#### EV MINERALS CORPORATION

100 King Street West, Suite 5600 Toronto, Ontario M5X 1C9

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual and special meeting (the "Meeting") of shareholders of EV Minerals Corporation (the "Company") will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time), at the office of Irwin Lowy LLP at 217 Queen Street West, Suite 401, Toronto, Ontario M5V 0R2, for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the reports of the auditor thereon;
- 2. to elect the directors of the Company;
- 3. to appoint the auditors of the Company and to authorize the directors to fix their remuneration;
- 4. to consider and, if deemed advisable, pass, with or without variation, a resolution confirming the repeal of all existing by-laws of the Company and the enactment of a new by-law no. 1 of the Company;
- 5. to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution of shareholders approving and confirming the omnibus long term incentive plan of the Company; and
- 6. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

A shareholder wishing to be represented by proxy at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof must deposit his, her or its duly executed form of proxy with AGM Connect, at 401 Bay Street, Suite 2704, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2Y4, at <a href="http://app.agmconnect.com">http://app.agmconnect.com</a> or by telephone at (416) 222-4202 not later than 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time) on Thursday, January 4, 2024 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, not later than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, preceding the time of such adjourned meeting.

Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting in person, are requested to date, complete, sign and return the enclosed form of proxy so that as large a representation as possible may be had at the Meeting.

The board of directors of the Company has by resolution fixed the close of business on Friday, December 1, 2023 as the record date, being the date for the determination of the registered holders of common shares of the Company entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting and any adjournment thereof.

The accompanying management information circular provides additional detailed information relating to the matters to be dealt with at the Meeting and is supplemental to, and expressly made a part of, this notice of annual and special meeting. Additional information about the Company and its financial statements are also available on the Company's profile at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>.

**DATED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

"Nicholas Konkin" (signed)
President and Chief Executive Officer

#### EV MINERALS CORPORATION

100 King Street West, Suite 5600 Toronto, Ontario M5X 1C9

#### MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR As at December 11, 2023

#### SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

THIS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR IS FURNISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLICITATION BY THE MANAGEMENT OF EV MINERALS CORPORATION (the "Company") of proxies to be used at the annual and special meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the office of Irwin Lowy LLP at 217 Queen Street West, Suite 401, Toronto, Ontario M5V 0R2 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time), and at any adjournment or postponement thereof (the "Meeting") for the purposes set out in the accompanying notice of meeting (the "Notice"). Although it is expected that the solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, proxies may also be solicited personally or by telephone, facsimile or other proxy solicitation services. In accordance with National Instrument 54-101 - Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer ("NI 54-101"), arrangements have been made with brokerage houses and clearing agencies, custodians, nominees, fiduciaries or other intermediaries to send the Notice, this management information circular ("Circular"), and other meeting materials, if applicable (collectively the "Meeting Materials") to the beneficial owners of the common shares of the Company (the "Common Shares") held of record by such parties. The Company may reimburse such parties for reasonable fees and disbursements incurred by them in doing so. The costs of the solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. The Company may also retain, and pay a fee to, one or more professional proxy solicitation firms to solicit proxies from the shareholders of the Company in favour of the matters set forth in the Notice.

#### APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

A Registered Shareholder may vote in person at the Meeting or may appoint another person to represent such Registered Shareholder as proxy and to vote the Common Shares of such Registered Shareholder at the Meeting. In order to appoint another person as proxy, a Registered Shareholder must complete, execute and deliver the form of proxy accompanying this Management Information Circular, or another proper form of proxy, in the manner specified in the Notice of Meeting.

The purpose of a form of proxy is to designate persons who will vote on the shareholder's behalf in accordance with the instructions given by the shareholder in the form of proxy. The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are officers or directors of the Company. A REGISTERED SHAREHOLDER DESIRING TO APPOINT SOME OTHER PERSON, WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER OF THE COMPANY, TO REPRESENT HIM OR HER AT THE MEETING MAY DO SO BY FILLING IN THE NAME OF SUCH PERSON IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF PROXY OR BY COMPLETING ANOTHER PROPER FORM OF PROXY. A Registered Shareholder wishing to be represented by proxy at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof must, in all cases, deposit the completed form of proxy with AGM Connect, not later than 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time) on Thursday, January 4, 2024 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, not later than 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, preceding the time of such adjourned Meeting at which the form of proxy is to be used. A form of proxy should be executed by the Registered Shareholder or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.

Proxies may be deposited with AGM Connect using one of the following methods:

| By Mail:   | 401 Bay Street, Suite 2704, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2Y4 |
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| Facsimile: | 416-222.4202  |
| By Email:  | voteproxy@agmconnect.com                              |

A Registered Shareholder attending the Meeting has the right to vote in person and, if he or she does so, his or her form of proxy is nullified with respect to the matters such person votes upon at the Meeting and any subsequent matters thereafter to be voted upon at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

A Registered Shareholder who has given a form of proxy may revoke the form of proxy at any time prior to using it: (a) by depositing an instrument in writing, including another completed form of proxy, executed by such Registered Shareholder or by his or her attorney authorized in writing or by electronic signature or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, by an authorized officer or attorney thereof at, or by transmitting by telephone or electronic means, a revocation signed, subject to the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario), by electronic signature, to (i) the registered office of the Company, located at 100 King Street West, Suite 5600, P.O. Box 270, Toronto, Ontario M5X 1C9, at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof or (ii) with the Chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof; or (b) in any other manner permitted by law.

#### **EXERCISE OF DISCRETION BY PROXIES**

The Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of management nominees will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Registered Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and, if a Registered Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon at the meeting, the Common Shares represented by the proxy shall be voted accordingly. Where no choice is specified, the proxy will confer discretionary authority and will be voted for the election of directors, for the appointment of auditors and the authorization of the directors to fix their remuneration and for each item of special business, as stated elsewhere in this Circular.

The enclosed form of proxy also confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein to vote with respect to any amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting in such manner as such nominee in his judgment may determine. At the time of printing this Circular, the management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

#### ADVICE TO NON-REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many shareholders of the Company, as a substantial number of shareholders of the Company do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Only Registered Shareholders or the persons they appoint as their proxies are permitted to attend and vote at the Meeting and only forms of proxy deposited by Registered Shareholders will be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. Common Shares beneficially owned by a beneficial holder of Common Shares who does not appear on the records maintained by TSX Trust Company (the "Transfer Agent") as a registered holder of Common Shares (each a "Non-Registered Holder") are registered either: (i) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") with whom the Non-Registered Holder deals in respect of the Common Shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans); or (ii) in the name of a clearing agency (such as CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.) (each a "Clearing Agency") of which the Intermediary is a participant. Accordingly, such Intermediaries and Clearing Agencies would be the Registered Shareholders and would appear as such on the list maintained by the Transfer Agent. Non-Registered Holders do not appear on the list of the Registered Shareholders maintained by the Transfer Agent.

## Distribution of Meeting Materials to Non-Registered Holders

In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, the Company has distributed copies of the Meeting Materials to the Clearing Agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to Non-Registered Holders as well as directly to NOBOs (as defined below).

Non-Registered Holders fall into two categories - those who object to their identity being known to the issuers of securities which they own ("**OBOs**") and those who do not object to their identity being made known to the issuers of the securities which they own ("**NOBOs**"). Subject to the provisions of NI 54-101, issuers may request and obtain a list of their NOBOs from Intermediaries directly or via their transfer agent and may obtain and use the NOBO list for

the distribution of proxy-related materials to such NOBOs. If you are a NOBO and the Company or its agent has sent the Meeting Materials directly to you, your name, address and information about your holdings of Common Shares have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding the Common Shares on your behalf.

The Company's OBOs can expect to be contacted by their Intermediary. The Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to deliver the Meeting Materials to OBOs and it is the responsibility of such Intermediaries to ensure delivery of the Meeting Materials to their OBOs.

#### Voting by Non-Registered Holders

The Common Shares held by Non-Registered Holders can only be voted or withheld from voting at the direction of the Non-Registered Holder. Without specific instructions, Intermediaries or Clearing Agencies are prohibited from voting Common Shares on behalf of Non-Registered Holders. Therefore, each Non-Registered Holder should ensure that voting instructions are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.

The various Intermediaries have their own mailing procedures and provide their own return instructions to Non-Registered Holders, which should be carefully followed by Non-Registered Holders in order to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

Non-Registered Holders will receive either a voting instruction form or, less frequently, a form of proxy. The purpose of these forms is to permit Non-Registered Holders to direct the voting of the Common Shares they beneficially own. Non-Registered Holders should follow the procedures set out below, depending on which type of form they receive.

<u>Voting Instruction Form</u>. In most cases, a Non-Registered Holder will receive, as part of the Meeting Materials, a voting instruction form (a "VIF"). If the Non-Registered Holder does not wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on the Non-Registered Holder's behalf), the VIF must be completed, signed and returned in accordance with the directions on the form.

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<u>Form of Proxy.</u> Less frequently, a Non-Registered Holder will receive, as part of the Meeting Materials, a form of proxy that has already been signed by the Intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature) which is restricted as to the number of Common Shares beneficially owned by the Non-Registered Holder but which is otherwise not completed. If the Non-Registered Holder does not wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on the Non-Registered Holder's behalf), the Non-Registered Holder must complete and sign the form of proxy and in accordance with the directions on the form.

#### Voting by Non-Registered Holders at the Meeting

Although a Non-Registered Holder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Common Shares registered in the name of an Intermediary or a Clearing Agency, a Non-Registered Holder may attend the Meeting as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder who holds Common Shares beneficially owned by such Non-Registered Holder and vote such Common Shares as a proxyholder. A Non-Registered Holder who wishes to attend the Meeting and to vote their Common Shares as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder who holds Common Shares beneficially owned by such Non-Registered Holder, should (a) if they received a VIF, follow the directions indicated on the VIF; or (b) if they received a form of proxy strike out the names of the persons named in the form of proxy and insert the Non-Registered Holder's or its nominees name in the blank space provided. Non-Registered Holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediaries, including those instructions regarding when and where the VIF or the form of proxy is to be delivered.

All references to shareholders in the Meeting Materials are to Registered Shareholders as set forth on the list of registered shareholders of the Company as maintained by the Transfer Agent, unless specifically stated otherwise.

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

The authorized share capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value and an unlimited number of special shares, issuable in series. As of Friday, December 1, 2023 (the "**Record Date**"), there were a total of 83,044,005 Common Shares issued and outstanding and no special shares standing. Each Common Share outstanding on the Record Date carries the right to one vote at the Meeting.

Only Registered Shareholders as of the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting. On a show of hands, every Registered Shareholder and proxy holder will have one vote and, on a poll, every Registered Shareholder present in person or represented by proxy will have one vote for each Common Share held.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as of the date hereof, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the outstanding Common Shares.

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

Other than as disclosed in this Circular, no director or executive officer of the Company who was a director or executive officer at any time since the beginning of the Company's last financial year, or any associate or affiliates of any such directors or officers, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting.

#### PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

To the knowledge of the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**"), the matters to be brought before the Meeting are those matters set forth in the accompanying Notice.

#### 1. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the reports of the auditor will be placed before the shareholders at the Meeting. No vote will be taken on the financial statements. The financial statements and additional information concerning the Company are available under the Company's profile at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>.

#### 2. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board currently consists of five (5) directors. At the Meeting, five (5) directors will be nominated by management for election as directors of the Company for the ensuing year. The following table states the names of the persons nominated by management for election as directors, any offices with the Company currently held by them, their principal occupations or employment, the period or periods of service as directors of the Company and the approximate number of voting securities of the Company beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised by them as of the date hereof.

| Name, province or state and country<br>of residence and position, if any,<br>held in the Company | Principal occupation                  | Served as<br>Director of the<br>Company since | Number of<br>Common Shares<br>beneficially owned,<br>directly or<br>indirectly, or<br>controlled or<br>directed at present <sup>(1)</sup> | Percentage of<br>Common<br>Shares owned<br>or controlled |
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| Chris Irwin <sup>(2)</sup><br>Director<br>Ontario, Canada  | Partner of Irwin Lowy LLP, a law firm | May 7, 2020                                   | 200,000   | 0.24%  |

| Name, province or state and country<br>of residence and position, if any,<br>held in the Company | Principal occupation  | Served as<br>Director of the<br>Company since | Number of<br>Common Shares<br>beneficially owned,<br>directly or<br>indirectly, or<br>controlled or<br>directed at present <sup>(1)</sup> | Percentage of<br>Common<br>Shares owned<br>or controlled |
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| Nicholas Konkin<br>President, Chief Executive Officer and<br>Director<br>Ontario, Canada         | Director, Capital Markets of Grove<br>Corporate Services  | September 26,<br>2022                         | 2,000,000   | 2.41%  |
| Dino Titaro <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Chairman and Director Ontario, Canada                              | Corporate Director and Geologist  | December 5, 2022                              | 3,000,000   | 3.61%  |
| Rob Montemarano <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Director Ontario, Canada                                       | Partner and Vice-President of<br>Lakeview Group Ltd., a residential<br>and commercial property<br>development and construction<br>company | December 5, 2022                              | 4,177,000   | 5.01%  |
| Guy Charette<br>Director<br>Quebec, Canada   | Partner, Rimon Law  | July 12, 2023                                 | Nil   | Nil  |

#### Notes:

- (1) The information as to voting securities beneficially owned, controlled or directed, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective nominees individually.
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (3) Member of the Compensation Committee.
- (4) The principal occupations of Mr. Charette, the director nominee who was not previously elected by the shareholders of the Company, during the past five years are as follows:
  - Mr. Charette: Mr. Charette was counsel at Dunton Rainville LLC from April 2018 to August 2021. Mr. Charette is currently a partner at Rimon Law, since August 2021.

