTICLE 6 GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### 6.1 General Conditions applicable to Awards.

Each Award, as applicable, shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) **Employment** The granting of an Award to a Participant shall not impose upon the Corporation or a Subsidiary any obligation to retain the Participant in its employ in any capacity. For greater certainty, the granting of Awards to a Participant shall not impose any obligation on the Corporation to grant any awards in the future nor shall it entitle the Participant to receive future grants.
- (b) **Rights as a Shareholder** Neither the Participant nor such Participant's personal representatives or legatees shall have any rights whatsoever as shareholder in respect of any Shares covered by such Participant's Awards until the date of issuance of a share certificate to such Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) or the entry of such person's name on the share register for the Shares. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, no adjustment shall be made for dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such share certificate is issued or entry of such person's name on the share register for the Shares.
- (c) **Conformity to Plan** In the event that an Award is granted or a Grant Agreement is executed which does not conform in all particulars with the provisions of the Plan, or purports to grant Awards on terms different from those set out in the Plan, the Award or the grant of such Award shall not be in any way void or invalidated, but the Award so granted will be adjusted to become, in all respects, in conformity with the Plan.
- (d) **Amendment of Terms** The terms of an Award may not be amended once issued. If an Award is cancelled prior to its expiry date, the Corporation shall not grant new Awards to the same Participant(s) until 30 days have elapsed from the date of cancellation.
- (e) **Non-Transferability** Except as set forth herein, Awards are not transferable and assignable. Awards may be exercised only by:

- (i) the Participant to whom the Awards were granted; or
- (ii) with the Corporation's prior written approval and subject to such conditions as the Corporation may stipulate, such Participant's family or retirement savings trust or any registered retirement savings plans or registered retirement income funds of which the Participant is and remains the annuitant; or
- (iii) upon the Participant's death, by the legal representative of the Participant's estate; or
- (iv) upon the Participant's incapacity, the legal representative having authority to deal with the property of the Participant;

provided that any such legal representative shall first deliver evidence satisfactory to the Corporation of entitlement to exercise any Award. A person exercising an Award may subscribe for Shares only in the person's own name or in the person's capacity as a legal representative.

### 6.2 General Conditions applicable to Awards.

Each Award shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) **Termination for Cause**. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for "**cause**", on the effective date of the termination as specified in the notice of termination. all unexercised, vested or unvested Awards granted to such Participant shall terminate For the purposes of the Plan, the determination by the Corporation that the Participant was discharged for cause shall be binding on the Participant. "**Cause**" shall include, among other things, gross misconduct, theft, fraud, breach of confidentiality or breach of the Corporation's Code of Conduct and any reason determined by the Corporation to be cause for termination.
- (b) **Permanent Disability**. In the case of a Participant's termination of employment/service due to permanent disability, Awards will be treated as follows:
  - (i) **Options:** Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of permanent disability, (i) any unvested Option shall terminate and become void immediately, and (ii) any vested Option will cease to be exercisable on the earlier of the ninety (90) days from the date on which the Participant ceases his or her employment or service relationship with the Corporation by reason of permanent disability, and the expiry date of the Award set forth in the Option Agreement, after which the Option will expire. For clarity, any Option that would vest within 12 months of the Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as per this Section 6.2(b)(i) will vest. Notwithstanding this, any unvested Options with Performance Criteria attached to them will have the performance measured based on a pro-rata Performance Period up to the Termination Date with any Options earned

based on Performance Criteria vesting and all Options not meeting the Performance Criteria forfeited. If the Participant is determined to have breached any post-employment restrictive covenants in favour of the Corporation within a 12 month period following the Termination Date, then any Awards held by the Participant, whether vested or unvested, will immediately expire and the Participant shall pay to the Corporation any "**in-the-money**" amounts realized upon exercise of Awards following the Termination Date.

- (ii) **RSUs/DSUs**: Except as otherwise determined by the Board from time to time, at its sole discretion, upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of permanent disability, all unvested RSUs in the Participant's Account as of such date relating to a Restriction Period in progress shall remain outstanding and in effect until the applicable RSU Vesting Determination Date. DSUs will immediately vest.
- (c) **Resignation**. In the case of a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant due to such Participant's resignation, subject to any later expiration dates determined by the Board, all Awards shall expire on the earlier of ninety (90) days after the effective date of such resignation, or the expiry date of the Award, to the extent such Awards were vested and exercisable by the Participant on the effective date of such resignation and all unexercised unvested Awards granted to such Participant shall terminate on the effective date of such resignation.
- (d) **Termination or Cessation**. In the case of a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for any reason (other than for "cause", resignation or death) the number of Awards that may vest is subject to pro ration over the applicable vesting or performance period and shall expire on the earlier of ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Termination Date, or the expiry date of the Awards. For greater certainty, the pro ration calculation referred to above shall be net of previously vested Awards. Notwithstanding this, any Awards with Performance Criteria attached to them will have the performance measured based on the pro-rata Performance Period with any Awards earned based on Performance Criteria vesting and all Awards not meeting the Performance Criteria forfeited.
- (e) **Death**. If a Participant dies while in his or her capacity as an Eligible Participant, all unvested Awards will immediately vest and all Awards will expire one hundred eighty (180) days after the death of such Participant.
- (f) Change in Control. If a Participant is terminated without "cause" or resigns for good reason during the 12 month period following the consummation of a Change in Control, then any unvested Awards will immediately vest and may be exercised within thirty (30) days of such date. Notwithstanding this, any unvested Options or RSUs with Performance Criteria attached to them will have the performance measured based on a pro-rata Performance Period up to the Termination Date with any Options or RSUs earned based on Performance Criteria vesting and all Options

or RSUs not meeting the Performance Criteria forfeited. Any Options that become exercisable pursuant to this Section 6.2(f) shall remain open for exercise until the earlier of their expiry date as set out in the Award Agreement and the date that is thirty (30) days after such termination or dismissal.

