

# VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

# NOTICE OF MEETING AND INFORMATION CIRCULAR OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JULY 2, 2021

This document requires immediate attention. If you are in doubt as to how to deal with the documents or matters referred to in this Circular, you should immediately contact your advisor.



# VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

Suite 810, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1H2

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL & SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT** the annual general & special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the holders of common shares (the "**Shareholders**") of Valorem Resources Inc. ("the **Company**") will be held at Suite 810, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1H2, Canada, on Friday, July 2, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time), for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial years ended April 30, 2020 and 2019 together with the auditor's reports thereon;
- 2. to fix the number of directors at three (3);
- 3. to elect the directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
- 4. to appoint WDM Chartered Professional Accountants ("WDM"), as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and authorize the directors to determine the remuneration to be paid to the auditor;
- 5. to consider, and if thought appropriate, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the 20% rolling stock option plan (the "**Option Plan**"), as more particularly described in the accompanying information circular (the "**Circular**");
- 6. to consider, and if thought appropriate, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the restricted share unit plan (the "RSU Plan"), as more particularly described in the accompanying Circular;
- 7. to consider and, if thought appropriate, to approve a special resolution to adopt new articles for the Company (the "New Articles") which would replace the Company's current Articles (the "Existing Articles"), as more particularly described in the accompanying Circular; and
- 8. transact such other business as may properly be put before the Meeting.

The accompanying Circular provides additional 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 Meeting.

The Board has fixed May 28, 2021 as the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Each registered Shareholder at the close of business on that date is entitled to receive such notice and to vote at the Meeting in the circumstances set out in the accompanying Circular.

If you are a registered Shareholder of Valorem and unable to attend the Meeting in person, please complete, date and sign the accompanying form of proxy and deposit it with Valorem's transfer agent, Endeavor Trust Corporation, 760 – 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1S4, no later

than 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 or at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) before the time and date of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

If you are a non-registered Shareholder and received this Notice of Meeting and accompanying materials through a broker, a financial institution, a participant, a trustee or administrator of a self-administered retirement savings plan, retirement income fund, education savings plan or other similar self-administered savings or investment plan registered under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or a nominee of any of the foregoing that holds your securities on your behalf (the "**Intermediary**"), please complete and return the materials in accordance with the instructions provided to you by your Intermediary.

In view of the current and rapidly evolving COVID-19 outbreak, Valorem asks that, in considering whether to attend the Meeting in person, shareholders follow the instructions of the Public Health Agency of Canada (https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html). Valorem encourages Shareholders not to attend the Meeting in person if experiencing any of the described COVID-19 symptoms of fever, cough or difficulty breathing. Valorem may take additional precautionary measures in relation to the Meeting in response to further developments in the COVID-19 outbreak. As always, Valorem encourages Shareholders to vote prior to the Meeting. Shareholders are encouraged to vote on the matters before the Meeting by proxy and to join the Meeting by teleconference. To access the Meeting by teleconference, dial toll free at **1-800-319-7310**, Participation Code: **86500**, followed by the # sign.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

/s/ "Tony Louie"
Tony Louie
Interim CEO & Director

Registered shareholders unable to attend the Meeting are requested to date, sign and return their form of proxy in the enclosed envelope or to vote by telephone or using the internet in accordance with the instructions on the proxy form. If you are a non-registered shareholder of the Company and receive these materials through your broker or through another intermediary, please complete and return the materials in accordance with the instructions provided to you by your broker or by the other intermediary. Failure to do so may result in your shares not being eligible to be voted by proxy at the Meeting.



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#### INFORMATION CIRCULAR

This information circular (the "Circular") accompanies the Notice of the annual general & special meeting (the "Meeting") of the holders of common shares (the "Shareholders") of Valorem Resources Inc. (the "Company" or "Valorem"), and is furnished to the Shareholders of common shares of Valorem (the "Valorem Shares"), in connection with the solicitation by the management of The Company of proxies to be voted at the Meeting to be held at 11:00 am on Friday, July 2, 2021 at Suite 810 - 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1H2 or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Glossary of Terms in this Circular.

#### INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS INFORMATION CIRCULAR

Unless otherwise stated, all amounts herein are in Canadian dollars. The following documents filed by the Company on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> are specifically incorporated by reference into, and form an integral part of, this Circular: the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the related notes thereto, for the financial years ended April 30, 2020 and 2019; the report of the Company's auditor thereon; and management's discussion and analysis related to the above financial statements.

This Circular does not constitute the solicitation of an offer to purchase any securities or the solicitation of a proxy by any person in any jurisdiction in which such solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such solicitation.

Information contained in this Circular should not be construed as legal, tax or financial advice and Shareholders are urged to consult their own professional advisers in connection therewith.

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# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

- "Beneficial Shareholders" mean holders of Valorem Shares held of record by Intermediaries;
- "Board" means the board of directors of the Company;
- "Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other than a day when banks in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia are not generally open for business;
- "Circular" means this management information circular;
- "Company" or "Valorem" means Valorem Resources Inc.;
- "Endeavor" means Endeavor Trust Corporation;
- "Intermediaries" refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Beneficial Shareholders;
- "Meeting" means the annual general & special meeting of the Shareholders to be held on July 2, 2021, and any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof;
- "Valorem Shares" means the common shares without par value of Valorem, as constituted on the date of this Circular:
- "Notice of Meeting" means the notice of the Meeting;
- "Registered Shareholder" means a registered holder of Valorem Shares as recorded in the shareholder register of Valorem maintained by Endeavor;
- "SEDAR" means the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval;
- "Shareholders" means the holders from time to time of Valorem Shares;
- "WDM" means WDM Chartered Professional Accounts.

#### PROXIES AND VOTING RIGHTS

#### **Management Solicitation**

The solicitation of proxies by management of the Company will be conducted by mail and may be supplemented by telephone or other personal contact to be made without special compensation by the directors, officers and employees of the Company. The Company does not reimburse Shareholders, nominees or agents for costs incurred in obtaining from their principals authorization to execute forms of proxy, except that the Company has requested brokers and nominees who hold stock in their respective names to furnish the proxy-related materials to their customers, and the Company will reimburse such brokers and nominees for their related out of pocket expenses. No solicitation will be made by specifically engaged employees or soliciting agents. The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Company. No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation other than as contained in this Circular in connection with the solicitation of proxies. If given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company. The delivery of this Circular shall not create, under any circumstances, any implication that there has been no change in the information set forth herein since the date of this Circular.

This Circular does not constitute the solicitation of a proxy by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person making such solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer of solicitation.

The Company has arranged for intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials to beneficial owners of Valorem Shares (the "Beneficial Shareholders") held of record by those intermediaries. The Company has distributed or made available for distribution, copies of the Notice, this Circular and form of proxy to clearing agencies, securities dealers, banks and trust companies or their nominees (collectively, the "Intermediaries") for distribution to Beneficial Shareholders held of record by those Intermediaries. Such Intermediaries are required to forward such documents to the Beneficial Shareholders unless a Beneficial Shareholder has waived the right to receive them. The solicitation of proxies from Beneficial Shareholders will be carried out by the Intermediaries or by the Company if the names and addresses of the Beneficial Shareholders are provided by Intermediaries. The Company will pay the permitted fees and costs of the Intermediaries for reasonable fees and disbursements incurred in connection with the distribution of these materials.

The Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to forward to objecting Beneficial Shareholders under NI 54-101 the proxy-related materials and Form 54-101F7 *Request for Voting Instructions Made by Intermediary*. An objecting Beneficial Shareholder will not receive such materials unless the objecting Beneficial Shareholder's Intermediary assumes the cost of delivery.

These proxy-related materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered Shareholders. If you are a non-registered Shareholder, and the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your Valorem Shares, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding on your behalf.

# Appointment of Proxy

Registered Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Meeting. On a show of hands, every Shareholder is entitled to one vote for each Valorem Share that such Shareholder holds on the record date of May 28, 2021 on the resolutions to be voted upon at the Meeting, and any other matter to come before the Meeting. The list of Registered Shareholders is available for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of Endeavor and will be available at the Meeting.

The persons named as proxyholders (the "Designated Persons") in the enclosed form of proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company.

A SHAREHOLDER HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT A PERSON OR COMPANY (WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER) TO ATTEND AND ACT FOR OR ON BEHALF OF THAT SHAREHOLDER AT THE MEETING, OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE ENCLOSED FORM OF PROXY.

TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT, THE SHAREHOLDER MAY DO SO BY STRIKING OUT THE PRINTED NAMES AND INSERTING THE NAME OF SUCH OTHER PERSON AND, IF DESIRED, AN ALTERNATE TO SUCH PERSON, IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF PROXY. SUCH SHAREHOLDER SHOULD NOTIFY THE NOMINEE OF THE APPOINTMENT, OBTAIN THE NOMINEE'S CONSENT TO ACT AS PROXY AND SHOULD PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO THE NOMINEE ON HOW THE SHAREHOLDER'S SHARES SHOULD BE VOTED. THE NOMINEE SHOULD BRING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION TO THE MEETING.

In order to be voted, the completed form of proxy must be received by Valorem's registrar and transfer agent, Endeavor at their offices located at 760 – 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1S4, by mail, or by fax at 604-559-8908, or by email at proxy@endeavortrust.com, no later than 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, or at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) before the time and date of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

A proxy may not be valid unless it is dated and signed by the Shareholder who is giving it or by that Shareholder's attorney-in-fact duly authorized by that Shareholder in writing or, in the case of a Company, dated and executed by a duly authorized officer or attorney-in-fact for the Company. If a form of proxy is executed by an attorney-in-fact for an individual Shareholder or joint Shareholders or by an officer or attorney-in-fact for a corporate Shareholder, the instrument so empowering the officer or attorney-in-fact, as the case may be, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must accompany the form of proxy.

# Revocation of Proxy

A Shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised by an instrument in writing: (a) executed by that Shareholder or by that Shareholder's attorney-in-fact authorized in writing or, where the Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer of, or attorney-in-fact for, the corporation; and (b) delivered either: (i) to Valorem at the address set forth above, at any time up to and including the last Business Day preceding the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof, or (ii) to the Chairman of the Meeting prior to the vote on matters covered by the proxy on the day of the Meeting or, if adjourned or postponed, any reconvening thereof, or (iii) in any other manner provided by law.

Also, a proxy will automatically be revoked by either: (a) attendance at the Meeting and participation in a poll (ballot) by a Shareholder, or (b) submission of a subsequent proxy in accordance with the foregoing procedures. A revocation of a proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to any such revocation.

# Voting of Common Shares and Proxies and Exercise of Discretion by Designated Persons

A Shareholder may indicate the manner in which the Designated Persons are to vote with respect to a matter to be voted upon at the Meeting by marking the appropriate space. If the instructions as to voting indicated in the proxy are certain, the Valorem Shares represented by the proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions given in the proxy. If the Shareholder specifies a choice in the proxy with respect to a matter to be acted upon, then the Valorem Shares represented will be voted or withheld from the vote on that matter accordingly. The Valorem Shares represented by a proxy will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and if the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Valorem Shares will be voted accordingly.

IF NO CHOICE IS SPECIFIED IN THE PROXY WITH RESPECT TO A MATTER TO BE ACTED UPON, THE PROXY CONFERS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THAT MATTER UPON THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE FORM OF PROXY. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE DESIGNATED PERSONS WILL VOTE THE COMMON SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY IN FAVOUR OF EACH MATTER IDENTIFIED IN THE PROXY AND FOR THE NOMINEES OF THE BOARD FOR DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR.

The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the Designated Persons with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting, including any amendments or variations to any matters identified in the Notice, and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the date of this Circular, management of the Company is not aware of any such amendments, variations, or other matters to come before the Meeting.

In the case of abstentions from, or withholding of, the voting of the Valorem Shares on any matter, the Valorem Shares that are the subject of the abstention or withholding will be counted for determination of a quorum, but will not be counted as affirmative or negative on the matter to be voted upon.

#### ADVICE TO BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS

The information set out in this section is of significant importance to those Shareholders who do not hold shares in their own name. Beneficial Shareholders who do not hold their shares in their own name should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Valorem Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If Valorem Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Valorem Shares will not be registered in the Shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Valorem Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In the United States, the vast majority of such Valorem Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Corporation (which acts as depositary for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks), and in Canada, under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). Beneficial Shareholders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their Valorem Shares are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.

Valorem does not have access to names of Beneficial Shareholders. Applicable regulatory policy requires intermediaries/brokers to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholders' meetings. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their Valorem Shares are voted at the Meeting.

The form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker (or the agent of the broker) is similar to the Form of Proxy provided to Registered Shareholders by Valorem. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the Registered Shareholder (the broker or agent of the broker) how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") in the United States and in Canada. Broadridge typically prepares a special voting instruction form, mails this form to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks for appropriate instructions regarding the voting of Valorem Shares to be voted at the Meeting. Beneficial Shareholders are requested to complete and return the voting instructions to Broadridge by mail or facsimile. Alternatively, Beneficial Shareholders can call a toll-free number and access Broadridge's dedicated voting website (each as noted on the voting instruction form) to deliver their voting instructions and to vote the Valorem Shares held by them. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of shares to be represented at the Meeting. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a Broadridge voting instruction form cannot use that form as a proxy to vote Valorem Shares directly at the Meeting – the voting instruction form must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have its Valorem Shares voted at the Meeting.

Although a Beneficial Shareholder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Valorem Shares registered in the name of his broker (or agent of the broker), a Beneficial Shareholder may attend at the Meeting as proxyholder for a Registered Shareholder and vote the Valorem Shares in that capacity. Beneficial Shareholders who wish to attend at the Meeting and indirectly vote their Valorem Shares as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder should enter their own names in the blank space on the instrument of proxy provided to them and return the proxy well in advance of the Meeting to their broker (or the broker's agent) in accordance with the instructions provided by such broker (or agent).

Alternatively, a Beneficial Shareholder may request in writing that his, her or its broker send to the Beneficial Shareholder a legal proxy which would enable the Beneficial Shareholder to attend the Meeting and vote his, her or its Valorem Shares.

# **EXERCISE OF DISCRETION**

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote the shares in respect of which they are appointed in accordance with the direction of the Shareholders appointing them. In the absence of such direction, such shares will be voted in the discretion of the person named in the proxy. The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the time of printing of this Circular, management knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting. However, if any other matters which are not now known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the named proxies.

# Persons Making the Solicitation

The Company's management is using this Circular to solicit proxies from Shareholders for use at the Meeting. The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but the Company's directors, officers and regular employees may also solicit proxies personally or by telephone. The Company will bear all costs of the solicitation. The Company has arranged for Intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials to beneficial owners of Common Shares held of record by those Intermediaries and The Company may reimburse the Intermediaries for their reasonable fees and disbursements in that regard.

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

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As of the record date, determined by the Board to be the close of business on May 28, 2021, a total of **92,980,313** Valorem Shares were issued and outstanding. Each Valorem Share carries the right to one vote at the Meeting.

Only Registered Shareholders as of the record date, May 28, 2021, are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, the only persons who, or corporations which, beneficially own, or control or direct, directly or indirectly, shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to all outstanding shares of the Company are:

| Name of Shareholder     | Number of Shares Owned    | Percentage of Outstanding Shares <sup>(1)</sup> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| CDS & Co <sup>(2)</sup> | 60,825,278 <sup>(3)</sup> | 65.42%  |

#### Notes:

- (1) Based on 92,980,313 Valorem Shares issued and outstanding as of the date of this Circular.
- (2) CDS & Co is a share depository, the beneficial ownership of which is unknown to the Company.
- (3) The above information was supplied by Endeavor as of the record date.

# **VOTES NECESSARY TO PASS RESOLUTIONS**

A simple majority of affirmative votes cast at the Meeting is required to pass the ordinary resolutions described herein. If there are more nominees for election as directors or appointment of the Company's auditor than there are vacancies to fill, those nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected or appointed until all such vacancies have been filled. If the number of nominees for election or appointment is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled all such nominees will be declared elected or appointed by acclamation.

#### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal periods ended April 30, 2020 and 2019 and the report of the auditors on those statements will be placed before the Meeting. Receipt at the Meeting of the audited financial statements of the Company will not constitute approval or disapproval of any matters referred to in those statements. No vote will be taken on the audited financial statements. These audited financial statements are available at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

Pursuant to National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations and National Instrument 54-101 Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer, both of the Canadian Securities Administrators, a person or corporation who in the future wishes to receive annual and interim financial statements from the Company must deliver a written request for such material to the Company. Shareholders who wish to receive annual and interim financial statements are encouraged to complete the appropriate section on the Request form attached to this Circular and send it to the transfer agent, Endeavor

#### NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The articles of the Company provide for a Board of no fewer than three directors and no greater than a number as fixed or changed from time to time by ordinary resolution passed by the Shareholders.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to set the number of directors of the Company for the ensuing year at three (3). The number of directors will be approved if the affirmative vote of the majority of Valorem Shares present or represented by proxy at the Meeting and entitled to vote, are voted in favour to set the number of directors at three (3).

