



**Golden Sun Mining Corp.**

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
AND  
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

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**Dated: November 25, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Date:** December 30, 2020  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver Time)  
**Place:** Suite 1930, 1177 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4T5

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general and special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the holders of common shares (“**Shareholders**”) of Golden Sun Mining Corp. (the “**Company**”) will be held at Suite 1930, 1177 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) for the following purposes:

- (a) to receive the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the financial years ended April 30, 2019 and 2020, together with the reports of the auditor thereon;
- (b) to appoint Baker Tilly WM LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and authorize the board of directors to fix the remuneration of the auditor;
- (c) to fix the number of the directors of the Company for the ensuing year at three (3);
- (d) to elect directors to hold office for the ensuing year;
- (e) to consider, and if deemed advisable, to approve, with or without variation, the adoption of a new share-based compensation plan (the “**New Compensation Plan**”), as more particularly described in the accompanying management information circular;
- (f) To consider, and if deemed advisable, to approve, with or without variation, a special resolution authorizing the consolidation of the Company’s common shares (the “**Shares**”) on the basis of one (1) new Share for up to every fifty (50) currently issued and outstanding Shares, or such lesser ratio as the directors may determine appropriate, as more particularly described in the accompanying management information circular;
- (g) to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The accompanying management information circular (“**Circular**”) provides additional information relating to the matters to be dealt with at the Meeting and is deemed to form part of this Notice of Meeting.

The Company is offering Shareholders the opportunity to participate in the Meeting by way of teleconference. Registered Shareholders, or proxyholders representing registered Shareholders, participating in the Meeting by way of teleconference will be considered present in person at the Meeting for the purposes of determining quorum. Shareholders wishing to participate by teleconference may do so by dialing the following conference line, and entering the conference ID set forth below:

Conference Line: 1 855-453-6958

Conference ID: 7374103

**A shareholder who is unable to attend the Meeting in person and who wishes to ensure that such shareholder’s shares will be voted at the Meeting is requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed form of proxy and deliver it in accordance with the instructions set out in the form of proxy and in the information circular.**

**We strongly encourage Shareholders to attend the Meeting via teleconference and to vote their common shares prior to the Meeting by proxy, prior to the proxy cut-off at 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) on Thursday, December 24, 2020, as voting will not be available via telephone on the day of the Meeting.**

As set out in the notes, the enclosed proxy is solicited by management, but, you may amend it, if you so desire, by striking out the names listed therein and inserting in the space provided, the name of the person you wish to represent you at the Meeting.

**DATED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

By order of the Board of Directors.

**GOLDEN SUN MINING CORP.**

*/s/ "Brian Thurston"*

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**Brian Thurston**  
**Director, President, Chief Executive Officer and**  
**Corporate Secretary**

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## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

(containing information as at November 25, 2020 unless otherwise stated)

**For the Annual General and Special Meeting  
to be held on Thursday, December 30, 2020**

### SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

This management information circular (“**Circular**”) is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Golden Sun Mining Corp. (the “**Company**”), for use at the annual general and special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the shareholders (“**Shareholders**”) of the Company to be held on Thursday, December 30, 2020, at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting and at any adjournment and postponement thereof.

The enclosed instrument of proxy (the “**Proxy**”) is solicited by the management of the Company. The solicitation will be primarily by mail however, proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by the regular officers and employees of the Company. The cost of solicitation, if any, will be borne by the Company.

### Impact of COVID-19

This year to proactively deal with the unprecedented health impact of the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, to mitigate risks to the health and safety of our communities, Shareholders, employees and other stakeholders, and in compliance with current government direction and advice, we will hold a hybrid Meeting, allowing for Shareholder participation in person and via teleconference. Shareholders will have the opportunity to participate at the Meeting via teleconference regardless of their geographic location by calling (toll-free) 1 855-453-6958 and using conference ID 7374103.

The Company reserves the right to take any additional precautionary measures it deems appropriate in relation to the Meeting in response to further developments in respect of the COVID-19 outbreak, including changing the Meeting date, time, location and/or means of holding the Meeting. Such changes will be announced by way of news release. Shareholders are advised to monitor the Company’s SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) where copies of such news releases, if any, will be posted. The Company does not intend to prepare an amended Circular in the event of changes to the Meeting format.

**We strongly encourage Shareholders to attend the Meeting via teleconference and to vote their common shares prior to the Meeting by proxy, prior to the proxy cut-off at 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) on Thursday, December 24, 2020, as voting will not be available via telephone on the day of the Meeting.**

### APPOINTMENT OF PROXYHOLDERS

The persons named in the Proxy are representatives of the Company.

**A Shareholder entitled to vote at the Meeting has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Shareholder) to attend and act on the Shareholder’s behalf at the Meeting other than the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy. To exercise this right, a Shareholder shall strike out the names of the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy and insert the name of the Shareholder’s nominee in the blank space provided or complete another suitable form of proxy.**

A proxy will not be valid unless it is duly completed, signed and deposited with the Company’s registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada (“**Computershare**”) by hand or mail at 100 University Avenue, 8th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or by fax within North America at 1-866-249-7775 or outside North America at 1-416-263-9524, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. A proxy must be signed by the Shareholder or by his attorney in writing, or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, it must either be under its common seal or signed by a duly authorized officer.

## **VOTING BY PROXYHOLDER**

### **Manner of Voting**

The common shares represented by the Proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and, if the Shareholder specifies a choice on the Proxy with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the shares will be voted accordingly. On any poll, the persons named in the Proxy (the “**Proxyholders**”) will vote the shares in respect of which they are appointed. Where directions are given by the Shareholder in respect of voting for or against any resolution, the Proxyholder will do so in accordance with such direction.

The Proxy, when properly signed, confers discretionary authority on the Proxyholder with respect to amendments or variations to the matters which may properly be brought before the Meeting. At the time of printing this Circular, Management is not aware that any such amendments, variations or other matters are to be presented for action at the Meeting. However, if any other matters which are not now known to Management should properly come before the Meeting, the proxies hereby solicited will be exercised on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the Proxyholder.

**In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the Proxyholders intend to vote the common shares represented by each Proxy, properly executed, in favour of the motions proposed to be made at the Meeting as stated under the headings in this Circular.**

### **Revocation of Proxy**

A Shareholder who has given a Proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a Proxy may be revoked by instrument in writing executed by the Shareholder or by his or her attorney authorized in writing, or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, it must either be under its common seal or signed by a duly authorized officer and deposited with the Company’s registrar and transfer agent, Computershare at 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or by fax within North America at 1-866-249-7775 or outside North America at 1-416-263-9524 at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment of it, at which the Proxy is to be used, or to the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment of it. A revocation of a Proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to the revocation.

### **Voting Thresholds Required for Approval**

In order to approve a motion proposed at the Meeting, a majority of not less than one-half of the votes cast will be required (an “**Ordinary Resolution**”) unless the motion requires a special resolution (a “**Special Resolution**”), in which case a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast will be required. In the event a motion proposed at the Meeting requires disinterested Shareholder approval, common shares held by Shareholders of the Company who are also “insiders”, as such term is defined under applicable securities laws, will be excluded from the count of votes cast on such motion.

## **ADVICE TO REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS**

Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of common shares in the capital of the Company (the “**Registered Shareholders**”) may choose to vote by proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person.

Registered Shareholders who choose to submit a Proxy may do so by completing, signing, dating and depositing the Proxy with Computershare, at 100 University Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or by fax within North America at 1-866-249-7775 or outside North America at 1-416-263-9524 not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The Proxy may be signed by the Shareholder or by his or her attorney in writing, or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, it must either be under its common seal or signed by a duly authorized officer.

### **Returning your proxy form**

To be effective, we must receive your completed proxy form or voting instruction no later than 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) on December 24, 2020.

If the meeting is postponed or adjourned, we must receive your completed form of proxy by 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time), two full business days before any adjourned or postponed meeting at which the proxy is to be used. Late proxies may be accepted or rejected by the Chairman of the Meeting at his discretion and he is under no obligation to accept or reject a late proxy. The Chairman of the Meeting may waive or extend the proxy cut-off without notice.

### **ADVICE TO BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

**The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many Shareholders as a substantial number of Shareholders do not hold shares in their own name.**

Shareholders who do not hold their shares in their own name (referred to in this information circular as “**Beneficial Shareholders**”) should note that only proxies deposited by Registered Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting.

If shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by an intermediary, such as a brokerage firm, then, in almost all cases, those shares will not be registered in the Shareholder’s name on the records of the Company. Such shares will more likely be registered under the name of the Shareholder’s intermediary or an agent of that intermediary, and consequently the Shareholder will be a Beneficial Shareholder. In Canada, the vast majority of such shares are registered under the name CDS & Co. (being the registration name for the Canadian Depository for Securities, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). The shares held by intermediaries or their agents or nominees can only be voted (for or against resolutions) upon the instructions of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, an intermediary and its agents are prohibited from voting shares for the intermediary’s clients. **Therefore, Beneficial Shareholders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their shares are communicated to the appropriate person.**

Applicable regulatory rules require intermediaries/brokers to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholders’ meetings. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their shares are voted at the Meeting. The purpose of the form of proxy or voting instruction form provided to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker, agent or nominee is limited to instructing the registered holder of the shares on how to vote such shares on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder.