**Clawback.** It is a condition of each grant of an Award that if the Corporation's (g) financial statements (the "Original Statements") are required to be restated (other than as a result of a change in accounting policy by the Corporation or under International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to the Corporation) within three years following which such Original Statements were received by shareholders at the Corporation's then most recent annual general meeting of shareholders, and such restated financial statements (the "Restated Statements") disclose, in the opinion of the Board, acting reasonably, materially worse financial results than those contained in the Original Statements, then the Board may, in its sole discretion, to the full extent permitted by governing law and to the extent it determines that such action is in the best interest of the Corporation, and in addition to any other rights that the Corporation or an Affiliate may have at law or under any agreement, take any or all of the following actions, as applicable): (i) require the Participant to reimburse the Corporation for any amount paid to the Participant in respect of an Award in cash in excess of the amount that should otherwise have been paid in respect of such Award had the determination of such compensation been based upon the Restated Statements, less, in any event, the amount of tax withheld pursuant to the Tax Act or other relevant taxing authority in respect of the amount paid in cash in the year of payment; (ii) cancel and terminate any one or more unvested Awards on or prior to the applicable maturity or vesting dates, or cancel or terminate any outstanding Awards which have vested in the twelve (12) months prior to the date on which the Board determines that the Corporation's Original Statements are required to be restated (a "Relevant Equity Recoupment Date"); and/or (iii) require payment to the Corporation of the value of any Shares of the Corporation acquired by the Participant pursuant to an Award granted in the twelve (12) months prior to a Relevant Equity Recoupment Date (less any amount paid by the Participant) to acquire such Shares and less the amount of tax withheld pursuant to the Tax Act or other relevant taxing authority in respect of such Shares).

#### 6.3 Unfunded Plan.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, this Plan shall be unfunded. To the extent any Participant or his or her estate holds any rights by virtue of a grant of Awards under this Plan, such rights (unless otherwise determined by the Board) shall be no greater than the rights of an unsecured creditor of the Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any determinations made shall be such that the Plan continuously meets the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the Income Tax Regulations, adopted under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or any successor provision thereto.

# ARTICLE 7 ADJUSTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

### 7.1 Adjustment to Shares Subject to Outstanding Awards.

- (a) In the event of any subdivision of the Shares into a greater number of Shares at any time after the grant of an Award to a Participant and prior to the expiration of the term of such Award, the Corporation shall deliver to such Participant, at the time of any subsequent exercise or vesting of such Award in accordance with the terms hereof, in lieu of the number of Shares to which such Participant was theretofore entitled upon such exercise or vesting of such Award, but for the same aggregate consideration payable therefor, such number of Shares as such Participant would have held as a result of such subdivision if on the record date thereof the Participant had been the registered holder of the number of Shares to which such Participant was theretofore entitled upon such exercise or vesting of such Award.
- (b) In the event of any consolidation of Shares into a lesser number of Shares at any time after the grant of an Award to any Participant and prior to the expiration of the term of such Award, the Corporation shall deliver to such Participant at the time of any subsequent exercise or vesting of such Award in accordance with the terms hereof in lieu of the number of Shares to which such Participant was theretofore entitled upon such exercise or vesting of such Award, but for the same aggregate consideration payable therefor, such number of Shares as such Participant would have held as a result of such consideration if on the record date thereof the Participant had been the registered holder of the number of Shares to which such Participant was theretofore entitled upon such exercise or vesting of such Award.
- (c) If, at any time after the grant of an Award to any Participant and prior to the expiration of the term of such Award, the Corporation shall make a distribution, without the receipt of consideration, to all holders of Shares or other securities in the capital of the Corporation, or cash, evidences of indebtedness or other assets of the Corporation (excluding an ordinary course dividend in cash or shares, but including for greater certainty shares or equity interests in a subsidiary or business unit of the Corporation or one of its subsidiaries or cash proceeds of the disposition of such a subsidiary or business unit), or should the Corporation effect any transaction or change having a similar effect, then the price or the number of Shares to which the Participant is entitled upon exercise or vesting of Award shall be adjusted to take into account such distribution, transaction or change. The Board shall determine the appropriate adjustments to be made in such circumstances in order to maintain the Participants' economic rights in respect of their Awards in connection with such distribution, transaction or change.

#### 7.2 Amendment or Discontinuance of the Plan.

(a) The Board may amend the Plan or any Award at any time without the consent of the Participants provided that such amendment shall:

- (i) not adversely alter or impair any Award previously granted except as permitted by the provisions of Article 7 hereof;
- (ii) be in compliance with applicable law and subject to any regulatory approvals including, where required, the approval of the CSE; and
- (iii) be subject to shareholder approval, where required by law, the requirements of the CSE or the provisions of the Plan, provided that shareholder approval shall not be required for the following amendments and the Board may make any changes which may include but are not limited to:
  - (A) amendments of a general "housekeeping" or clerical nature that, among others, clarify, correct or rectify any ambiguity, defective provision, error or omission in the Plan; and
  - (B) changes that alter, extend or accelerate the terms of vesting or settlement applicable to any Award provided that for Options it does not entail an extension beyond the original Expiry Date;

The Committee may, by resolution, but subject to applicable regulatory approvals, decide that any of the provisions hereof concerning the effect of termination of the Participant's employment shall not apply for any reason acceptable to the Committee.

- (b) Notwithstanding Section 7.2(a)(iii), the Board shall be required to obtain shareholder approval to make the following amendments:
  - (i) any change to the maximum number of Shares issuable from treasury under the Plan, except such increase by operation of Section 2.4 and in the event of an adjustment pursuant to Article 7;
  - (ii) any amendment which reduces the exercise price of any Award, as applicable, after such Awards have been granted or any cancellation of an Award and the substitution of that Award by a new Award with a reduced price, except in the case of an adjustment pursuant to Article 7, provided that disinterested shareholder approval will be obtained for any reduction in the exercise price if the Participant is an Insider of the Corporation at the time of the proposed amendment;
  - (iii) any amendment which extends the expiry date of any Award, or the Restriction Period of any RSU beyond the original expiry date, except in case of an extension due to a Black-Out Period;
  - (iv) any amendment which would have the potential of broadening or increasing participation by Insiders;
  - (v) any amendment which would permit any Award granted under the Plan to be transferable or assignable by any Participant other than for normal estate settlement purposes;

- (vi) any amendment which increases the maximum number of Shares that may be (i) issuable to Insiders, Associates of such Insiders, Consultants or Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities at any time; or (ii) issued to Insiders, Associates of such Insiders, Consultants or Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities under the Plan; and any other proposed or established Share Compensation Arrangement in a one-year period, except in case of an adjustment pursuant to Article 7;
- (vii) increase limits imposed on the participation of non-employee directors that are not officers or employees of the Corporation;
- (viii) otherwise cause the Plan to cease to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement, including for these purposes any approval or other requirement; or
- (ix) any amendment to the amendment provisions of the Plan, provided that Shares held directly or indirectly by Insiders benefiting from the amendments in Sections (ii) and (iii) shall be excluded when obtaining such shareholder approval.
- (c) The Board may, subject to regulatory approval, discontinue the Plan at any time without the consent of the Participants provided that such discontinuance shall not materially and adversely affect any Awards previously granted to a Participant under the Plan.