Management recommends the approval of the resolution to set the number of directors of Valorem at three (3).

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At present, the directors of the Company are elected at each annual meeting and hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are duly elected or appointed in accordance with the Company's articles or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal. In the absence of instructions to the

contrary, the enclosed form of proxy will be voted for the nominees listed in the proxy, all of whom are presently members of the Board.

#### Nominees

The following table sets forth for each of the persons proposed to be nominated for election as directors their name, city, province/state and country of residence; their principal occupations or employment; the date on which they became directors of the Company; their independence; their memberships with the applicable committees of the Company. The Company currently has one committee which is the Audit Committee.

In addition, the table shows the nominees' current equity ownership consisting of common shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or controlled or directed, and options credited to, each nominee. For additional information regarding compensation, options, equity ownership, and current directorships, please refer to the Statement of Executive Compensation.

| Name of Nominee;<br>Current Position<br>with the Company<br>and Province or<br>State and Country<br>of Residence <sup>(2)</sup> | Principal Occupation <sup>(2)</sup>  | Period as a<br>Director of<br>the<br>Company | Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled <sup>(1)</sup> |
|---|--|--|---|
| Tony Louie <sup>(3)</sup> Interim CEO & Director British Columbia, Canada   | Mr. Louie is a self-employed business consultant since 2009.                         | August 26,<br>2019                           | Nil   |
| Drew Brass <sup>(3)</sup> Director British Columbia, Canada   | See "Details of Directors Not<br>Previously Elected by a Shareholder<br>Vote" below. | April 30,<br>2021                            | Nil   |
| Robert Metcalfe <sup>(3)</sup> Director Ontario, Canada   | See "Details of Directors Not<br>Previously Elected by a Shareholder<br>Vote" below. | June 1, 2021                                 | Nil   |

#### Notes:

- (1) Information as to voting shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective nominees individually. This does not include options, warrants or any other securities.
- (2) The information as to country of residence and principal occupation is not within the knowledge of the management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective Director.
- (3) Member of the Audit Committee

#### Details of Directors not Previously elected by a Shareholder Vote

# **Drew Brass**

Mr. Drew Brass has been a self-employed business consultant specializing in corporate communications for junior publicly listed companies in industries as diverse as minerals exploration, software and oil and gas. He has been involved in the public market for over 30 years on both the equities and money market sides. Mr. Brass' public company experience includes shareholder communications, fund raising and serving as VP of Communications for a number of publicly listed companies.

#### **Robert Metcalfe**

Robert James Metcalfe was a senior partner with the law firm Lang Michener LLP for 20 years. He is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Armadale Properties and Counsel to all of the Armadale Group of Companies, with significant holdings across numerous industries including finance, construction of office buildings, airport ownership, management and refurbishing, land development, automotive dealerships as well as newspaper publishing, radio and television stations. Mr. Metcalfe has served as President, CEO, Lead Director, Chairman and Committee member on numerous publicly listed natural resource and industry company corporate boards globally, including Medoro Resources Ltd. from August 2009 to June 2011 (Chairman); Petro Magdalena Energy Corp. from July 2009 to April 2012; as well as the former Chairman of the board of Alberta Oilsands Inc. from 2012 to 2015. He currently serves as director of publicly listed companies Blue Star Gold, Medcolcanna Organics Inc., BetterLife Pharma Inc. and Pasofino Gold Limited. As director and shareholder, Mr. Metcalfe has been engaged in numerous acquisitions, divestitures, corporate reorganizations, financings and corporate improvements, as well as serving on numerous special committees across many sectors. He is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and a member in good standing of the Law Society of Ontario.

# Management recommends the approval of each of the nominees listed above for election as a director of Valorem for the ensuing year.

Management does not contemplate that any of its nominees will be unable to serve as directors. If any vacancies occur in the slate of nominees listed above before the Meeting, then the Designated Persons intend to exercise discretionary authority to vote the Valorem Shares represented by proxy for the election of any other persons as directors.

#### Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies or Sanctions

Except as described below, no director or proposed director of the Company is, or within the ten years prior to the date of this Circular has been, a director or executive officer of any company, including the Company, that while that person was acting in that capacity:

- is, or has been, within 10 years before the date hereof, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:
- (b) was subject to a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the Company access to any statutory exemptions for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (an "Order"), which was issued while the proposed director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO; or
- (c) was subject to an Order that was issued after the director or executive officer 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, CEO or CFO.

Mr. Metcalfe was an independent director of Xinergy Ltd. ("Xinergy") from December 2009 to May 2015. In April 2015, the Ontario Securities Commission issued a cease trade order in respect of the securities of Xinergy for its failure to file its annual financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and annual information form, each for the year ended December 31, 2014. On April 6, 2015, trading in Xinergy shares was halted on the TSX, and Xinergy shares were delisted from the TSX on May 12, 2015, as a result of Xinergy's failure to meet continued listing requirements. Xinergy has ceased to be a reporting issuer.

Mr. Metcalfe was a director of Agility Health Inc. ("Agility"), a company listed on the TSX-V from October 2013 to June 2018. On April 27, 2018, Agility announced by press release that it would be unable to file its audited annual financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and related officer's certificates for the year ended December 31, 2017 on time due to the disposition of its American operations, and accordingly became subject to a cease trade order from the Ontario Securities Commission on May 1, 2018. Agility filed the aforementioned documents on May 30, 2018 and the cease trade order was allowed to expire on July 4, 2018. Agility has ceased to be a reporting issuer.

# **Bankruptcies**

To the best of the Company's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company is, or within ten (10) years before the date of this Circular, has been a director or an executive officer of any company that, while the person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in the capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets or made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcies or insolvency.

# Personal Bankruptcies

To the best of the Company's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company has, within ten (10) years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

# Securities Related Penalties and Sanctions

To the best of the Company's knowledge, no proposed director has been subject to, or entered into a settlement agreement resulting from:

- (a) a court order relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

# STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

This section of the Circular explains how the Company's executive compensation program is designed and operated with respect to the Company's named executive officers ("NEOs") defined as follows:

- (a) a chief executive officer ("CEO") of the Company;
- (b) a chief financial officer ("CFO") of the Company;
- (c) each of the Company's three most highly compensated executive officers of the Company including any of its subsidiaries, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 as

- determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(6) of Form 51-102F6, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020; and
- (d) each individual who would be a NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company or its subsidiaries, nor acting in a similar capacity at the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020.

During the year ended April 30, 2020, the NEOs of the Company were Gregory Thomas, former CEO and Derick Sinclair, former CFO.

# Director and NEO Compensation, excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets forth all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company or its subsidiary, to each NEO and director of the Company, in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided to the NEO or a director of the Company for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or its subsidiary.

The compensation paid or accrued to each director and NEO during the Company's financial years ended April 30, 2020 and 2019 is as set out below.

| Table of compensation excluding compensation securities |               |  |               |                                |                           |                                      |                         |
|---|---------------|--|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Name and position                                       | Year<br>Ended | Salary, consulting<br>fee, retainer or<br>commission<br>(\$) | Bonus<br>(\$) | Committee or meeting fees (\$) | Value of perquisites (\$) | Value of all other compensation (\$) | Total compensation (\$) |
| Tony Louie <sup>(1)</sup>                               | 2020          | 54,000   | Nil           | Nil                            | Nil                       | Nil                                  | 54,000                  |
| Interim CEO &<br>Director                               | 2019          | N/A  | N/A           | N/A                            | N/A                       | N/A                                  | N/A                     |
| Gregory Thomas <sup>(2)</sup>                           | 2020          | 64,000   | Nil           | Nil                            | Nil                       | Nil                                  | 64,000                  |
| Former CEO &<br>Former Director                         | 2019          | N/A  | N/A           | N/A                            | N/A                       | Nil                                  | N/A                     |
| Derick Sinclair <sup>(3)</sup>                          | 2020          | 57,000(4)  | Nil           | Nil                            | Nil                       | Nil                                  | 57,000(4)               |
| Former CFO &<br>Former Director                         | 2019          | 18,000(4)  | Nil           | Nil                            | Nil                       | Nil                                  | 18,000(4)               |

#### Notes:

- 1. Mr. Louie was appointed as a director of the Company on August 26, 2019 and as interim CEO on January 8, 2021.
- 2. Mr. Thomas served as CEO and a director of the Company from August 29, 2019 until January 8, 2021.
- 3. Mr. Sinclair served as CFO and a director of the Company from June 30, 2014 until April 30, 2021.
- 4. Represents consulting fees paid to private company controlled by Mr. Sinclair.

#### External Management Companies

The Company entered into a corporate management agreement with Partum Advisory Services Corp. ("Partum") dated December 8, 2020 (the "Management Agreement") pursuant to which Partum will provide management, accounting and administrative services to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement for a monthly fee of \$6,000 plus applicable taxes and reimbursement of all out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Company. The Management Agreement is for an initial term of 12 months, to be automatically renewed for further 12-month periods, unless either party gives 180 days' notice of non-renewal, in which case the Management Agreement will

terminate. The Management Agreement can be terminated by either party on 90 days' written notice. It can also be terminated by the Company for cause without prior notice or upon the mutual consent in writing of both parties. If there is a take-over or change of control of the Company resulting in the termination of the Management Agreement, Partum is entitled to receive an amount equal to 24 months of fees payable as a lump sum payment due on the day after the termination date.

Partum was not indebted to the Company during the Company's last completed financial year, and the Management Agreement remains in effect.

During the most recently completed financial year, the Company paid or accrued a total \$nil in management and accounting fees.

# Stock Options and other Compensation Securities

No compensation securities were granted or issued to any NEO or director of the Company during its financial year ended April 30, 2020.

No compensation securities were exercised by any director or NEO of the Company during its financial year ended April 30, 2020.

# Stock Option Plan and Other Incentive Plans

On May 28, 2021, the Board approved a restricted share unit plan (the "RSU Plan") and a 20% rolling stock option plan (the "Option Plan" and together with the RSU Plan, the "2021 Plans") to grant restricted share units ("RSU's") and incentive stock options ("Options") to directors, officers, key employees and consultants of the Company. Pursuant to the RSU Plan and the Option Plan, the Company may reserve up to a maximum of 20% of the issued and outstanding Shares at the time of grant pursuant to awards granted under the 2021 Plans.

The Company's directors, officers, employees and certain consultants are entitled to participate in the 2021 Plans. The Option Plan and RSU plan is designed to encourage share ownership and entrepreneurship on the part of the senior management and other employees. The Board believes that the 2021 Plans align the interests of the NEO and the Board with shareholders by linking a component of executive compensation to the longer-term performance of the common shares.

Options and RSUs are granted by the Board. In monitoring or adjusting the option allotments, the Board takes into account its own observations on individual performance (where possible) and its assessment of individual contribution to shareholder value, previous option grants and the objectives set for the NEOs and the Board. The scale of options is generally commensurate to the appropriate level of base compensation for each level of responsibility.

In addition to determining the number of options to be granted pursuant to the methodology outlined above, the Board also makes the following determinations:

- (a) parties who are entitled to participate in the 2021 Plans
- (b) the exercise price for each Option or RSU granted, subject to the provision that the exercise price cannot be lower than the prescribed discount permitted by the CSE from the market price on the date of grant;
- (c) the date on which each Option or RSU is granted;

- (d) the vesting period, if any, for each option or RSU;
- (e) the other material terms and conditions of each Option or RSU grant; and
- (f) any re-pricing or amendment to an option grant.

The Board makes these determinations subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Option Plan and RSU Plan. The Board reviews and approves grants of Options and RSUs on an annual basis and periodically during a financial year.

The following is a summary of the material terms of the 2021 Plans.

- the total number of Valorem Shares reserved for issuance under the Option Plan and the RSU Plan, is up to a maximum of 20% of the issued and outstanding Valorem Shares at the time of grant, combined with any equity securities reserved under all other compensation arrangements adopted by the Company, including the Option Plan;
- the total number of common shares (either issued directly or issuable on exercise of Options or RSUs of the Company) provided as compensation to Investor Relations Persons (as such term is defined in the Plan) may not exceed in aggregate 2% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company in any 12-month period; and
- approval by shareholders other than directors and senior officers of the Company and shareholders who beneficially own or control, directly or indirectly, common shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all common shares of the Company, must all be obtained for any grants of options to a director or executive officer of, or of a related entity to, the Company (each a "Related Person") if, after the grant:

the total number of common shares (either issued directly or issuable on exercise of options or the number of securities), calculated on a fully diluted basis, reserves for issuance under options granted to:

- i. Related Persons, exceeds 10% of the outstanding securities of the Company; or
- ii. a Related Person and the associates of the Related Person, exceeds 5% of the outstanding securities of the Company; or

the number of securities, calculated on a fully diluted basis, issued within 12 months to:

- i. Related Persons, exceeds 10% of the outstanding securities of the Company; or
- ii. a Related Person and the associates of the Related Person, exceeds 5% of the outstanding securities of the Company.

Subject to any required approvals of the CSE or any other applicable stock exchange, the Board may amend, suspend or terminate the 2021 Plans or any portion thereof at any time, but an amendment may not be made without shareholder approval if such approval is necessary to comply with any applicable regulatory requirement. Further, subject to any required approvals of the CSE or any other applicable stock exchange, the Board may not do any of the following without obtaining, within 12 months either before or after the Board's adoption of a resolution authorizing such action, shareholder approval, and, where required, approval by Disinterested Shareholders, or by the written consent of the holders of a majority of the securities of the Company entitled to vote:

- 1. increase the aggregate number of common shares which may be issued under the 2021 Plans;
- 2. materially modify the requirements as to the eligibility for participation in the 2021 Plans that would have the potential of broadening or increasing insider participation;
- 3. add any form of financial assistance or any amendment to a financial assistance provision which is more favourable to participants under the 2021 Plans;
- 4. add a cashless exercise feature, payable in cash or securities, which does not provide for a full deduction of the number of underlying securities from the 2021 Plans reserve; and
- 5. materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under the 2021 Plans.

However, the Board may amend the terms of the 2021 Plans to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority without obtaining shareholder approval, including:

- amendments to the 2021 Plans of a housekeeping nature;
- change the vesting provisions of an option granted under the stock option plan, if applicable;
- change to the vesting provisions of a security or the 2021 Plans;
- change to the termination provisions of a security or the 2021 Plans that does not entail an extension beyond the original expiry date;
- make such amendments to the stock option plan as are necessary or desirable to reflect changes to securities laws applicable to the Company;
- make such amendments as may otherwise be permitted by regulatory authorities;
- if the Company becomes listed or quoted on a stock exchange or stock market senior to the CSE, make such amendments as may be required by the policies of such senior stock exchange or stock market; and
- amend the stock option plan to reduce the benefits that may be granted to Employees, Management Company Employees or Consultants.

# **Option Plan**

The Option Plan of the Company is designed to give each Option holder an interest in preserving and maximizing shareholder value in the longer term, to enable the Company to attract and retain individuals with experience and ability and to reward individuals for current performance and expected future performance. The Board considers Option grants when reviewing executive officer compensation packages as a whole.

The Board has sole discretion to determine the key employees to whom it recommends that grants be made and to determine the terms and conditions of the Options forming part of such grants. The Board approves ranges of Option grants for each level of executive officer. Individual grants are determined by an assessment of an individual's current and expected future performance, level of responsibilities and the importance of the position to the Company.

The number of Options which may be issued under the Option Plan in the aggregate and in respect of any fiscal year is limited under the terms of the Option Plan and cannot be increased without shareholder approval.

#### **RSU Plan**

The RSU Plan provides for granting of RSU's for the purposes of advancing the interests of the Company through motivation, attraction and retention of employees, officers, consultants and directors by granting equity-based compensation incentives, in addition to the Company's Option Plan.

RSUs granted pursuant to the RSU Plan will be used to compensate participants for their individual performance-based achievements and are intended to supplement stock option awards in this respect, the goal of such grants is to more closely tie awards to individual performance based on established performance criteria.

The 2021 Plans have been used to provide stock options and RSU's which are granted in consideration of the level of responsibility of the executive as well as his or her impact or contribution to the longer-term operating performance of the Company. In determining the number of Options or RSU's to be granted to the executive officers, the Board takes into account the number of Options or RSU's, if any, previously granted to each executive officer, and the exercise price of any outstanding Options to ensure that such grants are in accordance with the policies of the CSE and closely align the interests of the executive officers with the interests of shareholders.