The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Investor Communications (“**Broadridge**”). Broadridge typically supplies a voting instruction form, mails those forms to Beneficial Shareholders and asks those Beneficial Shareholders to return the forms to Broadridge or follow specific telephone or other voting procedures. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received by it and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of the shares to be represented at the Meeting. **A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a voting instruction form from Broadridge cannot use that form to vote shares directly at the Meeting. Instead, the voting instruction form must be returned to Broadridge or the alternate voting procedures must be completed well in advance of the Meeting in order to ensure such shares are voted.**

There are two kinds of Beneficial Shareholders, those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own (“**OBOs**” for Objecting Beneficial Owners) and those who do not object to the issuers of the securities they own knowing who they are (“**NOBOs**” for Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners). The Company does not intend to pay for intermediaries to deliver these securityholder materials to OBOs and, as a result, OBOs will not be sent paper copies unless their intermediary assumes the costs.

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

Except as otherwise disclosed herein, none of the directors (“**Directors**”) or officers (“**Officers**”) of the Company, at any time since the beginning of the Company’s last financial year, nor any proposed nominee for election as a Director, or any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matters to be acted upon at the Meeting exclusive of the election of directors or the appointment of auditors. Directors and Officers may, however, be interested in the approval of the Compensation Plan as detailed in “*Compensation Plan*” below, as such persons are entitled to participate in the Compensation Plan.

## **RECORD DATE, VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF**

A Shareholder of record at the close of business on November 25, 2020 (the “**Record Date**”) who either personally attends the Meeting or who has completed and delivered a Proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above, shall be entitled to vote or to have such shareholder's shares voted at the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

The Company's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares (“**Common Shares**”) without par value. As at the Record Date, the Company has 54,968,336 Common Shares issued and outstanding, each share carrying the right to one vote. There are no Preferred Shares outstanding.

### **Principal Holders of Voting Securities**

To the best of knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as of the date of the Circular, no persons or corporations beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over, Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Common Shares of the Company.

## **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### **For the purpose of this information circular:**

“**CEO**” means an individual who acted as chief executive officer of the Company, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

“**CFO**” means an individual who acted as chief financial officer of the Company, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

“**Director**” means an individual who acted as a director of the Company, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

“**equity incentive plan**” means an incentive plan, or portion of an incentive plan, under which awards are granted and that falls within the scope of IFRS 2 *Share-Based Payments*;

“**NEO**” or “**named executive officer**” means each of the following individuals:

- (a) a CEO;
- (b) a CFO;
- (c) each of the three most highly compensated executive officers, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(6) of National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations (“NI 51-102”), for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the company, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year; and

“**option-based award**” means an award under an equity incentive plan of options, including, for greater certainty, share options, share appreciation rights, and similar instruments that have option-like features.

### **Statement of Executive Compensation**

The following information regarding executive compensation is presented in accordance with National Instrument Form 51-102F6V – Statement of Executive Compensation, and sets forth compensation for each of the NEOs, named executive officers and directors of the Company.

### **Director and NEO Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities**

The following table sets out all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company to each NEO, in any capacity, and each director, during the two most recently completed financial years ending April 30, 2019 and 2020.

<b>Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities</b>							
<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)</b>	<b>Bonus (\$)</b>	<b>Committee or meeting fees (\$)</b>	<b>Value of perquisites (\$)</b>	<b>Value of all other compensation (\$)</b>	<b>Total compensation (\$)</b>
<b>Brian Thurston</b> <i>President, CEO and Director</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Dave McMillan</b> <i>Director</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Jamie Lewin</b> <i>Director</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Eli Dusenbury</b> <i>CFO</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Mark McLeary</b> <sup>(1)</sup> <i>former President, CEO and Director</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Laara Shaffer</b> <sup>(2)</sup> <i>former CFO</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Ian Foreman</b> <sup>(3)</sup> <i>former Director</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Tom Kordyback</b> <sup>(4)</sup> <i>former Director</i>	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(1) Mark McLeary resigned as President, CEO, Secretary and as a director of the Company effective August 14, 2020

(2) Laara Shaffer resigned as CFO of the Company effective August 14, 2020

(3) Ian Foreman resigned as a director of the Company effective August 14, 2020

(4) Tom Kordyback resigned as a director of the Company effective August 14, 2020

### **Stock Options and other Compensation Securities**

The Company did not grant any stock options to the NEOs or Directors of the Company during the most recently completed financial year ended April 30, 2020.

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

No NEO or Director of the Company exercised compensation securities in the most recently completed financial year ended April 30, 2020.



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

The Company has adopted a stock option plan (the “**Option Plan**”) pursuant to which the Board may grant options (the “**Options**”) to purchase Common Shares of the Company to NEOs, directors and employees of the Company or affiliated corporations and to consultants retained by the Company.

The purpose of the Option Plan is to attract, retain, and motivate NEOs, directors, employees and other service providers by providing them with the opportunity, through options, to acquire an interest in the Company and benefit from the Company’s growth. Under the Option Plan, the maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance, including Options currently outstanding, is equal to ten (10%) percent of the Shares outstanding from time to time (the “**10% Maximum**”). The 10% Maximum is an “evergreen” provision, meaning that, following the exercise, termination, cancellation or expiration of any Options, a number of Common Shares equivalent to the number of options so exercised, terminated, cancelled or expired would automatically become reserved and available for issuance in respect of future Option grants.

The number of Common Shares which may be the subject of Options on a yearly basis to any one person cannot exceed five (5%) percent of the number of issued and outstanding Shares at the time of the grant. Options may be granted to any employee, officer, director, consultant, affiliate or subsidiary of the Company exercisable at a price which is not less than the market price of common shares of the Company on the date of the grant. The directors of the Company may, by resolution, determine the time period during which any option may be exercised (the “**Exercise Period**”), provided that the Exercise Period does not contravene any rule or regulation of such exchange on which the Common Shares may be listed. All Options will terminate on the earliest to occur of (a) the expiry of their term; (b) the date of termination of an optionee’s employment, office or position as director, if terminated for just cause; (c) ninety (90) days (or such other period of time as permitted by any rule or regulation of such exchange on which the Common Shares may be listed) following the date of termination of an optionee’s position as a director or NEO, if terminated for any reason other than the optionee’s disability or death; (d) thirty (30) days following the date of termination of an optionee’s position as a consultant engaged in investor relations activities, if terminated for any reason other than the optionee’s disability, death, or just cause; and (e) the date of any sale, transfer or assignment of the Option.

Options are non-assignable and are subject to early termination in the event of the death of a participant or in the event a participant ceases to be a NEO, director, employee, consultant, affiliate, or subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be. Subject to the foregoing restrictions, and certain other restrictions set out in the Option Plan, the Board is authorized to provide for the granting of Options and the exercise and method of exercise of options granted under the Option Plan.

There are presently no Options outstanding under the current Option Plan.

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

Management functions of the Company are not, to any substantial degree, performed other than by directors or NEOs of the Company. There are no agreements or arrangements that provide for compensation to NEOs or directors of the Company, or that provide for payments to a NEO or director at, following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation, retirement, severance, a change of control in the Company or a change in the NEO or director’s responsibilities.

### **Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation**

#### ***Compensation of Directors***

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

In the Board’s view, there is, and has been, no need for the Company to design or implement a formal compensation program for directors. While the Board considers Option grants to directors under the Option Plan from time to time, the Board does not employ a prescribed methodology when determining the grant or allocation of Options. Other than the Option Plan, as discussed above, the Company does not offer any long-term incentive plans, share compensation plans or any other such benefit programs for directors.

### ***Compensation of NEOs***

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

### ***Elements of NEO Compensation***

As discussed above, the Company provides an Option Plan to motivate NEOs by providing them with the opportunity, through Options, to acquire an interest in the Company and benefit from the Company's growth. The Board does not employ a prescribed methodology when determining the grant or allocation of Options to NEOs. Other than the Option Plan, the Company does not offer any long-term incentive plans, share compensation plans, retirement plans, pension plans, or any other such benefit programs for NEOs.

### **Pension Plan Benefits**

No pension, retirement or deferred compensation plans, including defined contribution plans, have been instituted by the Company and none are proposed at this time.

### **SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN**

The following table sets forth information with respect to all compensation plans under which equity securities are authorized for issuance as of April 30, 2020:

<b>Equity Compensation Plan Information</b>			
<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans excluding securities reflected in column (a)</b>
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	N/A	N/A
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	N/A	5,496,834
<b>TOTAL</b>	Nil	N/A	5,496,834

(1) Represents the Option Plan of the Company, which reserves a number of common shares equal to 10% of the then outstanding common shares from time to time for issue pursuant to stock options.

### **INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

As of the date hereof, other than indebtedness that has been entirely repaid on or before the date of this information circular or “routine indebtedness” as defined in Form 51-102F5 of National Instrument 51-102 none of:

- (a) the individuals who are, or at any time since the beginning of the last financial year of the Company were, a director or executive officer of the Company;
- (b) the proposed nominees for election as a director of the Company; or
- (c) any associates of the foregoing persons,

is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, indebted to the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, or is a person whose indebtedness to another entity is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, the subject of a guarantee support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company.

### **INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

For purposes of the following discussion, “Informed Person” means:

- (a) a Director or Officer;
- (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an Informed Person or a Subsidiary;
- (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 percent of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Company, other than the voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and
- (d) the Company itself if it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its securities, for so long as it holds any of its securities.

Except as disclosed below, elsewhere herein or in the Notes to the Company's financial statements for the financial years ended April 30, 2020 and 2019 none of:

- (a) the Informed Persons of the Company;
- (b) the proposed nominees for election as a Director; or
- (c) any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons,

has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in a proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any subsidiary of the Company.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Baker Tilly WM LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants (“**Baker Tilly**”) is the Company’s auditor and was appointed as the Company’s auditor on August 11, 2020. Management is recommending the appointment of Baker Tilly as Auditors for the Company, to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the shareholders at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Except as disclosed herein, the Company is not a party to a management contract with any directors or executive officers of the Company.