The term of office of each director will be from the date of the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company at which he or she is elected until the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company, or until his or her successor is elected or appointed.

PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ABOVE-NAMED NOMINEES, UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS, HER OR ITS SHARES ARE TO BE WITHHELD FROM VOTING IN RESPECT THEREOF. Management has no reason to believe that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director but, IF A NOMINEE IS FOR ANY REASON UNAVAILABLE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR, PROXIES IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE REMAINING NOMINEES AND MAY BE VOTED FOR A SUBSTITUTE NOMINEE UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS, HER OR ITS SHARES ARE TO BE WITHHELD FROM VOTING IN RESPECT OF THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

#### Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies

Other than as set out below, no proposed director of the Company, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, has been a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company that:

- (a) was subject to: (i) a cease trade order; (ii) an order similar to a cease trade order; or (iii) an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (collectively an "**Order**") and that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to an Order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

#### Chris Irwin

Mr. Irwin was a director from June 2015 to December 2017 and an officer from September 2015 to April 2016 of Playground Ventures Inc. (formerly Blocplay Entertainment Inc.) ("**Playground**"), which was subject to a management cease trade order resulting from a failure to file financial statements as issued on May 2, 2016 by the BCSC and May 4, 2016 and May 16, 2016 by the OSC. These cease trade orders were revoked on July 5, 2016 by the BCSC and July 6, 2016 by the OSC. Playground was subject to a management cease trade order resulting from a failure to file financial statements as issued on May 2, 2017 by the BCSC and May 4, 2017 by the OSC. These cease trade orders were revoked on July 5, 2017 by the BCSC and July 6, 2017 by the OSC.

Mr. Irwin was appointed as the President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and a director of Playground on September 28, 2018. Playground was subject to a management cease trade order resulting from a failure to file financial statements as issued on December 3, 2018 and amended on December 4, 2018 by the BCSC and December 4, 2018 by the OSC. These cease trade orders were revoked on February 6, 2019.

Mr. Irwin is a director and an officer of Intercontinental Gold and Metals Ltd. ("Intercontinental") which was subject to a management cease trade order resulting from a failure to file financial statements as issued by the BCSC on July 30, 2015. The cease trade order was revoked on September 22, 2015.

Mr. Irwin is a director and an officer of Intercontinental which was subject to a management cease trade order resulting from a failure to file financial statements as issued on August 2, 2018 by the BCSC. Intercontinental was subject to a cease trade order from a failure to file financial statements as issued on October 5, 2018 by the BCSC. These cease trade orders were revoked on October 9, 2018.

Mr. Irwin is a director and an officer of Intercontinental which was subject to cease trade order resulting from a failure to file its annual financial statements and accompanying management's discussion and analysis for the period ended December 31, 2021, within the prescribed time period under applicable securities laws, issued on May 6, 2022 by the British Columbia Securities Commission. As of the date of this Circular, this cease trade order has not been revoked.

Mr. Irwin was a director of Wolf's Den Capital Corp., which was subject to a cease trade order issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission and Ontario Securities Commission on December 5, 2019 for failure to file its interim financial statements and accompanying management's discussion and analysis for the period ended September 30, 2019, within the prescribed time period under applicable securities laws. The cease trade orders were revoked on January 6, 2020.

Mr. Irwin was a director of American Aires Inc., which was subject to a cease trade order issued by the Ontario Securities Commission on May 6, 2022 for failure to file its annual financial statements and accompanying management's discussion and analysis for the period ended December 31, 2021, within the prescribed time period under applicable securities laws. The cease trade order was revoked on March 10, 2023.

Mr. Irwin is President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and a Director of Playground Ventures Inc., which was subject to a cease trade order issued by the Ontario Securities Commission on May 5, 2023 for failure to file its annual financial statements and accompanying management's discussion and analysis for the period ended December 31, 2022, within the prescribed time period under applicable securities law. The cease trade order was revoked on August 4, 2023.

#### Dino Titaro

Mr. Titaro was a director of Carpathian Gold Inc. ("Carpathian") from January 2003 to August 2014, which was subject to a management cease trade order issued by the Ontario Securities Commission on April 16, 2014 for failure to file its annual financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013. The cease trade order was lifted on June 19, 2014.

#### Guy Charette

On April 16, 2014, the Ontario Securities Commission issued a permanent management cease trade order, which superseded a temporary management cease trade order dated April 4, 2014, against Guy Charette, in his capacity as Interim CEO of Euro Sun Mining Inc. ("Euro Sun"). The permanent management cease trade order was issued in connection with Euro Sun's failure to file its (i) audited annual financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013, (ii) management's discussion and analysis relating to the audited annual financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2013, and (iii) corresponding certifications of the foregoing filings as required by National Instrument 52-109 – Certification of Disclosure in the Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings. The management cease trade order was lifted on June 19, 2014 following the filing of the required continuous disclosure documents on June 17, 2014. During the period of the management cease trade order, Mr. Charette was director of Euro Sun.

Mr. Charette was a director of Emergia Inc. ("**Emergia**") when, on May 10, 2021, Emergia applied for and was granted a management cease trade order (a "**MCTO**"), as provided for in National Policy 12-203, from the OSC. On June 1, 2021, Emergia announced its financial results, which resulted in the lifting of the MCTO.

#### Personal Bankruptcies

None of the proposed directors of the Company have, 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 such person.

#### **Penalties and Sanctions**

None of the proposed directors of the Company have been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority or been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

#### 3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE APPOINTMENT OF RSM CANADA LLP, CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS, AS AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE DIRECTORS TO FIX THEIR REMUNERATION, UNLESS THE SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS, HER OR ITS COMMON SHARES ARE TO BE WITHHELD FROM VOTING IN RESPECT THEREOF. RSM Canada LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants (formerly Collins Barrow Toronto LLP) were first appointed as the auditors of the Company on August 12, 2010.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF NEW GENERAL BY-LAW NO. 1

The Company has recently undertaken a review of the old by-laws of the Company (the "Old By-Laws"), particularly in light of evolving corporate governance best practices, and determined that it would be in the best interests of the Company to implement a new by-law no. 1 (the "New By-Law No. 1") in order to incorporate such best practices and implement certain other desirable changes to update the Old By-Laws

The New By-Law No. 1 is standard in its form and governs all aspects of the business and affairs of the Company, such as the establishment of a quorum for meetings of directors and shareholders, the conduct of such meeting, signing authorities, the appointment of officers, the description of the officers' duties, the establishment of committees of the board of directors, the authority of persons to contract on behalf of the Company and similar matters. A copy of the New By-Law No. 1 is attached hereto as Appendix "B".

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, pass, with or without variation, the following resolution authorizing the repeal of the Old By-Laws and the replacement of the Old By-Laws with the New By-Law No. 1 (the "By-Law No. 1 Resolution"):

#### "BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. any existing by-laws of the Company be repealed and by-law no. 1, being a general by-law in the form attached to the management information circular dated December 11, 2023 of the Company as Appendix "B", be and is hereby confirmed as a by-law of the Company; and
- any director or officer of the Company be and he or she is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Company, to execute and deliver all such documents and to do all such other acts or things as he or she may determine to be necessary or advisable to give effect to this resolution, the execution of any such document or the doing of any such other act or thing being conclusive evidence of such determination."

In order to pass the By-Law No. 1 Resolution, at least a majority of the votes cast by the shareholders present at the Meeting in person or by proxy must be voted in favour of the By-Law No. 1 Resolution. If the By-Law No. 1 Resolution does not receive the requisite shareholder approval, the Old By-Laws will continue to be in effect.

The Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the By-Law No. 1 Resolution to approve the repeal of the Old By-Laws as set out above.

PROXIES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR OF MANAGEMENT WILL BE VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BY-LAW NO. 1 RESOLUTION UNLESS A SHAREHOLDER HAS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY THAT HIS, HER OR ITS COMMON SHARES ARE TO BE VOTED AGAINST SUCH RESOLUTION.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN

The Company adopted an Omnibus Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP") on December 5, 2022.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed appropriate, to pass, with or without variation, a resolution, in the form set out below (the "**LTIP Resolution**"), subject to such amendments, variations or additions as may be approved at the Meeting, approving the LTIP.

The LTIP is a "rolling" plan which sets the number of Awards (as defined herein) available for grant by the Company at an amount equal to up to a maximum of 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time. The LTIP allows for a variety of equity-based awards that provide different types of incentives to be granted to certain of the Company's executive officers, employees and consultants, including Options, performance share units ("**PSUs**") and restricted share units ("**RSUs**" and together with Options and PSUs, "**Awards**"). Each Award will represent the right to receive Common Shares, or in the case of PSUs and RSUs, Common Shares or cash, in accordance with the terms of the LTIP. The following summary of the material terms of the LTIP is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the LTIP.

Under the terms of the LTIP, the Board may grant Awards to eligible participants. Participation in the LTIP is voluntary and, if an eligible participant agrees to participate, the grant of Awards will be evidenced by a grant agreement with each such participant. The interest of any participant in any Award is not assignable or transferable, whether voluntary, involuntary, by operation of law or otherwise, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

The LTIP provides that appropriate adjustments, if any, will be made by the Board in connection with a reclassification, reorganization or other change of the Common Shares, share split or consolidation, distribution, merger or amalgamation, in the Common Shares issuable or amounts payable to preclude a dilution or enlargement of the benefits under the LTIP.

The maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the LTIP will be 10% of the aggregate number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time, which represents 8,304,400 Common Shares as of the Record Date. As of the Record Date, a total of 6,750,000 Options are issued and outstanding under the LTIP, representing approximately 8.12% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. For the purposes of calculating the maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the LTIP, any issuance from treasury by the Company that is issued in reliance upon an exemption under applicable stock exchange rules applicable to equity-based compensation arrangements used as an inducement to person(s) or company(ies) not previously employed by

and not previously an insider of the Company shall not be included. All of the Common Shares covered by the exercised, cancelled or terminated Awards will automatically become available Common Shares for the purposes of Awards that may be subsequently granted under the LTIP. As a result, the LTIP is considered an "evergreen" plan.

The maximum number of Common Shares that may be: (i) issued to insiders of the Company within any one-year period; or (ii) issuable to insiders of the Company at any time under the LTIP or any other proposed or established security-based compensation arrangements cannot exceed 10% of the aggregate number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time determined on a non-diluted basis.

An Option will be exercisable during a period established by the Board which will commence on the date of the grant and terminate no later than ten years after the date of the granting of the Option or such shorter period as the Board may determine. As long as the Common Shares are traded on a stock exchange, the exercise price of an Option may not be less than the greater of the closing price of the Common Shares on:

- (i) the last trading day before the date such Option is granted; and
- (ii) the date such Option is granted. The LTIP provides that the exercise period of an Option will automatically be extended if the date on which it is scheduled to terminate falls during a black-out period. In such cases, the extended exercise period will terminate 10 business days after the last day of the black-out period. In order to facilitate the payment of the exercise price of the Options, the LTIP has a cashless exercise feature pursuant to which a participant may elect to undertake either a broker assisted "cashless exercise" or a "net exercise" subject to the procedures set out in the LTIP, including the consent of the Board, where required.

The following table describes the impact of certain events upon the rights of holders of Options under the LTIP, including termination for cause, resignation, retirement, termination other than for cause, and death or long-term disability, subject to the terms of a participant's employment agreement, grant agreement and the change of control provisions described below:

| <b>Event Provisions</b>  | Provisions   |
|--------------------------|--|
| Termination for cause    | Immediate forfeiture of all vested and unvested Options.   |
| Resignation              | The earlier of the original expiry date and 90 days after resignation to exercise vested Options or such longer period as the Board may determine in its sole discretion.  |
| Retirement               | All unvested Options will vest in accordance with their vesting schedules, and all vested Options held may be exercised until the earlier of the expiry date of such Options or one year following the termination date.               |
| Termination or cessation | All unvested Options may vest subject to pro ration over the applicable vesting or performance period and shall expire on the earliest of 90 days after the effective date of the termination date, or the expiry date of such Option. |

Death

If a participant dies while in his or her capacity as an eligible participant, all unvested Options will immediately vest and expire 180 days after the death of such participant.

Change of Control

If a participant is terminated without "cause" or resigns for good reason during the 12 month period following a Change of Control, or after the Company has signed a written agreement to effect a change of control but before the change of control is completed, then any unvested Options will immediately vest and may be exercised prior to the earlier of 30 days of such date or the expiry date of such Options.

The terms and conditions of grants of RSUs and PSUs, including the quantity, type of award, grant date, vesting conditions, vesting periods, settlement date and other terms and conditions with respect to these Awards, will be set out in the participant's grant agreement. Impact of certain events upon the rights of holders of these types of Awards, including termination for cause, resignation, retirement, termination other than for cause and death or long-term disability, will be set out in the participant's grant agreement.

