

**VPN TECHNOLOGIES INC.  
FORM 52-110F2**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

**1. Overall Purpose / Objectives**

The Audit Committee will assist the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of VPN Technologies Inc. (the “**Company**”) in fulfilling its responsibilities. The Audit Committee will review the financial reporting process, the system of internal control and management of financial risks and the audit process. In performing its duties, the committee will maintain effective working relationships with the Board of Directors, management, and the external auditors and monitor the independence of those auditors. To perform his or her role effectively, each committee member will obtain an understanding of the responsibilities of committee membership as well as the Company’s business, operations and risks.

**2. Authority**

The Board authorizes the audit committee, within the scope of its responsibilities, to seek any information it requires from any employee and from external parties, to obtain outside legal or professional advice, to set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the Audit Committee, to ensure the attendance of Company officers at meetings as appropriate and to communicate directly with the Company’s external auditors.

**3. Organization**

Membership

The Audit Committee will be comprised of at least three members, a majority of which are not officers or employees of the Company.

The chairman of the Audit Committee will be nominated by the Audit Committee from the members of the Audit Committee which are not officers or employees of the Company, or a company associated or affiliated with the Company, from time to time.

A quorum for any meeting will be two members.

The secretary of the Audit Committee will be the Company secretary, or such person as nominated by the Chairman.

Attendance at Meetings

The Audit Committee may invite such other persons (e.g. the President or Chief Financial Officer) to its meetings, as it deems appropriate.

Meetings shall be held not less than four times a year. Special meetings shall be convened as required. External auditors may convene a meeting if they consider that it is necessary.

The proceedings of all meetings will be minuted.

**4. Roles and Responsibilities**

The Audit Committee will:

- Gain an understanding of whether internal control recommendations made by external auditors have been implemented by management.

- Gain an understanding of the current areas of greatest financial risk and whether management is managing these effectively.
- Review significant accounting and reporting issues, including recent professional and regulatory pronouncements, and understand their impact on the financial statements.
- Review any legal matters which could significantly impact the financial statements as reported on by the general counsel and meet with outside counsel whenever deemed appropriate.
- Review the annual and quarterly financial statements including Management's Discussion and Analysis and annual and interim earnings press releases prior to public dissemination, including any certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditors and determine whether they are complete and consistent with the information known to committee members; determine that the auditors are satisfied that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards.
- Pay particular attention to complex and/or unusual transactions such as those involving derivative instruments and consider the adequacy of disclosure thereof.
- Focus on judgmental areas, for example those involving valuation of assets and liabilities and other commitments and contingencies.
- Review audit issues related to the Company's material associated and affiliated companies that may have a significant impact on the Company's equity investment.
- Meet with management and the external auditors to review the annual financial statements and the results of the audit.
- Review the interim financial statements and disclosures, and obtain explanations from management on whether:
  - (a) actual financial results for the interim period varied significantly from budgeted or projected results;
  - (b) accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards have been consistently applied;
  - (c) there are any actual or proposed changes in accounting or financial reporting practices;
  - (d) there are any significant or unusual events or transactions which require disclosure and, if so, consider the adequacy of that disclosure; and
  - (e) review the external auditors' proposed audit scope and approach and ensure no unjustifiable restriction or limitations have been placed on the scope.
- Review the performance of the external auditors and approve in advance provision of services other than auditing. Consider the independence of the external auditors, including reviewing the range of services provided in the context of all consulting services bought by the Company. The Board authorizes the Chairman of the Audit Committee to pre-approve any non-audit or additional audit work which the Chairman deems as necessary and to notify the other members of the Audit Committee of such non-audit or additional work.
- Make recommendations to the Board regarding the reappointment of the external auditors and the compensation to be paid to the external auditor.

- Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Company.
- Establish a procedure for:
  - (a) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters; and
  - (b) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters.
- Meet separately with the external auditors to discuss any matters that the committee or auditors believe should be discussed privately.
- Endeavor to cause the receipt and discussion on a timely basis of any significant findings and recommendations made by the external auditors.
- Ensure that the Board is aware of matters which may significantly impact the financial condition or affairs of the business.
- Perform other functions as requested by the full Board.
- If necessary, institute special investigations and, if appropriate, hire special counsel or experts to assist, and set the compensation to be paid to such special counsel or other experts.
- Review and recommend updates to the charter; receive approval of changes from the Board.

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

The current members of the Audit Committee are Christopher P. Cherry Chair, Richard Barnett and Lindsay Hamelin. All members of the Audit Committee are considered to be financially literate. Mr. Cherry is the CFO of the Company, and, therefore, is not an independent member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Barnett and Ms. Hamelin are independent member of the Audit Committee.

A member of the Audit Committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A material relationship means a relationship which could, in the view of the Company's Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgement.

A member of the Audit Committee is considered financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company.

### **Relevant Education and Experience**

The following describes 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:

**Christopher P. Cherry** has over 15 years of corporate accounting and audit experience. Mr. Cherry has extensive corporate experience and has held senior level positions for several public mining companies including Director,

Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary. Mr. Cherry has been a Chartered Accountant since February 2009 and a Certified General Accountant since 2004. In his former experience as an auditor, he held positions with KPMG and Davidson and Co. LLP in Vancouver, where he gained experience as an auditor for junior public companies, and an IPO specialist.

**Richard Barnett**, CPA, CGA, is currently a director of three TSX.V companies and CFO of several TSX.V and CSE-listed companies. Mr. Barnett has over 30 years of accounting and management experience with companies involved in gold exploration in Guyana, South America, Guinea, West Africa, Quebec, Canada, and Iceland. He is president and CEO of Jerico Management Ltd., a privately owned company since 2001.

**Lindsay Hamelin** has 15 years experience as a self-employed consultant and working in leading Canadian law firms. During her career, she has focused on securities and corporate finance and assists with managing and orchestrating public company requirements with a focus on the CSE, TSXV and TSX stock exchanges, as well as listings on the OTC Markets. After starting her career in Vancouver, Canada, Lindsay advanced to a senior position working with in-house counsel at a private corporation in London, England where she assisted in completing a corporate reorganization. She later returned to Canada where her international expertise helps clients navigate complex corporate compliance matters, financings and IPO preparations for the Canadian markets.

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

- (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and the ability to assess the general application of those principles in connection with estimates, accruals and reserves;
- (b) 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 individuals engaged in such activities; and
- (c) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

#### **Audit Committee Oversight**

The Audit Committee has not made any recommendations to the Board to nominate or compensate any external auditor, other than Davidson & Company.

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

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

#### **External Auditor Service Fees**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the nature and amount of the non-audited services provided by Davidson & Company, to the Company to ensure auditor independence. The following table outlines the fees incurred by Davidson & Company for audit and non-audit services in the last two fiscal years:

<u>Nature of Services</u>	<u>Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended June 30, 2020</u>
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$20,000	\$18,000
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil
All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$20,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,000</u></b>

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

**Exemption**

The Company is relying upon the exemption in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 in respect of the composition of its Audit Committee and in respect of its reporting obligations under NI 52-110 for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019. This exemption exempts a “venture issuer” from the requirement to have 100% of the members of its Audit Committee independent, as would otherwise be required by NI 52-110.