### **PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON**

#### **Presentation of Financial Statements**

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial years ended April 30, 2019 and 2020 (the “**Financial Statements**”), together with the auditor’s reports thereon (the “**Auditor’s Report**”) will be presented to Shareholders at the Meeting, but no vote thereon is required. The Financial Statements, Auditor’s Report and management’s discussion and analysis (the “**MD&A**”) for the financial years ended April 30, 2019 and 2020 are available under the Company’s profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The Notice of Meeting to Shareholders, this Circular, Request for Financial Statements and form of proxy will be available from Computershare, 510 Burrard Street, 2nd Floor, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 3B9 and under the Company’s profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)

#### **Appointment and Remuneration of Auditor**

Shareholders will be asked to approve the appointment of Baker Tilly as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders, or until a successor is appointed, at remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

**In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the Proxyholders intend to vote the Common Shares represented by each Proxy, properly executed, FOR appointing Baker Tilly as the Company’s independent auditor for the ensuing year, and FOR authorizing the Board of Director to fix the auditor’s pay.**

#### **Fixing the Number of Directors**

Management proposes, and the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy intend to vote in favour of fixing the number of Directors at three (3). Although Management is nominating three (3) individuals to stand for election, the names of further nominees for Directors may come from the floor at the Meeting.

**In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the Proxyholders intend to vote the Common Shares represented by each Proxy, properly executed, FOR fixing the number of Directors at three (e) for the ensuing year.**

#### **Election of Directors**

The persons named in the enclosed Instrument of Proxy intend to vote in favour of fixing the number of directors at three (3). Although Management is nominating three (3) individuals to stand for election, the names of further nominees for Directors may come from the floor at the Meeting.

Each Director of the Company is elected annually and holds office until the next annual general meeting of Shareholders or until their successor is duly elected, unless their office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Articles of the Company.

**In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the Proxyholders intend to the vote the Common Shares represented by each Proxy, properly executed, FOR the nominees herein listed. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a Director.**

### ***Information Concerning Nominees Submitted by Management***

The following table sets out the names of the persons proposed to be nominated by Management for election as a Director, the province or state and country in which he is ordinarily resident, the positions and offices which each presently holds with the Company, the period of time for which he has been a director of the Company, the respective principal occupations or employment during the past five years if such nominee is not presently an elected director and the number of shares of the Company which each beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised as of the date of this Information Circular. Each of the nominees are currently directors of the Company.

<b>Name, Province and Country of ordinary residence, and positions held with the Company<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Principal occupation and, IF NOT an elected Director, principal occupation during the past five years<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Date(s) serving as a Director<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>No. of shares beneficially owned or controlled<sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Brian Thurston<sup>(3)</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>President, CEO, Corporate Secretary &amp; Director</i>	President, CEO and Corporate of the Company.	Since August 2020	Nil
<b>Jamie Lewin<sup>(3)</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	Chartered Professional Account. Principal and consultant at Best Fit Consulting.	Since August 2020	Nil
<b>Dave McMillan<sup>(3)</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	Chairman and CEO of Southstar Mining Corp; Interim CEO and President of IMC International Mining Corp.	Since August 2020	Nil

- (1) *The information as to ordinary residence, principal occupation and number of common shares of the Company beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, by the nominee director and his or her associates and affiliates, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective nominees. Information provided as at the Record Date.*
- (2) *The Company does not set expiry dates for the terms of office of Directors. Each Director holds office as long as he is elected annually by Shareholders at Annual General Meetings, unless his office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Articles of the Company.*
- (3) *Member of Audit Committee.*

The Company does not currently have an Executive Committee of its Board of Directors.

### ***Cease Trade Orders, Corporate and Personal Bankruptcies, Penalties and Sanctions***

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

Except as set forth below, to the best of knowledge of the Company, none of the proposed directors, including any personal holding company of a proposed director:

- (a) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:
- (i) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the company; or
  - (ii) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the company; or
- (b) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or was subject to or instituted any proceedings,

arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets;

- (c) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director;
- (d) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority since December 31, 2000, or before December 31, 2000 if the disclosure of which would likely be important to a reasonable security holder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director, or
- (e) has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable security holder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

Mr. Thurston was subject to cease trade orders issued against the management of Upper Canyon Minerals Corp. on September 10, 2012 and August 14, 2013, respectively, as a result of that company's failure to file audited annual financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis of for the year ended December 31, 2012 and interim financial statements. The cease trade order was removed on May 16, 2017, and Mr. Thurston is no longer a director or officer of Upper Canyon Minerals Corp.

### **Adoption of New Compensation Plan**

The Company's current stock option plan (the "**Current Plan**") was initially adopted by the Board on September 30, 2008.

The Board proposes to implement a new share-based compensation plan (the "**New Compensation Plan**"), subject to shareholder and regulatory approval. The Shareholders will be asked to approve the adoption of a New Compensation Plan of the Company to be implemented following the Meeting. If implemented by the Company, the New Compensation Plan will replace the Current Plan. The text of the New Compensation Plan is attached to this Circular as Schedule "C". The following is a summary of certain provisions of the New Compensation Plan and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the New Compensation Plan:

Awards that may be granted to eligible directors, officers, employees and consultants (collectively, "**Participants**") under the New Compensation Plan include stock options ("**Options**") and restricted share rights ("**RSRs**"). In addition, the New Compensation Plan provides for the granting to eligible directors of deferred share units ("**DSUs**") which the directors are entitled to redeem for 90 days following retirement or termination from the Board. Hereinafter "Awards" refers to, collectively, Options, RSRs, and DSUs.

### ***Stock Options***

#### ***Option Grants***

The New Compensation Plan authorizes the Board to grant Options. The number of Shares, the exercise price per Share, the vesting period and any other terms and conditions of Options granted from time to time pursuant to the New Compensation Plan, are determined by the Board at the time of the grant, subject to the defined parameters of the New Compensation Plan. The date of grant for the Options shall be the date such grant was approved by the Board.

#### ***Exercise Price***

The exercise price of any Option cannot be less than the closing market price of the Shares on (a) the trading day prior to the date of grant of the Award; and (b) the date of grant of the Award (the "**Fair Market Value**").

#### ***Exercise Period, Blackout Periods and Vesting***

Options are exercisable for a period of five years from the date the Option is granted or such greater or lesser period as determined by the Board. Options may be earlier terminated in the event of death or termination of employment or appointment. Vesting of Options is determined by the Board. Failing a specific vesting determination by the Board, Options automatically become exercisable incrementally over a period of eighteen months from the date of grant, as to: (i) 25% of the total number of shares under Option immediately upon the date of grant; and (ii) at each six-month

interval thereafter, an additional 25% of the total number of shares under Option such that after the 18<sup>th</sup> month of the Option period, 100% of the Option will be exercisable. The right to exercise an Option may be accelerated in the event a takeover bid in respect of the Shares is made.

When the expiry date of an Option occurs during, or within ten (10) days following, a “blackout period”, the expiry date of such Option is deemed to be the date that is ten (10) days following the expiry of such blackout period. Blackout periods are imposed by the Company to restrict trading of the Company’s securities by directors, officers, and certain others who hold Options to purchase Shares, in accordance with any similar policies in effect from time to time, in circumstances where material non-public information exists, including where financial statements are being prepared but results have not yet been publicly disclosed.

#### *Cashless Exercise Rights*

Provided the Shares are listed on an Exchange (as defined in the New Compensation Plan), an optionee has the right to exercise an Option on a “cashless” basis by electing to relinquish, in whole or in part, the right to exercise such Option and receive, in lieu thereof, a number of fully paid Shares. The number of Shares issuable on the cashless exercise right is equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the difference between the aggregate Fair Market Value and the aggregate Option price of all Shares subject to such Option by the Fair Market Value of one (1) Share.

#### *Termination or Death*

If an optionee dies while employed by the Company, any Option held by him or her will be exercisable for a period of 12 months or prior to the expiration of the Options (whichever is sooner) by the person to whom the rights of the optionee shall pass by will or applicable laws of descent and distribution. If an optionee is terminated for cause, no Option will be exercisable unless the Board determines otherwise. If an optionee ceases to be employed or engaged by the Company for any reason other than cause, then the Options will be exercisable for a period of 12 months or prior to the expiration of the Options (whichever is sooner).

#### **RSRs**

##### *RSR Grant*

The New Compensation Plan authorizes the Board to grant RSRs, in its sole and absolute discretion, to any eligible employee or director. Each RSR provides the recipient with the right to receive Shares as a discretionary payment in consideration of past services or as an incentive for future services, subject to the New Compensation Plan and with such additional provisions and restrictions as the Board may determine. Each RSR grant shall be evidenced by a restricted share right grant letter which shall be subject to the terms of the New Compensation Plan and any other terms and conditions which the Board deems appropriate.

##### *Vesting of RSRs*

Concurrent with the granting of the RSR, the Board shall determine the period of time during which the RSR is not vested and the holder of such RSR remains ineligible to receive Shares. Such period of time may be reduced or eliminated from time to time for any reason as determined by the Board. Once the RSR vests, the RSR is automatically settled through the issuance of an equivalent number of underlying Shares as RSRs held. Participants who are resident in Canada for the purposes of the Tax Act may elect to defer some or all of any part of the Share grant until one or more later dates.

##### *Retirement or Termination*

In the event the participant retires or is terminated during the vesting period, any RSR held by the participant shall be terminated immediately provided however that the Board shall have the absolute discretion to accelerate the vesting date. In the event of death or total disability, the vesting period shall accelerate and the Shares underlying the RSRs shall be issued.