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

During the year ended April 30, 2020, there were no agreements or arrangements under which compensation was provided or is payable in respect of services provided to the Company or any of its subsidiaries that were (a) performed by a director or named executive officer, or (b) performed by any other party but are services typically provided by a director or a named executive officer.

# Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation

The Company does not have a formal compensation program. The general objectives of the Company's compensation strategy are to: (a) compensate management in a manner that encourages and rewards a high level of performance and outstanding results with a view to increasing long-term shareholder value; (b) align management's interests with the long-term interests of shareholders; (c) provide a compensation package that is proportionate with other junior companies in the mining and development sector to enable the Company to attract and retain talent; and (d) ensure that the total compensation package is designed in a manner that takes into account the constraints that the Company is under by virtue of the fact that it is a junior Company without a history of earnings.

The Board ensures that total compensation paid to all NEOs is fair and reasonable. The Board relies on the experience of its members as officers and directors of other junior mining companies in assessing compensation levels. The Company's process for determining executive compensation will be done on a case-by-case basis and will involve discussion by the Board of the factors the Board deems relevant to each case. There are not expected to be any formally defined objectives, benchmarks, criteria and analysis that will be used in all cases.

The Company has not placed a restriction on the purchase by its NEOs or other employees of financial instruments (including pre-paid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds) that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of equity securities granted as

compensation or held, directly or indirectly by the NEO or employee. To the Company's knowledge, none of the NEOs have purchased any such financial instruments.

The Board has not considered the implications of the risks associated with the Company's compensation program. The Company intends to formalize its compensation policies and practices and will take into consideration the implications of the risks associated with the Company's compensation program and how it might mitigate those risks.

The Board has not appointed a Compensation Committee. The Board assumes responsibility for reviewing and monitoring the long-range compensation strategy for the Company's senior management, with a view to fulfilling its responsibilities concerning executive and director compensation, reviewing director compensation, overseeing the Company base compensation structure and equity-based compensation programs, recommending compensation of the Company's officers and employees and evaluating the performance of officers generally, all in light of the Company's annual goals and objectives.

#### Pension Disclosure

The Company does not have a pension plan that provides for payments or benefits to the NEOs at, following, or in connection with retirement.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets out those securities of the Company which have been authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans as at April 30, 2020:

| Plan Category   | Number of securities to<br>be issued upon exercise<br>of outstanding options,<br>warrants and rights<br>(a) | Weighted-average<br>exercise price of<br>outstanding options,<br>warrants and rights<br>(b) | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))  (c) |
|---|---|---|--|
| Equity compensation plans approved by the securityholders     | Nil   | N/A   | 8,984,221  |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by the securityholders | Nil   | N/A   | Nil  |
| Total   | Nil   |   | 8,984,221  |

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

None of the current or former directors, executive officers, employees of the Company, the proposed nominees for election to the Board, or their respective associates or affiliates, are or have been indebted to the Company or its subsidiaries since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company.

# INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

An informed person is one who generally speaking is a director or executive officer or a 10% shareholder of the Company. To the knowledge of management of the Company, other than as set out in this Circular, no informed person or nominee for election as a director of the Company or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director had any interest in any transaction during the Company's financial year ended April 30, 2020 or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries other than as set out in a document already disclosed to the public and as except as disclosed in this Circular.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE

National Instrument 52-110 of the Canadian Securities Administrators ("NI 52-110") requires the Company, as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its Circular certain information concerning the constitution of its Audit Committee and its relationship with its independent auditor.

#### The Audit Committee Charter

The text of the audit committee's charter is included as Schedule "A" to this Circular.

# Composition of the Audit Committee

As of the date of this Circular, the following are the members of the Audit Committee:

| Audit Committee Members                         |                                |                      |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Tony Louie Not-Independent Financially literate |                                |                      |  |  |
| Drew Brass                                      | Independent Financially litera |                      |  |  |
| Robert Metcalfe                                 | Independent                    | Financially literate |  |  |

# Relevant Education and Experience

In these positions, each member of the Audit Committee has been responsible for receiving financial information relating to the various companies for which they have acted. Additionally, each member has obtained an understanding of balance sheets, income statements and statements of cash flows and how these statements are integral in assessing the financial position of the Company and its operational results. Each member of the Audit Committee has a significant understanding of the business in which the Company is engaged and has an appreciation for the relevant accounting principles for the business of the Company.

#### **Tony Louie**

Mr. Louie is a self-employed business consultant. Mr. Louie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a Master's degree in business administration from Simon Fraser University. He has been the CFO of several public companies and has extensive which enables him to read, analyze and understand a set of financial statements that present a level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the complexity of the financial issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial reporting obligations.

#### **Drew Brass**

Mr. Brass is a self-employed business consultant. He has extensive business experience which enables him to read, analyze and understand a set of financial statements that present a level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the complexity of the financial issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial reporting obligations.

# **Robert Metcalfe**

Mr. Metcalfe has served as a director of numerous public and private corporations and currently serves as a director of publicly listed companies. As director and shareholder, Mr. Metcalfe has been engaged in numerous acquisitions, divestitures, corporate reorganizations, financings and corporate improvements, as well as serving on numerous special committees across many sectors. He is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and a member in good standing of the Law Society of Ontario.

# Audit Committee Oversight

Since the commencement of Valorem's most recently completed financial year, the Board has not failed to adopt a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor.

# Reliance on Certain Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year, have we relied on the exemption in sections 2.4 (De Minimis Non-Audit Services), 3.2 (Initial Public Offerings), 3.4 (Events Outside Control of Member), 3.5 (Death, Disability or Resignation of Audit Committee Member) of NI 52-110, or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

#### Reliance on the Exemption in Subsection 3.3(2) or Section 3.6

At no time since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year, have we relied on the exemption in subsection 3.3(2) (Controlled Companies) or section 3.6 (Temporary Exemption for Limited and Exception Circumstances) of NI 52-110.

# Reliance on Section 3.8

At no time since the commencement of our most recently completed financial year, have we relied on section 3.8 (Acquisition of Financial Literacy) of NI 52-110.

#### Reliance on Section 6.1

Pursuant to section 6.1 of NI 52-110, as a venture issuer the Company is relying on the exemption from the audit committee composition requirements and certain reporting obligations found in Parts 3 and 5 of NI 52-110.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

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

#### External Auditor Service Fees

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

The fees paid by the Company to its auditors in each of the last two financial years, by category, are as follows:

| Financial Year Ended<br>April 30 | Audit Fees<br>(\$) | Audit-Related Fees (\$) | Tax Fees (\$) | All Other Fees (\$) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 2020                             | 12,000             | Nil                     | 1,000         | Nil                 |
| 2019                             | 11,000             | Nil                     | 1,000         | Nil                 |

#### **Notes:**

"Audit fees" include aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditor in each of the last two fiscal years for audit fees.

"Tax fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the Company's external auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. The services provided include tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.

"All other fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the Company's external auditor, other than "Audit fees", "Audit related fees" and "Tax fees" above.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Maintaining a high standard of corporate governance is a priority for the Board and the Company's management believes that effective corporate governance will help create and maintain shareholder value in the long term. A description of the Company's corporate governance practices, which addresses the matters set out in National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, is set out below.

# **Board of Directors**

Management is nominating three individuals to the Board, all of whom are current directors of the Company.

The Guidelines suggest that the Board of every reporting issuer should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as "independent" directors under NI 52-110, which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect "material relationship" with the Company. The "material relationship" is defined as a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgement. Drew Brass and Robert Metcalfe are considered "independent" within the meaning of NI 52-110. Tony Louie, who is the interim CEO of the Company, is not considered "independent" of the Company. Following the annual general & special meeting, the Company will endeavor to appoint additional independent directors to the Board.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Audited related fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the Company's external auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not reported under "Audit fees" above. The services provided include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.

The Board has a stewardship responsibility to supervise the management of and oversee the conduct of the business of the Company, provide leadership and direction to Management, evaluate Management, set policies appropriate for the business of the Company and approve corporate strategies and goals. The day-to-day management of the business and affairs of the Company is delegated by the Board to the CEO. The Board will give direction and guidance through the CEO to Management and will keep Management informed of its evaluation of the senior officers in achieving and complying with goals and policies established by the Board.

The Board recommends nominees to the Shareholders for election as directors, and immediately following each annual general & special meeting appoints an Audit Committee and appoints the chairperson of the Audit Committee. The Board establishes and periodically reviews and updates the committee mandates, duties and responsibilities of the committee of the Board, elects a chairperson of the Board and establishes his or her duties and responsibilities, appoints the CEO, CFO and President of the Company and establishes the duties and responsibilities of those positions and on the recommendation of the CEO and President, appoints the senior officers of the Company and approves the senior Management structure of the Company.

The Board exercises its independent supervision over management by its policies that (a) periodic meetings of the Board be held to obtain an update on significant corporate activities and plans; and (b) all material transactions of the Company are subject to prior approval of the Board. The Board shall meet not less than three times during each year and will endeavour to hold at least one meeting in each fiscal quarter. The Board will also meet at any other time at the call of the CEO, or subject to the Articles of the Company, of any director.

The mandate of the Board, as prescribed by the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), is to manage or supervise management of the business and affairs of the Company and to act with a view to the best interests of the Company. In doing so, the Board oversees the management of the Company's affairs directly and through its committees.

#### Independence of Directors

As a venture issuer, Valorem is exempt from the independence requirements of NI 52-110, Part 3.

#### **Directorships**

The current directors of Valorem and each of the individuals to be nominated for election as a director of Valorem at the Meeting may serve as a director or officer of one or more other reporting issuers as at the date of this Notice of Meeting and Circular. However, our directors are required by law to act honestly and in good faith with a view to our best interests and to disclose any interests which they may have in any of our projects or opportunities. If a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Board, any director in a conflict will disclose his interest and abstain from voting on such matter. In determining whether or not we will participate in any project or opportunity, that director will primarily consider the degree of risk to which we may be exposed and our financial position at that time.

The following directors of the Company also serve as directors of other reporting issuers:

| Director   | Other Reporting Issuer(s)                    |
|------------|--|
| Tony Louie | Cover Technologies Inc. Regal Resources Inc. |

| Director        | Other Reporting Issuer(s)   |
|-----------------|---|
| Drew Brass      | Cover Technologies Inc. Regal Resources Inc.  |
| Robert Metcalfe | Gran Colombia Gold Blue Star Gold Medcolcanna Organics Pasofino Gold BetterLife Pharma Ltd. |

To the best of our knowledge, there are no known existing or potential conflicts of interest among us and our promoters, directors, officers or other members of management as a result of their outside business interests except that certain of the directors, officers, promoters and other members of management serve as directors, officers, promoters and members of management of other public companies, and therefore it is possible that a conflict may arise between their duties as a director, officer, promoter or member of management of such other companies.

# Orientation and Continuing Education

The Board of the Company briefs all new directors with respect to the policies of the Board and other relevant corporate and business information. The Board does not provide any continuing education, but does encourage directors to individually and as a group keep themselves informed on changing corporate governance and legal issues. Directors are individually responsible for updating their skills as required to meet their obligations as directors. In addition, the Board undertakes strategic planning sessions with management.

#### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation and the common law of Canada and the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

# Nomination of Directors

The Board is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become new Board members and recommending to the Board new director nominees for the next annual meeting of Shareholders.

New nominees must have a track record in general business management, special expertise in an area of strategic interest to the Company, the ability to devote the required time, show support for the Company's mission and strategic objectives, and a willingness to serve.

#### **Compensation**

The Board conducts reviews with regard to the compensation of the directors and CEO once a year. To make its recommendations on such compensation, the Board informally takes into account the types of compensation and the amounts paid to directors and officers of comparable publicly traded Canadian companies.

At present, no compensation is paid to the directors of the Company in their capacity as directors. The Board does not currently have a compensation committee.

#### **Other Board Committees**

The Board has no other committees other than the Audit Committee.

#### Assessments

The Board regularly monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communications between the Board and management and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and its committees. The Board is currently responsible for assessing its own effectiveness, the effectiveness of individual directors and the effectiveness of the Audit Committee.

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

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this Circular, no director or executive officer of the Company who was a director or executive officer since the beginning of the Company's last financial year, each proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, or any associate or affiliates of any such directors, officers or nominees, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of Valorem Shares or other securities in Valorem or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution re-appointing WDM as the auditor to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders or until such firm is removed from office or resigns as provided by law and to authorize the Board to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor WDM of Vancouver, British Columbia as the auditor for Valorem since July 9, 2019.

Management recommends that Shareholders vote for the approval of the re-appointment of WDM as the auditor for Valorem for the ensuing year at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board.

# MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Except as described below and elsewhere in this Circular, no Management functions of the Company or its subsidiaries are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or NEOs of the Company.

Effective December 8, 2020, the Company entered into the Management Agreement with Partum located Suite 810-789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1H2, pursuant to which Partum will provide certain corporate, accounting and administrative services to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement.

# PARTICULARS OF OTHER MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

# Approval and Ratification of 20% Rolling Stock Option Plan

At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to consider, and if thought advisable, to approve by way of ordinary resolution, the Option Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "B".

The Board has, by resolution, adopted the Option Plan to replace the existing stock option incentive plan (the "2019 Plan") and proposes to implement it upon receipt of approval of the Option Plan by the Shareholders. The Option Plan is substantively similar to the 2019 Plan except that it increases the number of Valorem Shares reserved under it. The number of Valorem Shares proposed to be granted under the 2020 Plan is a maximum of 20% of the issued and outstanding Valorem Shares at the time of grant. Upon the Option Plan receiving shareholder approval, the Option Plan will be implemented and all of the options presently governed by the 2019 Plan will thereafter be governed by the Option Plan and the 2019 Plan will terminate.

Management believes the new Option Plan will provide the Company with a sufficient number of Valorem Shares issuable under the Option Plan to fulfill the purpose of the Option Plan, namely, to secure for the Company and its shareholders the benefits of incentive inherent in share ownership by the directors, officers, key employees and consultants of the Company who, in the judgment of the Board, will be largely responsible for its future growth and success.

# Approval Requirements

As, in certain circumstances, approval of the Option Plan by Disinterested Shareholders (as hereafter defined) may be required, we believe it prudent to seek Disinterested Shareholder approval of the Option Plan at the Meeting.

Shareholders who are not related persons ("Disinterested Shareholders") entitled to benefit under the Option Plan will be asked at the Meeting to approve implementation of the Option Plan.

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Disinterested Shareholders are being asked to consider and, if thought advisable, approve an ordinary resolution in the following form:

# "BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) the Option Plan of the Company, approved by the directors of the Company on May 28, 2021, substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" to the Circular of the Company dated May 28, 2021, be and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;
- (2) any director or officer be and is hereby authorized to amend the Option Plan should such amendments be required by applicable regulatory authorities; and
- (3) any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all such things and to execute and deliver all documents and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of this resolution."

Unless otherwise instructed, the persons named in the enclosed proxy or voting instruction form intend to vote such proxy or voting instruction form in favour of the approval of the Option Plan. The directors of the Company recommend that shareholders vote in favour of the approval of the Option Plan. To be adopted, this resolution is required to be passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting.

Following approval of the Option Plan by the Company's Disinterested Shareholders, further shareholder approval will not be required for option grants made under the Option Plan.

# **Approval and Ratification of Restricted Share Unit Plan**

On May 28, 2021, the Board implemented and adopted the RSU Plan reserving for issuance, combined with any equity securities granted under all other compensation arrangements adopted by the Company, including the Option Plan, a maximum of 20% of the issued and outstanding Valorem Shares at the time of grant.

At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to consider, and if thought advisable, to ratify, confirm and approve by way of ordinary resolution, the RSU Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "C".

The Board has, by resolution, adopted the RSU Plan and proposes to implement it upon receipt of approval of the shareholders.

The Company has reserved for issuance a maximum of 20% of the issued and outstanding Valorem Shares at the time of grant, combined with any equity securities granted under all other compensation arrangements adopted by the Company, including the Option Plan.

# Approval Requirements

As, in certain circumstances, approval of the RSU Plan by Disinterested Shareholders (as hereafter defined) may be required, we believe it prudent to seek Disinterested Shareholder approval of the RSU Plan at the Meeting.

Disinterested Shareholders entitled to benefit under the RSU Plan will be asked at the Meeting to approve implementation of the RSU Plan.

At the Meeting, Disinterested Shareholders will be asked to pass a resolution approving the RSU Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "C".