In connection with a change of control of the Company, the Board will take such steps as are reasonably necessary or desirable to cause the conversion or exchange or replacement of outstanding Awards into, or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent (or greater) value in the continuing entity, as applicable. If the surviving successor or acquiring entity does not assume the outstanding Awards, or if the Board otherwise determines in its discretion, the Company will give written notice to all participants advising that the LTIP will be terminated effective immediately prior to the change of control and all Awards, as applicable, will be deemed to be vested and, unless otherwise exercised, settle, forfeited or cancelled prior to the termination of the LTIP, will expire or, with respect to the RSUs and PSUs be settled, immediately prior to the termination of the LTIP. In the event of a change of control, the Board has the power to:

- (i) make such other changes to the terms of the Awards as it considers fair and appropriate in the circumstances, provided such changes are not adverse to the participants;
- (ii) otherwise modify the terms of the Awards to assist the participants to tender into a takeover bid or other arrangement leading to a change of control, and thereafter; and
- (iii) terminate, conditionally or otherwise, the Awards not exercised or settled, as applicable, following successful completion of such change of control. If the change of control is not completed within the time specified therein (as the same may be extended), the Awards which vest will be returned by the Company to the participant and, if exercised or settled, as applicable, the Common Shares issued on such exercise or settlement will be reinstated as authorized but unissued Common Shares and the original terms applicable to such Awards will be reinstated.

The Board may, in its sole discretion, suspend or terminate the LTIP at any time, or from time to time, amend, revise or discontinue the terms and conditions of the LTIP or of any securities granted under the LTIP and any grant agreement relating thereto, subject to any required regulatory, provided that such suspension, termination, amendment, or revision will not adversely alter or impair any Award previously granted except as permitted by the terms of the LTIP or as required by applicable laws.

The Board may amend the LTIP or any securities granted under the LTIP at any time without the consent of a participant provided that such amendment: (i) does not adversely alter or impair any Award previously granted except

as permitted by the terms of the LTIP; (ii) is in compliance with applicable law and subject to any regulatory approvals; and (iii) is subject to Shareholder approval, where required by law, the requirements of the the LTIP, provided however that Shareholder approval will not be required for the following amendments and the Board may make any changes which may include but are not limited to:

- amendments of a general "housekeeping" or clerical nature that, among others, clarify, correct or rectify any ambiguity, defective provision, error or omission in the LTIP;
- changes that alter, extend or accelerate the terms of vesting or settlement applicable to any Award;
- any amendment regarding the effect of termination of a participant's employment or engagement;
- any amendment to add or amend provisions relating to the granting of cash-settled awards, provision of financial assistance or clawbacks and any amendment to a cash-settled award, financial assistance or clawbacks provisions which are adopted;
- any amendment regarding the administration of the LTIP; and
- any other amendment that does not require shareholder approval under the LTIP;

provided that the alteration, amendment or variance does not:

- increase the maximum number of Common Shares issuable under the LTIP, other than an adjustment pursuant to a change in capitalization;
- reduce the exercise price of Awards;
- permit the introduction or re-introduction of non-employee directors as eligible participants on a discretionary basis or any amendment that increases the limits previously imposed on non-employee director participation;
- remove or exceed the insider participation limits; or
- amend the amendment provisions of the LTIP.

To be effective, the LTIP Resolution requires the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the votes cast by Shareholders present virtually or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE LTIP RESOLUTION. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE PERSONS DESIGNATED AS PROXYHOLDERS IN THE ACCOMPANYING FORM OF PROXY WILL VOTE THE COMMON SHARES REPRESENTED BY SUCH FORM OF PROXY, PROPERLY EXECUTED, FOR THE LTIP RESOLUTION.

The text of the LTIP Resolution to be submitted to Shareholders at the Meeting is set forth below:

#### "BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Omnibus Long Term Incentive Plan pursuant to which the directors may, from time to time, authorize the issuance of awards to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries to a maximum of 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares at the time of the grant, be and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;
- 2. Any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of, and on behalf of, the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, and to deliver or cause to be delivered, such other documents and instruments, and to do or cause to be done all such acts and things, as may in the opinion of such director or officer be necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of the foregoing resolution."

#### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Under applicable securities legislation, the Company is required to disclose certain financial and other information relating to the compensation of (a) the Chief Executive Officer, (b) the Chief Financial Officer, (c) the most highly compensated executive officer of the Company at the end of the most recently completed financial year of the Company whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, and (d) each individual who would be a fit the description under paragraph (c) above but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the

Company and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year (collectively the "Named Executive Officers") and for the directors of the Company.

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table provides a summary of compensation paid, directly or indirectly, for each of the two most recently completed financial years to the Named Executive Officers and the directors of the Company.

| TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES(1)                           |              |   |               |   |                           |   |                               |
|--|--------------|---|---------------|---|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Name and position  | Year         | Salary,<br>consulting fee,<br>retainer or<br>commission<br>(\$) | Bonus<br>(\$) | Committee<br>or meeting<br>fees<br>(\$) | Value of perquisites (\$) | Value of all<br>other<br>compensation<br>(\$) | Total<br>compensation<br>(\$) |
| Nicholas Konkin <sup>(2)</sup><br>President, Chief Executive<br>Officer and Director | 2022<br>2021 | 62,500<br>n/a   | nil<br>n/a    | nil<br>n/a                              | nil<br>n/a                | nil<br>n/a                                    | 62,500<br>n/a                 |
| Chris Irwin <sup>(3)</sup> Director  | 2022         | 60,680  | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | 60,680                        |
|  | 2021         | n/a   | n/a           | n/a                                     | n/a                       | n/a   | n/a                           |
| Dino Titaro <sup>(4)</sup> Chairman and Director                                     | 2022         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
|  | 2021         | n/a   | n/a           | n/a                                     | n/a                       | n/a   | n/a                           |
| Rob Montemarano <sup>(4)</sup> Director  | 2022         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
|  | 2021         | n/a   | n/a           | n/a                                     | n/a                       | n/a   | n/a                           |
| Carly Burk   | 2022         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
| Secretary  | 2021         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
| Michael Campbell <sup>(5)</sup> Former Director                                      | 2022         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
|  | 2021         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
| Jennifer Thor <sup>(5)</sup> Former Director   | 2022         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
|  | 2021         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
| Miles Nagamatsu <sup>(6)</sup> Former Chief Financial Officer                        | 2022         | 18,000  | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | 18,000                        |
|  | 2021         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
| Arthur Griffis <sup>(7)</sup> Former President and Director                          | 2022         | 50,000  | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | 50,000                        |
|  | 2021         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
| Elia Crespo <sup>(8)</sup> Former Director   | 2022         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |
|  | 2021         | nil   | nil           | nil                                     | nil                       | nil   | nil                           |

## Notes:

- (1) This table does not include any amount paid as reimbursement for expenses.
- (2) Mr. Konkin was appointed the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company on September 26, 2022.
- (3) During the financial year ended December 31, 2022, Irwin Lowy LLP, a limited liability partnership of which Mr. Irwin is a partner, accrued fees of \$60,680 for legal services. During the financial year ended December 31, 2021, Irwin Lowy LLP, a limited liability partnership of which Mr. Irwin is a partner, accrued fees of \$11,987 for legal services
- (4) Messrs. Titaro and Montemarano were elected as directors on December 5, 2022.
- (5) Mr. Campbell and Ms. Thor did not stand for re-election at the Company's shareholder meeting on December 5, 2022.
- (6) Mr. Nagamatsu resigned as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company of July 12, 2023. Ms. Rebecca Hudson was appointed in his stead.
- (7) Mr. Griffis resigned as Director and President of the Company on September 26, 2022 and Mr. Nicholas Konkin was appointed in his stead.
- (8) Ms. Crespo resigned as Director of the Company on September 26, 2022.

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

During the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company did not grant or issue any compensation securities to any Named Executive Officer or director of the Company for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

None of the Named Executive Officers or directors of the Company exercised any compensation securities during the most recently completed financial year of the Company.

#### Stock Option Plan and other Incentive Plans

The Company has no equity compensation plans other than the LTIP. For further information on the LTIP, please refer to "Particulars to be Acted Upon – Approval of Omnibus Long Term Incentive Plan."

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

The Company does not, and did not during the most recently completed financial year, have in place any employment agreements between the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof and any of its Named Executive Officers or directors.

#### Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

#### Compensation of Directors

The Company has established a compensation committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the Board and it consists of Dino Titaro and Rob Montemarano, both of whom are independent. The Compensation Committee, on behalf of the Board, monitors compensation of the executive officers of the Company. The Compensation Committee is responsible for the development and supervision of the Company's approach to compensation for directors, officers and senior management as well as bonuses and any increases in compensation to employees or staff that would have a material impact on the Company's expenses.

The Compensation Committee, at the recommendation of the management of the Company, determines the compensation payable to the directors of the Company and reviews such compensation periodically throughout the year. Each director of the Company may, from time to time, be awarded stock options under the provisions of the LTIP. There are no other arrangements under which the directors of the Company were compensated by the Company or its subsidiaries during the two most recently completed financial years for their services in their capacity as directors of the Company.

#### Compensation of Named Executive Officers

#### Principles of Executive Compensation

The Company believes in linking an individual's compensation to his or her performance and contribution as well as to the performance of the Company as a whole. The primary components of the Company's executive compensation are base salary and stock options. The Board believes that the mix between base salary and incentives must be reviewed and tailored to each executive based on their role within the organization as well as their own personal circumstances. The overall goal is to successfully link compensation to the interests of the shareholders. The following principles form the basis of the Company's executive compensation program:

- 1. align interest of executives and shareholders;
- 2. attract and motivate executives who are instrumental to the success of the Company and the enhancement of shareholder value;
- 3. pay for performance;

- 4. ensure compensation methods have the effect of retaining those executives whose performance has enhanced the Company's long-term value; and
- 5. connect, if possible, the Company's employees into principles 1 through 4 above.

Management has direct involvement in and knowledge of the business goals, strategies, experiences and performance of the Company. The Chief Executive Officer makes recommendations to the Board regarding the amount and type of compensation awards for other members of executive management. The Chief Executive Officer does not engage in discussions with the Board regarding his own compensation.

The Board, at the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, approves, or recommends for approval, all compensation to be awarded to the Named Executive Officers within the constraints of the agreements described under the heading "Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements". The Compensation Committee also has the responsibility to make recommendations concerning annual bonuses and grants to eligible persons under LTIP.

The Board may direct the Compensation Committee and management to gather information on its behalf and provide initial analysis and commentary. The Board reviews this material along with other information received from any external advisors which may be retained in its deliberations before considering or making decisions. The Board has full discretion to adopt or alter management recommendations.

#### **Base Salary**

The Board approves the salary ranges for the Named Executive Officers. The base salary review for each Named Executive Officer is based on assessment of factors such as current competitive market conditions, compensation levels within the peer group and particular skills, such as leadership ability and management effectiveness, experience, responsibility and proven or expected performance of the particular individual. No specific weightings are assigned to each factor, but rather, a subjective determination is made based on a general assessment of the performance of the individual relative to such factors. Comparative data for the Company's peer group is also accumulated from a number of external sources including independent consultants. The Company's policy for determining salary for executive officers of the Company is consistent with the administration of salaries for all other employees.

#### **Annual Incentives**

The Named Executive Officers have an opportunity to earn annual incentive compensation payable as a cash bonus, however the Company is not currently awarding any such annual incentives. The annual incentive compensation is intended to link pay to annual performance that will drive shareholder value so the Company may, in its discretion, award such incentives in the future in order to motivate executives to achieve short-term corporate goals. The Compensation Committee approves annual incentives.

The success of the Named Executive Officers in achieving their individual objectives and their contribution to the Company in reaching its overall goals are factors in the determination of their annual bonus. The Board assesses each Named Executive Officers' performance on the basis of his or her respective position and contribution to the achievement of the predetermined corporate objectives, as well as to needs of the Company that arise on a day-to-day basis. Annual incentive compensation is tied to corporate and individual performance. This assessment is used by the Board in developing its recommendations with respect to the determination of annual bonuses for the Named Executive Officers.

#### Compensation and Measurements of Performance

It is the intention of the Board to approve targeted amounts of annual incentives for each Named Executive Officer at the beginning of each financial year. The targeted amounts will be determined by the Board based on a number of factors, including comparable compensation of similar companies.

Achieving predetermined individual and/or corporate targets and objectives, as well as general performance in day-to-day corporate activities, will trigger the award of a bonus payment to the Named Executive Officers. The Named Executive Officers will receive a partial or full incentive payment depending on the number of the predetermined targets met and the Board's assessment of overall performance. The determination as to whether a target has been met

is ultimately made by the Board and the Board reserves the right to make positive or negative adjustments to any bonus payment if they consider them to be appropriate.

#### Long Term Compensation

The Company currently has no long-term incentive plans, other than Awards granted from time to time by the Board under the provisions of the LTIP.

#### **Pension Disclosure**

There are no pension plan benefits in place for the Named Executive Officers or the directors of the Company.

#### **Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

The Company has not provided compensation, monetary or otherwise, during the two preceding fiscal years, to any person who now acts or has previously acted as a Named Executive Officer or director of the Company in connection with or related to the retirement, termination or resignation of such person. The Company has not provided any compensation to such persons as a result of a change of control of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates. Except as set forth under the heading "Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements, the Company is not party to any compensation plan or arrangement with Named Executive Officers or directors of the Company resulting from the resignation, retirement or the termination of employment of such person.

#### SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets forth information with respect to all compensation plans of the Company under which equity securities are authorized for issue as of December 31, 2022:

| Plan category   | Number of securities to be<br>issued upon exercise of<br>outstanding options,<br>warrants and rights<br>(#) | Weighted-average exercise<br>price of outstanding options,<br>warrants and rights<br>(\$) | Number of securities remaining<br>available for future issue under<br>equity compensation plans<br>(#) |
|---|---|---|--|
| Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders     | nil   | n/a   | 6,647,279  |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders | n/a   | n/a   | n/a  |
| Total   | nil   | n/a   | 6,647,279  |

Notes:

## INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than as otherwise disclosed in this Circular, no informed person or proposed director of the Company, or associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing, has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the most recently completed financial year of the Company or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company.

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No director or officer of the Company or person who acted in such capacity in the last financial year of the Company, or any other individual who at any time during the most recently completed financial year of the Company was a director of the Company or any associate of the Company, is indebted to the Company, nor is any indebtedness of any

<sup>(1)</sup> The LTIP is a "rolling" plan whereby the maximum number of Common Shares that may be reserved for issue pursuant to the LTIP will not exceed 10% of the number of outstanding Common Shares at the time of the stock option grant. As at the date of this Circular, 8,304,400 stock options are reserved for issue and remain available for future issue under the Stock Option Plan.

such person to another entity the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE INFORMATION CIRCULAR OF A VENTURE ISSUER

National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**") requires that certain information regarding the Audit Committee of a "venture issuer" (as that term is defined in NI 52-110) be included in the management information circular sent to shareholders in connection with the issuer's annual meeting. The Company is a "venture issuer" for the purposes of NI 52-110.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is responsible for the Company's financial reporting process and the quality of its financial reporting. The Audit Committee is charged with the mandate of providing independent review and oversight of the Company's financial reporting process, the system of internal control and management of financial risks, and the audit process, including the selection, oversight and compensation of the Company's external auditors. The Audit Committee also assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities in reviewing the Company's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and its own code of business conduct. In performing its duties, the Audit Committee maintains effective working relationships with the Board, management, and the external auditors and monitors the independence of those auditors. The Audit committee is also responsible for reviewing the Company's financial strategies, its financing plans and its use of the equity and debt markets.

#### **Audit Committee Charter**

The full text of the charter of the Company's Audit Committee is attached hereto as Appendix "A" (the "Audit Committee Charter").

#### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee members are Chris Irwin (Chair), Rob Montemarano and Dino Titaro, each of whom is a director and financially literate. Messrs. Irwin and Montemarano are independent in accordance with NI 52-110, whereas Mr. Titaro is not.

#### **Relevant Education and Experience**

The following is a description of the education and experience of each member of the Audit Committee that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, any education or experience that would provide the member with:

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

*Chris Irwin, Director*: Mr. Irwin is a partner in the Toronto law firm of Irwin Lowy LLP focused on securities and corporate/commercial law. He advises a number of public companies on a variety of matters including continuous disclosure and regulatory matters, reverse takeover transactions, initial public offerings and takeover bids. Mr. Irwin is also a director and officer of several public companies.

*Dino Titaro*, *Chairman and Director*: Mr. Titaro is a geologist who has over 35 years of international experience in the mining and exploration mineral resource industry. He currently serves as an independent director on the board of directors of Allied Gold Corporation, Avidian Gold Corp., and Golconda Gold Ltd. Mr. Titaro is a geologist with an MSc degree in economic geology and is a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and is registered as a P.Geo in Ontario.

**Rob Montemarano**, **Director**: Mr. Montemarano is Vice-President of Lakeview Homes Inc., a residential property development and construction company. Mr. Montemarano has been involved in corporate and project financing activities in real estate and a variety of other industries. He is also currently a director of Armada Data Corp.

#### **Audit Committee Oversight**

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

#### Reliance on Exemptions in NI 52-110

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on:

- 1. the exemption in section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*) of NI 52-110 (which exempts all non-audit services provided by the Company's auditor from the requirement to be pre-approved by the Audit Committee if such services are less than 5% of the auditor's annual fees charged to the Company, are not recognized as non-audit services at the time of the engagement of the auditor to perform them and are subsequently approved by the Audit Committee prior to the completion of that year's audit);
- 2. the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(4) (*Circumstance Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer*) of NI 52-110 (an exemption from the requirement that a majority of the members of the Audit Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company if a circumstance arises that affects the business or operations of the Company and a reasonable person would conclude that the circumstance can be best addressed by a member of the Audit Committee becoming an executive officer or employee of the Company);
- 3. the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(5) (*Events Outside Control of Member*) (an exemption from the requirement that a majority of the members of the Audit Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company if an Audit Committee member becomes a control person of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company for reasons outside the member's reasonable control);
- 4. the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(6) (*Death, Incapacity or Resignation*) (an exemption from the requirement that a majority of the members of the Audit Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company if a vacancy on the Audit Committee arises as a result of the death, incapacity or resignation of an Audit Committee member and the Board was required to fill the vacancy); or
- 5. an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted by a securities regulator under Part 8 (*Exemptions*) of NI 52-110.

The Company is a "venture issuer" for the purposes of NI 52-110. Accordingly, the Company is relying upon the exemption in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 providing that the Company is exempt from the application of Part 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

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

#### **Audit Fees**

The following table provides details in respect of audit, audit related, tax and other fees billed by the external auditor of the Company for professional services rendered to the Company during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

|                              | Audit Fees<br>(\$) <sup>(1)</sup> | Audit-Related Fees<br>(\$) | Tax Fees (\$) | All Other Fees<br>(\$) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Year ended December 31, 2022 | 25,000                            | nil                        | nil           | 8,000                  |
| Year ended December 31, 2021 | 11,000                            | -                          | -             | -                      |

Audit Fees – aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the auditor for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements as well as services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings.

Audit-Related Fees – aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the auditor and were comprised primarily of audit procedures performed related to the review of quarterly financial statements and related documents.

Tax Fees – aggregate fees billed for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning professional services. These services included reviewing tax returns and assisting in responses to government tax authorities.

All Other Fees – aggregate fees billed for professional services which included accounting advice.

#### REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company believes that adopting and maintaining appropriate governance practices is fundamental to a well-run company, to the execution of its chosen strategies and to its successful business and financial performance. National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* and National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines* (collectively the "Governance Guidelines") of the Canadian Securities Administrators set out a list of non-binding corporate governance guidelines that issuers are encouraged to follow in developing their own corporate governance guidelines. In certain cases, the Company's practices comply with the guidelines, however, the Board considers that some of the guidelines are not suitable for the Company at its current stage of development and therefore these guidelines have not been adopted. The Company will continue to review and implement corporate governance guidelines as the business of the Company progresses and becomes more active in operations.

The following disclosure is required by the Governance Guidelines and describes the Company's approach to governance and outlines the various procedures, policies and practices that the Company and the Board have implemented.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board is currently composed of five directors. At the Meeting, the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting shall be five. Form 58-101F2 – *Corporate Governance Disclosure (Venture Issuers)* ("Form 58-101F2") requires disclosure regarding how the Board facilitates its exercise of independent supervision over management of the Company by providing the identity of directors who are independent and the identity of directors who are not independent and the basis for that determination. NI 52-110 provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect "material relationship" with the company. "Material relationship" is defined as a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment. In addition, under NI 52-110, an individual who is, or has been within the last three years, an employee or executive officer of an issuer, is deemed to have a "material relationship" with the issuer. Accordingly, of the proposed nominees, Mr. Konkin, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Mr. Dino Titaro, the Executive Chairman of the Company are considered not to be "independent". The remaining three proposed directors are considered by the Board to be "independent" within the meaning of NI 52-110. In assessing Form 58-101F2 and making the foregoing determinations, the Board has examined the circumstances of each director in relation to a number of factors.

#### **Directorships**

The following table sets forth the directors of the Company who currently hold directorships with other reporting issuers:

| Name of Director | Reporting Issuer   |
|------------------|--|
| Chris Irwin      | Minnova Corp., Deveron Corp., Greencastle Resources Ltd., Intercontinental Gold and Metals Ltd., Playground Ventures Inc., SBD Capital Corp., Drone Delivery Canada Corp., Haviland Enviro Corp., and NuGen Medical Devices Inc. |
| Nicholas Konkin  | Graycliff Exploration Ltd.   |
| Dino Titaro      | Avidian Gold Ltd.; Golconda Gold Ltd., Allied Gold Corporation.  |
| Guy Charette     | Meryllion Resources Inc.   |

#### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Board does not have a formal orientation or education program for its members. The Board's continuing education is typically derived from correspondence with the Company's legal counsel to remain up to date with developments in relevant corporate and securities law matters. Additionally, historically board members have been nominated who are familiar with the Company and the nature of its business.

#### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has not adopted guidelines or attempted to quantify or stipulate steps to encourage and promote a culture of ethical business conduct, but does promote ethical business conduct through the nomination of Board members it considers ethical, through avoiding or minimizing conflicts of interest, and by having at least two of its Board members independent of corporate matters.

#### **Nomination of Directors**

The recruitment of new directors has generally resulted from recommendations made by Board members and shareholders. The assessment of the contributions of individual directors has principally been the responsibility of the Board. The Board has recently established and appointed a Compensation Committee. Prior to standing for election, new nominees to the Board of directors are reviewed by such committee and the entire Board.

#### **Other Board Committees**

The Board has established an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee.

#### Audit Committee

The operation of the Audit Committee is described in the section entitled "Audit Committee Information Required in The Information Circular of a Venture Issuer" in this Circular.

#### Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee members are Dino Titaro and Rob Montemarano. Each proposed member of the Compensation Committee is a director. Mr. Montemarano is "independent" in accordance with NI 52-110, whereas Mr. Titaro is not. The Compensation Committee is responsible for the development and supervision of the Company's approach to compensation for directors, officers and senior management as well as bonuses and any increases in compensation to employees or staff that would have a material impact on the Company's expenses.

#### Assessments

Currently the Board has not implemented a formal process for assessing directors.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

The management of the Company knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than as set forth in the Notice. However, if other matters which are not known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying instrument of proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons voting the proxy.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR+ at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>. Shareholders may contact the Company it its office by mail at 100 King Street West, Suite 5600, P.O. Box 270, Toronto, Ontario M5X 1C9 to request copies of: (i) this Circular; and (ii) the Company's financial statements and the related management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") which will be sent to the shareholder without charge upon request. Financial information is provided in the Company's consolidated financial statements and MD&A for its financial year ended December 31, 2022.

#### APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The contents of this Circular have been approved, and the delivery of it to each shareholder entitled thereto and to the appropriate regulatory agencies has been authorized by the Board.

**DATED** at Toronto, Ontario this 11<sup>th</sup> day December, 2023.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

"Nicholas Konkin" (signed)
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

#### APPENDIX "A"

#### EV MINERALS CORPORATION

#### CHARTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### OVERALL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Audit Committee shall:

- 1.1 Assist the Board of Directors in its oversight role with respect to:
  - (a) the quality and integrity of financial information;
  - (b) the independent auditor's performance, qualifications and independence;
  - (c) the performance of the Company's internal audit function, if applicable; and
  - (d) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and
- 1.2 Prepare such reports of the Audit Committee required to be included in the information/proxy circular of the Company in accordance with applicable laws or the rules of applicable securities regulatory authorities.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

The Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) or more Directors appointed by the Board of Directors. Each of the members of the Audit Committee shall satisfy any applicable independence and experience requirements of the laws governing the Company, and applicable securities regulatory authorities.

The Board of Directors shall designate one (1) member of the Audit Committee as the Committee Chair. Each member of the Audit Committee shall be financially literate as such qualification is interpreted by the Board of Directors in its business judgment. The Board of Directors shall determine whether and how many members of the Audit Committee qualify as a financial expert as defined by applicable law.

#### STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Audit Committee participating in any meeting of the Audit Committee is necessary for the adoption of any resolution.

The Audit Committee shall meet as often as it determines, but not less frequently than quarterly. The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors on its activities after each of its meetings at which time minutes of the prior Committee meeting shall be tabled for the Board.

The Audit Committee shall review and assess the adequacy of this Charter periodically and, where necessary, will recommend changes to the Board of Directors for its approval.

The Audit Committee is expected to establish and maintain free and open communication with management and the independent auditor and shall periodically meet separately with each of them.

#### **SPECIFIC DUTIES**

#### Oversight of the Independent Auditor

Make recommendations to the board for the appointment and replacement of the independent auditor.

- Responsibility for the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditor (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work. The independent auditor shall report directly to the Audit Committee.
- Authority to pre-approve all audit services and permitted non-audit services (including the fees, terms
  and conditions for the performance of such services) to be performed by the independent auditor.
- Evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditor, including: (i) reviewing and evaluating the lead partner on the independent auditor's engagement with the Company, and (ii) considering whether the auditor's quality controls are adequate and the provision of permitted non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence.
- Obtain from the independent auditor and review the independent auditor's report regarding the management internal control report of the Company to be included in the Company's annual information/proxy circular, as required by applicable law.
- Ensure the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit as required by law (currently at least every five years).