#### **DSUs**

##### *DSU Grant*

The New Compensation Plan authorizes the Board to grant DSUs, in its sole and absolute discretion in a lump sum amount or on regular intervals to eligible directors. Each DSU grant shall be evidenced by a DSU grant letter which shall be subject to the terms of the New Compensation Plan and any other terms and conditions which the Board deems appropriate.

#### *Vesting of DSUs*

Each eligible director shall be entitled to redeem their DSUs during the period commencing on the business day immediately following the date such director ceases to hold any directorship and ending on the 90<sup>th</sup> day following such date by providing written notice of redemption to the Company. Upon redemption, the director shall be entitled to receive (subject to any share issuance limits in the New Compensation Plan), the number of Shares equal to the number of DSUs in the director's account. If the director ceases to hold office during a year where DSUs have been granted in advance of being earned and they have not held office for the entire year, the director will only be entitled to a pro-rated issuance of shares.

#### ***Provisions applicable to all grants of Awards***

##### *Transferability*

Pursuant to the New Compensation Plan, any Awards granted to a participant shall not be transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. During the lifetime of a participant, Awards may only be exercised by the Participant.

##### *Amendments to the Plan*

The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the New Compensation Plan or any Award granted under the New Compensation Plan without shareholder approval, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing: (i) changes of a clerical or grammatical nature; (ii) changes regarding the persons eligible to participate in the New Compensation Plan; (iii) changes to the exercise price; (iv) vesting, term and termination provisions of Awards; (v) changes to the cashless exercise right provisions; (vi) changes to the authority and role of the Board under the New Compensation Plan; and (vii) any other matter relating to the New Compensation Plan and the Awards granted thereunder, provided however that:

- (a) such amendment, suspension or termination is in accordance with applicable laws and the rules of any stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed;
- (b) no amendment to the New Compensation Plan or to an Award granted thereunder will have the effect of impairing, derogating from or otherwise adversely affecting the terms of an Award which is outstanding at the time of such amendment without the written consent of the holder of such Award;
- (c) the terms of an Option will not be amended once issued; and
- (d) the expiry date of an Option shall not be more than ten (10) years from the date of grant of such Option, provided, however, that at any time the expiry date should be determined to occur either during a blackout period or within ten business days following the expiry of a blackout period, the expiry date of such Option shall be deemed to be the date that is the tenth business day following the expiry of the blackout period.

If the New Compensation Plan is terminated, the provisions of the New Compensation Plan and any administrative guidelines and other rules and regulations adopted by the Board and in force on the date of termination will continue in effect as long as any Award pursuant thereto remain outstanding.

##### *Share Issuance Limits*

The aggregate number of Shares that may be subject to issuance under the New Compensation Plan, together with any other securities-based compensation arrangements of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the Company's issued and outstanding share capital from time to time.

#### ***New Compensation Plan Resolution***

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass the following ordinary resolution to approve the adoption of the New Compensation Plan (the "**Compensation Plan Resolution**"), substantially in the following form:



**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. the New Compensation Plan, in substantially the form attached as Schedule “C” to this Circular, with such additions and deletions as may be approved by the directors of the Company or as may be required by any regulatory authority, is hereby adopted as the share-based compensation plan of the Company effective immediately;
2. all issued and outstanding stock options of the Company previously granted shall be continued under and governed by the New Compensation Plan; and
3. the directors of the Company be authorized to perform all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to effect the adoption of the New Compensation Plan; and that the directors of the Company be authorized to implement or abandon these resolutions in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time in their sole discretion, all without further approval, ratification or confirmation by shareholders.”

**Management recommends that Shareholders approve the Compensation Plan Resolution.** If the Compensation Plan Resolution is approved by Shareholders, the Directors will have the authority, in their sole discretion, to implement or revoke the Compensation Plan Resolution and otherwise implement or abandon the New Compensation Plan.

**In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the Proxyholders intend to vote the Common Shares represented by each Proxy, properly executed, FOR the Compensation Plan Resolution.**

**Consolidation*****The Consolidation Resolution***

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and pass the following Special Resolution (the “**Consolidation Resolution**”) to approve the consolidation of the Common Shares on the basis of fifty (50) pre-consolidation Common Shares being consolidated into one (1) post-consolidation Common Share (the “**Share Consolidation**”).

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. the Company be and it is hereby authorized to consolidate all of its issued Common Shares without par value on a basis to be determined by the directors of the Company, in their sole discretion, provided that the consolidation shall be no greater than fifty (50) pre-consolidation Common Share to one (1) post-consolidation Common Share;
2. if, as a result of the consolidation, a holder of Common Shares would otherwise be entitled to a fraction of a Common Share, any fraction, if it is less than one-half of a share, shall be cancelled, and if it is at least one-half of a share, shall be rounded up to one whole share;
3. any director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Company to prepare, sign and deliver all documents and to do all things necessary and advisable to give effect to these resolutions;
4. notwithstanding the shareholders' approval by this resolution of the proposal to consolidate the issued share capital of the Company, the directors of the Company be and they are hereby authorized without further approval of the Shareholders to modify, vary or amend such terms and conditions in respect of the consolidation as may be required by the regulatory authorities having jurisdiction or as the board of directors may in its sole discretion deem in the best interests of the Company; and
5. notwithstanding the shareholders' approval by this resolution of the proposal to consolidate the issued share capital of the Company, the directors of the Company be and they are hereby authorized without further approval of the shareholders to revoke the resolution consolidating the issued share capital of the Company before it is acted upon.”

No fractional Common Shares of the Company will be issued if, as a result of the Share Consolidation, a registered Shareholder would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share. Instead, any fractional Common Shares resulting from the Share Consolidation will be rounded down to the nearest whole share if the fraction is less than one-half of a share and will be rounded up to the nearest whole share if the fraction is at least one-half of a share.

**Management recommends that Shareholders approve the Consolidation Resolution.** If the Consolidation Resolution is approved by Shareholders, the Directors will have the authority, in their sole discretion, to implement or revoke the Consolidation Resolution and otherwise implement or abandon the Share Consolidation.

**In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the Proxyholders intend to vote the Common Shares represented by each Proxy, properly executed, FOR the Consolidation Resolution.**

***Certain Risks Associated with the Share Consolidation***

There can be no assurance that the total market capitalization of the Company (the aggregate value of all Common Shares at the market price then in effect) immediately after the Share Consolidation will be equal to or greater than the total market capitalization immediately before the Share Consolidation. In addition, there can be no assurance that the per-share market price of the Common Shares following the Share Consolidation will equal or exceed the direct arithmetical result of the Share Consolidation. The Share Consolidation may result in some shareholders owning “odd lots” of less than 1000 common shares on a post-Share Consolidation basis which may be more difficult to sell or require greater transaction costs per share to sell.

**OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this circular, management knows of no other matters to be acted upon at this Annual General and Special Meeting. However, should any other matters properly come before the Meeting, the shares represented by the proxy solicited hereby will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the persons voting the shares represented by the proxy.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE**

The Charter of the Company's audit committee and other information required to be disclosed by Form 52-110F2 is attached to the Information Circular as Schedule “A”.

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE**

The information required to be disclosed by National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices is attached to this Circular as Schedule “B”.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Copies of the Company's Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis may be obtained without charge upon request from the Company's office located at 33 Heritage Peak Road, Port Moody, British Columbia, V3H 0H5.

**DIRECTOR APPROVAL**

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

**DATED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**GOLDEN SUN MINING CORP.**

*“Brian Thurston”*

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**Brian Thurston**  
**Director and Chief Executive Officer**

## SCHEDULE "A"

### FORM 52-110F2 AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE (VENTURE ISSUERS)

#### Item 1: The Audit Committee Charter

The Audit Committee (the "Committee") is a committee of the board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company. The role of the Committee is to provide oversight of the Company's financial management and of the design and implementation of an effective system of internal financial controls as well as to review and report to the Board on the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, its subsidiaries and associated companies. This includes helping directors meet their responsibilities, facilitating better communication between directors and the external auditor, enhancing the independence of the external auditor, increasing the credibility and objectivity of financial reports and strengthening the role of the directors by facilitating in-depth discussions among directors, management and the external auditor. Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining those controls, procedures and processes and the Committee is appointed by the Board to review and monitor them. The Company's external auditor is ultimately accountable to the Board and the Committee as representatives of the Company's shareholders.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

##### *External Auditor*

- (a) To recommend to the Board, for shareholder approval, an external auditor to examine the Company's accounts, controls and financial statements on the basis that the external auditor is accountable to the Board and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) To oversee the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting.
- (c) To evaluate the audit services provided by the external auditor, pre-approve all audit fees and recommend to the Board, if necessary, the replacement of the external auditor.
- (d) To pre-approve any non-audit services to be provided to the Company by the external auditor and the fees for those services.
- (e) To obtain and review, at least annually, a written report by the external auditor setting out the auditor's internal quality-control procedures, any material issues raised by the auditor's internal quality-control reviews and the steps taken to resolve those issues.
- (f) To review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Company. The Committee has adopted the following guidelines regarding the hiring of any partner, employee, reviewing tax professional or other person providing audit assurance to the external auditor of the Company on any aspect of its certification of the Company's financial statements:
  - (i) No member of the audit team that is auditing a business of the Company can be hired into that business or into a position to which that business reports for a period of three years after the audit;
  - (ii) No former partner or employee of the external auditor may be made an officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for three years following the end of the individual's association with the external auditor;
  - (iii) The Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") must approve all office hires from the external auditor; and
  - (iv) The CFO must report annually to the Committee on any hires within these guidelines during the preceding year.