#### 7.3 Change in Control

- (a) If a Change of Control occurs, and unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement or a written employment contract between the Corporation and a Participant and except as otherwise set out in this Section 7.3(a), the Board, may provide that: (1) the successor corporation or entity will assume each Award or replace it with a substitute Award on terms substantially similar to the existing Award; (2) the Awards will be surrendered for a cash payment made by the successor corporation or entity equal to the Fair Market Value thereof; or (3) any combination of the foregoing will occur, provided that the replacement of any Option with a substitute Option shall, at all times, comply with the provisions of subsection 7(1.4) of the Tax Act, and the replacement of any Award with a substitute Option, substitute DSU or substitute RSU shall be such that the substitute Award shall continuously be governed by section 7 of the Tax Act.
- (b) If within 12 months following a Change of Control, and unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement or a written employment contract between the Corporation and a Participant, a Participant's service, consulting relationship, or employment with the Corporation, or the continuing entity is terminated without cause, or the Participant resigns from his or her employment as a result of either (i) the Corporation requiring the Participant to be based at a location in excess of one hundred (100) kilometers from the location of the Participant's principal job

location or office immediately prior to a Change of Control; or (ii) a reduction in the Participant's base salary, or a substantial reduction in the Participant's target compensation under any incentive compensation plan, as in effect as of the date of a Change of Control, then the vesting of all Awards then held by such Participant (and, if applicable, the time during which such Awards may be exercised) will have all of their Options, Deferred Share Units or Restricted Share Units, as applicable, immediately vest. In the event that an Award is subject to vesting upon the attainment of Performance Criteria, then the number of Options or Restricted Share Units that shall immediately vest will be determined by multiplying the Award Agreement by the pro rata Performance Criteria achieved by the Termination Date.

# ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS

#### 8.1 Use of an Administrative Agent and Trustee.

The Board may in its sole discretion appoint from time to time one or more entities to act as administrative agent to administer the Awards granted under the Plan and to act as trustee to hold and administer the assets that may be held in respect of Awards granted under the Plan, the whole in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the Board in its sole discretion. The Corporation and the administrative agent will maintain records showing the number of Awards granted to each Participant under the Plan.

#### 8.2 Tax Withholding.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, all distributions, delivery of Shares or payments to a Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) under the Plan shall be made net of applicable source deductions. If the event giving rise to the withholding obligation involves an issuance or delivery of Shares, then, the withholding obligation may be satisfied by (a) having the Participant elect to have the appropriate number of such Shares sold by the Corporation, the Corporation's transfer agent and registrar or any trustee appointed by the Corporation pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof, on behalf of and as agent for the Participant as soon as permissible and practicable, with the proceeds of such sale being delivered to the Corporation, which will in turn remit such amounts to the appropriate governmental authorities, or (b) any other mechanism as may be required or appropriate to conform with local tax and other rules.
- (b) Notwithstanding the first paragraph of this Section 8.2, the applicable tax withholdings may be waived where the Participant directs in writing that a payment be made directly to the Participant's registered retirement savings plan in circumstances to which regulation 100(3) of the regulations of the Tax Act apply.

### 8.3 Reorganization of the Corporation.

The existence of any Awards shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Corporation or its shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Corporation's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Corporation or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Corporation or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to affect the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise.

#### 8.4 Governing Laws.

The Plan and all matters to which reference is made herein shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

#### 8.5 Severability.

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

#### 8.6 Effective Date of the Plan.

The Plan was approved by the Board on ● and will be effective from such date until the date it is terminated by the Board in accordance with the Plan.

# ARTICLE 9 PLAN PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO U.S. TAXPAYERS

#### 9.1 General.

The provisions of this Article 9 apply to Awards held by a U.S. Taxpayer to the extent such Awards are subject to U.S. Taxation. The following provisions apply, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan. All capitalized terms used in this Article 9 and not defined herein, shall have the meaning attributed to them in the Plan.

#### 9.2 Definitions.

- (a) "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any applicable United States Treasury Regulations and other binding regulatory guidance thereunder.
- (b) "**Section 409A**" means section 409A of the Code.
- (c) "**Separation From Service**" shall mean shall mean the separation from service with the Corporation within the meaning of U.S. Treas. Regs. § 1.409A-1(h).

Whether a Separation from Service has occurred is determined based on whether the facts and circumstances indicate that the Corporation and the Participant reasonably anticipated that no further services would be performed after a certain date or that the level of bona fide services the Participant would perform after such date (whether as an employee or independent contractor) would permanently decrease to no more than twenty percent (20%) of the average level of bona fide services performed (whether as an employee or an independent contractor) over the immediately preceding thirty six (36) month period (or the full period of services to the Corporation if the Participant has been providing services to the Corporation less than thirty six (36) months)). Separation from service shall not be deemed to occur while the Participant is on military leave, sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence if the period does not exceed six (6) months or, if longer, so long as the Participant retains a right to reemployment with the Corporation under an applicable statute or by contract. For this purpose, a leave is bona fide only if, and so long as, there is a reasonable expectation that the Participant will return to perform services for the Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a twentynine (29) month period of absence will be substituted for such six (6) month period if the leave is due to any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of no less than six (6) months and that causes the Participant to be unable to perform the duties of his or her position of employment. For this purpose, the Corporation includes all entities would be considered a single employer for purposes of U.S. Treasury Regulations; provided that, in applying those regulations, the language "at least 50 percent" shall be used instead of "at least 80 percent" each place it appears therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to a Participant who is a non-employee director, a "Separation from Service" shall mean a complete severance of a director's relationship as a director of the Corporation and as an independent contractor of the Corporation. A director may have a Separation from Service upon resignation as a director even if the director then becomes an officer or employee of the Corporation.

- (d) "**Specified Employee**" means a US Taxpayer who meets the definition of "specified employee," as defined in Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code.
- (e) "US Taxpayer" means a Participant whose compensation from the Corporation is subject to Section 409A.