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Disinterested Shareholders are being asked to consider and, if thought advisable, approve an ordinary resolution in the following form:

#### "BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- the RSU Plan, approved by the directors of the Company on May 28, 2021, substantially in the form attached at Schedule "C" to the Circular of the Company dated May 28, 2021, be and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;
- any director or officer be and is hereby authorized to amend the RSU Plan of the Company should such amendments be required by applicable regulatory authorities; and
- any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all such things and to execute and deliver all documents and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of this resolution."

Unless otherwise instructed, the persons named in the enclosed proxy or voting instruction form intend to vote such proxy or voting instruction form in favour of the approval of the RSU Plan. The directors of the

Company recommend that shareholders vote in favour of the approval of the RSU Plan. To be adopted, this resolution is required to be passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by Disinterested Shareholders at the Meeting.

#### **Adoption of New Articles**

The Board proposes to replace the Company's current articles (the "Existing Articles") with new articles, in substantially the form attached hereto as Schedule "D" (the "New Articles"). The primary reason for replacing the Existing Articles with the New Articles is to provide the Company with modernized articles which provide greater flexibility to the Board in carrying out the business of the Company.

# Comparison of Existing Articles to New Articles

The main differences between the Existing Articles and the New Articles are that the New Articles provide for each of the following provisions, whereas the Existing Articles do not (or do not explicitly): (i) uncertificated shares; (ii) flexibility to the Board to make certain alterations to the Company's authorized share structure by way of directors' resolution as opposed to the Company having to incur the additional costs of obtaining shareholder approval; and (iii) new quorum requirements.

Under the New Articles, subject to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "BCBCA"), the Company may, by resolution of the directors:

- (i) change the name of the Company;
- (ii) create one or more classes or series of shares or, if none of the shares of a class or series of shares are allotted or issued, eliminate that class or series of shares;
- (iii) increase, reduce or eliminate the maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares or establish a maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares for which no maximum is established:
- (iv) if the Company is authorized to issue shares of a class of shares with par value:
  - (a) decrease the par value of those shares,
  - (b) if none of the shares of that class of shares are allotted or issued, increase the par value of those shares,
  - (c) subdivide all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares with par value into shares of smaller par value, or
  - (d) consolidate all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares with par value into shares of larger par value;
- (v) subdivide all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares without par value;
- (vi) change all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares with par value into shares without par value or all or any of its unissued shares without par value into shares with par value;

- (vii) alter the identifying name of any of its shares;
- (viii) consolidate all or any of its unissued or fully paid issued shares without par value; or
- (ix) otherwise alter its shares or authorized share structure when required or permitted to do so by the BCBCA.

Under the Existing Articles, certain of the alterations described above require approval of the shareholders by special resolution. The New Articles allow the Company to make these alterations by directors' resolution without the Company having to incur the costs of calling and holding a meeting of shareholders for this purpose. The New Articles also change the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders from two individuals who are shareholders, proxy holders representing shareholders or duly authorized representatives of corporate shareholders personally present, holding at least two of the issued shares entitled to be voted at the meeting, to one or more persons who are, or who represent by proxy, shareholders of the Company.

A copy of the New Articles is attached hereto as Schedule "B" and will also be available for inspection by shareholders during normal business hours at any time up to the Meeting at the Company's registered office located at Suite 810 - 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1H2.

# Shareholder Approval

Under the BCBCA and the Existing Articles, the replacement of the Existing Articles with the New Articles requires approval by special resolution of the shareholders and, as such, an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast at the Meeting.

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to pass the following special resolution to adopt the New Articles for the Company in replacement of the Existing Articles (the "New Articles Resolution"):

"BE IT RESOLVED, as a special resolution of the shareholders of the Company, that:

- 1. The Existing Articles of the Company be terminated;
- 2. The form of articles presented to the Meeting, and attached as Schedule "D" to the Company's Circular dated May 28, 2021, be adopted as the articles of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the Existing Articles of the Company;
- 3. The board of directors of the Company be authorized, at any time in its absolute discretion, to determine whether or not to proceed with the foregoing resolutions, without further approval, ratification or confirmation by the shareholders of the Company; and
- 4. Any director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Company, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such certificates, instruments, agreements, notices and other documents as in such person's opinion may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing resolutions."

The New Articles Resolution must be approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast by shareholders who, being entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy at the Meeting in respect of the New Articles Resolution.

The form of the New Articles Resolution set forth above is subject to such amendments as management may propose at the Meeting but which do not materially affect the substance of the New Articles Resolution.

Management of the Company recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the New Articles Resolution. It is the intention of the Designated Persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such form of proxy, to vote such proxy FOR the New Articles Resolution.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> under the Company's profile. Shareholders may contact the Company at its head office by mail at Suite 810, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1H2, to request copies of the Company's financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis (the "MD&A"). Financial information is provided in the audited financial statements and MD&A for the Company for its year ended April 30, 2020.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Management of Valorem knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting included at the beginning of this Circular. However, if any other matters that are not known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named in the proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

#### APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board has authorized and approved the content of this Circular has been approved and the delivery of it to each Shareholder of Valorem entitled to receive it and to the appropriate regulatory agencies.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia as of this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Valorem Resources Inc.

/s/ "Tony Louie"
Tony Louie
Interim CEO & Director

# Schedule "A"

# AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER OF VALOREM RESOURCES INC. (THE "COMPANY")

#### **MANDATE**

The primary function of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") is to assist the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and shareholders, the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting and the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Consistent with this function, the Committee will encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting and internal control system and review the Company's financial statements.
- Review and appraise the performance of the Company's external auditors.
- Provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the Board.

# **COMPOSITION**

The Committee shall be comprised of three directors as determined by the Board, the majority of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee.

At least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Committee that are not financially literate will work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices. For the purposes of the Company's Charter, the definition of "financially literate" is 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 presumably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Board at its first meeting following the annual shareholders' meeting. Unless a Chair is elected by the full Board, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

# **MEETINGS**

The Committee shall meet at least twice annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Committee will meet at least annually with the CFO and the external auditors in separate sessions.

# **RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Committee shall:

# 1. Documents/Reports Review

- a. Review and update this Charter annually.
- b. Review the Company's financial statements, MD&A and any annual and interim earnings, press releases before the Company publicly discloses this information and any reports or other financial information (including quarterly financial statements), which are submitted to any governmental body, or to the public, including any certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditors.

# 2. External Auditors

- a. Review annually, the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the Board and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- b. Obtain annually, a formal written statement of external auditors setting forth all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, consistent with Independence Standards Board Standard 1.
- c. Review and discuss with the external auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors.
- d. Take, or recommend that the full Board take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors.
- e. Recommend to the Board the selection and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval.
- f. At each meeting, consult with the external auditors, without the presence of management, about the quality of the Company's accounting principles, internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- g. 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.
- h. Review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year-end financial statements and intended template for such statements.
- i. Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services, provided by the Company's external auditors. The pre-approval requirement is waived with respect to the provision of non-audit services if:
  - i. the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Company constitutes not more than five percent of the total amount of revenues paid by the

Company to its external auditors during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided;

- ii. such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
- iii. such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee by the Company and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee who are members of the Board to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

Provided the pre-approval of the non-audit services is presented to the Committee's first scheduled meeting following such approval such authority may be delegated by the Committee to one or more independent members of the Committee

# 3. Financial Reporting Processes

- a. In consultation with the external auditors, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external.
- b. Consider the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- c. Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- d. Review significant judgments made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditors as to appropriateness of such judgments.
- e. Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with management and the external auditors any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- f. Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- g. Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- h. Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- i. Review certification process.
- j. Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

# RISK MANAGEMENT

1. To review, at least annually, and more frequently if necessary, the Company's policies for risk assessment and risk management (the identification, monitoring, and mitigation of risks).

- 2. To inquire of management and the independent auditor about significant business, political, financial and control risks or exposure to such risk.
- 3. To request the external auditor's opinion of management's assessment of significant risks facing the Company and how effectively they are being managed or controlled.
- 4. To assess the effectiveness of the over-all process for identifying principal business risks and report thereon to the Board.

# **OTHER**

Review any related-party transactions.

The Audit Committee's mandate and charter can be described as follows:

- 1. Each member of the Audit Committee shall be a member of the Board, in good standing, and the majority of the members of the audit committee shall be independent in order to serve on this committee.
- 2. At least one of the members of the Audit Committee shall be financially literate.
- 3. Review the Audit Committee's charter annually, reassess the adequacy of this charter, and recommend any proposed changes to the Board. Consider changes that are necessary as a result of new laws or regulations.
- 4. The Audit Committee shall meet at least four times per year, and each time the Company proposes to issue a press release with its quarterly or annual earnings information. These meetings may be combined with regularly scheduled meetings, or more frequently as circumstances may require. The Audit Committee may ask members of management or others to attend the meetings and provide pertinent information as necessary.
- 5. Conduct executive sessions with the outside auditors, outside counsel, and anyone else as desired by the committee.
- 6. The Audit Committee shall be authorized to hire outside counsel or other consultants as necessary (this may take place any time during the year).
- 7. Appoint the independent auditors to be engaged by the Company, establish the audit fees of the independent auditors, pre-approve any non-audit services provided by the independent auditors, including tax services, before the services are rendered. Review and evaluate the performance of the independent auditors and review the full board of directors any proposed discharge of the independent auditors.
- 8. Review with management the policies and procedures with respect to officers' expense accounts and perquisites, including their use of corporate assets, and consider the results of any review of these areas by the independent auditor.
- 9. Consider, with management, the rationale for employing audit firms rather than the principal independent auditors.

- 10. Review with management and the independent auditors, all significant risks or exposures facing the Company; assess the steps the Management has taken or proposes to take to minimize such risks to the Company; and periodically review compliance with such steps.
- 11. Review with the independent auditor, the audit scope and plan of the independent auditors. Address the coordination of the audit efforts to assure the completeness of coverage, reduction of redundant efforts, and the effective use of audit resources.
- 12. Inquire regarding the "quality of earnings" of the Company from a subjective as well as an objective standpoint.
- 13. Review with the independent accountants: (a) the adequacy of the Company's internal controls including computerized information systems controls and security; and (b) any related significant findings and recommendations of the independent auditors together with management's responses thereto.
- 14. Review with management and the independent auditor the effect of any regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance-sheet structures, if any.
- 15. Review with management and the independent auditors, the interim annual financial report before it is filed with the regulatory authorities.
- 16. Review with each public accounting firm that performs an audit: (a) all critical accounting policies and practices used by the Company; and (b) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with management of the Company, the ramifications of each alternative and the treatment preferred by the Company.
- 17. Review all material written communications between the independent auditors and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.
- 18. Review with management and the independent auditors: (a) the Company's annual financial statements and related footnotes; (b) the independent auditors' audit of the financial statements and their report thereon; (c) the independent auditor's judgments about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting; (d) any significant changes required in the independent auditors' audit plan; and (e) any serious difficulties or disputes with management encountered during the audit.
- 19. Periodically review the Company's code of conduct to ensure that it is adequate and up-to-date.
- 20. Review the procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters that may be submitted by any party internal or external to the organization. Review any complaints that might have been received, current status, and resolution if one has been reached.
- 21. Review procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the organization of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. Review any submissions that have been received, the current status, and resolution if one has been reached.

- 22. The Audit Committee will perform such other functions as assigned by law, the Company's charter or bylaws, or the board of directors.
- 23. The Audit Committee will evaluate the independent auditors.

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The members of the audit committee are Tony Louie, Drew Brass and Robert Metcalfe, a majority of which are independent, and at least one member of which is financially literate.

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 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.

# Schedule "B"

# VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

# 20% ROLLING STOCK OPTION PLAN

# **ADOPTED ON MAY 28, 2021**

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# ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

# 1.01 **DEFINITIONS**

As used herein, unless anything in the subject matter or context is inconsistent therewith, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- "Administrator" means the person as may be designated as Administrator by the Board from time to time;
- "Affiliate" means a corporation that is affiliated with the Company because (i) one of them is the subsidiary of the other; or (ii) each of them is controlled by the same individual or corporation;
- "Applicable Laws" means all legal requirements relating to the administration of stock option plans, if any, under applicable corporate laws, any applicable state or provincial securities laws, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the requirements of the Exchange, and the laws of any foreign jurisdiction applicable to Options granted to residents therein;
- "Award Date" means the date on which the Board grants a particular Option;
- "Board" means the board of directors of the Company;
- "Company" means Valorem Resources Inc. or any "affiliate" thereof (as defined in the Securities Act);
- "Consultant" means an individual or Consultant Company other than an Employee or a Director of the Company, that (i) provides ongoing consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or to an Affiliate of the Company; (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or the Affiliate and the individual or the Consultant Company; (iii) spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company; and (iv) has a relationship with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Company;
- "Consultant Company" means for an individual consultant, a company or partnership of which the individual is an employee, shareholder or partner;
- "Director" means directors, senior officers and Management Company Employees of the Company;
- "Earlier Termination Date" means the date determined in accordance with section 3.4 after which a particular Option cannot be exercised;
- "Employee" means (i) an individual considered an employee of the Company or a subsidiary under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (i.e. for whom income tax and other deductions are made by the Company); (ii) an individual who works full-time for the Company or a subsidiary providing services normally provided by an employee but for whom income tax and other deductions are not made; (iii) an individual who works for the Company or a subsidiary on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week, but for whom income tax and other deductions are not made; and (iv) other persons who are providing, have provided, or have agreed to provide a service of value to the Company or a subsidiary;
- "Exchange" means the Canadian Securities Exchange or successor stock exchange;

- "Exercise Notice" means the notice respecting the exercise of an Option, in the form set out as Schedule "B" hereto, duly executed by the Option Holder;
- "Exercise Period" means the period during which a particular Option may be exercised and is the period from and including the Award Date through to and including the Expiry Date;
- "Exercise Price" means the price at which an Option may be exercised as determined in accordance with section 3.5;
- "Expiry Date" means the date determined in accordance with section 3.3 after which a particular Option cannot be exercised;
- "Investor Relations Activities" has the same meaning given to it under Policy 1.1 of the CSE Corporate Finance Manual and Policies;
- "Management Company Employee" means an individual employed by a corporation providing management services to the Company which are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Company, but excluding a person engaged in Investor Relations Activities;
- "Option" means an option to acquire Shares awarded pursuant to the Plan;
- "Option Certificate" means the certificate, substantially in the form set out as Schedule "A" hereto, evidencing an Option;
- "Option Holder" means a person who holds an unexercised and unexpired Option or, where applicable, the Personal Representative of such person;
- "Personal Representative" means (i) in the case of a deceased Option Holder, the executor or administrator of the deceased duly appointed by a court or public authority having jurisdiction to do so; and (ii) in the case of an Option Holder who for any reason is unable to manage his or her affairs, the person entitled by law to act on behalf of such Option Holder;
- "Plan" means this amended and restated stock option plan;
- "Securities Act" means the Securities Act (British Columbia); and
- "Share" or "Shares" means, as the case may be, one or more common shares without par value in the capital of the Company.

#### 1.02 CHOICE OF LAW

The Plan is established under, and the provisions of the Plan shall be interpreted and construed solely in accordance with, the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

# 1.03 HEADINGS

The headings used herein are for convenience only and are not to affect the interpretation of the Plan.

# ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND PARTICIPATION

# 2.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Plan is to provide the Company with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate Directors, Employees and Consultants, to reward such of those persons by the grant of Options under the Plan by the Board from time to time for their contributions toward the long term goals of the Company and to enable and encourage such persons to acquire Shares as long term investments.

#### 2.02 PARTICIPATION

The Board shall, from time to time, in its sole discretion determine those Directors, Employees and/or Consultants, if any, to whom Options are to be awarded. If the Board elects to award an Option to a Director or Consultant, the Board shall, in its sole discretion but subject to section 3.2, determine the number of Shares to be acquired on the exercise of such Option. If the Board elects to award an Option to an Employee, the number of Shares to be acquired on the exercise of such Option shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion but subject to section 3.2, and in so doing the Board may take into account the following criteria:

- (a) the Employee's remuneration as at the Award Date in relation to the total remuneration payable by the Company to all of its Employees as at the Award Date;
- (b) the length of time that the Employee has provided services to the Company; and
- (c) the nature and quality of work performed by the Employee.

In the case of Options awarded to Employees, Consultants or Management Company Employees, the Company will be deemed to have represented that the recipient is a bona fide Employee, Consultant or Management Company Employee.

# 2.03 NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

Following the approval by the Board of the awarding of an Option, the Option Holder shall be notified of the award and given an Option Certificate representing the Option so awarded.

#### 2.04 COPY OF PLAN

Each Option Holder, concurrently with the notice of the award of the Option, shall be provided with a copy of the Plan. A copy of any amendment to the Plan shall be promptly provided to each Option Holder.