- (g) To review, at least annually, the relationships between the Company and the external auditor in order to establish the independence of the external auditor.

#### *Financial Information and Reporting*

- (a) To review the Company's annual audited financial statements with the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and CFO and then the full Board. The Committee will review the interim financial statements with the CEO and CFO.
- (b) To review and discuss with management and the external auditor, as appropriate:
  - (i) The annual audited financial statements and the interim financial statements, including the accompanying management discussion and analysis; and
  - (ii) Earnings guidance and other releases containing information taken from the Company's financial statements prior to their release.
- (c) To review the quality and not just the acceptability of the Company's financial reporting and accounting standards and principles and any proposed material changes to them or their application.
- (d) To review with the CFO any earnings guidance to be issued by the Company and any news release containing financial information taken from the Company's financial statements prior to the release of the financial statements to the public. In addition, the CFO must review with the Committee the substance of any presentations to analysts or rating agencies that contain a change in strategy or outlook.

#### *Oversight*

- (a) To review the internal audit staff functions, including:
  - (i) The purpose, authority and organizational reporting lines;
  - (ii) The annual audit plan, budget and staffing; and
  - (iii) The appointment and compensation of the controller, if any.
- (b) To review, with the CFO and others, as appropriate, the Company's internal system of audit controls and the results of internal audits.
- (c) To review and monitor the Company's major financial risks and risk management policies and the steps taken by management to mitigate those risks.
- (d) To meet at least annually with management (including the CFO), the internal audit staff, and the external auditor in separate executive sessions and review issues and matters of concern respecting audits and financial reporting.
- (e) In connection with its review of the annual audited financial statements and interim financial statements, the Committee will also review the process for the CEO and CFO certifications (if required by law or regulation) with respect to the financial statements and the Company's disclosure and internal controls, including any material deficiencies or changes in those controls.

#### **Membership**

- (a) The Committee shall consist solely of three or more members of the Board, the majority of which the Board has determined has no material relationship with the Company and is otherwise “unrelated” or “independent” as required under applicable securities rules or applicable stock exchange rules.
- (b) Any member may be removed from office or replaced at any time by the Board and shall cease to be a member upon ceasing to be a director. Each member of the Committee shall hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of shareholders of the Company or until the member ceases to be a director, resigns or is replaced, whichever first occurs.

- (c) The members of the Committee shall be entitled to receive such remuneration for acting as members of the Committee as the Board may from time to time determine.
- (d) All members of the Committee must be “financially literate” (i.e., have the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements such as a balance sheet, an income statement and a cash flow statement).

### **Procedures**

- (a) The Board shall appoint one of the directors elected to the Committee as the Chair of the Committee (the “**Chair**”). In the absence of the appointed Chair from any meeting of the Committee, the members shall elect a Chair from those in attendance to act as Chair of the meeting.
- (b) The Chair will appoint a secretary (the “**Secretary**”) who will keep minutes of all meetings. The Secretary does not have to be a member of the Committee or a director and can be changed by simple notice from the Chair.
- (c) No business may be transacted by the Committee except at a meeting of its members at which a quorum of the Committee is present or by resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Committee. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that if the number of members of the Committee is an even number, one-half of the number of members plus one shall constitute a quorum and provided that a majority of the members must be “independent” or “unrelated”.
- (d) The Committee will meet as many times as is necessary to carry out its responsibilities. Any member of the Committee or the external auditor may call meetings.
- (e) The time and place of the meetings of the Committee, the calling of meetings and the procedure in all respects of such meetings shall be determined by the Committee, unless otherwise provided for in the articles of the Company or otherwise determined by resolution of the Board.
- (f) The Committee shall have the resources and authority necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities, including the authority to select, retain, terminate, and approve the fees and other retention terms (including termination) of special counsel, advisors or other experts or consultants, as it deems appropriate.
- (g) The Committee shall have access to any and all books and records of the Company necessary for the execution of the Committee's obligations and shall discuss with the CEO or the CFO such records and other matters considered appropriate.
- (h) The Committee has the authority to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.

### **Reports**

The Committee shall produce the following reports and provide them to the Board:

- (a) An annual performance evaluation of the Committee, which evaluation must compare the performance of the Committee with the requirements of this Charter. The performance evaluation should also recommend to the Board any improvements to this Charter deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee. The performance evaluation by the Committee shall be conducted in such manner as the Committee deems appropriate. The report to the Board may take the form of an oral report by the Chair or any other member of the Committee designated by the Committee to make this report.
- (b) A summary of the actions taken at each Committee meeting, which shall be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting.

### **Item 2: Composition of the Audit Committee**

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

NI 52-110 provides that an individual is “financially literate” if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements. The following sets out the members of the audit committee and their education and experience that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an audit committee member.

The current members of the Audit Committee are Brian Thurston, Jamie Lewin and Dave McMillan, two of whom are independent (Messrs. Lewin and McMillan) and all of whom are financially literate as defined by NI 52-110.

### **Item 3: Relevant Education And Experience**

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

All members of the Audit Committee are considered financially literate and have been involved in enterprises which publicly report financial results, each of which requires a working understanding of, and ability to analyze and assess, financial information (including financial statements).

**Brian Thurston** - Mr. Thurston is a professional geologist and holds an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Western Ontario. Mr. Thurston has over 26 years' experience working as a geologist around the globe including North, Central and South America, Africa and India. He has experience working on projects from grass roots to feasibility level. Mr. Thurston was instrumental in the initial exploration, land acquisition and development of Aurelian Resources' Ecuador grass roots exploration and held the position of Country Manager in Ecuador from 2004 to 2006. Kinross in 2008 acquired Aurelian Resources in a \$1.2 billion friendly deal. Mr. Thurston transitioned from geologist to corporate positions in 2004 and has founded several public companies and held positions of director and officer, as well as served on multiple committees including audit, disclosure and corporate governance.

**Jamie Lewin** - Mr. Lewin is a Chartered Professional Accountant, who also holds an MBA with a specialization in financial management and a Certification in Public Companies. In addition, he completed an LLB at Laval University and a BA in Economics from Western University. He has more than 20 years' experience in accounting and finance for private and public companies in the brokerage and investment, manufacturing, distribution, resources and service sectors. He has served as Chief Financial Officer of several junior mining companies and is principal of Best Fit Consulting..

**Dave McMillan** - Mr. McMillan brings over 46 years of experience in resource industries. His career has spanned manufacturing, marketing, sales and finance, including 17 years as an investment advisor, VP, Senior VP, Director and member of the Executive Committee of a large privately held Canadian brokerage firm. Mr. McMillan currently holds executive positions and sits on the boards of several public and private companies. From August 2011 to March 2015, Mr. McMillan was a director of Barkerville and from September 2014 to January 2015 he was Acting President of Barkerville. From 2016 to current, Mr. McMillan served as Chairman and CEO of South Star Mining.

### **Item 4: Audit Committee Oversight**

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

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

During the most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on certain exemptions set out in NI 52-110, namely section 2.4 (De Minimis Non-audit Services), subsection 6.1.1(4) (Circumstance Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer), subsection 6.1.1(5) (Events Outside Control of Member), subsection 6.1.1(6) (Death, Incapacity or Resignation), and any exemption, in whole or in part, in Part 8 (Exemptions).

### **Item 6: Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

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

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

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

	<b>FYE 2020</b>	<b>FYE 2019</b>
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$7,779	\$7,779
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil
Tax fees <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil
All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	Nil	Nil
<b>Total Fees:</b>	<b>\$7,779</b>	<b>\$7,779</b>

1. “Audit fees” include aggregate fees billed by the Company’s external auditor in each of the last three fiscal years for audit fees.
2. “Audited related fees” include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last three fiscal years for assurance and related services by the Company’s external auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company’s financial statements and are not reported under “Audit fees” above. The services provided include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
3. “Tax fees” include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last three fiscal years for professional services rendered by the Company’s external auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. The services provided include tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
4. “All other fees” include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last three fiscal years for products and services provided by the Company’s external auditor, other than “Audit fees”, “Audit related fees” and “Tax fees” above.

### **Item 8: Exemption**

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

**SCHEDULE “B”**  
**FORM 58-101F2**  
**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE**  
**(VENTURE ISSUERS)**

**Item 1: Board Of Directors**

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) supervises the CEO and the CFO. Both the CEO and CFO are required to act in accordance with the scope of authority provided to them by the Board.

*Brian Thurston*, is the President and CEO of the Company and is therefore not “independent”.

*Jamie Lewin*, a director of the Company, is “independent” in that he is free from any direct or indirect material relationship with the Company.

*Dave McMillan*, a director of the Company, is “independent” in that he is free from any direct or indirect material relationship with the Company.

**Item 2: Directorships**

The current directors of the Company are currently directors of the following other reporting issuers:

<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Name of Reporting Issuer</b>
<b>Brian Thurston</b>	Chemesis International Inc.
<b>Jamie Lewin</b>	Genix Pharmaceuticals Corporation
	IMC International Mining Corp.
<b>Dave McMillan</b>	South Star Mining Corp.
	IMC International Mining Corp.

**Item 3: Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Board does not have a formal process for the orientation of new Board members. Orientation is done on an informal basis. New Board members are provided with such information as is considered necessary to ensure that they are familiar with the Company’s business and understand the responsibilities of the Board.

The Board does not have a formal program for the continuing education of its directors. The Company expects its directors to pursue such continuing education opportunities as may be required to ensure that they maintain the skill and knowledge necessary to fulfill their duties as members of the Board. Directors can consult with the Company’s professional advisors regarding their duties and responsibilities, as well as recent developments relevant to the Company and the Board.