#### 9.3 Compliance with Section 409A.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, it is intended that any payments under the Plan either be exempt from or comply with Section 409A, and all provisions of the Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes or penalties under Section 409A. Each payment made in respect of Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units shall be deemed to be a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A. Each US Taxpayer is solely responsible and liable for the satisfaction of all taxes and penalties that may be imposed on or for the account of such US Taxpayer in connection with the Plan (including any taxes and penalties under Section 409A), and neither the Corporation nor any of its

subsidiaries shall have any obligation to indemnify or otherwise hold such US Taxpayer (or any beneficiary) harmless from any or all of such taxes or penalties.

- (a) **Option Awards**. When determining the Option Price for any Option Award granted to a US Taxpayer, the "Market Value" shall be determined in the manner defined in Section 1.1.
- (b) **DSU Awards**. Notwithstanding Article 4, a DSU which becomes payable on account of a Termination Date shall be payable by reason of such circumstance only if the circumstance is a Separation from Service; and if such payment has become payable on account of a Separation from Service, such payment shall be made as soon as administratively practicable but in all events by the 60<sup>th</sup> day following the Separation from Service (without regard to any DSU Redemption Notice given by the Participant); provided that if the payment is to be made to any Participant who is determined to be a Specified Employee, such payment shall not be paid before the date which is six months after such Specified Employee's Separation from Service (or, if earlier, the date of death of such Specified Employee). Following any applicable six month delay of payment, all such delayed payments shall be made to the Specified Employee in a lump sum on the earliest possible payment date.
- **RSU** Awards. Notwithstanding Article 5, an RSU which becomes payable upon (c) an RSU Vesting Determination Date shall be made as soon as administratively practicable but in all events by the 60th day following the RSU Vesting Determination Date (without regard to any RSU Settlement Notice given by the Participant). In the case of any termination event that qualifies for accelerated vesting and payment under Section 6.2, an RSU that is not otherwise exempt from Section 409A shall be payable by reason of such circumstance only if the circumstance is a Separation from Service; and if such payment has become payable on account of a Separation from Service, such payment shall be made as soon as administratively practicable but in all events by the 60th day following the Separation from Service (without regard to any RSU Settlement Notice given by the Participant); provided that if the payment is to be made to any Participant who is determined to be a Specified Employee, such payment shall not be paid before the date which is six months after such Specified Employee's Separation from Service (or, if earlier, the date of death of such Specified Employee). Following any applicable six month delay of payment, all such delayed payments shall be made to the Specified Employee in a lump sum on the earliest possible payment date.
- (d) **Special Requirement for Option Awards Intended to Qualify as ISOs.** An Option Award granted to a US Taxpayer that is intended to qualify as an "incentive stock option" ("ISO") within the meaning of section 422 of the Code shall be subject to the following requirements:
  - (i) The maximum number of Shares available for issuance of ISOs shall be 1,000,000 Shares.

- (ii) An ISO may be granted only to employees (including a director or officer who is also an employee) of the Corporation (or of any parent or subsidiary of the Corporation). For purposes of this Article 9, the term "employee" shall mean a person who is an employee for purposes of the Code and the terms "parent" and "subsidiary" shall have the meanings set forth in sections 424(e) and 424(f) of the Code.
- (iii) The Corporation will not grant ISOs in which the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the date of grant) of the Shares with respect to which ISOs are exercisable for the first time by any US Taxpayer during any calendar year (under this Plan and all other plans of the Corporation and of any parent or subsidiary of the Corporation) exceeds US\$100,000 or any limitation subsequently set forth in section 422(d) of the Code.
- (iv) When determining the Option Price for any ISO, the "Market Value" shall be determined in the manner defined in Section 1.1; provided, however, that, in the case of the grant of an ISO to a US Taxpayer who, at the time such ISO is granted, is a ten percent (10%) shareholder, the exercise price payable per Share upon exercise of such ISO will be not less than 110% of the Market Value of a Share on the date of grant of such ISO.
- (v) An ISO will terminate and no longer be exercisable no later than ten years after the date of grant of such ISO; provided, however, that in the case of a grant of an ISO to a US Taxpayer who, at the time such ISO is granted, is a ten percent (10%) shareholder, such ISO will terminate and no longer be exercisable no later than five years after the date of grant of such ISO. The foregoing term limits shall apply even if the expiry date falls within a Black-Out Period, notwithstanding anything in the contrary in Section 3.4(b).
- (vi) If a US Taxpayer who has been granted ISOs ceases to be employed by the Corporation (or by any parent or subsidiary of the Corporation) for any reason, whether voluntary or involuntary, other than death, permanent disability or cause, such ISO shall be exercisable by the US Taxpayer (to the extent such ISO was vested on the date of cessation of employment) at any time prior to the earlier of (i) the date that is three months after the date of cessation of employment or (ii) the expiration of the term of such ISO. If a US Taxpayer who has been granted ISOs ceases to be employed by the Corporation (or by any parent or subsidiary of the Corporation) because of the death or permanent disability of such US Taxpayer, such US Taxpayer, such US Taxpayer's personal representatives or administrators, or any person or persons to whom such ISO is transferred by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution, may exercise such ISO (to the extent such ISO was vested on the date of death or permanent disability, as the case may be) at any time prior to the earlier of (i) the date that is one year after the date of death or permanent disability, as the case may be, or (ii) the expiration of the term of such ISO. If a US Taxpayer who has been granted ISOs ceases to be employed by the Corporation (or by any parent or

subsidiary of the Corporation) for cause, the right to exercise such ISO will terminate on the date of cessation of employment, unless otherwise determined by the directors. For purposes of this Article 9, the term "permanent disability" has the meaning assigned to that term in section 422(e)(3) of the Code.

- (vii) An ISO granted to a US Taxpayer may be exercised during such person's lifetime only by such US Taxpayer.
- (viii) An ISO granted to a US Taxpayer may not be transferred, assigned or pledged by such US Taxpayer, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.
- (ix) No ISO will be granted more than ten years after the earlier of the date this Plan is adopted by the Board or the date this Plan is approved by the shareholders of the Corporation.

# APPENDIX "A" FORM OF OPTION AGREEMENT

#### FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP.

### **OPTION AGREEMENT**

This Stock Option Agreement (the "**Option Agreement**") is entered into between First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "**Corporation**"), and the optionee named below (the "**Optionee**") pursuant to and on the terms and subject to the conditions of the Corporation's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Option Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan.