#### 2.05 LIMITATION

The Plan does not give any Option Holder the right to continue to be employed or engaged by the Company.

# ARTICLE III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPTIONS

# 3.01 BOARD TO ALLOT SHARES

The Shares to be issued to Option Holders upon the exercise of Options shall be allotted and authorized for issuance by the Board prior to the exercise thereof.

#### 3.02 NUMBER OF SHARES

The maximum number of Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan at any one time shall not exceed at any time 20% of the then-issued and outstanding Shares.

The total number of Options awarded to any one individual in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Shares as at the Award Date (unless the Company becomes a Tier 1 issuer of the Toronto Stock Exchange or Toronto Stock Exchange – Venture (a "**Tier 1 Issuer**") and has obtained disinterested shareholder approval).

The total number of Options awarded to any one Consultant in a 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares as at the Award Date. The total number of Options awarded in any 12-month period to Employees performing investor relations activities for the Company shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares as at the Award Date.

#### 3.03 TERM OF OPTION

Subject to section 3.4, the Expiry Date of an Option shall be the date so fixed by the Board at the time the particular Option is awarded, provided that such date shall not be later than:

- (a) in the case of an Option granted prior to the Shares being listed on the Exchange, the fifth anniversary of the date on which the Shares are listed on the Exchange; or
- (b) in the case of an Option granted after the Shares have been listed on the Exchange, the tenth anniversary of the Award Date of the Option.

#### 3.04 TERMINATION OF OPTION

An Option Holder may exercise an Option in whole or in part at any time or from time to time during the Exercise Period provided that, with respect to the exercise of part of an Option, the Board may at any time and from time to time fix a minimum or maximum number of Shares in respect of which an Option Holder may exercise part of any Option held by such Option Holder. Any Option or part thereof not exercised within the Exercise Period shall terminate and become void as of 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on the first to occur of the Expiry Date or the Earlier Termination Date. The Earlier Termination Date shall be the date established, if applicable, in subsections (a) or (b) below.

# (a) Death

In the event that the Option Holder should die while he or she is still (i) a Director, Consultant or Employee (other than a Consultant or an Employee performing Investor Relations Activities), the Expiry Date shall be 12 months from the date of death of the Option Holder; or (ii) a person performing Investor Relations Activities, the Expiry Date shall be 90 days from the date of death of the Option Holder.

# (b) Ceasing to be a Director, Employee or Consultant

In the event that the Option Holder ceases to be a Director, Employee or Consultant other than by reason of death and ceases to be eligible through another capacity to hold an Option, the Expiry Date of the Option shall be the 30th day following the date the Option Holder ceases to be a Director, Employee or Consultant unless any of the following apply:

- (i) the Option Holder ceases to meet the qualifications for directors prescribed by the corporate legislation to which the Company is then subject and the Option Holder is not eligible through another capacity to hold an Option;
- (ii) the Option Holder ceases to be a director of the Company by reason of a special resolution to that effect having been passed by the members of the Company pursuant to the corporate legislation to which the Company is then subject and the Option Holder is not eligible through another capacity to hold an Option;
- (iii) the Option Holder's relationship with the Company or the Management Company is terminated for cause; or
- (iv) an order of the British Columbia Securities Commission or other regulatory authority having jurisdiction is made prohibiting the Option Holder from holding an Option,

in which case the Earlier Termination Date shall be the date on which any of the above occurs.

#### 3.05 EXERCISE PRICE

The Exercise Price shall be that price per Share, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, and announced as of the Award Date, at which an Option Holder may purchase a Share upon the exercise of an Option, and if the Shares are then listed on the Exchange, shall not be less than the closing price of the Shares on the Exchange on the day preceding the Award Date, less any discount permitted by the Exchange.

#### 3.06 REDUCTION IN EXERCISE PRICE

Disinterested shareholder approval will be obtained for any reduction in the exercise price of an Option if the Option Holder is an insider of the Company at the time of the proposed amendment.

#### 3.07 ASSIGNMENT OF OPTIONS

Options may not be assigned or transferred, provided however that the Personal Representative of an Option Holder may, to the extent permitted by section 4.1, exercise the Option within the Exercise Period.

#### 3.08 ADJUSTMENTS

If prior to the complete exercise of any Option the Shares are consolidated, subdivided, converted, exchanged or reclassified or in any way substituted for (collectively the "Event"), an Option, to the extent that it has not been exercised, shall be adjusted by the Board in accordance with such Event in the manner the Board deems appropriate. No fractional Shares shall be issued upon the exercise of the Options and accordingly, if as a result of the Event an Option Holder would become entitled to a fractional share, such Option Holder shall have the right to purchase only the next lowest whole number of shares and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional interest so disregarded.

# 3.09 VESTING

The following provisions regarding vesting shall apply to the Options:

- (a) For so long as the Company is not classified as a Tier 1 Issuer or equivalent designation on the Exchange, all Options awarded pursuant to the Plan, except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Board, must contain conditions relating to the vesting of the right to exercise an Option awarded to any Option Holder, which will provide that the right to purchase the Shares under the Option may not be exercised any earlier than six equal quarterly releases over a period of 18 months from the Award Date.
  - In the event that the classification of the Company on the Exchange is upgraded to that of a Tier 1 Issuer or equivalent designation, or the Shares are no longer listed on the Exchange, the Board may, in its sole discretion at the time the Option is awarded, but will not be required to, impose conditions relating to the vesting of the right to exercise an Option awarded to any Option Holder. The Board may (but will not be required to) accelerate or remove the vesting provisions applying to previously granted Options.
- (b) The Board may grant Options bearing vesting provisions less favourable than those specified in subsections 3.9(a). Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 3.9(a) and subject to Exchange acceptance, the Board may grant Options bearing vesting provisions more favourable than those specified in subsections 3.9(a).
- (c) Option Certificates will disclose vesting conditions which are as specified by the Board.
- (d) The vesting schedule in subsection 3.9(a) shall be automatically and immediately accelerated such that all remaining Options will then be available for exercise upon the occurrence of a *takeover bid* which is a *formal bid*, as those terms are defined under the Securities Act.

# 3.10 HOLD PERIODS

(a) If required by Applicable Laws, any Options will be subject to a hold period expiring on the date that is four months and a day after the Date of Grant, and the Option Agreements and the certificates representing any Shares issued prior to the expiry of such hold period will bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"UNLESS PERMITTED UNDER SECURITIES LEGISLATION, THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY MUST NOT TRADE THE SECURITIES BEFORE [INSERT THE DATE THAT IS FOUR MONTHS AND ONE DAY AFTER THE DATE OF GRANT]."

(b) In addition to any resale restrictions under any Applicable Laws, if the Option Price is set at a Discounted Market Price rather than the Market Price (as defined in Exchange Policies), the Option Agreements and the certificates representing any Shares realized on the exercise thereof will bear the following legend:

"WITHOUT COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LEGISLATION, THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE MAY NOT BE SOLD, TRANSFERRED, HYPOTHECATED OR OTHERWISE TRADED IN CANADA OR TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF

# A CANADIAN RESIDENT UNTIL [INSERT THE DATE THAT IS FOUR MONTHS AND ONE DAY AFTER THE DATE OF GRANT]."

# ARTICLE IV. EXERCISE OF OPTION

#### 4.01 EXERCISE OF OPTION

An Option may be exercised only by the Option Holder or the Personal Representative of any Option Holder. An Option Holder or the Personal Representative of any Option Holder may exercise an Option in whole or in part, subject to any applicable exercise restrictions, at any time or from time to time during the Exercise Period up to 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on the Expiry Date by delivering to the Administrator an Exercise Notice, the applicable Option Certificate and a certified cheque or bank draft (or other payment method acceptable to the Company) payable to the Company in an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of the Shares to be purchased pursuant to the exercise of the Option.

#### 4.02 EXERCISE RESTRICTIONS

The Board may, at the time an Option is awarded or upon renegotiation of the same, attach restrictions relating to the exercise of the Option in addition to the vesting provisions specified in section 3.9. Any such restrictions shall be recorded on the applicable Option Certificate.

#### 4.03 ISSUE OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

As soon as practicable following the receipt of the Exercise Notice, the Administrator shall cause to be delivered to the Option Holder a certificate for the Shares so purchased bearing such legends denoting trading restrictions as may be required by applicable securities laws and/or the Exchange. It is the Option Holder's responsibility to comply with any such trading restrictions. If the number of Shares so purchased is less than the number of Shares subject to the Option Certificate surrendered, the Administrator shall forward a new Option Certificate to the Option Holder concurrently with delivery of the aforesaid share certificate for the balance of the Shares available under the Option.

#### 4.04 CONDITION OF ISSUE

The issue of Shares by the Company pursuant to the exercise of an Option is subject to this Plan and compliance with the laws, rules and regulations of all regulatory bodies applicable to the issuance and distribution of such Shares and to the listing requirements of any stock exchange or exchanges on which the Shares may be listed. The Option Holder agrees to comply with all such laws, rules and regulations and agrees to furnish to the Company any information, report and/or undertakings required to comply with and to fully cooperate with the Company in complying with such laws, rules and regulations.

# ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION

#### 5.01 ADMINISTRATION

The Plan shall be administered by the Administrator on the instructions of the Board or such committee of the Board authorized to act in respect of matters relating to the Plan. The Board or such committee may make, amend and repeal at any time and from time to time such regulations not inconsistent with the Plan as it may deem necessary or advisable for the proper administration and operation of the Plan and such

regulations shall form part of the Plan. The Board may delegate to the Administrator or any other person such administrative duties and powers as it may see fit.

# 5.02 INTERPRETATION

The interpretation by the Board or its authorized committee of any of the provisions of the Plan and any determination by it pursuant thereto shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to any dispute by any Option Holder. No member of the Board or any person acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Board hereunder shall be liable for any action or determination in connection with the Plan made or taken in good faith and each member of the Board and each such person shall be entitled to indemnification with respect to any such action or determination in the manner provided for by the Company.

# ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

#### 6.01 PROSPECTIVE AMENDMENT

Subject to applicable regulatory approval, the Board may from time to time amend the Plan and the terms and conditions of any Option thereafter to be awarded and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may make such amendment for the purpose of meeting any changes in any relevant law, rule or regulation applicable to the Plan, any Option or the Shares, or for any other purpose which may be permitted by all relevant laws, rules and regulations, provided always that any such amendment shall not alter the terms or conditions of any Option or impair any right of any Option Holder pursuant to any Option awarded prior to such amendment.

#### 6.02 RETROSPECTIVE AMENDMENT

Subject to applicable regulatory approval, the Board may from time to time retrospectively amend the Plan and may also, with the consent of the affected Option Holders, retrospectively amend the terms and conditions of any Options which have been previously awarded.

#### 6.03 TERMINATION

The Board may terminate the Plan at any time provided that such termination shall not alter the terms or conditions of any Option or impair any right of any Option Holder pursuant to any Option awarded prior to the date of such termination and notwithstanding such termination the Company, such Options and such Option Holders shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the Plan.

#### 6.04 AGREEMENT

The Company and every person to whom an Option is awarded hereunder shall be bound by and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

# ARTICLE VII. APPROVALS REQUIRED FOR PLAN

# 7.01 APPROVALS REQUIRED FOR PLAN

The Plan is subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals if required.

# 7.02 SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO PLAN

For as long as the Company is listed on the Exchange, any substantive amendments to the Plan shall be subject to the Company first obtaining the necessary approvals of:

- (a) the shareholders of the Company; and
- (b) the Exchange.

#### Schedule A

# VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

# STOCK OPTION PLAN OPTION CERTIFICATE

[If the Option is granted at a discount to the Market Price, insert the following hold period legend: Without compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities issued upon the exercise of the Option granted herein may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of a Canadian Stock Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until (four months and one day after the date of grant).]

[If the Option is granted to an Insider, insert the following hold period legend: Unless permitted under securities legislation, the holder of the securities represented hereby must not trade the securities before (four months and one day after the date of grant)].

# Schedule B

# **EXERCISE NOTICE**

To: The Administrator, Stock Option Plan VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

The undersigned hereby irrevocably gives notice, pursuant to the VALOREM RESOURCES INC. (the "Company") Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), of the exercise of the Option to acquire and hereby subscribes for (cross out inapplicable item):

| (a)        | all of the Shares; or  |                          |  |        |
|------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------|
| (b)        | of the Shares, which are the subject of the Option Certificate attached hereto.        |                          |  |        |
| Calculat   | ion of total Exercise Price:   |                          |  |        |
| <b>(</b> i | number of Shares to be   | acquired on exercise:    |  | Shares |
| (          | ii) times the Exercise Price   | e per Share:             | \$                                     |        |
|            | TOTAL EXERCISE PRICE, en   | iclosed herewith:        | \$                                     |        |
| Shares,    | payable to the Con as calculated above, and directs to of the undersigned to be mailed | the Company to issue the | share certificate effollowing address: |        |
| DATED      | the day of   |                          |  |        |
| Signature  | of Witness   | Signature of Option      | Holder                                 |        |
| Name of '  | Witness (please print)   | Name of Option Hol       | der (please print)                     | _      |

# Schedule "C"

#### RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN OF

#### VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

(Effective as of May 28, 2021)

# PART 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

# **Establishment and Purpose**

- 1.1 The Company hereby establishes a Restricted Share Unit plan, in this document referred to as the "Plan".
- 1.2 The purpose of the Plan is to secure for the Company and its shareholders the benefits of incentive inherent in share ownership by Eligible Persons who, in the judgment of the Board, will be responsible for its future growth and success. The Board also contemplates that through the Plan, the Company will be better able to compete for and retain the services of the individuals needed for the continued growth and success of the Company.
- 1.3 Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to this Plan will be used to compensate Eligible Persons who have forgone salary to assist the Company in cash management in exchange for the grant of Restricted Share Units and incentive stock options under the Company's stock option plan.

# **Definitions**

- 1.4 In this Plan:
- (a) "Applicable Withholding Tax" means any and all taxes and other source deductions or other amounts which the Company is required by Applicable Law to withhold from any amounts paid or credited to a Participant under the Plan, which the Company determines to withhold in order to fund remittance obligations;
- (b) "Award" means an award of Restricted Share Units under this Plan represented by a Restricted Share Unit Notice:
- (c) "Award Payout" means the applicable Share issuance in respect of a vested Restricted Share Unit pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award;
- (d) "Board" means the board of directors of the Company;
- (e) "Business Day" means means a day upon which the Canadian Securities Exchange is open for trading;;
- (f) "Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (g) "Committee" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or other committee of the Board, consisting of not less than three directors, to whom the authority of the Board is delegated in accordance with Section 1.8 hereof;
- (h) "Consultant" means an individual or Consultant Company other than an Employee or a Director of the Company, that (i) provides ongoing consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or to an Affiliate of the Company; (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or the Affiliate and the individual or the Consultant Company; (iii) spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company; and (iv) has a relationship with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Company;

- (i) "Company" means Valorem Resources Inc., and includes any successor Company thereto;
- (j) "Director" means a member of the Board;
- (k) "Eligible Person" means any person who is an Employee, Officer, Director or a Management Company Employee or a Consultant;
- (l) "Employee" means an employee of the Company or of a Related Entity;
- (m) "Expiry Date" means the earlier of (i) five (5) years from the date of vesting of a Restricted Share Unit, and (ii) ten (10) years from the Grant Date;
- (n) "Grant Date" means the date of grant of any Restricted Share Unit;
- (o) "Insider" means has the meaning ascribed to that term pursuant to the British Columbia Securities Act;
- (p) "Management Company Employee" means an individual employed by a corporation providing management services to the Company which are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Company, but excluding a person engaged in Investor Relations Activities;
- (q) "Officer" means an individual who is an officer of the Company or of a Related Entity as an appointee of the Board or the board of directors of the Related Entity, as the case may be;
- (r) "Outstanding Issue" means the number of Shares outstanding on a non-diluted basis;
- (s) "Participant" means an Eligible Person who may be granted Restricted Share Units from time to time under this Plan;
- (t) "Plan" means this Restricted Share Unit Plan, as amended from time to time;
- (u) "Restricted Share Unit" means a right granted under this Plan to receive the Award Payout on the terms contained in this Plan as more particularly described in Section 4.1 hereof;
- (v) "Related Entity" means a person that is controlled by the Company. For the purposes of this Plan, a person (first person) is considered to control another person (second person) if the first person, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct the management and policies of the second person by virtue of
  - (i) ownership of or direction over voting securities in the second person,
  - (ii) a written agreement or indenture,
  - (iii) being the general partner or controlling the general partner of the second person, or
  - (iv) being a trustee of the second person;
- (w) "Required Approvals" has the meaning contained in Section 64.1 hereof;
- (x) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act (Ontario), as amended from time to time;
- (y) "Share" means a common share in the capital of the Company as from time to time constituted;
- "Total Disability" means, with respect to a Participant, that, solely because of disease or injury, within the meaning of the long-term disability plan of the Company, the Participant, is deemed by a qualified physician selected by the Company to be unable to work at any occupation which the Participant, is reasonably qualified to perform;
- (aa) "Trigger Date" means the date a Participant requests the issuance of Shares, pursuant to a Trigger Notice, issuable upon vesting of an Award and prior to the Expiry Date;

(bb) "Trigger Notice" means the notice respecting the issuance of Shares pursuant to vested Restricted Share Unit(s), substantially in the form attached to Restricted Share Unit Notice, duly executed by the Participant; and

# Interpretation

- 1.5 For all purposes of this Plan, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) any reference to a statute shall include and shall, unless otherwise set out herein, be deemed to be a reference to such statute and to the regulations made pursuant thereto, with all amendments made thereto and in force from time to time, and to any statute or regulations that may be passed which has the effect of supplementing or superseding such statute or such regulations;
  - (b) the singular includes the plural and vice-versa, and a reference to any of the feminine, masculine or neuter includes the other two:
  - (c) any reference to "consent" or "discretion" of any person shall be construed as meaning that such person may withhold such consent arbitrarily or grant it, if at all, on such terms as the person sees fit, and may exercise all discretion fully and in unfettered manner; and
  - (d) any reference to "including" or "inclusive" shall be construed as not restricting the generality of any foregoing or other provision.