#### **Financial Reporting**

- Review and discuss with management and the independent auditor:
  - o prior to the annual audit the scope, planning and staffing of the annual audit,
  - o the annual audited financial statements,
  - the Company's annual and quarterly disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis,
  - o approve any reports for inclusion in the Company's Annual Report, if any, as required by applicable legislation,
  - o the Company's quarterly financial statements, including the results of the independent auditor's review of the quarterly financial statements and any matters required to be communicated by the independent auditor under applicable review standards,
  - significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements,
  - o any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles,
  - o any major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies, and
  - o other material written communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.
- Discuss with the independent auditor matters relating to the conduct of the audit, including any difficulties
  encountered in the course of the audit work, any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to requested
  information and any significant disagreements with management.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE'S ROLE**

The Audit Committee has the oversight role set out in this Charter. Management, the Board of Directors, the independent auditor and the internal auditor all play important roles in respect of compliance and the preparation and presentation of financial information. Management is responsible for compliance and the preparation of financial statements and periodic reports. Management is responsible for ensuring the Company's financial statements and disclosures are complete, accurate, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable laws. The Board of Directors in its oversight role is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities. The independent auditor, following the completion of its annual audit, opines on the presentation, in all material respects, of the financial position and results of operations of the Company in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

## FUNDING FOR THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AND RETENTION OF OTHER INDEPENDENT ADVISORS

The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for payment of compensation to the independent auditor for the purpose of issuing an audit report and to any advisors retained by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall also have the authority to retain such other independent advisors as it may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for its purposes and the payment of compensation therefor shall also be funded by the Company.

# <u>APPROVAL OF AUDIT AND REMITTED NON-AUDIT SERVICES PROVIDED BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS</u>

Over the course of any year there will be two levels of approvals that will be provided. The first is the existing annual Audit Committee approval of the audit engagement and identifiable permitted non-audit services for the coming year. The second is in-year Audit Committee pre-approvals of proposed audit and permitted non-audit services as they arise.

Any proposed audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided by the External Auditor to the Company or its subsidiaries must receive prior approval from the Audit Committee, in accordance with this protocol. The CFO shall act as the primary contact to receive and assess any proposed engagements from the External Auditor.

Following receipt and initial review for eligibility by the primary contacts, a proposal would then be forwarded to the Audit Committee for review and confirmation that a proposed engagement is permitted.

In the majority of such instances, proposals may be received and considered by the Chair of the Audit Committee (or such other member of the Audit Committee who may be delegated authority to approve audit and permitted non-audit services), for approval of the proposal on behalf of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee Chair will then inform the Audit Committee of any approvals granted at the next scheduled meeting.

## APPENDIX "B"

## NEW BY-LAW NO. 1

## **EV MINERALS CORPORATION**

(the "Corporation")

## **BY-LAW NO. 1**

A by-law relating generally to the transaction of the business and affairs of the Corporation.

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BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of the Corporation as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

- **1.1 Definitions**. In the by-laws of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires:
- "Act" means the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) and any statute that may be substituted therefor, as from time to time amended;
- "Applicable Securities Laws" means the applicable securities legislation of each relevant province and territory in Canada, as from time to time amended, the written rules, regulations and forms made or promulgated under any such legislation and the published national instruments, multilateral instruments, policies, bulletins and notices of the securities commissions and similar regulatory authorities of each province or territory of Canada;
  - "appoint" includes "elect" and vice versa;
- "articles" means the articles of continuance of the Corporation, as from time to time amended or restated;
- "board" means the board of directors of the Corporation and "director" means a member of the board;
- "by-laws" means this by-law and all other by-laws of the Corporation from time to time in force and effect:
  - "cheque" includes a bank draft;
- "day" means a clear day and a period of days shall be deemed to commence on the day following the event that began the period and shall be deemed to terminate at midnight of the last day of the period except that if the last day of the period falls on a Sunday or holiday the period shall terminate at midnight of the day next following that is not a Sunday or a holiday;
- "meeting of shareholders" includes an annual meeting of shareholders, a special meeting of shareholders and an annual and special meeting of shareholders;
- "**non-business day**" means Saturday, Sunday and any other day that is a holiday as defined in the *Legislation Act* (Ontario), as from time to time amended;
- "ordinary resolution" means a resolution that is: (i) submitted to a meeting of the shareholders of a corporation and passed, with or without amendment, at the meeting by at least a majority of the votes cast; or (ii) signed by at least a majority of the shareholders entitled to vote on that resolution;
- "**person**" includes an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, trust, body corporate, and a natural person in his or her capacity as trustee, executor, administrator, or other legal representative;
- "recorded address" means: (i) in the case of a shareholder, the address of the shareholder as recorded in the securities register; (ii) in the case of joint shareholders, the address appearing in the securities register in respect of such joint holding or the first address so appearing if there are more than one; (iii) in the case of an officer, auditor or member of a committee of the board, the latest address as

recorded in the records of the Corporation; and (iv) in the case of a director, the latest address as recorded in the records of the Corporation or in the most recent notice filed under the *Corporations Information Act* (Ontario), whichever is more current;

"**signing officer**" means, in relation to any instrument, any person authorized to sign the instrument on behalf of the Corporation by or pursuant to section 2.5;

"special meeting of shareholders" includes a meeting of any class, classes or series of shareholders and a special meeting of all shareholders entitled to vote at an annual meeting of shareholders;

"**special resolution**" means a resolution: (i) passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the shareholders who voted in respect of that resolution; or (ii) signed by all the shareholders entitled to vote on that resolution; and

"unanimous shareholder agreement" means either: (i) a lawful written agreement among all the shareholders of the Corporation, or among all the shareholders and one or more persons who are not shareholders; or (ii) a written declaration of the registered owner of all of the issued shares of the Corporation; in each case, that restricts, in whole or in part, the powers of the directors to manage, or supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, as from time to time amended.

- **1.2 Interpretation**. Save as aforesaid, words and expressions defined in the Act have the same meanings when used herein.
- 1.3 Number. Words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa.
- **1.4 Gender**. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms.
- **1.5 Headings.** Headings are inserted in this by-law for reference purposes only and are not to be considered or taken into account in construing the terms or provisions hereof or to be deemed in any way to clarify, modify or explain the effect of any such terms or provisions.
- **1.6 Conflict with Unanimous Shareholder Agreement.** Where any provision in the by-laws conflicts with any provision of any unanimous shareholder agreement, the provision of such unanimous shareholder agreement shall govern.

# ARTICLE 2 BUSINESS OF THE CORPORATION

- **2.1 Registered Office**. Until changed in accordance with the Act, the registered office of the Corporation shall be within the municipality or geographic township within Ontario initially specified in the articles and thereafter as the shareholders may, from time to time, determine by special resolution, and at such location therein as the board may, from time to time, determine by resolution.
- **2.2 Books and Records.** Any records administered by or on behalf of the Corporation in the regular course of its business, including its securities register, books of account and minute books, and which may be maintained in a bound or loose-leaf book or may be entered or recorded by any system of mechanical or electronic data processing or any other information storage device, method, or one or more electronic networks or databases (including one or more distributed electronic networks or databases). The Corporation shall make such records available for inspection pursuant to applicable law.

- **2.3 Corporate Seal.** The corporate seal of the Corporation, if adopted, shall be in such form as the board may by resolution, from time to time, adopt. An instrument or agreement executed on behalf of the Corporation by a director, an officer or an agent of the Corporation is not invalid merely because the corporate seal, if adopted, is not affixed to it.
- **2.4 Financial Year.** The financial year of the Corporation shall end on such date in each year as shall be determined, from time to time, by resolution of the board.
- **2.5 Execution of Contracts, Etc.** Contracts, documents or instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation may be signed by any one director or officer of the Corporation, and all contracts, documents or instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality. The board shall have the power, from time to time, by resolution to appoint any one or more officers or other persons on behalf of the Corporation either to sign contracts, documents or instruments in writing.

The corporate seal of the Corporation, if adopted, may be affixed to contracts, documents or instruments in writing signed by an officer or person appointed by resolution of the board.

The term "contracts, documents or instruments in writing" as used in this by-law shall include, without limitation, agreements, deeds, mortgages, hypothecs, charges, conveyances, transfers and assignments of property, real or personal, movable or immovable, powers of attorney, releases, receipts and discharges for the payment of money or other obligations, conveyances, transfers and assignments of shares, share warrants, stocks, bonds, debentures, notes or other securities, instruments of proxy and all paper writings.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any one director or officer is authorized to sell, assign, transfer, exchange, convert or convey all securities owned by or registered in the name of the Corporation and to sign and execute (under the corporate seal, if adopted, of the Corporation or otherwise) all assignments, transfers, conveyances, powers of attorney and other instruments that may be necessary for the purpose of selling, assigning, transferring, exchanging, converting or conveyancing any such securities.

Subject to the Act and applicable electronic commerce legislation, any contracts, documents or instruments required to be created or provided in writing and required or permitted to be executed by one or more persons on behalf of the Corporation may be: (i) created in electronic document form and provided by electronic means; (ii) signed by mechanically reproduced signature or electronic signature, which signature or signatures shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if they had been signed manually and notwithstanding that the person or persons whose signature or signatures is or are so reproduced may have ceased to hold office at the date of delivery or issue of such contract, document or instrument in writing; and (iii) executed in separate counterparts, each of which when duly executed by one or more of such persons shall be an original and all such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same such contract, document or instrument in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may, from time to time, direct the manner in which and the person or persons by whom any particular contract, document or instrument in writing, or class of contracts, documents or instruments in writing, may or shall be signed.

**2.6 Banking Arrangements.** The banking business of the Corporation including, without limitation, the borrowing of money and the giving of security therefor shall be transacted with such banks, trust companies or other persons as may, from time to time, be designated by or under the authority of the board. Such banking business or any part thereof shall be transacted under such agreements, instructions and delegations of powers as the board may, from time to time, prescribe or authorize.

- **2.7 Voting Securities in Other Issuers.** The person or persons authorized under section 2.5 may execute and deliver proxies and arrange for the issuance of voting certificates or other evidence of the right to exercise the voting rights attaching to any securities held by the Corporation. Such instruments, certificates or other evidence shall be in favour of such person or persons as may be determined by the person executing such proxies or arranging for the issuance of voting certificates or such other evidence of the right to exercise such voting rights. In addition, the board may, from time to time, direct the manner in which and the person or persons by whom any particular voting rights or class of voting rights may or shall be exercised.
- **2.8 Divisions.** The board may cause the business and operations of the Corporation, or any part thereof, to be divided or segregated into one or more divisions having regard to, without limitation, the character or type of businesses or operations, geographical territories, product lines or goods or services as the board may consider appropriate in each case. From time to time, the board, or any officer authorized by the board, may authorize, upon such basis as may be considered appropriate in each case:
  - (a) Sub-Division and Consolidation the further division of the business and operations of any such division into sub-units and the consolidation of the business and operations of any such divisions and sub-units;
  - (b) Name the designation of any such division or sub-unit by, and the carrying on of the business and operations of any such division or sub-unit under, a name other than the legal name of the Corporation; provided that the Corporation shall set out its legal name in legible characters in all contracts, invoices, negotiable instruments and orders for goods or services issued or made by or on behalf of the Corporation; and
  - (c) Officers the appointment of officers for any such division or other sub-unit, the determination of their powers and duties, and the removal of any such officer so appointed, without prejudice to such officer's rights under any employment contract or in law, provided that any such officers shall not, as such, be officers of the Corporation, unless expressly designated as such.

# ARTICLE 3 BORROWING AND DEBT OBLIGATIONS

- **3.1 Borrowing Power.** Without limiting the borrowing powers of the Corporation as set forth in the Act, the board may, from time to time, on behalf of the Corporation, without authorization of the shareholders:
  - (a) borrow money upon the credit of the Corporation;
  - (b) issue, reissue, sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness or guarantees of the Corporation, whether secured or unsecured;
  - (c) to the extent permitted by the Act, give a guarantee on behalf of the Corporation to secure performance of any present or future indebtedness, liability or obligation of any person; and
  - (d) charge, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, or otherwise create a security interest in all or any currently owned or subsequently acquired real or personal, movable or immovable, property of the Corporation, including book debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertakings, to secure any such bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of

indebtedness or guarantee or any other present or future indebtedness, liability or obligation of the Corporation.

Nothing in this section limits or restricts the borrowing of money by the Corporation on bills of exchange or promissory notes made, drawn, accepted or endorsed by or on behalf of the Corporation.

**3.2 Delegation.** The board may, from time to time, delegate to a committee of the board, one or more directors or officers of the Corporation or any other person as may be designated by the board all or any of the powers conferred on the board by section 3.1 or by the Act to such extent and in such manner as the board shall determine at the time of each such delegation.