The terms of the option (the "**Option**"), in addition to those terms set forth in the Plan, are as follows:

- 1. **Optionee**. The Optionee is ▶ and the address of the Optionee is currently ▶.
- 2. **Number of Shares**. The Optionee may purchase up to ▶ Shares of the Corporation (the "**Option Shares**") pursuant to this Option, as and to the extent that the Option vests and becomes exercisable as set forth in section 6 of this Option Agreement.
- 3. **Option Price**. The exercise price is Cdn \$▶ per Option Share (the "**Option Price**").
- 4. **Date Option Granted**. The Option was granted on ▶.
- 5. **Term of Option**. The Option terminates on ▶. (the "**Expiry Date**").
- 6. **Vesting**. The Option to purchase Option Shares shall vest and become exercisable as follows:

- 7. **Exercise of Options**. In order to exercise the Option, the Optionee shall notify the Corporation in the form annexed hereto as Schedule "A", whereupon the Corporation shall use reasonable efforts to cause the Optionee to receive a certificate representing the relevant number of fully paid and non-assessable Shares in the Corporation.
- 8. **Transfer of Option**. The Option is not-transferable or assignable except in accordance with the Plan.
- 9. **U.S. Securities Laws.** If the Options and the Shares are not registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**U.S. Securities Act**"), or any state securities laws, the Options may not be exercised in the "**United States**" (as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act) unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act is available. Any Shares issued to Optionee in the United States that have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act

- will be deemed "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144(a)(3) of the U.S. Securities Act) and bear a restrictive legend to such effect.
- 10. **Inconsistency**. This Option Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and, in the event of any inconsistency or contradiction between the terms of this Option Agreement and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall govern.
- 11. **Severability**. Wherever possible, each provision of this Option Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Option Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or rule in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or any other jurisdiction, but this Option Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- 12. **Entire Agreement**. This Option Agreement and the Plan embody the entire agreement and understanding among the parties and supersede and pre-empt any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, which may have related to the subject matter hereof in any way.
- 13. **Successors and Assigns**. This Option Agreement shall bind and enure to the benefit of the Optionee and the Corporation and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 14. **Time of the Essence**. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement and of every part hereof.
- 15. **Governing Law**. This Agreement and the Option shall be governed by and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
- 16. **Counterparts**. This Option Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which is deemed to be an original and all of which taken together constitute one and the same agreement.

[Remainder of this page left intentionally blank; Signature page follows]

• • • •	knowledges that the Optionee has been provided a n and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Plan
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties here day of , 20	of have executed this Option Agreement as of the
	FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP.
	Per:
	Name: ▶
	Title: ►
Witness	
Witness	[Insert Participant's Name]

# SCHEDULE "A" ELECTION TO EXERCISE STOCK OPTIONS

### **TO:** First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "Corporation")

The undersigned Optionee hereby elects to exercise Options granted by the Corporation to the undersigned pursuant to a Grant Agreement dated ▶, 20▶ under the Corporation's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**"), for the number Shares set forth below. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given to them in the Plan.

Num	ber of Shares to be Acquired:	
Optio	on Price (per Share):	\$
Aggr	egate Purchase Price:	
of an Optio	unt enclosed that is payable on account y source deductions relating to this on exercise (contact the Corporation for ls of such amount):	\$
	check here if alternative arrangements been made with the Corporation;	
	Corporation for such aggregate purchase p	or other form of payment confirmed as acceptable rice, and, if applicable, all source seductions, and registered in the name of
	1. The undersigned is not a U.S. person (to, a person resident in the United Statincorporated under the laws of the United executor or administrator is a U.S. person the United States and the Option is not be account or benefit of a U.S. person. The	he definition of which includes, but is not limited ates, a partnership or corporation organized or I States, and a trust or estate of which any trustee, a), the undersigned was not offered the Shares in eing exercised within the United States or for the terms "United States" and "U.S. person" are as der the United States Securities Act of 1933, as
	(a) The Optionee, upon exercise of C the account of the Optionee.	Options, is acquiring Shares as principal and for

- (b) In issuing the Shares to the Optionee upon the exercise of Options, the Corporation is relying on the representations and warranties of the Optionee contained herein to support the conclusion of the Corporation that the issuance of Shares upon the exercise of Options does not require registration under the U.S. Securities Act or to be qualified under the securities laws of any state of the United States.
- (c) The Optionee acknowledges that it is not acquiring the Common Shares as a result of "general solicitation" or "general advertising" (as such terms are used in Regulation D under the U.S. Securities Act), including without limitation, advertisements, articles, notices or other communications published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or on the internet, or broadcast over radio or television or on the internet, or any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been invited by general solicitation or general advertising.
- (d) The Optionee understands and agrees that the Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act and the Shares are being offered and sold by the Corporation in reliance upon an exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act.
- (e) Neither the Options nor the Shares issued upon the exercise of Options have been or will be registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any state securities laws. The Option may not be exercised in the United States unless exempt from such registration requirements. Shares issued to the Optionee in the United States will be deemed "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144 of the U.S. Securities Act) and bear a restrictive legend to such effect.
- (f) Each certificate representing Shares issued to the Optionee upon the exercise of Options shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "U.S. SECURITIES ACT"). THESE SECURITIES MAY BE **PLEDGED** OFFERED, SOLD. OR **OTHERWISE** TRANSFERRED ONLY (A) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT ("ACT"), (B) IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE **EXEMPTION FROM** THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ACT PROVIDED BY SECTION 4 OF SUCH ACT OR RULE 144 OR RULE 144A THEREUNDER, IF AVAILABLE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, OR (D) IN A TRANSACTION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OR ANY APPLICABLE STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE

OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES, AND THE HOLDER HAS. **PRIOR** TO SUCH SALE, **FURNISHED** TO THE CORPORATION AN OPINION OF COUNSEL OR OTHER **EVIDENCE** OF EXEMPTION, **EITHER** IN **CASE** REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO THE CORPORATION. DELIVERY OF THIS CERTIFICATE MAY NOT CONSTITUTE "GOOD DELIVERY" IN SETTLEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS ON STOCK EXCHANGES."