#### **Effective Date**

1.6 This Plan will be effective on July 27, 2020. The Board may, in its discretion, at any time, and from time to time, issue Restricted Share Units to Eligible Persons as it determines appropriate under this Plan. However, any such issued Restricted Share Units may not be paid out until receipt of the necessary approvals from shareholders of the Company and any applicable regulatory bodies (the "Required Approvals").

#### Administration

1.7 The Board is authorized to interpret this Plan from time to time and to adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan. The interpretation and construction of any provision of this Plan by the Board shall be final and conclusive. Administration of this Plan shall be the responsibility of the appropriate officers of the Company and all costs in respect thereof shall be paid by the Company.

# **Delegation to Committee**

1.8 All of the powers exercisable hereunder by the Board may, to the extent permitted by law and as determined by a resolution of the Board, be delegated to a Committee including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, those referred to under §1.7 and all actions taken and decisions made by the Committee or by such officers in this regard will be final, conclusive and binding on all parties concerned, including, but not limited to, the Company, the Eligible Person, and their legal representatives.

# **Incorporation of Terms of Plan**

1.9 Subject to specific variations approved by the Board all terms and conditions set out herein will be incorporated into and form part of each Restricted Share Unit granted under this Plan.

# **Maximum Number of Shares**

1.10 The aggregate number of Shares that may be reserved for issuance, at any time, under this Plan and under any other share compensation arrangement adopted by the Company, including the Company's incentive stock option plan(s), shall not exceed up to a maximum of 20% of the issued and outstanding Shares at the time of grant pursuant to awards granted under the Company's equity securities-based plans.

1.11 Any Shares subject to a Restricted Share Unit which has been granted under the Plan and which is cancelled or terminated in accordance with the terms of the Plan without being paid out in Shares as provided for in this Plan shall again be available under the Plan.

# PART 2 AWARDS UNDER THIS PLAN

# **Eligibility**

2.1 Awards will be granted only to Eligible Persons. If any Eligible Person is (pursuant to the terms of his or her employment, engagement or otherwise) subject to a requirement that he or she not benefit personally from an Award, the Committee may (in its discretion, taking into account relevant corporate, securities and tax laws) grant any Award to which such Person would otherwise be entitled to the Person's employer or to any other entity designated by them that directly or indirectly imposes such requirement on the Person. The Committee shall have the power to determine other eligibility requirements with respect to Awards or types of Awards.

#### **Limitation on Issuance of Shares to Insiders**

- 2.2 Notwithstanding anything in this Plan, the Company shall not issue Shares under this Plan to any Eligible Person who is an Insider of the Company where such issuance would result in:
  - (a) the total number of Shares issuable at any time under this Plan to Insiders, or when combined with all other Shares issuable to Insiders under any other equity compensation arrangements then in place, exceeding 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding equity securities of the Company on a non-diluted basis; and
  - (b) the total number of Shares that may be issued to Insiders during any one year period under this Plan, or when combined with all other Shares issued to Insiders under any other equity compensation arrangements then in place, exceeding 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding equity securities of the Company on a non diluted basis.

# PART 3 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

# **Participants**

3.1 Restricted Share Units that may be granted hereunder to a particular Eligible Person in a calendar year will (subject to any applicable terms and conditions and the Board's discretion) represent a right to a bonus or similar payment to be received for services rendered by such Eligible Person to the Company or a Related Entity, as the case may be, in the Company's or the Related Entity's fiscal year ending in, or coincident with, such calendar year.

# Grant

3.2 The Board may, in its discretion, at any time, and from time to time, grant Restricted Share Units to Eligible Persons as it determines is appropriate, subject to the limitations set out in this Plan, and shall be as set forth in a Restricted Share Unit Notice delivered to such Participant. In making such grants the Board may, in its sole discretion but subject to Section 3.3 hereof, in addition to Performance Conditions set out below, impose such conditions on the vesting of the Awards as it sees fit, including imposing a vesting period on grants of Restricted Share Units.

# Vesting

3.3 Except as provided in this Plan, Restricted Share Units issued under this Plan will vest and become subject to a Trigger Notice, only upon the date determined by the Board, or if applicable the Committee, which shall be as set forth in a Restricted Share Unit Notice delivered to such Participant.

# Forfeiture and Cancellation Upon Expiry Date

3.4 Restricted Share Units which do not vest and have not been issued on or before the Expiry Date of such Restricted Share Unit will be automatically deemed cancelled, without further act or formality and without compensation.

#### Account

3.5 Restricted Share Units issued pursuant to this Plan (including fractional Restricted Share Units, computed to three digits) will be credited to a notional account maintained for each Participant by the Company for the purposes of facilitating the determination of amounts that may become payable hereunder. A written confirmation of the balance in each Participant's account will be sent by the Company to the Participant upon request of the Participant.

# **Adjustments and Reorganizations**

3.6 In the event of any dividend paid in shares, share subdivision, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation, spin-off or other distribution of Company assets to shareholders, or any other change in the capital of the Company affecting Shares, the Board, in its sole and absolute discretion, will make, with respect to the number of Restricted Share Units outstanding under this Plan, any proportionate adjustments as it considers appropriate to reflect that change.

# **Notice and Acknowledgement**

3.7 No certificates will be issued with respect to the Restricted Share Units issued under this Plan. Each Participant will, prior to being granted any Restricted Share Units, deliver to the Company a signed acknowledgement substantially in the form of Schedule "A" to this Plan.

# PART 4 PAYMENTS UNDER THE RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

#### **Payment of Restricted Share Units**

4.1 Subject to the terms of this Plan and, without limitation, Section 3.3 hereof, the Company will pay out vested Restricted Share Units issued under this Plan and credited to the account of a Participant by issuing (net of any Applicable Withholding Tax) to such Participant, on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day following the Trigger Date but no later than the Expiry Date of such vested Restricted Share Unit, an Award Payout of, subject to receipt of the Required Approvals, one Share for such whole vested Restricted Share Unit. Fractional Shares shall not be issued and where a Participant would be entitled to receive a fractional Share in respect of any fractional vested Restricted Share Unit, the Company shall pay to such Participant, in lieu of such fractional Share, cash equal to the Vesting Date Value as at the Trigger Date of such fractional Share. Each Share issued by the Company pursuant to this Plan shall be issued as fully paid and non-assessable.

# **Award Payout**

4.2 Upon the vesting of Restricted Share Units, no Shares will be issued by the Company to the Participant, until the receipt by the Company, on or before 5:00 p.m. (PT) on the Expiry Date of a Trigger Notice.

# Effect of Termination of Employment or Engagement, Death or Disability

- 4.3 If a Participant shall die while employed or retained by the Company, or while an Officer or Director, the Expiry Date of any vested or unvested Restricted Share Units held by the Participant at the date of death, which have not yet been subject to a Trigger Notice and subsequent Award Payout, shall be amended to the earlier of (i) one (1) year after the date of death, and (ii) the Expiry Date of such Award, except that in the event the expiration of the Award is earlier than one (1) year after the date of death, with Required Approvals, the Expiry Date shall be up to one (1) year after the date of death as determined by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board, in its discretion, may resolve that up to all of the Restricted Share Units held by a Participant at the date of death which have not yet vested shall vest immediately upon death.
- If the employment or engagement of a Participant shall terminate with the Company due to Total Disability while the Participant is employed or retained by the Company, the Expiry Date of any vested or unvested Restricted Share Units held by the Participant at the date of his or her termination due to Total Disability, which have not yet been subject to a Trigger Notice and subsequent Award Payout, shall be amended to the earlier of (i) one (1) year after the date of his or her termination due to Total Disability, and (ii) the Expiry Date of such Award, except that in the event the expiration of the Award is earlier than one (1) year after the date of his or her termination due to Total Disability, with Required Approvals, the Expiry Date shall be up to one (1) year after the date of his or her termination due to Total Disability as determined by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board, in its discretion, may resolve that up to all of the Restricted Share Units held by a Participant at the date of his or her termination due to Total Disability which have not yet vested shall vest immediately upon death.
- 4.5 Subject to Section 4.16 hereof, if a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person (other than as provided in Section 4.3 or 4.4), the Expiry Date of any vested or unvested Restricted Share Units held by the Participant at the date such Participant ceased to be an Eligible Person, which have not yet been subject to a Trigger Notice and subsequent Award Payout, shall be amended to the earlier of (i) one (1) year after the date such Participant ceased to be an Eligible Person, and (ii) the Expiry Date of such Award. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board, in its discretion, may resolve that up to all of the Restricted Share Units held by a Participant on the date the Participant ceased to be an Eligible Person which have not yet vested shall vest immediately upon such date.
- 4.6 If the employment of an Employee or Consultant is terminated for cause (as determined by the Board) no Restricted Share Units held by such Participant may be subject to a Trigger Notice following the date upon which termination occurred.

# Tax Matters and Applicable Withholding Tax

- 4.7 The Company does not assume any responsibility for or in respect of the tax consequences of the grant to Participants of Restricted Share Units, or payments received by Participants pursuant to this Plan. The Company or relevant Related Entity, as applicable, is authorized to deduct any Applicable Withholding Tax, in such manner (including, without limitation, by selling Shares otherwise issuable to Participants, on such terms as the Company determines) as it determines so as to ensure that it will be able to comply with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial, state or local law relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions, or the remittance of tax or other obligations. The Company or relevant Related Entity, as applicable, may require Participants, as a condition of receiving amounts to be paid to them under this Plan, to deliver undertakings to, or indemnities in favour of, the Company or Related Entity, as applicable, respecting the payment by such Participant's applicable income or other taxes.
- 4.8 To the extent required by law, the Company shall make adjustments to, and interpret, the Restricted Share Units as required by the U.S. Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

# PART 5 MISCELLANEOUS

# **Compliance with Applicable Laws**

5.1 The issuance by the Company of any Restricted Share Units and its obligation to make any payments hereunder is subject to compliance with all applicable laws. As a condition of participating in this Plan, each Participant agrees to comply with all such applicable laws and agrees to furnish to the Company all information and undertakings as may be required to permit compliance with such applicable laws. The Company will have no obligation under this Plan, or otherwise, to grant any Restricted Share Unit or make any payment under this Plan in violation of any applicable laws.

The Company intends that the Awards and payments provided for in this Plan either be exempt from Section 409A of the Code, or be provided in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code, and any ambiguity herein shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with the intent of this Section 5.1. In no event whatsoever shall the Company be liable for any additional tax, interest or penalty that may be imposed on the any person by Section 409A of the Code or damages for failing to comply with Section 409A. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, all payments under this Plan to paid or provided at the time of a termination of employment or service will be paid at a termination of employment or service that constitutes a "separation from service" from the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder (determined after applying the presumptions set forth in Treas. Reg. Section 1.409A-1(h)(1)). Further, if at the time of a Participant's termination of employment with the Company, the Participant is a "specified employee" as defined in Section 409A of the Code as determined by the Company in accordance with Section 409A of the Code, and the deferral of the commencement of any payments or benefits otherwise payable hereunder as a result of such termination of employment is necessary in order to prevent any accelerated or additional tax under Section 409A of the Code, then the Company will defer the payment hereunder until the date that is at least six (6) months following the Participant's termination of employment with the Company (or the earliest date permitted under Section 409A of the Code).

# Non-Transferability

5.2 Restricted Share Units and all other rights, benefits or interests in this Plan are non-transferable and may not be pledged or assigned or encumbered in any way and are not subject to attachment or garnishment, except that if a Participant dies the legal representatives of the Participant will be entitled to receive the amount of any payment otherwise payable to the Participant hereunder in accordance with the provisions hereof.

# No Right to Service

5.3 Neither participation in this Plan nor any action under this Plan will be construed to give any Eligible Person or Participant a right to be retained in the service or to continue in the employment of the Company or any Related Entity, or affect in any way the right of the Company or any Related Entity to terminate his or her employment at any time.

# **Applicable Trading Policies**

5.4 The Board and each Participant will ensure that all actions taken and decisions made by the Board or the Participant, as the case may be, pursuant to this Plan comply with any applicable securities laws and policies of the Company relating to insider trading or "blackout" periods.

#### **Successors and Assigns**

5.5 This Plan will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective legal representatives of the Eligible Person or Participants.

#### **Plan Amendment**

5.6 The Board may amend this Plan as it deems necessary or appropriate, subject to the requirements of applicable laws, but no amendment will, without the consent of any Eligible Person or unless required by law (or for compliance with applicable corporate, securities or tax law requirements or related industry practice), adversely affect the rights of an Eligible Person or Participant with respect to Restricted Share Units to which the Eligible Person or Participant is then entitled under this Plan.

#### **Plan Termination**

5.7 The Board may terminate this Plan at any time, but no termination will, without the consent of the Participant or unless required by law, adversely affect the rights of a Participant respect to Restricted Share Units to which the Participant is then entitled under this Plan. In no event will a termination of this Plan accelerate the vesting of Restricted Share Units or the time at which a Participant would otherwise be entitled to receive any payment in respect of Restricted Share Units hereunder.

# **Governing Law**

5.8 This Plan and all matters to which reference is made in this Plan will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

# **Reorganization of the Company**

5.9 The existence of this Plan or Restricted Share Units will not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, Shares or other securities of the Company or to amend or modify the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Company or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise.

# No Shareholder Rights

5.10 Restricted Share Units are not considered to be Shares or securities of the Company, and a Participant who is granted Restricted Share Units will not, as such, be entitled to receive notice of or to attend any shareholders' meeting of the Company, nor entitled to exercise voting rights or any other rights attaching to the ownership of Shares or other securities of the Company, and will not be considered the owner of Shares by virtue of such issuance of Restricted Share Units.

#### No Other Benefit

5.11 No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, an Eligible Person under this Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the fair market value or price of a Share, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, an Eligible Person for such purpose.

#### **Unfunded Plan**

5.12 For greater certainty, the crediting of any Award to the notional accounts set out in this Plan for any Participant does not confer any entitlement, benefits, or any rights of a similar nature or otherwise, aside from the rights expressly set out in this Plan, and this Plan will be an unfunded plan, including for tax purposes and for purposes of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act* (United States). Any Participant to which Restricted Share Units are credited to his or her account or holding Restricted Share Units or related accruals under this Plan will have the status of a general unsecured creditor of the Company with respect to any relevant rights that may arise thereunder.

#### **SCHEDULE "A"**

#### VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

#### RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN

#### RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT NOTICE

Valorem Resources Inc. (the "Company") hereby confirms the grant to the undersigned (the "Participant") of Restricted Share Units ("Units") described in the table below pursuant to the Company's Restricted Share Unit Plan (the "Plan"), a copy of which Plan has been provided to the undersigned Participant.

Capitalized terms not specifically defined in this Notice have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

| <b>Grant Date</b> | No. of Units | Vesting | Expiry Date |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|
|                   |              |         |             |

The Participant may elect to have Shares issued pursuant to the foregoing Units at any time and from time to time from and including the date Units vest through to 5:00 p.m. (PT) on the date that is the earlier of (i) five (5) years from the date of vesting, and (ii) ten (10) years from the Grant Date, by delivering to the Company the form of Trigger Notice attached as Appendix "I" hereto.