**Item 4: Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has not adopted a formal code of ethics. In the Board’s view, the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by corporate legislation and the common law, and the restrictions placed by corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest, have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

Although the Company has not adopted a formal code of ethics, the Company promotes an ethical business culture. Directors and officers of the Company are encouraged to conduct themselves and the business of the Company with the utmost honesty and integrity. Directors are also encouraged to consult with the Company’s professional advisors with respect to any issues related to ethical business conduct.



**Item 5: Nomination Of Directors**

The identification of potential candidates for nomination as directors of the Company is primarily done by the CEO, but all directors are encouraged to participate in the identification and recruitment of new directors. Potential candidates are primarily identified through referrals by business contacts.

**Item 6: Compensation**

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

**Item 7: Other Board Committees**

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

**Item 8: Assessments**

The Board does not have any formal process for assessing the effectiveness of the Board, its committees, or individual directors. Such assessments are done on an informal basis by the CEO and the Board as a whole.

## SCHEDULE “C”

### SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION PLAN

#### PART 1 PURPOSE

##### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to secure for the Company and its shareholders the benefits inherent in share ownership by the employees and directors of the Company and its affiliates who, in the judgment of the Board, will be largely responsible for its future growth and success. It is generally recognized that equity incentive plans of the nature provided for herein aid in retaining and encouraging employees and directors of exceptional ability because of the opportunity offered them to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company.

##### 1.2 Available Awards

Awards that may be granted under this Plan include:

- (a) Options;
- (b) Deferred Share Units; and
- (c) Restricted Share Rights.

#### PART 2 INTERPRETATION

##### 2.1 Definitions

- (a) “**Affiliate**” has the meaning set forth in the BCA.
- (b) “**Award**” means any right granted under this Plan, including Options, Deferred Share Units and Restricted Share Rights.
- (c) “**BCA**” means the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).
- (d) “**Blackout Period**” means a period in which the trading of Shares or other securities of the Company is restricted under any policy of the Company then in effect.
- (e) “**Board**” means the board of directors of the Company.
- (f) “**Cashless Exercise Right**” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.5 of this Plan.
- (g) “**Change of Control**” means the occurrence and completion of any one or more of the following events:
  - (A) the Company shall not be the surviving entity in a merger, amalgamation or other reorganization (or survives only as a subsidiary of an entity other than a previously wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company);
  - (B) the Company shall sell or otherwise transfer, including by way of the grant of a leasehold interest or joint venture interest (or one or more subsidiaries of the Company shall sell or otherwise transfer, including without limitation by way of the grant of a leasehold interest or joint venture interest) property or assets (i) aggregating more than 50% of the consolidated assets (measured by either book value or fair market value) of the Company and its subsidiaries as at the end of the most recently completed financial year of the Company or (ii) which during the most recently completed financial year of the Company generated, or during

the then current financial year of the Company are expected to generate, more than 50% of the consolidated operating income or cash flow of the Company and its subsidiaries, to any other person or persons (other than one or more Designated Affiliates of the Company), in which case the Change of Control shall be deemed to occur on the date of transfer of the assets representing one dollar more than 50% of the consolidated assets in the case of clause (i) or 50% of the consolidated operating income or cash flow in the case of clause (ii), as the case may be;

- (C) the Company is to be dissolved and liquidated;
- (D) any person, entity or group of persons or entities acting jointly or in concert acquires or gains ownership or control (including, without limitation, the power to vote) more than 50% of the Company's outstanding voting securities; or
- (E) as a result of or in connection with: (i) the contested election of directors, or; (ii) a transaction referred to in subparagraph (i) above, the persons who were directors of the Company before such election or transaction shall cease to constitute a majority of the directors.

For the purposes of the foregoing, "voting securities" means Shares and any other shares entitled to vote for the election of directors and shall include any securities, whether or not issued by the Company, which are not shares entitled to vote for the election of directors but are convertible into or exchangeable for shares which are entitled to vote for the election of directors, including any options or rights to purchase such shares or securities.

- (h) "**Code**" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any applicable United States Treasury Regulations and other binding guidance thereunder.
- (i) "**Company**" means Golden Sun Mining Corp., a company incorporated under the laws of British Columbia.
- (j) "**Deferred Payment Date**" for a Participant means the date after the Restricted Period which is the earlier of (i) the date which the Participant has elected to defer receipt of Restricted Shares in accordance with Section 4.4 of this Restricted Share Plan; and (ii) the Participant's Separation Date.
- (k) "**Deferred Share Unit**" means the agreement by the Company to pay, and the right of the Participant to receive, a Deferred Share Unit Payment for each Deferred Share Unit held, evidenced by way of book-keeping entry in the books of the Company and administered pursuant to this Plan.
- (l) "**Deferred Share Unit Grant Letter**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 5.2 of this Plan.
- (m) "**Deferred Share Unit Payment**" means, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Section 5.5 of this Plan, the issuance to a Participant of one previously unissued Share for each whole Deferred Share Unit credited to such Participant.
- (n) "**Designated Affiliate**" means subsidiaries of the Company designated by the Board from time to time for purposes of this Plan.
- (o) "**Director Retirement**" in respect of a Participant, means the Participant ceasing to hold any directorships with the Company, any Designated Affiliate and any entity related to the Company for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) after attaining a stipulated age in accordance with the Company's normal retirement policy, or earlier with the Company's consent.
- (p) "**Director Separation Date**" means the date that a Participant ceases to hold any directorships with the Company and any Designated Affiliate due to a Director Retirement or Director Termination and also ceases to serve as an employee or consultant with the Company, any Designated Affiliate and any entity related to the Company for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

- (q) “**Director Termination**” means the removal of, resignation or failure to re-elect the Eligible Director (excluding a Director Retirement) as a director of the Company, a Designated Affiliate and any entity related to the Company for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).
- (r) “**Effective Date**” means June 4, 2020, being the date upon which this Plan was adopted by the Board.
- (s) “**Eligible Directors**” means the directors of the Company or any Designated Affiliate who are, as such, eligible for participation in this Plan.
- (t) “**Eligible Employees**” means employees (including employees who are officers and directors) of the Company or any Designated Affiliate thereof, whether or not they have a written employment contract with Company, determined by the Board, as employees eligible for participation in this Plan. Eligible Employees shall include Service Providers eligible for participation in this Plan as determined by the Board.
- (u) “**Exchange**” means the Canadian Securities Exchange, or any successor entity, which is the principal stock exchange on which the Shares are listed for trading.
- (v) “**Fair Market Value**” with respect to the Shares as of any date, means the closing market price of the Shares on the trading day prior to such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the purposes of establishing the exercise price per Share of any Option, or the value of any Share underlying a Restricted Share Right or Deferred Share Unit on the grant date, the Fair Market Value means the greater of the closing market price of the Shares on (a) the trading day prior to the date of grant of the applicable Award; and (b) the date of grant of the applicable Award.
- (w) “**Option**” means an option granted under the terms of this Plan.
- (x) “**Option Period**” means the period during which an Option is outstanding.
- (y) “**Option Shares**” has the meaning set forth in Section 3.5 of this Plan.
- (z) “**Optionee**” means an Eligible Employee or Eligible Director to whom an Option has been granted under the terms of this Plan.
- (aa) “**Participant**” means an Eligible Employee or Eligible Director who participates in this Plan.
- (bb) “**Plan**” means this Equity Incentive Plan, as it may be amended and restated from time to time.
- (cc) “**Restricted Period**” means any period of time that a Restricted Share Right is not vested and the Participant holding such Restricted Share Right remains ineligible to receive the relevant Shares, determined by the Board in its absolute discretion, however, such period of time may be reduced or eliminated from time to time and at any time and for any reason as determined by the Board, including, but not limited to, circumstances involving death or disability of a Participant.
- (dd) “**Retirement**” in respect of an Eligible Employee, means the Eligible Employee ceasing to hold any employment with the Company or any Designated Affiliate after attaining a stipulated age in accordance with the Company’s normal retirement policy, or earlier with the Company’s consent.
- (ee) “**Restricted Share Right**” has such meaning as ascribed to such term at Section 4.1 of this Plan.
- (ff) “**Restricted Share Right Grant Letter**” has the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 4.2 of this Plan.
- (gg) “**Separation Date**” means the date that a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Director or Eligible Employee.
- (hh) “**Service Provider**” means any person or company engaged by the Company or a Designated Affiliate to provide services for an initial, renewable or extended period of 12 months or more.

- (ii) “**Shares**” means the common shares of the Company.
- (jj) “**Specified Employee**” means a U.S. Taxpayer who meets the definition of “specified employee”, as defined in Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (kk) “**Termination**” means the termination of the employment (or consulting services) of an Eligible Employee with or without cause by the Company or a Designated Affiliate or the cessation of employment (or consulting services) of the Eligible Employee with the Company or a Designated Affiliate as a result of resignation or otherwise, other than the Retirement of the Eligible Employee.
- (ll) “**US Taxpayer**” means a Participant who is a US citizen, US permanent resident or other person who is subject to taxation on their income under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

## 2.2 Interpretation

- (a) This Plan is created under and is to be governed, construed and administered in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
- (b) Whenever the Board (or Board committee, as the case may be) is to exercise discretion in the administration of the terms and conditions of this Plan, the term “**discretion**” means the sole and absolute discretion of the Board (or Board committee, as the case may be).
- (c) As used herein, the terms “**Part**” or “**Section**” mean and refer to the specified Part or Section of this Plan, respectively.
- (d) Where the word “**including**” or “**includes**” is used in this Plan, it means “including (or includes) without limitation”.
- (e) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (f) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to Canadian dollars.