provided that, if Shares issued upon the exercise of Options are being sold under clause (B) above, the legend may be removed by providing a declaration to the Corporation's transfer agent in such form as the Corporation may from time to time prescribe together with such documentation as the Corporation or its transfer agent may require (which may include an opinion of counsel of recognized standing reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation), to the effect that the sale of the securities is being made in compliance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act; and

provided further, that, if the Shares issued upon the exercise of Options are being sold pursuant to Rule 144 of the U.S. Securities Act, if available, the legend may be removed by delivery to the Corporation and the Corporation's transfer agent an opinion of counsel of recognized standing in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation, to the effect that the legend is no longer required under applicable requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

(g) The Optionee acknowledges that the Corporation may have federal, state, provincial or local tax withholding and reporting obligations and consents to such actions by the Corporation as may reasonably be required to comply with such obligations in connection with the exercise of Options. The acceptance and exercise of Options and the sale of Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of Options may have consequences under federal, provincial and other tax and securities laws which may vary depending on the individual circumstances of the Optionee. Accordingly, the Optionee acknowledges that the Optionee has consulted, as the Optionee considers necessary, personal legal and tax advisors in connection with the Options and the Optionee's dealings with respect to the Options or the Shares to be issued upon exercise of the Options.

The foregoing representations, warranties and covenants are made by the undersigned with the intent that they be relied upon in determining whether the Shares issuable upon the exercise of Options may be issued under applicable securities laws. The undersigned undertakes to notify the Corporation immediately of any change in any representation, warranty or other information relating to the undersigned set forth herein which takes place prior to the date of issuance of the Shares.

By executing this	Election to E	xercise Stock	Options,	the u	indersigned	hereby	confirms	that the
undersigned has re	ead the Plan ar	nd agrees to be	e bound by	y the	provisions	of the P	lan.	

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I hereby agree to file or cause the Corporation to file on my behalf, on a timely basis, all insider reports and other reports that I may be required to file under applicable securities laws. I understand that this request to exercise my Options is irrevocable.

<b>DATED</b> this ▶ day of ▶, ▶.	
	Signature of Participant
	Name of Participant (Please Print)

# APPENDIX "B" FORM OF DSU AGREEMENT

## FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP.

### **DEFERRED SHARE UNIT AGREEMENT**

[name of DSU Participant]

Award l	Date	[insert date ]	
(the " <b>Plan</b> "). of the Plan ar Article 4 and Agreement <i>m</i> Agreement sh	Your award re hereby in Article 6 of autatis muta all have the	It is governed in all accorporated by refer the Plan applicable and is. Capitalized to meanings set forth	respects by the terms of the Plan, and the provisions rence. For greater certainty, the provisions set out in the to DSUs shall be deemed to form part of this DSU rerms used and not otherwise defined in this DSU in the Plan. If there is a conflict between the terms of of the Plan shall govern.
Your Award		The Corporation h	ereby grants to you DSUs.
Settle	ment. The	DSUs shall be settle	ed as follows:
(Selec	t one of the	following three opt	ions):
(a)	One Share	e issued from treasur	ry per DSU.
(b)	Cash Equ	ivalent of one Share	per DSU.
(c)	Either (a),	(b), or a combination	on thereof, at the election of the Board.
CORPORAT  By your signa	T <b>ION.</b> ature below	, you acknowledge	that you have received a copy of the Plan and have sof this DSU Agreement and the Plan.
Signature			Date
			On behalf of the Corporation: FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP.

Name:

Per:		
Name:	<b>•</b>	
Title:		

### APPENDIX "C" FORM OF RSU AGREEMENT

#### FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP.

#### RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT AGREEMENT

This restricted share unit agreement ("RSU Agreement") is entered into between First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "Corporation") and the Participant named below (the "Recipient") of the restricted share units ("RSUs") pursuant to the Corporation's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this RSU Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan.

The terms of the RSUs, in addition to those terms set forth in the Plan, are as follows:

- 1. **Recipient**. The Recipient is ▶ and the address of the Recipient is currently ▶.
- 2. **Grant of RSUs.** The Recipient is hereby granted ► RSUs.
- 3. **Settlement**. The RSUs shall be settled as follows:

(Select one of the following three options):

- (a) One Share issued from treasury per RSU.
- (b) Cash Equivalent of one Share per RSU.
- (c) Either (a), (b), or a combination thereof, at the election of the Board.
- 4. **Restriction Period**. In accordance with Section 5.3 of the Plan, the restriction period in respect of the RSUs granted hereunder, as determined by the Board, shall commence on ▶ and terminate on ▶.
- 5. Performance Criteria. ▶.
- 6. Performance Period. ▶.
- 7. Vesting. The RSUs will vest as follows:

- 8. **Transfer of RSUs**. The RSUs granted hereunder are not-transferable or assignable except in accordance with the Plan.
- 9. **U.S. Securities Laws.** If the Shares issuable upon the vesting of the RSUs are not registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**U.S. Securities Act**"), or any state securities laws, the Shares may not be issued in the "**United States**" (as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act) unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act is available. Any Shares

issued to a Recipient in the United States that have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act will be deemed "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144(a)(3) of the U.S. Securities Act) and bear a restrictive legend to such effect.

- 10. **Inconsistency**. This RSU Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and, in the event of any inconsistency or contradiction between the terms of this RSU Agreement and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall govern.
- 11. **Severability**. Wherever possible, each provision of this RSU Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this RSU Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or rule in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or any other jurisdiction, but this RSU Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- 12. **Entire Agreement**. This RSU Agreement and the Plan embody the entire agreement and understanding among the parties and supersede and pre-empt any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties, written or oral, which may have related to the subject matter hereof in any way.
- 13. **Successors and Assigns**. This RSU Agreement shall bind and enure to the benefit of the Recipient and the Corporation and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 14. **Time of the Essence**. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement and of every part hereof.
- 15. **Governing Law**. This RSU Agreement and the RSUs shall be governed by and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
- 16. **Counterparts**. This RSU Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which is deemed to be an original and all of which taken together constitute one and the same agreement.

By signing this RSU Agreement, the Participant acknowledges that he or she has been provided with, has read and understands the Plan and this RSU Agreement.