No Shares shall be issuable by the Company to the Participant in the event vesting does not occur prior to ten (10) years from the Grant Date.

| DATE | <b>D</b> , 20        |
|------|----------------------|
| VALO | REM RESOURCES INC.   |
| Per: |                      |
|      | Authorized Signatory |

The undersigned hereby accepts such grant, acknowledges being a Participant under the Plan, agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof and agrees that the Plan will be effective as an agreement between the Company and the undersigned with respect to the Units granted or otherwise issued to it.

# [If the Units are being issued to a U.S. Participant, include the following additional provisions:]

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

- 1. The Units and any Shares that may be issued in respect of vested Units pursuant to the Plan have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), and will constitute "restricted securities" as such term is defined in Rule 144 under the U.S. Securities Act:
- 2. The certificate(s) representing the Shares will be endorsed with the following or a similar legend until such time as it is no longer required under the applicable requirements of the U.S. Securities Act or applicable state securities laws:

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, (THE "U.S. SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE

SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING SUCH SECURITIES, AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY, THAT SUCH SECURITIES MAY BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (A) TO THE COMPANY; (B) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT; (C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER, IF AVAILABLE, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS; OR (D) IN A TRANSACTION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, AND, IN THE CASE OF CLAUSE (C) OR (D), THE SELLER FURNISHES TO THE COMPANY AN OPINION OF COUNSEL OF RECOGNIZED STANDING IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY TO SUCH EFFECT. THE PRESENCE OF THIS LEGEND MAY IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF THE HOLDER HEREOF TO EFFECT "GOOD DELIVERY" OF THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY ON A CANADIAN STOCK EXCHANGE."

provided, that if the Shares are being sold outside the United States in compliance with the requirements of Rule 904 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act ("Regulation S") and the Shares were issued at a time when the Company is a "foreign issuer" as defined in Regulation S, the legend set forth above may be removed by providing an executed declaration to the registrar and transfer agent of the Company, in such form as the Company may prescribe from time to time and, if requested by the Company or the transfer agent, an opinion of counsel of recognized standing in form and substance satisfactory to the Company and the transfer agent to the effect that such sale is being made in compliance with Rule 904 of Regulation S; and provided, further, that, if any Shares are being sold otherwise than in accordance with Regulation S and other than to the Company, the legend may be removed by delivery to the registrar and transfer agent and the Company of an opinion of counsel, of recognized standing reasonably satisfactory to the Company, that such legend is no longer required under applicable requirements of the U.S. Securities Act or state securities laws; and

- 3. The Company may be deemed to be an issuer that at a previous time has been an issuer with no or nominal operations and no or nominal assets other than cash and cash equivalents (a "Shell Company"), and if the Company is deemed to have been a Shell Company at any time previously, Rule 144 under the U.S. Securities Act may not be available for resales of the Shares except in very limited circumstances, and the Company is not obligated to make Rule 144 under the U.S. Securities Act available for resales of the Shares.
- 4. If the undersigned is resident in the State of California on the effective date of the grant of the Units, then, in addition to the terms and conditions contained in the Plan and in this Notice, the undersigned acknowledges that the Company, as a reporting issuer under the securities legislation in certain Provinces of Canada, is required to publicly file with the securities regulators in those jurisdictions continuous disclosure documents, including audited annual financial statements and unaudited quarterly financial statements (collectively, the "Financial Statements"). Such filings are available on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR), and documents filed on SEDAR may be viewed under the Company's profile at the following website address: www.sedar.com. Copies of Financial Statements will be made available to the undersigned by the Company upon the undersigned's request.

| <b>DATED</b> , 20    |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Witness (Signature)  |                             |
| Name (please print)  | Participant's Signature     |
| Address              |                             |
| City, Province/State | Name of Participant (print) |
| Occupation           |                             |

# APPENDIX "I"

# VALOREM RESOURCES INC.

# RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN

# TRIGGER NOTICE

| TO: | VALOREM RESOURCES INC. (the "Company") |
|-----|--|
|     | •                                      |

| 1. The undersigned (the "Participant"), being the holder of vested Restricted Share Units to purchase Shares, hereby irrevocably gives notice, pursuant to the Plan, of the request to issue to the Participant Shares.  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| the Plan and agrees to be bound by the provisi   | Participant hereby confirms that the undersigned has read ions of the Plan. All terms not otherwise defined in this them under the Plan or the attached Restricted Share Unit |  |  |
| 4. The Participant is resident in  | [name of country/province/state].   |  |  |
| 5. The Participant hereby represents, warrants, acknowledges and agrees that there may be material tax consequences to the Participant of a request for Shares pursuant to vested Restricted Share Units. The Company gives no opinion and makes no representation with respect to the tax consequences to the Participant under applicable, federal, local or foreign tax law of the Participant's acquisition or disposition of such securities. |   |  |  |
| 7. The Participant hereby represents, warrants, acknowledges and agrees that the certificate(s) representing the Shares may be subject to applicable hold periods and legending pursuant to applicable securities laws.  |   |  |  |
| <b>DATED</b>   |   |  |  |
| Witness (Signature)  | _   |  |  |
| Name (please print)  | Participant's Signature   |  |  |
| Address  | _   |  |  |
| City, Province   | Name of Participant (print)   |  |  |
| Occupation   | -   |  |  |

# Schedule "D"

# VALOREM RESOURCES INC. (the "Company")

# **NEW ARTICLES**

Incorporation Number: BC1095050

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#### 1. INTERPRETATION

# 1.1 Definitions

In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "board of directors", "directors" and "board" mean the directors or sole director of the Company for the time being;
- (2) "Business Corporations Act" means the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) from time to time in force and all amendments thereto and includes all regulations and amendments thereto made pursuant to that Act;
- (3) "legal personal representative" means the personal or other legal representative of a shareholder;
- (4) "registered address" of a shareholder means the shareholder's address as recorded in the central securities register; and
- (5) "seal" means the seal of the Company, if any.

# 1.2 Business Corporations Act and Interpretation Act Definitions Applicable

The definitions in the *Business Corporations Act* and the definitions and rules of construction in the Interpretation Act, with the necessary changes, so far as applicable, and unless the context requires otherwise, apply to these Articles as if they were an enactment. If there is a conflict between a definition in the *Business Corporations Act* and a definition or rule in the *Interpretation Act* relating to a term used in these Articles, the definition in the *Business Corporations Act* will prevail in relation to the use of the term in these Articles. If there is a conflict between these Articles and the *Business Corporations Act*, the *Business Corporations Act* will prevail.

# 2. SHARES AND SHARE CERTIFICATES

# 2.1 Authorized Share Structure

The authorized share structure of the Company consists of shares of the class or classes and series, if any, described in the Notice of Articles of the Company.

# 2.2 Form of Share Certificate

Each share certificate issued by the Company must comply with, and be signed as required by, the *Business Corporations Act*. The directors may, by resolution, provide that; (a) the shares of any or all of the classes and series of the Company's shares must be uncertificated shares; or (b) any specified shares must be uncertificated shares. Within reasonable time after the issue or transfer of a share that is an uncertificated share, the Company must send to the shareholder a written notice in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act*.

# 2.3 Shareholder Entitled to Certificate or Acknowledgment

Each shareholder is entitled, without charge, to (a) one share certificate representing the shares of each class or series of shares registered in the shareholder's name or (b) a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain such a share certificate, provided that in respect of a share held jointly by several persons, the Company is not bound to issue more than one share certificate

and delivery of a share certificate for a share to one of several joint shareholders or to one of the shareholders' duly authorized agents will be sufficient delivery to all.

# 2.4 Delivery by Mail

Any share certificate or non-transferable written acknowledgment of a shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate may be sent to the shareholder by mail at the shareholder's registered address and neither the Company nor any director, officer or agent of the Company is liable for any loss to the shareholder because the share certificate or acknowledgement is lost in the mail or stolen.

# 2.5 Replacement of Worn Out or Defaced Certificate or Acknowledgement

If the directors are satisfied that a share certificate or a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate is worn out or defaced, they must, on production to them of the share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, and on such other terms, if any, as they think fit:

- (1) order the share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, to be cancelled; and
- (2) issue a replacement share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be.

# 2.6 Replacement of Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificate or Acknowledgment

If a share certificate or a non-transferable written acknowledgment of a shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed, a replacement share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, must be issued to the person entitled to that share certificate or acknowledgment, as the case may be, if the directors receive:

- (1) proof satisfactory to them that the share certificate or acknowledgment is lost, stolen or destroyed; and
- (2) any indemnity the directors consider adequate.

# 2.7 Splitting Share Certificates

If a shareholder surrenders a share certificate to the Company with a written request that the Company issue in the shareholder's name two or more share certificates, each representing a specified number of shares and in the aggregate representing the same number of shares as the share certificate so surrendered, the Company must cancel the surrendered share certificate and issue replacement share certificates in accordance with that request.

#### 2.8 Certificate Fee

There must be paid to the Company, in relation to the issue of any share certificate under Articles 2.5, 2.6 or 2.7, the amount, if any and which must not exceed the amount prescribed under the *Business Corporations Act*, determined by the directors.

# 2.9 Recognition of Trusts

Except as required by law or statute or these Articles, no person will be recognized by the Company as holding any share upon any trust, and the Company is not bound by or compelled in any way to recognize (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or fraction of a share or (except as by law or statute or these Articles provided or as ordered by a court of

competent jurisdiction) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the shareholder.

# 3. ISSUE OF SHARES

#### 3.1 Directors Authorized

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act* and the rights of the holders of issued shares of the Company, the Company may issue, allot, sell or otherwise dispose of the unissued shares, and issued shares held by the Company, at the times, to the persons, including directors, in the manner, on the terms and conditions and for the issue prices (including any premium at which shares with par value may be issued) that the directors may determine. The issue price for a share with par value must be equal to or greater than the par value of the share.

# 3.2 Commissions and Discounts

The Company may, at any time, pay a reasonable commission or allow a reasonable discount to any person in consideration of that person purchasing or agreeing to purchase shares of the Company from the Company or any other person or procuring or agreeing to procure purchasers for shares of the Company.

# 3.3 Brokerage

The Company may pay such brokerage fee or other consideration as may be lawful for or in connection with the sale or placement of its securities.

#### 3.4 Conditions of Issue

Except as provided for by the *Business Corporations Act*, no share may be issued until it is fully paid. A share is fully paid when:

- (1) consideration is provided to the Company for the issue of the share by one or more of the following:
  - (a) past services performed for the Company;
  - (b) property;
  - (c) money; and
- (2) the directors in their discretion have determined that the value of the consideration received by the Company equals or exceeds the issue price set for the share under Article 3.1.

# 3.5 Share Purchase Warrants and Rights

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company may issue share purchase warrants, options and rights upon such terms and conditions as the directors determine, which share purchase warrants, options and rights may be issued alone or in conjunction with debentures, debenture stock, bonds, shares or any other securities issued or created by the Company from time to time.

# 4. SHARE REGISTERS

# 4.1 Central Securities Register

As required by and subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company must maintain in British Columbia a central securities register. The directors may, subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, appoint an agent to maintain the central securities register. The directors may also appoint one or more agents, including the agent which keeps the central securities register, as transfer agent for its shares or any class or series of its shares, as the case may be, and the same or another agent as registrar for its shares or such class or series of its shares, as the case may be. The directors may terminate such appointment of any agent at any time and may appoint another agent in its place.

# 4.2 Closing Register

The Company must not at any time close its central securities register.

#### 5. SHARE TRANSFERS

# 5.1 Registering Transfers

A transfer of a share of the Company must not be registered unless:

- (1) a duly signed instrument of transfer in respect of the share has been received by the Company;
- if a share certificate has been issued by the Company in respect of the share to be transferred, that share certificate has been surrendered to the Company; and
- if a non-transferable written acknowledgment of the shareholder's right to obtain a share certificate has been issued by the Company in respect of the share to be transferred, that acknowledgment has been surrendered to the Company.

For the purpose of this Article, delivery or surrender to the agent that maintains the Company's central securities register or a branch securities register, if applicable, will constitute receipt by or surrender to the Company.

# 5.2 Form of Instrument of Transfer

The instrument of transfer in respect of any share of the Company must be either in the form, if any, on the back of the Company's share certificates or in any other form that may be approved by the directors from time to time.

#### 5.3 Transferor Remains Shareholder

Except to the extent that the *Business Corporations Act* otherwise provides, the transferor of shares is deemed to remain the holder of the shares until the name of the transferee is entered in a securities register of the Company in respect of the transfer.

# 5.4 Signing of Instrument of Transfer

If a shareholder, or his or her duly authorized attorney, signs an instrument of transfer in respect of shares registered in the name of the shareholder, the signed instrument of transfer constitutes a complete and sufficient authority to the Company and its directors, officers and agents to register the number of shares specified in the instrument of transfer or specified in any other manner, or, if no number is specified, all

the shares represented by the share certificates or set out in the written acknowledgments deposited with the instrument of transfer:

- (1) in the name of the person named as transferee in that instrument of transfer; or
- if no person is named as transferee in that instrument of transfer, in the name of the person on whose behalf the instrument is deposited for the purpose of having the transfer registered.

# 5.5 Enquiry as to Title Not Required

Neither the Company nor any director, officer or agent of the Company is bound to inquire into the title of the person named in the instrument of transfer as transferee or, if no person is named as transferee in the instrument of transfer, of the person on whose behalf the instrument is deposited for the purpose of having the transfer registered or is liable for any claim related to registering the transfer by the shareholder or by any intermediate owner or holder of the shares, of any interest in the shares, of any share certificate representing such shares or of any written acknowledgment of a right to obtain a share certificate for such shares.

#### **5.6** Transfer Fee

There must be paid to the Company, in relation to the registration of any transfer, the amount, if any, determined by the directors.

#### 6. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

# 6.1 Legal Personal Representative Recognized on Death

In case of the death of a shareholder, the legal personal representative, or if the shareholder was a joint holder, the surviving joint holder, will be the only person recognized by the Company as having any title to the shareholder's interest in the shares. Before recognizing a person as a legal personal representative, the directors may require proof of appointment by a court of competent jurisdiction, a grant of letters probate, letters of administration or such other evidence or documents as the directors consider appropriate.

# 6.2 Rights of Legal Personal Representative

The legal personal representative has the same rights, privileges and obligations that attach to the shares held by the shareholder, including the right to transfer the shares in accordance with these Articles, provided the documents required by the *Business Corporations Act* and the directors have been deposited with the Company.

#### 7. PURCHASE OF SHARES

# 7.1 Company Authorized to Purchase Shares

Subject to Article 7.2, the special rights or restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series and the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company may, if authorized by the directors, purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any of its shares at the price and upon the terms specified in such resolution.

#### 7.2 Purchase When Insolvent

The Company must not make a payment or provide any other consideration to purchase or otherwise acquire any of its shares if there are reasonable grounds for believing that:

- (1) the Company is insolvent; or
- (2) making the payment or providing the consideration would render the Company insolvent.

# 7.3 Sale and Voting of Purchased Shares

If the Company retains a share redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired by it, the Company may sell, gift or otherwise dispose of the share, but, while such share is held by the Company, it:

- (1) is not entitled to vote the share at a meeting of its shareholders;
- (2) must not pay a dividend in respect of the share; and
- (3) must not make any other distribution in respect of the share.

# 8. BORROWING POWERS

# 8.1 Power to Borrow and Issue Debt Obligations

The Company, if authorized by the directors, may:

- (1) borrow money in the manner and amount, on the security, from the sources and on the terms and conditions that they consider appropriate;
- (2) issue bonds, debentures and other debt obligations either outright or as security for any liability or obligation of the Company or any other person and at such discounts or premiums and on such other terms as they consider appropriate;
- (3) guarantee the repayment of money by any other person or the performance of any obligation of any other person; and
- (4) mortgage, charge, whether by way of specific or floating charge, grant a security interest in, or give other security on, the whole or any part of the present and future assets and undertaking of the Company.

# **8.2** Features of Debt Obligations

Any bonds, debentures or other debt obligations of the Company may be issued at a discount, premium or otherwise, or with special privileges as to redemption, surrender, drawing, allotment of or conversion into or exchange for shares or other securities, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of directors or otherwise and may, by their terms, be assignable free from any equities between the Company and the person to whom they were issued or any subsequent holder thereof, all as the directors may determine.