## PART 3 STOCK OPTIONS

### 3.1 Participation

The Company may from time to time grant Options to Participants pursuant to this Plan.

### 3.2 Price

The exercise price per Share of any Option shall be not less than one hundred per cent (100%) of the Fair Market Value.

### 3.3 Grant of Options

The Board may at any time authorize the granting of Options to such Participants as it may select for the number of Shares that it shall designate, subject to the provisions of this Plan. The date of grant of an Option shall be the date such grant was approved by the Board.

Each Option granted to a Participant shall be evidenced by a stock option agreement with terms and conditions consistent with this Plan and as approved by the Board (and in all cases which terms and conditions need not be the same in each case and may be changed from time to time, subject to Section 7.7 of this Plan, and any required approval of the Exchange or any other exchange or exchanges on which the Shares are then traded).

### 3.4 Terms of Options

The Option Period shall be five years from the date such Option is granted, or such greater or lesser duration as the Board may determine at the date of grant, and may thereafter be reduced with respect to any such Option as provided in Section 3.6 hereof covering termination of employment or death of the Optionee; provided, however, that at any time the expiry date of the Option Period in respect of any outstanding Option under this Plan should be determined to occur either during a Blackout Period or within ten business days following the expiry of the Blackout Period, the expiry date of such Option Period shall be deemed to be the date that is the tenth business day following the expiry of the Blackout Period.

Unless otherwise determined from time to time by the Board, Options shall vest and may be exercised (in each case to the nearest full Share) during the Option Period as follows:

- (a) at any time during the first six months of the Option Period, the Optionee may purchase up to 25% of the total number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to his or her Option; and
- (b) at any time during each additional six-month period of the Option Period the Optionee may purchase an additional 25% of the total number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to his or her Option plus any Shares not purchased in accordance with the preceding subsection (a) and this subsection (b) until, after the 18<sup>th</sup> month of the Option Period, 100% of the Option will be exercisable.

Except as set forth in Section 3.6, no Option may be exercised unless the Optionee is at the time of such exercise:

- (a) in the case of an Eligible Employee, in the employ (or retained as a Service Provider) of the Company or a Designated Affiliate and shall have been continuously so employed or retained since the grant of the Option; or
- (b) in the case of an Eligible Director, a director of the Company or a Designated Affiliate and shall have been such a director continuously since the grant of the Option.

The exercise of any Option will be contingent upon the Optionee having entered into an Option agreement with the Company on such terms and conditions as have been approved by the Board and which incorporates by reference the terms of this Plan. The exercise of any Option will, subject to Section 3.5, also be contingent upon receipt by the Company of cash payment of the full purchase price of the Shares being purchased.

### 3.5 Cashless Exercise Right

Participants have the right (the “**Cashless Exercise Right**”), in lieu of the right to exercise an Option, to terminate such Option in whole or in part by notice in writing delivered by the Participant to the Company electing to exercise the Cashless Exercise Right and, in lieu of receiving the Shares (the “**Option Shares**”) to which such Terminated Option relates, to receive the number of Shares, disregarding fractions, which is equal to the quotient obtained by:

- (a) subtracting the applicable Option exercise price per Share from the Fair Market Value per Share on the business day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right and multiplying the remainder by the number of Option Shares; and
- (b) dividing the product obtained under subsection 3.5(a) by the Fair Market Value per Share on the business day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right.

If a Participant exercises a Cashless Exercise Right in connection with an Option, it is exercisable only to the extent and on the same conditions that the related Option is exercisable under this Plan.

### 3.6 Effect of Termination of Employment or Death

If an Optionee:

- (a) dies while employed by, a Service Provider to or while a director of the Company or a Designated Affiliate, any Option held by him or her at the date of death shall become exercisable in whole or in part, but only by the person or persons to whom the Optionee’s rights under the Option shall pass by the Optionee’s will or applicable laws of descent and distribution. Unless otherwise determined

by the Board, all such Options shall be exercisable only to the extent that the Optionee was entitled to exercise the Option at the date of his or her death and only for 12 months after the date of death or prior to the expiration of the Option Period in respect thereof, whichever is sooner; and

- (b) ceases to be employed by, a Service Provider to, or act as a director of, the Company or a Designated Affiliate for cause, no Option held by such Optionee will, unless otherwise determined by the Board, be exercisable following the date on which such Optionee ceases to be so engaged; provided, however, that if an Optionee ceases to be employed by, a Service Provider to, or act as a director of, the Company or a Designated Affiliate for any reason other than cause then, unless otherwise determined by the Board, any Option held by such Optionee at the effective date thereof shall become exercisable for a period of up to 12 months thereafter or prior to the expiration of the Option Period in respect thereof, whichever is sooner.

### **3.7 Effect of Takeover Bid**

In the event of a Change of Control, unless otherwise determined by the Board, (i) all Options outstanding shall immediately vest and be exercisable; and (ii) all Options that are not otherwise exercised contemporaneously with the completion of the Change of Control will terminate and expire immediately thereafter.

### **3.8 Effect of Amalgamation or Merger**

Subject to Section 3.7, if the Company amalgamates or otherwise completes a plan of arrangement or merges with or into another corporation, any Shares receivable on the exercise of an Option shall be converted into the securities, property or cash which the Participant would have received upon such amalgamation, arrangement or merger if the Participant had exercised his or her Option immediately prior to the record date applicable to such amalgamation, arrangement or merger, and the option price shall be adjusted appropriately by the Board and such adjustment shall be binding for all purposes of this Plan.

## **PART 4 RESTRICTED SHARE RIGHTS**

### **4.1 Participants**

The Company has the right to grant, in its sole and absolute discretion, to any Participant, rights to receive any number of fully paid and non-assessable Shares (“**Restricted Share Rights**”) as a discretionary payment in consideration of past services to the Company or as an incentive for future services, subject to this Plan and with such additional provisions and restrictions as the Board may determine. For purposes of calculating the number of Restricted Share Rights to be granted, the Company shall be obligated to value the Shares underlying such Restricted Share Rights at not less than one hundred per cent (100%) of the Fair Market Value.

### **4.2 Restricted Share Right Grant Letter**

Each grant of a Restricted Share Right under this Plan shall be evidenced by a grant letter (a “**Restricted Share Right Grant Letter**”) issued to the Participant by the Company. Such Restricted Share Right Grant Letter shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Plan and may be subject to any other terms and conditions (including without limitation any recoupment, reimbursement or claw-back compensation policy as may be adopted by the Board from time to time) which are not inconsistent with this Plan and which the Board deems appropriate for inclusion in a Restricted Share Right Grant Letter. The provisions of the various Restricted Share Right Grant Letters issued under this Plan need not be identical.

#### **4.3 Restricted Period**

Concurrent with the determination to grant Restricted Share Rights to a Participant, the Board shall determine the Restricted Period applicable to such Restricted Share Rights. In addition, at the sole discretion of the Board, at the time of grant, the Restricted Share Rights may be subject to performance conditions to be achieved by the Company or a class of Participants or by a particular Participant on an individual basis, within a Restricted Period, for such Restricted Share Rights to entitle the holder thereof to receive the underlying Shares. Upon expiry of the applicable Restricted Period (or on the Deferred Payment Date, as applicable), a Restricted Share Right shall be automatically settled, and without the payment of additional consideration or any other further action on the part of the holder of the Restricted Share Right, the underlying Shares shall be issued to the holder of such Restricted Share Rights, which Restricted Share Rights shall then be cancelled.

#### **4.4 Deferred Payment Date**

Participants who are residents of Canada for the purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (and for greater certainty, who are not US Taxpayers), may elect to defer to receive all or any part of the Shares underlying Restricted Share Rights until one or more Deferred Payment Dates. Any other Participants may not elect a Deferred Payment Date.

#### **4.5 Prior Notice of Deferred Payment Date**

Participants who elect to set a Deferred Payment Date must, in respect of each such Deferred Payment Date, give the Company written notice of the Deferred Payment Date(s) not later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the applicable Restricted Period. For certainty, Participants shall not be permitted to give any such notice after the day which is thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period and a notice once given may not be changed or revoked. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prevent a Participant from electing an additional Deferred Payment Date, provided, however that notice of such election is given by the Participant to the Company not later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the subject Restricted Period.

#### **4.6 Retirement or Termination during Restricted Period**

In the event and to the extent of the Retirement or Termination and/or, as applicable, the Director Retirement or Director Termination of a Participant from all such roles with the Company during the Restricted Period, any Restricted Share Rights held by the Participant shall immediately terminate and be of no further force or effect; provided, however, that the Board shall have the absolute discretion to modify the grant of the Restricted Share Rights to provide that the Restricted Period shall terminate immediately prior to the date of such occurrence.

#### **4.7 Retirement or Termination after Restricted Period**

In the event and to the extent of the Retirement or Termination and/or, as applicable, the Director Retirement or Director Termination of the Participant from all such roles with the Company following the Restricted Period and prior to a Deferred Payment Date, the Participant shall be entitled to receive, and the Company shall issue forthwith, Shares in satisfaction of the Restricted Share Rights then held by the Participant.

#### **4.8 Death or Disability of Participant**

In the event of the death or total disability of a Participant, any Shares represented by Restricted Share Rights held by the Participant shall be immediately issued by the Company to the Participant or legal representative of the Participant.