In connection with the RSU, the undersigned represents, warrants and covenants to the Corporation (and acknowledges that the Corporation is relying thereon) that (**check one**):

[ ] 1. The undersigned is not a U.S. person (the definition of which includes, but is not limited to, a person resident in the United States, a partnership or corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States, and a trust or estate of which any trustee, executor or administrator is a U.S. person), the undersigned was not offered the Shares in the United States and the RSU is not being exercised within the United States or for the account or benefit of a U.S. person. The terms "United States" and "U.S. person" are as

defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"); or

- [ ] 2. The undersigned represents, warrants and covenants to the Corporation that:
  - (a) The RSU Holder, upon receipt of RSU's, is acquiring Shares as principal and for the account of the RSU Holder.
  - (b) In issuing the Shares to the RSU Holder upon the receipt of RSU's, the Corporation is relying on the representations and warranties of the RSU Holder contained herein to support the conclusion of the Corporation that the issuance of Shares upon the receipt of RSU's does not require registration under the U.S. Securities Act or to be qualified under the securities laws of any state of the United States.
  - (c) The RSU Holder acknowledges that it is not acquiring the Common Shares as a result of "general solicitation" or "general advertising" (as such terms are used in Regulation D under the U.S. Securities Act), including without limitation, advertisements, articles, notices or other communications published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or on the internet, or broadcast over radio or television or on the internet, or any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been invited by general solicitation or general advertising.
  - (d) The RSU Holder understands and agrees that the Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act and the Shares are being offered and sold by the Corporation in reliance upon an exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act.
  - (e) Neither the RSU nor the Shares issued upon the receipt of the RSU have been or will be registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any state securities laws. The RSU may not be exercised in the United States unless exempt from such registration requirements. Shares issued to the RSU Holder in the United States will be deemed "restricted securities" (as defined in Rule 144 of the U.S. Securities Act) and bear a restrictive legend to such effect.
  - (f) Each certificate representing Shares issued to the RSU Holder upon the receipt of RSU's shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "U.S. SECURITIES ACT"). THESE SECURITIES MAY BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (A) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT ("ACT"), (B) IN COMPLIANCE WITH

THE THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ACT PROVIDED BY SECTION 4 OF SUCH ACT OR RULE 144 OR RULE 144A THEREUNDER, IF AVAILABLE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, OR (D) IN A TRANSACTION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OR ANY APPLICABLE STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES, AND THE HOLDER HAS, TO SUCH SALE, **FURNISHED** CORPORATION AN OPINION OF COUNSEL OR OTHER **EVIDENCE** OF EXEMPTION, IN **EITHER CASE** REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO THE CORPORATION. DELIVERY OF THIS CERTIFICATE MAY NOT CONSTITUTE "GOOD DELIVERY" IN SETTLEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS ON STOCK EXCHANGES."

provided that, if Shares issued upon the receipt of RSU's are being sold under clause (B) above, the legend may be removed by providing a declaration to the Corporation's transfer agent in such form as the Corporation may from time to time prescribe together with such documentation as the Corporation or its transfer agent may require (which may include an opinion of counsel of recognized standing reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation), to the effect that the sale of the securities is being made in compliance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act; and

provided further, that, if the Shares issued upon the receipt of RSU's are being sold pursuant to Rule 144 of the U.S. Securities Act, if available, the legend may be removed by delivery to the Corporation and the Corporation's transfer agent an opinion of counsel of recognized standing in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Corporation, to the effect that the legend is no longer required under applicable requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

(g) The RSU holder acknowledges that the Corporation may have federal, state, provincial or local tax withholding and reporting obligations and consents to such actions by the Corporation as may reasonably be required to comply with such obligations in connection with the receipt of RSU's. The acceptance and receipt of RSU's and the sale of Shares issued pursuant to the receipt of RSU's may have consequences under federal, provincial and other tax and securities laws which may vary depending on the individual circumstances of the RSU Holder. Accordingly, the RSU Holder acknowledges that the RSU Holder has consulted, as the RSU Holder considers necessary, personal legal and tax advisors in connection with the RSU's and the RSU Holder's dealings with respect to the RSU's or the Shares to be issued upon receipt of RSU's.

The foregoing representations, warranties and covenants are made by the undersigned with the intent that they be relied upon in determining whether the Shares issuable upon the receipt of RSU's may be issued under applicable securities laws. The undersigned undertakes to notify the Corporation immediately of any change in any representation, warranty or other information relating to the undersigned set forth herein which takes place prior to the date of issuance of the Shares.

By executing this RSU Agreement, the undersigned hereby confirms that the undersigned has read the Plan and agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Plan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereof have executed this RSU Agreement as of the  $\triangleright$  day of  $\triangleright$ , 20 $\triangleright$ .

Per:				

FIRST LITHIUM MINERALS CORP.

Name:			
Title:			

Witness

[Insert Participant's Name]

# SCHEDULE "B" AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") is to ensure that First Lithium Minerals Corp. (the "Company") management has designed and implemented an effective system of internal financial controls, to review and report on the integrity of the financial statements of the Company and to review the Company's compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, taxation matters and disclosure of material facts.

#### COMPOSITION, PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION

- 1. The Committee shall consist of at not less than three members of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), the majority of whom may not be officers or employees of the Company, or any of its affiliates. The composition of the Committee shall also comply with any other requirements as may be prescribed from time to time by applicable securities regulatory authorities, including, those contained in Multilateral Instrument 52- 110 Audit Committees.
- 2. The Board, at its organizational meeting held in conjunction with each annual general meeting of the shareholders, shall appoint the members of the Committee for the ensuing year. If the Board shall fail to do so, persons who were members of the Committee immediately preceding the most recent annual meeting of shareholders of the Company, provided they continue to be directors of the Company, shall be deemed to be reappointed to the Committee. The Board may at any time remove or replace any member of the Committee and may fill any vacancy in the Committee.