# ARTICLE 4 DIRECTORS

- 4.1 Number of Directors and Quorum. Until changed in accordance with the Act, the board shall consist of the number of directors, within the minimum and maximum number of directors provided for in the articles, as is determined by special resolution or, if such special resolution empowers the board to determine the number, by a resolution of the board; provided, however, that in the latter case, the directors may not, between meetings of shareholders, increase the number of directors on the board to a total number greater than one and one-third times the number of directors required to have been elected at the last annual meeting of shareholders. Except as provided under section 4.17, the quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board shall consist of a majority of the number of directors determined in the manner set forth above; provided that where the board consists of fewer than three directors, all directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board.
- **4.2 Qualification.** The following persons are disqualified from being a director of the Corporation: (i) a person who is less than 18 years of age; (ii) a person who has been found under the *Substitute Decisions Act, 1992* (Ontario) or under the *Mental Health Act* (Ontario) to be incapable of managing property or who has been found to be incapable by a court in Canada or elsewhere; (iii) a person who is not an individual; or (iv) a person who has the status of bankrupt. A director need not be a shareholder.
- **4.3 Election and Term.** The election of directors shall take place at the first meeting and thereafter at each annual meeting of shareholders and all the directors then in office shall retire but, if qualified, shall be eligible for re-election. The election shall be by ordinary resolution. If an election of directors is not held at the proper time, the incumbent directors shall continue in office until their successors are elected.
- **4.4 Removal of Directors.** Subject to the provisions of the Act, the shareholders may by ordinary resolution passed at an annual meeting or special meeting called for such purpose remove any director or directors from office and the vacancy created by such removal may be filled at the same meeting failing which, provided a quorum remains in office, it may be filled by the board. Where the holders of any class or series of shares of the Corporation have an exclusive right to elect one or more directors, a director so elected may only be removed by an ordinary resolution at a meeting of the shareholders of that class or series.
- **4.5 Termination of Office.** A director ceases to hold office when the director: (i) dies; (ii) is removed from office by the shareholders; (iii) ceases to be qualified for election as a director; or (iv) sends or delivers to the Corporation a written resignation or, if a time is specified in such resignation, at the time so specified, whichever is later.
- **4.6 Vacancies.** Subject to the provisions of the Act, a quorum of the board may fill a vacancy in the board, except a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number or, except as set out hereunder, in the maximum number of directors, as the case may be, or a failure to elect the number of directors required to

be elected at any meeting of shareholders. Where the articles provide for a minimum and maximum number of directors and a special resolution has been passed empowering the directors to determine the number of directors, the directors may not, between meetings of shareholders, appoint an additional director if, after such appointment, the total number of directors would be greater than one and one-third times the number of directors required to have been elected at the last annual meeting of shareholders. In the absence of a quorum of the board, or if the vacancy has arisen from a failure of the shareholders to elect the number of directors required by section 4.1, the directors then in office shall forthwith call a special meeting of shareholders to fill the vacancy. If the directors fail to call a meeting or if there are no directors then in office, any shareholder may call the meeting. A director appointed or elected to fill a vacancy holds office for the unexpired term of that director's predecessor.

- **4.7 Action by the Board.** Subject to any unanimous shareholder agreement, the board shall manage, or supervise the management of, the business and affairs of the Corporation. Subject to section 4.8, the powers of the board may be exercised by resolution passed at a meeting at which a quorum is present or by resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the board. Where there is a vacancy in the board, the remaining directors may exercise all the powers of the board so long as a quorum remains in office.
- **4.8 Participation.** If all the directors of the Corporation present at or participating in a meeting consent, a director may participate in a meeting of the board or of a committee of the board by means of telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate simultaneously and instantaneously with each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by such means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting for the purposes of the Act. Any consent shall be effective whether given before or after the meeting to which it relates and may be given with respect to all meetings of the board and of committees of the board.
- **4.9 Place of Meetings**. Meetings of the board may be held at any place within or outside Ontario and, in any financial year of the Corporation, any or all of the meetings of the board may be held at any place outside Canada.
- **4.10** Calling of Meetings. Meetings of the board shall be held, from time to time, at such place, at such time and on such day as the board, the chairperson of the board, the president (if the president is a director) or any two directors may determine.
- **4.11 Notice of Meeting.** Notice of the time and place of each meeting of the board shall be given in the manner provided in section 11.1 to each director not less than 48 hours before the time when the meeting is to be held. A notice of a meeting of directors need not specify the purpose of or the business to be transacted at the meeting except where the Act requires such purpose or business to be specified. A director may, in any manner and at any time, waive a notice of or otherwise consent to a meeting of the board and, subject to the Act, attendance of a director at a meeting of the board is a waiver of notice of the meeting.
- **4.12 First Meeting of New Board.** Provided a quorum of directors is present, each newly elected board may hold its first meeting, without notice, immediately following the meeting of shareholders at which such board is elected.
- **4.13 Adjourned Meeting.** Notice of an adjourned meeting of the board is not required if the time and place of the adjourned meeting is announced at the original meeting.
- **4.14 Regular Meetings.** The board may appoint a day or days in any month or months for regular meetings of the board at a place and hour to be named. A copy of any resolution of the board fixing the place and time of such regular meetings shall be sent to each director forthwith after being passed, but no

other notice shall be required for any such regular meeting except where the Act requires the purpose thereof or the business to be transacted thereat to be specified.

- **4.15 Chairperson.** The chairperson of any meeting of the board shall be the first mentioned of the following officers as have been appointed and who is a director and is present at the meeting: chairperson of the board; president; chief executive officer; or a vice-president. If no such officer is present, the directors present shall choose one of their number to be chairperson. If the secretary of the Corporation is absent, the chairperson shall appoint some person, who need not be a director, to act as secretary of the meeting.
- **4.16 Votes to Govern.** At all meetings of the board, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast on the question. In case of an equality of votes, the chairperson of the meeting shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- **4.17 Conflict of Interest.** A director or officer of the Corporation who is a party to, or who is a director or an officer of or has a material interest in any person who is a party to, a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Corporation, shall disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest at the time and in the manner provided by the Act. Any such contract or transaction or proposed contract or transaction shall be referred to the board or shareholders for approval even if such contract is one that in the ordinary course of the Corporation's business would not require approval by the board or the shareholders. Such director shall not attend any part of a meeting of directors during which the contract or transaction is discussed and shall not vote on any resolution to approve such contract or transaction or proposed contract or proposed transaction unless the contract or transaction is:
  - (a) one relating primarily to his or her remuneration as a director of the Corporation or an affiliate;
  - (b) one for indemnity or insurance as specified under the Act; or
  - (c) one with an affiliate.

If no quorum exists for the purpose of voting on a resolution to approve a contract or transaction only because a director is not permitted to be present at the meeting by reason of such director's interest in such contract or transaction, the remaining directors shall be deemed to constitute a quorum for the purposes of voting on the resolution. Where all the directors are required to make disclosure under this section, the contract or transaction may be approved only by the shareholders.

- **4.18 Remuneration and Expenses.** Subject to any unanimous shareholder agreement, the directors shall be paid such remuneration for their services as the board may, from time to time, determine and such remuneration shall be in addition to the salary paid to any officer or employee of the Corporation who is also a director. The directors may also by resolution award special remuneration to any director in undertaking any special services on behalf of the Corporation other than the normal work ordinarily required of a director. The confirmation of any such resolution or resolutions by the shareholders shall not be required, except as required by law or regulation. The directors shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for travelling and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the affairs of the Corporation.
- **4.19 Resolution in Writing by Directors.** A resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors unless a written statement or written representation with respect to the subject matter of the resolution is submitted by a director or the auditor, respectively, in accordance with the Act. A resolution in writing may be signed by the directors in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same resolution in writing, and by a director using a facsimile or

other electronic signature, in which case the other directors, the Corporation and the shareholders are entitled to rely on such electronic signature as conclusive evidence that such resolution in writing has been duly executed by such director.

**4.20 Only One Director.** Where the Corporation has only one director, that director may constitute a meeting.

### ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

- **5.1 Committees of the Board.** The board may, from time to time, establish (or dissolve) one or more committees of directors, however designated, and delegate to any such committee any of the powers and duties of the board, subject to the limitations on such delegation contained in the Act. The board may appoint and remove the members of each committee subject to the requirements of the Act.
- **5.2 Audit Committee.** If the Corporation is an offering corporation within the meaning of the Act, the board shall, and the board otherwise may, appoint annually from among its number an audit committee to be composed of not fewer than three directors, a majority of whom are not officers or employees of the Corporation or any of its affiliates and all of whom must otherwise meet the requirements of applicable law. Each member of the audit committee shall hold office, at the pleasure of the board, until the next annual meeting of shareholders and, in any event, only so long as the director shall be a director. In addition to the powers and duties delegated by the board pursuant to section 5.1, the audit committee shall have the powers and duties provided in the Act and other applicable laws. The audit committee shall review the financial statements of the Corporation prior to approval thereof by the board. The auditor of the Corporation, to attend and be heard thereat; and, if so requested by a member of the audit committee, shall attend every meeting of the audit committee held during the term of office of the auditor. The auditor of the Corporation or any member of the audit committee may call a meeting of the audit committee.
- **5.3 Transaction of Business.** Subject to the provisions of section 4.8, the powers of a committee of directors appointed by the board may be exercised by a meeting at which a quorum is present or by resolution in writing signed by all members of such committee who would have been entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the committee. Meetings of such committee may be held at such place or places designated in section 4.9.
- **5.4 Advisory Committees.** The board may, from time to time, appoint such advisory bodies as it may deem advisable.
- **5.5 Procedure.** Unless otherwise determined by the board, each committee and advisory body shall have the power to fix its quorum (provided a quorum is not less than a majority of its members), to elect its chairperson, and to regulate its procedure.
- **5.6 Limits on Authority.** Despite any other provision of this by-law, no managing director and no committee of directors appointed by the board has authority to:
  - (a) submit to the shareholders any question or matter requiring the approval of the shareholders;
  - (b) fill a vacancy among the directors or in the office of auditor or appoint or remove any of the chief executive officers, however designated, the chief financial officer, however designated, the chairperson or the president of the Corporation;

- (c) subject to the Act, issue securities except in the manner and on the terms authorized by the directors;
- (d) declare dividends;
- (e) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire shares issued by the Corporation;
- (f) pay a commission referred to in the Act;
- (g) approve a management proxy circular referred to in the Act;
- (h) approve a take-over bid circular, directors' circular or issuer bid circular referred to in the Applicable Securities Laws;
- (i) approve any financial statements referred to in the Act (unless otherwise permitted under the Act and Applicable Securities Laws);
- (j) approve an amalgamation between the Corporation and: (i) its holding body corporate; (ii) any one or more of its subsidiaries; and (iii) any one or more corporations where the Corporation and any such corporations are subsidiaries of the same holding body corporate;
- (k) approve an amendment to the Corporation's articles to: (i) divide any class of unissued shares into series and determine the designation, rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions thereof, where the articles authorize the directors to approve such amendment; and (ii) change a Corporation's name that is a numbered name to a name that is not a numbered name; or
- (1) adopt, amend or repeal by-laws.

### ARTICLE 6 OFFICERS

- **6.1 Positions and Appointment.** Subject to the articles or any unanimous shareholder agreement, the board may, from time to time, designate such offices of the Corporation and appoint such officers as the board may consider advisable, including, without limitation, a president, a secretary and a treasurer. None of such officers, other than a chairperson of the board, need be a director of the Corporation. Any two or more offices may be held by the same individual.
- **6.2 President.** If appointed, the president shall, subject to the control of the board, have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Corporation, and he or she shall have such other powers and duties as the board may specify.
- **6.3 Secretary.** If appointed, the secretary shall give or cause to be given as and when instructed, all notices to shareholders, directors, officers, auditors and members of committees of the board; he or she shall attend and be the secretary of all meetings of the board, shareholders and committees of the board; he or she shall enter or cause to be entered in the minute book of the Corporation minutes of all proceedings at such meetings and shall be custodian of all books, papers, records, documents and instruments belonging to the Corporation, except when some other officer or agent has been appointed for that purpose; and he or she shall have such other powers and duties as the board may specify.
- **6.4 Treasurer.** If appointed, the treasurer shall keep proper accounting records in compliance with the Act and shall be responsible for the custody of the funds and securities of the Corporation; he or she shall render to the board whenever required an account of all his or her transactions as treasurer and of the

financial position of the Corporation, except when some other officer or agent has been appointed for that purpose; and he or she shall have such other powers and duties as the board may specify.

- 6.5 Powers and Duties. Subject to the articles or any unanimous shareholder agreement, and unless otherwise provided in this Article Six, the powers and duties of each officer of the Corporation shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or as provided, from time to time, by resolution of the board. In the absence of such terms of engagement or resolution, the respective officers shall have the powers and duties and shall discharge the duties customarily and usually held and performed by like offices of corporations similar in organization and business purposes to the Corporation subject to the control of the board. Any such officer may, from time to time, delegate any of his or her powers and duties to another officer or employee of the Corporation, and such delegate may exercise and perform such powers and duties, unless the board otherwise directs.
- **6.6 Term of Office.** The board, in its discretion, may remove any officer of the Corporation, with or without cause, without prejudice to such officer's rights under any employment contract. Otherwise, each officer appointed by the board shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed or until the earlier of his or her resignation or death. The board may appoint a person to an office to replace an officer who has been removed or who has ceased to be an officer for any other reason.
- **6.7 Terms of Employment and Remuneration.** The terms of employment and the remuneration of an officer appointed by the board shall be settled by the board, from time to time.
- **6.8 Disclosure of Interest.** An officer shall disclose to the Corporation any interest in a material contract or material transaction, whether made or proposed, with the Corporation in accordance with section 4.17 and the Act.
- **6.9** Agents and Attorneys. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Corporation, by or under the authority of the board, shall have power, from time to time, to appoint agents or attorneys for the Corporation in or outside Canada with such powers of management, administration or otherwise (including the power to sub-delegate) as may be thought fit.
- **6.10 Fidelity Bonds.** The board may require such officers, employees and agents of the Corporation as the board deems advisable to furnish bonds for the faithful discharge of their powers and duties, in such form and with such surety as the board may, from time to time, determine.