#### **4.9 Payment of Dividends**

Subject to the absolute discretion of the Board, in the event that a dividend (other than a stock dividend) is declared and paid by the Company on the Shares, a Participant may be credited with additional Restricted Share Rights. The number of such additional Restricted Share Rights, if any, will be calculated by dividing (a) the total amount of the dividends that would have been paid to the Participant if the Restricted Share Rights (including Restricted Share Rights in which the Restricted Period has expired but the Shares have not been issued due to a Deferred Payment Date) in the Participant's account on the dividend record date had been outstanding Shares (and the Participant held no other Shares) by (b) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date on which such dividends were paid.



#### **4.10 Change of Control**

In the event of a Change of Control, all Restricted Share Rights outstanding shall vest immediately and be settled by the issuance of Shares notwithstanding the Restricted Period and any Deferred Payment Date.

### **PART 5 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS**

#### **5.1 Deferred Share Unit Grants**

The Board may from time to time determine to grant Deferred Share Units to one or more Eligible Directors in a lump sum amount or on regular intervals, based on such formulas or criteria as the Board may from time to time determine. Deferred Share Units will be credited to the Eligible Director's account when designated by the Board. For purposes of calculating the number of Deferred Share Units to be granted, the Company shall be obligated to value the Shares underlying such Deferred Share Units at not less than one hundred per cent (100%) of the Fair Market Value.

#### **5.2 Deferred Share Unit Grant Letter**

Each grant of a Deferred Share Unit under this Plan shall be evidenced by a grant letter (a "**Deferred Share Unit Grant Letter**") issued to the Eligible Director by the Company. Such Deferred Share Unit Grant Letter shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Plan and may be subject to any other terms and conditions (including without limitation any recoupment, reimbursement or claw-back compensation policy as may be adopted by the Board from time to time) which are not inconsistent with this Plan and which the Board deems appropriate for inclusion in a Deferred Share Unit Grant Letter. The provisions of Deferred Share Unit Grant Letters issued under this Plan need not be identical.

#### **5.3 Redemption of Deferred Share Units and Issuance of Deferred Shares**

The Deferred Share Units held by each Eligible Director who is not a US Taxpayer shall be redeemed automatically and with no further action by the Eligible Director on the 20<sup>th</sup> business day following the Separation Date for that Eligible Director. For US Taxpayers, Deferred Share Units held by an Eligible Director who is a Specified Employee will be automatically redeemed with no further action by the Eligible Director on the date that is six months following the Separation Date for the Eligible Director, or if earlier, upon such Eligible Director's death. Upon redemption, the former Eligible Director shall be entitled to receive and the Company shall issue, the number of Shares issued from treasury equal to the number of Deferred Share Units in the Eligible Director's account, subject to any applicable deductions and withholdings. In the event a Separation Date occurs during a year and Deferred Share Units have been granted to such Eligible Director for that entire year, the Eligible Director will only be entitled to a pro-rated Deferred Share Unit Payment in respect of such Deferred Share Units based on the number of days that he or she was an Eligible Director in such year.

No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, an Eligible Director under this Plan or pursuant to any other arrangement, and no other additional Deferred Share Units will be granted to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the value of the Shares of the Company nor will any other benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, an Eligible Director for such purpose.

#### **5.4 Death of Participant**

In the event of the death of an Eligible Director, the Deferred Share Units shall be redeemed automatically and with no further action on the 20<sup>th</sup> business day following the death of an Eligible Director.

#### **5.5 Payment of Dividends**

Subject to the absolute discretion of the Board, in the event that a dividend (other than a stock dividend) is declared and paid by the Company on the Shares, an Eligible Director may be credited with additional Deferred Share Units. The number of such additional Deferred Share Units, if any, will be calculated by dividing (a) the total amount of the dividends that would have been paid to the Eligible Director if the Deferred Share Units in the Eligible Director's account on the dividend record date had been outstanding Shares (and the Eligible Director held no other Shares), by (b) the Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date on which such dividends were paid.

## **PART 6 WITHHOLDING TAXES**

### **6.1 Withholding Taxes**

The Company or any Designated Affiliate may take such steps as are considered necessary or appropriate for the withholding of any taxes or other amounts which the Company or any Designated Affiliate is required by any law or regulation of any governmental authority whatsoever to withhold in connection with any Award including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the withholding of all or any portion of any payment or the withholding of the issue of any Shares to be issued under this Plan, until such time as the Participant has paid the Company or any Designated Affiliate for any amount which the Company or Designated Affiliate is required to withhold by law with respect to such taxes or other amounts. Without limitation to the foregoing, the Board may adopt administrative rules under this Plan, which provide for the automatic sale of Shares (or a portion thereof) in the market upon the issuance of such Shares under this Plan on behalf of the Participant to satisfy withholding obligations under an Award.

## **PART 7 GENERAL**

### **7.1 Number of Shares**

The aggregate number of Shares that may be issued under this Plan shall not exceed 20% of the outstanding issue from time to time, such Shares to be allocated among Awards and Participants in amounts and at such times as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

For the purposes of this Section 7.1, “outstanding issue” means the total number of Shares, on a non-diluted basis, that are issued and outstanding immediately prior to the date that any Shares are issued or reserved for issuance pursuant to an Award.

### **7.2 Lapsed Awards**

If Awards are surrendered, terminated or expire without being exercised in whole or in part, new Awards may be granted covering the Shares not issued under such lapsed Awards, subject to any restrictions that may be imposed by the Exchange, including, without limitation, the restriction that if an Option is cancelled prior to its expiry date, the Company shall post notice of the cancellation and shall not grant new Options to the same Participant until 30 days have elapsed from the date of cancellation.

### **7.3 Adjustment in Shares Subject to this Plan**

If there is any change in the Shares through the declaration of stock dividends of Shares, through any consolidations, subdivisions or reclassification of Shares, or otherwise, the number of Shares available under this Plan, the Shares subject to any Award, and the exercise price of any Option shall be adjusted as determined to be appropriate by the Board, and such adjustment shall be effective and binding for all purposes of this Plan.

### **7.4 Transferability**

Any Awards accruing to any Participant in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Plan shall not be transferable unless specifically provided herein. During the lifetime of a Participant all Awards may only be exercised by the Participant. Awards are non-transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

### **7.5 Employment**

Nothing contained in this Plan shall confer upon any Participant any right with respect to employment or continuance of employment with the Company or any Affiliate, or interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any Affiliate to terminate the Participant’s employment at any time. Participation in this Plan by a Participant is voluntary.

## **7.6 Record Keeping**

The Company shall maintain a register in which shall be recorded:

- (a) the name and address of each Participant;
- (b) the number of Awards granted to each Participant and relevant details regarding such Awards; and
- (c) such other information as the Board may determine.

## **7.7 Amendments to Plan**

The Board shall have the power to, at any time and from time to time, either prospectively or retrospectively, amend, suspend or terminate this Plan or any Award granted under this Plan without shareholder approval, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing: changes of a clerical or grammatical nature, changes regarding the persons eligible to participate in this Plan, changes to the exercise price, vesting, term and termination provisions of the Award, changes to the cashless exercise right provisions, changes to the authority and role of the Board under this Plan, and any other matter relating to this Plan and the Awards that may be granted hereunder, provided however that:

- (a) such amendment, suspension or termination is in accordance with applicable laws and the rules of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed;
- (b) no amendment to this Plan or to an Award granted hereunder will have the effect of impairing, derogating from or otherwise adversely affecting the terms of an Award which is outstanding at the time of such amendment without the written consent of the holder of such Award;
- (c) the terms of an Option will not be amended once issued; and
- (d) the expiry date of an Option Period in respect of an Option shall not be more than ten years from the date of grant of an Option except as expressly provided in Section 3.4.

If this Plan is terminated, the provisions of this Plan and any administrative guidelines and other rules and regulations adopted by the Board and in force on the date of termination will continue in effect as long as any Award or any rights pursuant thereto remain outstanding and, notwithstanding the termination of this Plan, the Board shall remain able to make such amendments to this Plan or the Award as they would have been entitled to make if this Plan were still in effect.

## **7.8 No Representation or Warranty**

The Company makes no representation or warranty as to the future market value of any Shares issued in accordance with the provisions of this Plan.

## **7.9 Section 409A**

It is intended that any payments under this Plan to US Taxpayers shall be exempt from or comply with Section 409A of the Code, and all provisions of this Plan shall be construed and interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements for avoiding taxes and penalties under Section 409A of the Code.

## **7.10 Compliance with Applicable Law, etc.**

If any provision of this Plan or any agreement entered into pursuant to this Plan contravenes any law or any order, policy, by-law or regulation of any regulatory body or stock exchange having authority over the Company or this Plan, then such provision shall be deemed to be amended to the extent required to bring such provision into compliance therewith.

## **7.11 Term of the Plan**

This Plan shall remain in effect until it is terminated by the Board.

**PART 8**  
**ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PLAN**

**8.1 Administration by the Board**

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Board, this Plan shall be administered by the Board or a Board committee designated by the Board.
- (b) The Board (or Board committee, as the case may be) shall have the power, where consistent with the general purpose and intent of this Plan and subject to the specific provisions of this Plan, to:
  - (i) adopt and amend rules and regulations relating to the administration of this Plan and make all other determinations necessary or desirable for the administration of this Plan. The interpretation and construction of the provisions of this Plan and related agreements by the Board (or Board committee, as the case may be) shall be final and conclusive. The Board (or Board committee, as the case may be) may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in this Plan or in any related agreement in the manner and to the extent it shall deem expedient to carry this Plan into effect and it shall be the sole and final judge of such expediency;
  - (ii) determine and designate from time to time the individuals to whom Awards shall be made, the amounts of the Awards and the other terms and conditions of the Awards;
  - (iii) delegate any of its responsibilities or powers under this Plan to a Board committee; and
  - (iv) otherwise exercise the powers under this Plan as set forth herein.