#### Chairman

- 3. Unless the Board shall have appointed a chair of the Committee, the members of the Committee shall elect a chair (the "Chairman") from amongst their number.
- 4. The Chairman will provide leadership to the Committee and will lead the Committee in fulfilling the duties set out in its mandate.
- 5. The Chairman's duties will be to:
  - a) provide overall leadership to enhance the effectiveness of the Committee;
  - b) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the responsibility and duties of the Committee, as outlined in its mandate, are well understood by the Committee members and executed as effectively as possible;
  - c) foster ethical and responsible decision making by the Committee and its individual members;
  - d) provide effective Committee leadership, overseeing all aspects of the Committee's direction and administration in fulfilling the terms of its mandate;
  - e) oversee the structure, composition, membership and activities delegated to the Committee;
  - f) ensure that the Committee meets at least four times annually and as many additional times as necessary to carry out its duties effectively;
  - g) establish the agenda for each Committee meeting;
  - h) chair all meetings of the Committee, including closed sessions and "in camera" sessions. If the Committee Chair is not present at a meeting, the Committee members present will choose a Committee member to chair the meeting;
  - i) encourage Committee members to ask questions and express viewpoints during meetings;
  - deal effectively with dissent and work constructively towards arriving at decisions and achieving consensus;
  - k) ensure that the Committee meets in separate, regularly scheduled, non- management, "in camera" sessions:
  - l) ensure that the Committee meets in separate, regularly scheduled, non- management, closed sessions with the internal auditor and the independent auditors;

- m) ensure that the Committee meets in separate, non-management, closed sessions with internal personnel or outside advisors, as needed or appropriate:
- n) following each meeting of the Committee, report to the Board on the activities, findings and any recommendations of the Committee;
- o) ensure that Committee materials are available to any director on request;
- p) take all reasonable steps to ensure that Committee members receive written information and are exposed to presentations from management to fulfill the Committee mandate;
- q) have an effective working relationship with members of Management;
- r) ensure that a performance evaluation of the Committee and the Chairman is conducted, soliciting input from all Committee members, other directors and appropriate members of management;
- s) ensure that resources and expertise are available to the Committee so that it may conduct its work effectively and efficiently;
- retain, oversee, compensate and terminate independent advisors to assist the Committee in its activities;
   and
- u) carry out any other appropriate duties and responsibilities assigned by the Board or delegated by the Committee.
- 6. The Secretary of the Company shall be the secretary of the Committee, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.
- 7. The quorum for meetings shall be a majority of the members (the "**Members**") of the Committee, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and to hear each other.
- 8. The Committee shall have access to such officers and employees of the Company and to the Company's independent auditors, and to such information respecting the Company as it considers to be necessary or advisable in order to perform its duties and responsibilities.
- 9. Meetings of the Committee shall be conducted as follows:
  - a) The Committee shall meet at least four times annually at such times and at such locations as may be requested by the Chairman. The independent auditors or any member of the Committee may request a meeting of the Committee;
  - b) The independent auditors shall receive notice of and have the right to attend all meetings of the Committee; and
  - c) the following management representatives shall be invited to attend all meetings, except executive sessions and private sessions with the independent auditors:

Chief Executive Officer,

Chief Financial Officer, and

Other management representatives shall be invited to attend as necessary.

10. The internal auditors, if any, and the independent, external auditors of the Company (the "Auditors") shall, have a direct line of communication to the Committee through the Chairman and may bypass management of the Company. The Committee, through the Chairman, may contact directly any employee in the Company as it deems necessary, and any employee may bring before the Committee any matter involving questionable, illegal or improper financial practices or transactions.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 11. The overall duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be to:
  - a) assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibilities relating to the Company's accounting principles, reporting practices and internal controls;

- b) overseeing the work of the Auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding external reporting;
- c) pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company by the Auditor;
- d) review the Company's annual and quarterly consolidated financial statements, MD&A disclosure and annual and interim earnings press releases before they are released to the public;
- e) establish and maintain a direct line of communication with the Company's Auditors and assess their performance;
- f) be satisfied 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, other than the public disclosure referred to in paragraph (d) above, and must develop a method and procedure of being able to assess, and must periodically assess, the adequacy of those procedures;
- g) establish procedures for:
  - i. the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and
  - ii. the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
  - iii. review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the Auditor and former external auditor of the Company; and
  - iv. report regularly to the Board on the fulfilment of its duties and responsibilities.
- 12. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the Auditors shall be to:
  - a) recommend to the Board a firm of independent auditors to be engaged by the Company;
  - b) review and approve the fee, scope and timing of the audit and other related services rendered by the independent auditors:
  - c) review the audit plan of the Auditors prior to the commencement of the audit;
  - d) review with the Auditors, upon completion of their audit:
    - i. contents of their report;
    - ii. scope and quality of the audit work performed;
    - iii. adequacy of the Company's financial and auditing personnel;
    - iv. co-operation received from the Company's personnel during the audit;
    - v. internal resources used;
    - vi. significant transactions outside of the normal business of the Company;
    - vii. significant proposed adjustments and recommendations for improving internal accounting controls, accounting principles or management systems; and
    - viii. the non-audit services provided by the independent auditors.
- 13. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the Company's internal auditors are to:
  - a) periodically review the internal audit function with respect to the organization, staffing and effectiveness of the internal audit department;
  - b) review and approve the internal audit plan; and
  - c) review significant internal audit findings and recommendations, and management's response thereto.
- 14. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the internal control procedures of the Company are to:
  - a) review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Company's policies and business practices which impact on the financial integrity of the Company, including those relating to internal auditing, insurance, accounting, information services and systems and financial controls, management reporting and risk management;
  - b) review compliance under the Company's business conduct policy and to periodically review this policy and recommend to the Board changes which the Committee may deem appropriate;
  - c) review any unresolved issues between management and the independent auditors that could affect the financial reporting or internal controls of the Company; and

- d) periodically review the Company's financial and auditing procedures and the extent to which recommendations made by the internal audit staff or by the independent auditors have been implemented.
- 15. The Committee is also charged with the responsibility to:
  - a) review the Company's quarterly statements of earnings, including the impact of unusual items and changes in accounting principles and estimates and report to the Board with respect thereto;
  - b) review and approve the financial sections of:
    - i. the annual report to shareholders;
    - ii. the annual information form of the Company;
    - iii. prospectuses; and
    - iv. other public reports requiring approval by the Board, and report to the Board with respect thereto;
  - c) review regulatory filings and decisions as they relate to the Company's consolidated financial statements:
  - d) review the appropriateness of the policies and procedures used in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements and other required disclosure documents, and consider recommendations for any material change to such policies;
  - e) review the minutes of any audit committee meeting of subsidiary companies;
  - f) review with management, the external auditors and if necessary with legal counsel, any litigation, claim or other contingency, including tax assessments that could have a material effect upon the financial position or operating results of the Company and the manner in which such matters have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements; and
  - g) develop a calendar of activities to be undertaken by the Committee for each ensuing year and to submit the calendar in the appropriate format to the Board of Directors following each annual general meeting of shareholders.

#### AUTHORITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 16. The Committee shall have the authority to:
  - a) engage, without the consent of the Company, independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties;
  - b) set and pay the compensation for any advisors retained by the Committee; and
  - c) communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.