# ARTICLE 7 PROTECTION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHERS

7.1 Limitation of Liability. Every director and officer of the Corporation shall, in exercising the powers and discharging the duties of office, act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Subject to the foregoing, no director or officer shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other director, officer or employee, or for joining in any receipt or other act for conformity, or for any loss, damage or expense happening to the Corporation through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired for or on behalf of the Corporation, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of the Corporation shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious acts of any person with whom any of the monies, securities or effects of the Corporation shall be deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any error of judgment or oversight on the part of such director or officer, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of such director's or officer's office or in relation thereto; unless the same are occasioned by such director's or officer's own

willful neglect or fault; provided that nothing herein shall relieve any director or officer from the duty to act in accordance with the Act and the regulations thereunder or from liability for any breach thereof.

- **7.2 Indemnity.** Subject to the limitations contained in the Act, the Corporation shall indemnify a director or officer of the Corporation, a former director or officer of the Corporation, or another individual who acts or acted at the Corporation's request as a director or officer, or an individual acting in a similar capacity, of another entity, against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by the individual in respect of any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other proceeding in which the individual is involved because of that association with the Corporation or other entity, provided:
  - (a) the individual acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation or, as the case may be, to the best interests of the other entity for which the individual acted as director or officer or in a similar capacity at the Corporation's request; and
  - (b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the individual had reasonable grounds for believing that the individual's conduct was lawful.

The Corporation shall also indemnify such individual in such other circumstances as the Act permits or requires. Nothing in this by-law shall limit the right of any individual entitled to indemnity to claim indemnity apart from the provisions of this by-law.

**7.3 Insurance.** Subject to the Act, the Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any individual referred to in section 7.2 against such liabilities and in such amounts as the board may, from time to time, determine and as permitted by the Act.

# ARTICLE 8 SHARES

- **8.1 Allotment of Shares.** Subject to the Act, the articles or any unanimous shareholder agreement, the board may, from time to time, allot or grant options to purchase the whole or any part of the authorized and unissued shares of the Corporation at such times and to such persons and for such consideration as the board shall determine, provided that no share shall be issued until it is fully paid as provided by the Act.
- **8.2** Commissions. The board may, from time to time, authorize the Corporation to pay a reasonable commission to any person in consideration of the person purchasing or agreeing to purchase shares of the Corporation, whether from the Corporation or from any other person, or procuring or agreeing to procure purchasers for any such shares.
- **8.3 Transfer Agents and Registrars**. The board may, from time to time, appoint, for each class of securities issued by the Corporation: (a) a trustee, transfer agent or other agent to keep the securities register and the register of transfers and one or more persons to keep branch registers; and (b) a registrar, trustee or agent to maintain a record of issued security certificates and, subject to the Act, one person may be appointed for the purposes of clauses (a) and (b) in respect of all securities of the Corporation or any class or classes thereof. The board may at any time terminate such appointment.
- **8.4 Registration of a Share Transfer**. Subject to the provisions of the Act, no transfer of a share in respect of which a certificate has been issued shall be registered in a securities register except upon surrender of the certificate representing such share with an endorsement which complies with the Act made thereon or delivered therewith duly executed by an appropriate person as provided by the Act, together with

such reasonable assurance that the endorsement is genuine and effective as the board may, from time to time, prescribe upon payment of all applicable taxes and a reasonable fee (not to exceed the amount permitted by the Act) prescribed by the board upon compliance with such restrictions on transfer as are authorized by the articles and upon satisfaction of any lien referred to in section 8.5.

- **8.5 Lien for Indebtedness.** Unless the Corporation is an offering corporation within the meaning of the Act, the Corporation has a lien on the shares registered in the name of a shareholder or the shareholder's legal representative for a debt of that shareholder owed to the Corporation, to the extent of such debt; and the directors may enforce such lien, subject to any other provision of the articles or to any unanimous shareholder agreement: (i) by applying any dividends or other distributions paid or payable on or in respect of the shares thereby affected in repayment of the debt of that shareholder to the Corporation; (ii) by the sale of the shares thereby affected; and/or (iii) by any other action, suit, remedy or proceeding authorized or permitted by law or by equity, and, pending such enforcement, the Corporation may refuse to register a transfer of the whole or any part of such shares.
- **8.6 Non-Recognition of Trusts.** Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Corporation may treat as absolute owner of any share the person in whose name the share is registered in the securities register as if that person had full legal capacity and authority to exercise all rights of ownership, irrespective of any indication to the contrary through knowledge or notice or description in the Corporation's records or on the share certificate.
- **8.7 Share Certificates.** The shares of the Corporation may be represented by certificates. Share certificates shall be in the form approved by the board. Certificates representing shares of each class or series shall be signed in accordance with section 2.5 and need not be under corporate seal. Any or all such signatures may be electronic signatures. Although any officer, transfer agent or registrar whose manual or electronic signature is affixed to such a certificate ceases to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar before such certificate has been issued, it may nevertheless be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if such officer, transfer agent or registrar were still such at the date of its issue.
- **8.8 Replacement of Share Certificates.** The board or any officer or agent designated by the board may direct the issue of a new share or other such certificate in lieu of and upon cancellation of a certificate that has been mutilated or in substitution for a certificate claimed to have been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken on payment of such reasonable fee (not to exceed the amount permitted by the Act) and on such terms as to indemnity, reimbursement of expenses and evidence of loss and of title as the board may, from time to time, prescribe, whether generally or in any particular case.
- **8.9 Joint Holders.** If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any share, the Corporation shall not be required to issue more than one certificate in respect thereof, and delivery of a certificate to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all of them. Any one of such persons may give effectual receipts for the certificate issued in respect thereof or for any dividend, bonus, return of capital or other money payable or warrant issuable in respect of such share.
- **8.10 Deceased Shareholders.** In the event of the death of a holder, or of one of the joint holders, of any share, the Corporation shall not be required to make any entry in the securities register in respect thereof or to make any dividend or other payments in respect thereof; except upon production of all such documents as may be required by law and upon compliance with the reasonable requirements of the Corporation and its transfer agent.

# ARTICLE 9 DIVIDENDS AND RIGHTS

- **9.1 Dividends.** Subject to the provisions of the Act and the articles, the board may, from time to time, declare dividends payable to the shareholders according to their respective rights and interests in the Corporation. Dividends may be paid in money or property or by issuing fully paid shares of the Corporation or options or rights to acquire fully paid shares of the Corporation.
- **9.2 Dividend Cheques.** A dividend payable in money shall be paid by cheque drawn on the Corporation's bankers or one of them to the order of each registered holder of shares of the class or series in respect of which the dividend has been declared and mailed by prepaid ordinary mail to such registered holder at the recorded address of such holder, unless such holder otherwise directs. In the case of joint holders, the cheque shall, unless such joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of all of such joint holders and mailed to them at their recorded address, or to the first recorded address if there are more than one. The mailing of a cheque in accordance with this section, unless not paid on due presentation, shall satisfy and discharge the liability for the dividend to the extent of the sum represented thereby plus the amount of any tax which the Corporation is required to and does withhold.
- **9.3 Non-Receipt of Cheques.** In the event of non-receipt of any dividend cheque by the person to whom it is sent in accordance with section 9.2, the Corporation shall issue to such person a replacement cheque for a like amount on such terms as to indemnity, reimbursement of expenses, and evidence of non-receipt and of title as the board may, from time to time, prescribe, whether generally or in any particular case.
- **9.4 Record Date for Dividends and Rights.** The board may fix in advance a date, preceding by not more than 50 days the date for the payment of any dividend or the date for the issue of any warrant or other evidence of right to subscribe for securities of the Corporation, as a record date for the determination of the persons entitled to receive payment of such dividend or to exercise the right to subscribe for such securities; and notice of any such record date, unless waived in accordance with the Act, shall be given not less than seven days before such record date in the manner provided for by the Act. If no record date is so fixed, the record date for the determination of the persons entitled to receive payment of any dividend or to exercise the right to subscribe for securities of the Corporation shall be at the close of business on the day on which the resolution relating to such dividend or right to subscribe is passed by the board.
- **9.5 Unclaimed Dividends.** Any dividend unclaimed after a period of six years from the date on which the same has been declared to be payable shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Corporation.

### ARTICLE 10 MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

- **10.1 Annual Meetings.** The annual meeting of shareholders shall be held at such time and on such day in each year and, subject to section 10.3, at such place as the board may, from time to time, determine, for the purpose of considering the financial statements and reports required by the Act to be placed before the annual meeting, electing directors, appointing auditors (unless the Corporation is exempted under the Act from appointing an auditor) and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
- **10.2 Special Meetings.** The board shall have power to call a special meeting of shareholders at any time.

- **10.3 Place of Meetings.** Meetings of shareholders shall be held at: (i) the registered office of the Corporation: (ii) elsewhere in the municipality in which the head office is situate; or (iii) if the board shall so determine, at some other place within or outside Ontario.
- **10.4 Meetings Held by Electronic Means.** The directors or shareholders who call a meeting of shareholders pursuant to the Act, may determine that the meeting shall be held, in accordance with the Act and the regulations thereto, by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate instantaneously and simultaneously with each other during the meeting, provided the Corporation makes provision for electronic voting at such meeting in accordance with the Act and section 10.20. Any person who participates in a meeting through those means shall be deemed for the purposes of the Act to be present in person at such meeting.
- 10.5 Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of each meeting of shareholders shall be given in the manner provided in Article Eleven not less than 10 days, unless the Corporation is an offering Corporation, in which case not less than 21 days, and in each case no more than 50 days before the date of the meeting to each director, to the auditor, and to each shareholder who at the close of business on the record date for notice is entered in the securities register as the holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at the meeting. Notice of a meeting of shareholders called for any purpose other than the consideration of minutes of an earlier meeting, consideration of the financial statements and auditor's report thereon (if any), election of directors and re-appointment of the incumbent auditor shall state the nature of such business in sufficient detail to permit the shareholder to form a reasonable judgment thereon and shall state the text of any special resolution or by-law to be submitted to the meeting. A shareholder and any other person entitled to attend a meeting of shareholders may in any manner waive notice of or otherwise consent to a meeting of shareholders, and, subject to the Act, attendance of any such shareholder or any such other person is a waiver of notice of the meeting.
- 10.6 List of Shareholders Entitled to Notice. For every meeting of shareholders, the Corporation shall prepare a list of shareholders entitled to receive notice of the meeting, arranged in alphabetical order and showing the number of shares held by each shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting in accordance with the Act. If a record date for the meeting is fixed pursuant to section 10.7, the shareholders listed shall be those registered at the close of business on such record date. If no record date is fixed, the shareholders listed shall be those registered at the close of business on the day immediately preceding the day on which notice of the meeting is given or, where no such notice is given, on the day on which the meeting is held. The list shall be available for examination by any shareholder during usual business hours at the registered office of the Corporation or at the place where the central securities register is maintained and at the meeting for which the list was prepared. Where a separate list of shareholders has not been prepared, the names of persons appearing in the securities register at the requisite time as the holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at such meeting shall be deemed to be a list of shareholders.
- **10.7 Record Date for Notice.** The board may fix in advance a date, preceding the date of any meeting of shareholders by not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days, as the record date for the determination of the shareholders entitled to notice of the meeting, and notice of any such record date shall, unless waived in accordance with the Act, be given not less than seven days before such record date, by newspaper advertisement in the manner provided in the Act. If no record date is so fixed, the record date for the determination of the shareholders entitled to receive notice of the meeting shall be at the close of business on the day immediately preceding the day on which the notice is given or, if no notice is given, the day on which the meeting is held.
- **10.8 Meetings Without Notice.** A meeting of shareholders may be held without notice at any time and place permitted by the Act: (a) if all the shareholders entitled to vote thereat are present in person or represented by proxy or if those not present or represented by proxy waive notice of or otherwise consent

to such meeting being held; and (b) if the auditors and the directors are present or waive notice of, or otherwise consent to, such meeting being held; so long as such shareholders, auditors or directors present are not attending for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called. At such meeting, any business may be transacted which the Corporation at a meeting of shareholders may transact. If the meeting is held at a place outside Ontario, shareholders not present or represented by proxy, but who have waived notice of or otherwise consented to such meeting, shall also be deemed to have consented to the meeting being held at such place.

- **10.9 Chairperson, Secretary and Scrutineers.** The chairperson of any meeting of shareholders shall be the first mentioned of the following officers as have been appointed and who is present at the meeting: chairperson of the board, president or a vice-president who is a shareholder. If no such officer is present within 15 minutes from the time fixed for holding the meeting, the persons present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairperson. If the secretary of the Corporation is absent, the chairperson of the meeting shall appoint a person, who need not be a shareholder, to act as secretary of the meeting. If desired, one or more scrutineers, who need not be shareholders, may be appointed by a resolution or by the chairperson of the meeting with the consent of the meeting.
- **10.10 Persons Entitled to be Present.** The only persons entitled to be present at a meeting of shareholders shall be those entitled to vote thereat, the directors and the auditor of the Corporation, if any, and others who, although not entitled to vote, are entitled or required under any provision of the Act, the articles or the by-laws to be present at the meeting. Any other person may be admitted only on the invitation of the chairperson of the meeting or with the consent of the meeting.
- **10.11 Participation in Meeting by Electronic Means.** Any person entitled to attend a meeting of shareholders may participate in the meeting, in accordance with the Act and the by-laws, by means of telephonic, electronic or other communications facilities that permits all participants to communicate instantaneously and simultaneously with each other during the meeting, provided the Corporation makes available such telephonic, electronic or other communications facility. A person participating in such a meeting is deemed to be present in person at the meeting and a shareholder or proxy holder entitled to vote at such a meeting may vote, in accordance with the Act, by means of the telephonic, electronic or other communications facility that the Corporation has made available for that purpose, whether such meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communications facility.
- **10.12** (a) **Quorum.** Subject to the Act, at each meeting of shareholders, all of the shareholders or two shareholders, whichever number be the lesser, personally present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present at the opening of any meeting of shareholders, the shareholders present or represented by proxy may proceed with the business of the meeting notwithstanding that a quorum is not present throughout the meeting. If a quorum is not present at the opening of any meeting of shareholders, the shareholders present or represented by proxy may adjourn the meeting to a fixed time and place but may not transact any other business.
- (b) **Separate Class Vote.** Subject to the Act, where a separate vote by a class or series or classes or series is required, a majority of the outstanding shares of such class or series or classes or series, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum entitled to vote on that matter and, in all matters other than the election of directors, the affirmative vote of the majority of shares of such class or series or classes or series present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting shall be the act of such class or series or classes or series.
- **10.13 Right to Vote.** Subject to the provisions of the Act as to authorized representatives of any other body corporate or association, at any meeting of shareholders for which the Corporation has prepared the

list referred to in section 10.6, every person who is named in such list shall be entitled to vote the shares shown thereon opposite that person's name at the meeting to which such list relates except to the extent that, where the Corporation has fixed a record date in respect of such meeting pursuant to section 10.7, such person has transferred any shares after such record date and the transferee, having produced properly endorsed certificates evidencing such shares or having otherwise established ownership of such shares, has demanded not later than 10 days before the meeting that the transferee's name be included in such list. In any such case, the transferee shall be entitled to vote the transferred shares at the meeting. At any meeting of shareholders for which the Corporation has not prepared the list referred to in section 10.6, every person shall be entitled to vote at the meeting who at the time of the commencement of the meeting is entered in the securities register as the holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at such meeting.

- 10.14 Proxyholders and Representatives. Every shareholder entitled to vote at a meeting of shareholders may appoint a proxyholder, or one or more alternate proxyholders, who need not be a shareholder, to attend and act as the shareholder's representative at the meeting in the manner and to the extent authorized and with the authority conferred by the proxy. A proxy shall be in writing executed by the shareholder or the shareholder's attorney or, if the shareholder is a body corporate, by an officer or attorney of such shareholder duly authorized, and shall conform to the requirements of the Act. Alternatively, a shareholder which is a body corporate or association may authorize by resolution of its directors or governing body an individual to represent it at a meeting of shareholders and such individual may exercise on the shareholder's behalf all the powers it could exercise if it were an individual shareholder. The authority of such an individual shall be established by depositing with the Corporation a certified copy of such resolution, or in such other manner as may be satisfactory to the secretary of the Corporation or the chairperson of the meeting. Any such proxyholder or representative need not be a shareholder.
- 10.15 Time for Deposit of Proxies. The board may specify in a notice calling a meeting of shareholders a time, preceding the time of such meeting by not more than 48 hours (excluding non-business days) before which time proxies to be used at that meeting must be deposited with the Corporation or an agent thereof, and any period of time so fixed shall be specified in the notice calling the meeting. A proxy shall be acted upon only if, prior to the time so specified, it shall have been deposited with the Corporation or an agent thereof specified in the notice or, if no time is specified in the notice, it has been received by the secretary of the Corporation or by the chairperson of the meeting or any adjournment thereof prior to the time of voting.
- **10.16 Joint Shareholders.** If two or more persons hold shares jointly, any one of them present in person or duly represented by proxy at a meeting of shareholders may, in the absence of the other or others, vote the shares; but if two or more of those persons are present in person or represented by proxy and vote, they shall vote as one the shares jointly held by them.
- **10.17 Votes to Govern.** At any meeting of shareholders, every question shall, unless otherwise required by the articles, the by-laws or by law, be determined by a majority of the votes cast on the question. In case of an equality of votes, either upon a show of hands or upon a poll, the chairperson of the meeting shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to the vote or votes to which the chairperson is entitled as a shareholder or proxy nominee.
- **10.18 Show of Hands.** Subject to the provisions of the Act, any question at a meeting of shareholders shall be decided by a show of hands unless a ballot thereon is required or demanded as hereinafter provided. Upon a show of hands, every person who is present and entitled to vote shall have one vote. Whenever a vote by show of hands shall have been taken upon a question, unless a ballot thereon is so required or demanded, a declaration by the chairperson of the meeting that the vote upon the question has been carried, carried by a particular majority or defeated and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be *prima facie* evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour

of or against any resolution or other proceeding in respect of the question, and the result of the vote so taken shall be the decision of the shareholders upon the question.

- **10.19 Ballots.** On any question proposed for consideration at a meeting of shareholders, and whether or not a show of hands has been taken thereon, the chairperson of the meeting or any person who is present and entitled to vote, whether as shareholder, proxyholder or representative, on such questions at the meeting may demand a ballot. A ballot so required or demanded shall be taken in such manner as the chairperson of the meeting shall direct. A requirement or demand for a ballot may be withdrawn at any time prior to the taking of the ballot. If a ballot is taken, each person present shall be entitled, in respect of the shares which such person is entitled to vote at the meeting upon the question, to that number of votes provided by the Act or the articles, and the result of the ballot so taken shall be the decision of the shareholders upon the said question.
- **10.20 Electronic Voting.** Any vote referred to in sections 10.18 and 10.19 may be held entirely by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility if the Corporation makes available such a communication facility; provided the facility enables the votes to be gathered in a manner that permits their subsequent verification.
- **10.21** Adjournment. The chairperson at a meeting of shareholders may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting, from time to time, and place to place. If a meeting of shareholders is adjourned for less than 30 days, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the earlier meeting that it has been adjourned. Subject to the Act, if a meeting of shareholders is adjourned by one or more adjournments for an aggregate of 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as if for an original meeting.

In addition, the chairperson at a meeting of shareholders may, without the consent of the meeting, if the electronic platform at a meeting of shareholders held in part or entirely by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility has become inadequate for the purposes referred to in sections 10.4 and 10.20, interrupt or adjourn the meeting. All business conducted at that meeting of shareholders up to the time of that adjournment shall be valid.

**10.22** Resolution in Writing by Shareholders. In the case of a corporation that is not a reporting issuer, and subject to the Corporation's articles or any unanimous shareholder agreement, an ordinary resolution in writing signed by at least a majority of the shareholders, or their attorney authorized in writing, entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the shareholders, unless a written statement or written representation with respect to the subject matter of the resolution is submitted by a director or the auditor, respectively, in accordance with the Act. Within 10 business days of an ordinary resolution being passed in writing, the Corporation shall issue a notice of the resolution to all voting shareholders who did not sign the written ordinary resolution, which notice shall include the text of the resolution and a description of and reasons for the business dealt with by the written resolution.

A special resolution in writing signed by all of the shareholders, or their attorney authorized in writing, entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the shareholders, unless a written statement or written representation with respect to the subject matter of the resolution is submitted by a director or the auditor, respectively, in accordance with the Act.

A resolution in writing may be signed by the shareholders in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same resolution in writing, and by a shareholder using a facsimile or other electronic signature, in which case the other shareholders, the Corporation and the directors are entitled to rely on such electronic signature as conclusive evidence that such resolution in writing has been duly executed by such shareholder.

**10.23 Only One Shareholder.** Where the Corporation has only one shareholder or only one holder of any class or series of shares, the shareholder present in person or duly represented by proxy constitutes a meeting.

#### ARTICLE 11 NOTICES

- Method of Giving Notices. Any notice, communication or other document to be given by the Corporation to a shareholder, director, officer, or auditor of the Corporation under any provision of the articles or by-laws shall be sufficiently given if: (i) delivered personally to the person to whom it is to be given; or (ii) delivered to such person's last address as shown on the records of the Corporation; or (iii) mailed by prepaid post in a sealed envelope addressed to such person at the last address shown on the records of the Corporation; or (iv) sent by electronic document in accordance with the *Electronic Commerce* Act, 2000 (Ontario) or electronic transmission, including the use of, or participation in, one or more electronic networks or databases (including one or more distributed electronic networks or databases). A notice, communication or document so delivered shall be deemed to have been given when: (i) delivered personally, when it is delivered; (ii) delivered to such person's last address shown on the records of the Corporation, when delivered at the address aforesaid; (iii) mailed by prepaid post, on the fifth day after mailing, unless there are reasonable grounds for believing that the addressee did not receive the notice or document at that time or at all; and (iv) sent by way of electronic document, when it is sent through an information system used to generate, send, receive, store, or otherwise process an electronic document. The secretary may change the address on the records of the Corporation of any shareholder, director, officer, or auditor of the Corporation in accordance with any information believed by the secretary to be reliable.
- 11.2 Notice to Joint Holders. If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any share, any notice shall be addressed to all of such joint holders but notice addressed to one of such persons shall be sufficient notice to all of them.
- 11.3 Computation of Time. In computing the date when notice must be given under any provision of the articles or the by-laws requiring a specified number of days' notice of any meeting or other event, the date of giving the notice shall be excluded and the date of the meeting or other event shall be included.
- **11.4 Undelivered Notices.** If any notice given or document sent to a shareholder pursuant to section 11.1 is returned on three consecutive occasions because the shareholder cannot be found, the Corporation shall not be required to give any further notices or send further documents to the shareholder until the shareholder informs the Corporation in writing of the shareholder's new address.
- 11.5 Omissions and Errors. The accidental omission to give any notice to any shareholder, director, officer, auditor, or member of a committee of the board, or the non-receipt of any notice by any such person or any error in any notice not affecting the substance thereof, shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting held pursuant to such notice or otherwise founded thereon.
- 11.6 Persons Entitled by Death or Operation of Law. Every person who, by operation of law, transfer, death of a shareholder or any other means whatsoever, shall become entitled to any share, shall be bound by every notice in respect of such share which shall have been duly given to the shareholder from whom that person derives title to such share prior to the name and address of that person being entered on the securities register (whether such notice was given before or after the happening of the event upon which the person became so entitled) and prior to the person furnishing to the Corporation the proof of authority or evidence of entitlement prescribed by the Act.

11.7 Waiver of Notice. Any shareholder, proxyholder, other person entitled to attend a meeting of shareholders, director, officer, auditor or member of a committee of the board may at any time waive any notice, or waive or abridge the time for any notice, required to be given to that person under any provision of the Act, the articles, the by-laws or otherwise, and such waiver or abridgement, whether given before or after the meeting or other event of which notice is required to be given, shall cure any default in the giving or in the time of such notice, as the case may be. Any waiver or abridgement shall be in writing except a waiver of notice of a meeting of shareholders or of the board or of a committee of the board which may be given in any manner.

# ARTICLE 12 FORUM SELECTION

12.1 Forum for Adjudication of Certain Disputes. Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Superior Court of Justice of the Province of Ontario, Canada and the appellate Courts therefrom (or, failing such court, any other "court" as defined in the Act) having jurisdiction and the appellate Courts therefrom), shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for: (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation; (ii) any action or proceeding asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation; (iii) any action or proceeding asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Act or the articles or the by-laws of the Corporation (as either may be amended, from time to time); or (iv) any action or proceeding asserting a claim otherwise related to the "affairs" (as defined in the Act) of the Corporation. If any action or proceeding, the subject matter of which is within the scope of the preceding sentence, is filed in a Court other than a Court located within the Province of Ontario (a "Foreign Action") in the name of any securityholder, such securityholder shall be deemed to have consented to: (a) the personal jurisdiction of the provincial and federal Courts located within the Province of Ontario in connection with any action or proceeding brought in any such Court to enforce the forum set out in the preceding sentence; and (b) having service of process made upon such securityholder in any such action or proceeding by service upon such securityholder's counsel in the Foreign Action as agent for such securityholder.

### ARTICLE 13 EFFECTIVE DATE

- **13.1 Effective Date.** This by-law shall come into force when made by the board in accordance with the Act.
- **13.2 Repeal.** All previous by-laws of the Corporation are repealed as of the coming into force of this by-law. Such repeal shall not affect the validity of any act done or right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired or incurred under, or the validity of any contract or agreement made pursuant to, or the validity of any articles or predecessor charter documents of the Corporation obtained pursuant to, any such by-law prior to its repeal. All officers and persons acting under any by-law so repealed shall continue to act as if appointed under the provisions of this by-law and all resolutions of the shareholders or the board or a committee of the board with continuing effect passed under any repealed by-law shall continue good and valid except to the extent inconsistent with this by-law and until amended or repealed.

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The foregoing is the complete text of By-law No. 1 of the Corporation, as adopted by the board of the Corporation on the 8th day of January, 2024.

| DATED the 8th day of January, 2024.   |           |  |
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