# 9. ALTERATIONS

# 9.1 Alteration of Authorized Share Structure

Subject to Article 9.2 and the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company may:

(1) by directors' resolution or by ordinary resolution, in each case determined by the directors:

- (a) create one or more classes or series of shares or, if none of the shares of a class or series of shares are allotted or issued, eliminate that class or series of shares;
- (b) increase, reduce or eliminate the maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares or establish a maximum number of shares that the Company is authorized to issue out of any class or series of shares for which no maximum is established:
- (c) subdivide or consolidate all or any of its unissued, or fully paid issued, shares;
- (d) if the Company is authorized to issue shares of a class of shares with par value:
  - A. decrease the par value of those shares; or
  - B. if none of the shares of that class of shares are allotted or issued, increase the par value of those shares;
- (e) change all or any of its unissued, or fully paid issued, shares with par value into shares without par value or any of its unissued shares without par value into shares with par value:
- (f) alter the identifying name of any of its shares; or
- (2) by ordinary resolution otherwise alter its shares or authorized share structure.

# 9.2 Special Rights or Restrictions

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company may:

- (1) by directors' resolution or by ordinary resolution, in each case as determined by the directors, create special rights or restrictions for, and attach those special rights or restrictions to, the shares of any class or series of shares, if none of those shares have been issued; or vary or delete any special rights or restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series of shares, if none of those shares have been issued
- (2) by special resolution of the shareholders of the class or series affected, do any of the acts in (1) above, if any of the shares of the class or series of shares have been issued.

# 9.3 Change of Name

The Company may by directors' resolution or by ordinary resolution, in each case as determined by the directors, authorize an alteration of its Notice of Articles in order to change its name.

#### 9.4 Other Alterations

The Company, save as otherwise provided by these Articles and subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, may:

(1) by directors' resolution or by ordinary resolution, in each case as determined by the directors, authorize alterations to the Articles that are procedural or administrative in nature or are matters that pursuant to these Articles are solely within the directors' powers, control or authority; and

(2) if the *Business Corporations Act* does not specify the type of resolution and these Articles do not specify another type of resolution, the Company may by ordinary resolution alter these Articles.

#### 10. MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### **10.1** Annual General Meetings

Unless an annual general meeting is deferred or waived in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months after the date on which it was incorporated or otherwise recognized, and after that must hold an annual general meeting at least once in each calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last annual reference date at such time and place as may be determined by the directors.

# 10.2 Resolution Instead of Annual General Meeting

If all the shareholders who are entitled to vote at an annual general meeting consent by a unanimous resolution under the *Business Corporations Act* to all of the business that is required to be transacted at that annual general meeting, the annual general meeting is deemed to have been held on the date of the unanimous resolution. The shareholders must, in any unanimous resolution passed under this Article 10.2, select as the Company's annual reference date a date that would be appropriate for the holding of the applicable annual general meeting.

# 10.3 Calling of Meetings of Shareholders

The directors may, whenever they think fit, call a meeting of shareholders.

# 10.4 Place of Meetings of Shareholders

General meetings of shareholders may be held at a location outside of British Columbia to be determined and approved by a directors' resolution.

#### 10.5 Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means

A meeting of the Company's shareholders may be held entirely or in part by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting, if approved by directors' resolution prior to the meeting and subject to the *Business Corporations Act*. Any person participating in a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting.

#### **10.6** Notice for Meetings of Shareholders

Subject to Article 10.2, the Company must send notice of the date, time and location of any meeting of shareholders, in the manner provided in these Articles, or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by directors' resolution (whether previous notice of the resolution has been given or not), to each shareholder entitled to attend the meeting, to each director and to the auditor of the Company, unless these Articles otherwise provide, at least the following number of days before the meeting:

- (1) if and for so long as the Company is a public company, 21 days;
- (2) otherwise, 10 days.

# 10.7 Record Date for Notice

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to notice of any meeting of shareholders. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than two months or, in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders under the *Business Corporations Act*, by more than four months. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is held by fewer than:

- (1) if and for so long as the Company is a public company, 21 days;
- (2) otherwise, 10 days.

If no record date is set, the record date is 5 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting.

#### 10.8 Record Date for Voting

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to vote at any meeting of shareholders. The record date must not precede the date on which the meeting is to be held by more than two months or, in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders under the *Business Corporations Act*, by more than four months. If no record date is set, the record date is 5 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting.

#### 10.9 Failure to Give Notice and Waiver of Notice

The accidental omission to send notice of any meeting to, or the non-receipt of any notice by, any of the persons entitled to notice does not invalidate any proceedings at that meeting. Any person entitled to notice of a meeting of shareholders may, in writing or otherwise, waive or reduce the period of notice of such meeting.

# 10.10 Notice of Special Business at Meetings of Shareholders

If a meeting of shareholders is to consider special business within the meaning of Article 11.1, the notice of meeting must:

- (1) state the general nature of the special business; and
- (2) if the special business includes considering, approving, ratifying, adopting or authorizing any document or the signing of or giving of effect to any document, have attached to it a copy of the document or state that a copy of the document:
  - (a) will be available for inspection by shareholders at the Company's records office, or at such other reasonably accessible location in British Columbia as is specified in the notice during statutory business hours on any one or more specified days before the day set for the holding of the meeting; and
  - (b) may be available by request from the Company or may be accessible electronically or on a website, as determined by the directors.

# 11. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

### 11.1 Special Business

At a meeting of shareholders, the following business is special business:

- at a meeting of shareholders that is not an annual general meeting, all business is special business except business relating to the conduct of or voting at the meeting;
- (2) at an annual general meeting, all business is special business except for the following:
  - (a) business relating to the conduct of or voting at the meeting;
  - (b) consideration of any financial statements of the Company presented to the meeting;
  - (c) consideration of any reports of the directors or auditor;
  - (d) the setting or changing of the number of directors;
  - (e) the election or appointment of directors;
  - (f) the appointment of an auditor;
  - (g) the setting of the remuneration of an auditor;
  - (h) business arising out of a report of the directors not requiring the passing of a special resolution or an exceptional resolution;
  - (i) any other business which, under these Articles or the *Business Corporations Act*, may be transacted at a meeting of shareholders without prior notice of the business being given to the shareholders.

# 11.2 Special Majority

The majority of votes required for the Company to pass a special resolution at a meeting of shareholders is two-thirds of the votes cast on the resolution.

#### 11.3 Ouorum

Subject to the special rights and restrictions attached to the shares of any class or series of shares, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is one or more persons present and being, or representing by proxy, two or more shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

# 11.4 Other Persons May Attend

The directors, the president (if any), the corporate secretary (if any), the assistant corporate secretary (if any), any lawyer for the Company, the auditor of the Company and any other persons invited by the directors are entitled to attend any meeting of shareholders, but if any of those persons does attend a meeting of shareholders, that person is not to be counted in the quorum and is not entitled to vote at the meeting unless that person is a shareholder or proxy holder entitled to vote at the meeting.

# 11.5 Requirement of Quorum

No business, other than the election of a chair of the meeting and the adjournment of the meeting, may be transacted at any meeting of shareholders unless a quorum of shareholders entitled to vote is present at the commencement of the meeting, but such quorum need not be present throughout the meeting.

# 11.6 Lack of Quorum

If, within one-half hour from the time set for the holding of a meeting of shareholders, a quorum is not present:

- (1) in the case of a general meeting requisitioned by shareholders, the meeting is dissolved, and
- in the case of any other meeting of shareholders, the meeting stands adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place.

# 11.7 Lack of Quorum at Succeeding Meeting

If, at the meeting to which the meeting referred to in Article 11.6(2) was adjourned, a quorum is not present within one-half hour from the time set for the holding of the meeting, the person or persons present and being, or representing by proxy, one or more shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the meeting constitute a quorum.

#### 11.8 Chair

The following individual is entitled to preside as chair at a meeting of shareholders:

- (1) the chair of the board, if any; or
- if the chair of the board is absent or unwilling to act as chair of the meeting, the president, if any, the corporate secretary, if any, or any director of the Company.

#### 11.9 Selection of Alternate Chair

If, at any meeting of shareholders, there is no chair of the board or president present within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting, or if the chair of the board and the president are unwilling to act as chair of the meeting, or if the chair of the board and the president have advised the corporate secretary, if any, or any director present at the meeting, that they will not be present at the meeting, the directors present must choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting or if all of the directors present decline to take the chair or fail to so choose or if no director is present, the shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting who are present in person or by proxy may choose any person present at the meeting to chair the meeting.

# 11.10 Adjournments

The chair of a meeting of shareholders may, and if so directed by the meeting must, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

### 11.11 Notice of Adjourned Meeting

It is not necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting of shareholders except that, when a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of the original meeting.

### 11.12 Decisions by Show of Hands or Poll

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, every motion put to a vote at a meeting of shareholders will be decided on a show of hands unless a poll, before or on the declaration of the result of the vote by show of hands, is directed by the chair or demanded by at least one shareholder entitled to vote who is present in person or by proxy.

#### 11.13 Declaration of Result

The chair of a meeting of shareholders must declare to the meeting the decision on every question in accordance with the result of the show of hands or the poll, as the case may be, and that decision must be entered in the minutes of the meeting. A declaration of the chair that a resolution is carried by the necessary majority or is defeated is, unless a poll is directed by the chair or demanded under Article 11.12, conclusive evidence without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

#### 11.14 Motion Need Not be Seconded

No motion proposed at a meeting of shareholders need be seconded unless the chair of the meeting rules otherwise, and the chair of any meeting of shareholders is entitled to propose or second a motion.

#### 11.15 Casting Vote

In case of an equality of votes, the chair of a meeting of shareholders does not, either on a show of hands or on a poll, have a second or casting vote in addition to the vote or votes to which the chair may be entitled as a shareholder.

## 11.16 Manner of Taking Poll

Subject to Article 11.17, if a poll is duly demanded at a meeting of shareholders:

- (1) the poll must be taken:
  - (a) at the meeting, or within seven days after the date of the meeting, as the chair of the meeting directs; and
  - (b) in the manner, at the time and at the place that the chair of the meeting directs;
- (2) the result of the poll is deemed to be the decision of the meeting at which the poll is demanded; and
- (3) the demand for the poll may be withdrawn by the person who demanded it.

### 11.17 Demand for Poll on Adjournment

A poll demanded at a meeting of shareholders on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately at the meeting.

### 11.18 Chair Must Resolve Dispute

In the case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote given on a poll, the chair of the meeting must determine the dispute, and his or her determination made in good faith is final and conclusive.

### 11.19 Casting of Votes

On a poll, a shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not cast all the votes in the same way.

### 11.20 Demand for Poll

No poll may be demanded in respect of the vote by which a chair of a meeting of shareholders is elected.

## 11.21 Demand for Poll Not to Prevent Continuance of Meeting

The demand for a poll at a meeting of shareholders does not, unless the chair of the meeting so rules, prevent the continuation of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

#### 11.22 Retention of Ballots and Proxies

The Company must, for at least three months after a meeting of shareholders, keep each ballot cast on a poll and each proxy voted at the meeting, and, during that period, make them available for inspection during normal business hours by any shareholder or proxyholder entitled to vote at the meeting. At the end of such three month period, the Company may destroy such ballots and proxies.

### 12. VOTES OF SHAREHOLDERS

## 12.1 Number of Votes by Shareholder or by Shares

Subject to any special rights or restrictions attached to any shares and to the restrictions imposed on joint shareholders under Article 12.3:

- (1) on a vote by show of hands, every person present who is a shareholder or proxy holder and entitled to vote on the matter has one vote; and
- on a poll, every shareholder entitled to vote on the matter has one vote in respect of each share entitled to be voted on the matter and held by that shareholder and may exercise that vote either in person or by proxy.

### 12.2 Votes of Persons in Representative Capacity

A person who is not a shareholder may vote at a meeting of shareholders, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, and may appoint a proxy holder to act at the meeting, if, before doing so, the person satisfies the chair of the meeting, or the directors, that the person is a legal personal representative or a trustee in bankruptcy for a shareholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting.

### 12.3 Votes by Joint Holders

If there are joint shareholders registered in respect of any share:

- (1) any one of the joint shareholders may vote at any meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of the share as if that joint shareholder were solely entitled to it; or
- (2) if more than one of the joint shareholders is present at any meeting, personally or by proxy, and more than one of them votes in respect of that share, then only the vote of the joint shareholder present whose name stands first on the central securities register in respect of the share will be counted.

## 12.4 Legal Personal Representatives as Joint Shareholders

Two or more legal personal representatives of a shareholder in whose sole name any share is registered are, for the purposes of Article 12.3, deemed to be joint shareholders.

## 12.5 Representative of a Corporate Shareholder

If a corporation, that is not a subsidiary of the Company, is a shareholder, that corporation may appoint a person to act as its representative at any meeting of shareholders of the Company, and:

- (1) for that purpose, the instrument appointing a representative must:
  - (a) be received at the registered office of the Company or at any other place specified, in the notice calling the meeting, for the receipt of proxies, at least the number of business days specified in the notice for the receipt of proxies, or if no number of days is specified, two business days before the day set for the holding of the meeting; or
  - (b) be provided, at the meeting, to the chair of the meeting or to a person designated by the chair of the meeting;
- (2) if a representative is appointed under this Article 12.5:
  - (a) the representative is entitled to exercise in respect of and at that meeting the same rights on behalf of the corporation that the representative represents as that corporation could exercise if it were a shareholder who is an individual, including, without limitation, the right to appoint a proxy holder; and
  - (b) the representative, if present at the meeting, is to be counted for the purpose of forming a quorum and is deemed to be a shareholder present in person at the meeting.

Evidence of the appointment of any such representative may be sent to the Company by written instrument, fax or any other method of transmitting legibly recorded messages.

### 12.6 Proxy Provisions Do Not Apply to All Companies

Articles 12.7 to 12.15 do not apply to the Company if and for so long as it is a public company or a preexisting reporting company which has the Statutory Reporting Company Provisions as part of its Articles or to which the Statutory Reporting Company Provisions apply.

# 12.7 Appointment of Proxy Holders

Every shareholder of the Company, including a corporation that is a shareholder but not a subsidiary of the Company, entitled to vote at a meeting of shareholders of the Company may, by proxy, appoint up to two proxy holders to attend and act at the meeting in the manner, to the extent and with the powers conferred by the proxy.

## 12.8 Alternate Proxy Holders

A shareholder may appoint one or more alternate proxy holders to act in the place of an absent proxy holder.

#### 12.9 Proxy Holder Need Not Be Shareholder

(1) A person who is not a shareholder may be appointed as a proxy holder.

# 12.10 Deposit of Proxy

A proxy for a meeting of shareholders must:

- (1) be received at the registered office of the Company or at any other place specified, in the notice calling the meeting, for the receipt of proxies, at least the number of business days specified in the notice, or if no number of days is specified, two business days before the day set for the holding of the meeting; or
- unless the notice provides otherwise, be provided, at the meeting, to the chair of the meeting or to a person designated by the chair of the meeting.

A proxy may be sent to the Company by written instrument, fax or any other method of transmitting legibly recorded messages.

### 12.11 Validity of Proxy Vote

A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy is valid notwithstanding the death or incapacity of the shareholder giving the proxy and despite the revocation of the proxy or the revocation of the authority under which the proxy is given, unless notice in writing of that death, incapacity or revocation is received:

- (1) at the registered office of the Company, at any time up to and including the last business day before the day set for the holding of the meeting at which the proxy is to be used; or
- (2) by the chair of the meeting, before the vote is taken.

### 12.12 Form of Proxy

A proxy, whether for a specified meeting or otherwise, must be either in the following form or in any other form approved by the directors or the chair of the meeting:

[Name of Company] (the "Company")

The undersigned, being a shareholder of the Company, hereby appoints [name] or, failing that person, [name], as proxy holder for the undersigned to attend, act and vote for and on behalf of the undersigned at the meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held on [month, day, year] and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Number of shares in respect of which this proxy is given (if no number is specified, then this proxy if given in respect of all shares registered in the name of the shareholder):

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| Signed [month, day, year]       |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| [Signature of shareholder]      |  |
| [Name of shareholder – printed] |  |

#### 12.13 Revocation of Proxy

Subject to Article 12.14, every proxy may be revoked by an instrument in writing that is:

- (1) received at the registered office of the Company at any time up to and including the last business day before the day set for the holding of the meeting at which the proxy is to be used; or
- (2) provided, at the meeting, to the chair of the meeting.

### 12.14 Revocation of Proxy Must Be Signed

An instrument referred to in Article 12.13 must be signed as follows:

- if the shareholder for whom the proxy holder is appointed is an individual, the instrument must be signed by the shareholder or his or her legal personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy;
- if the shareholder for whom the proxy holder is appointed is a corporation, the instrument must be signed by the corporation or by a representative appointed for the corporation under Article 12.5.

### 12.15 Production of Evidence of Authority to Vote

The chair of any meeting of shareholders may, but need not, inquire into the authority of any person to vote at the meeting and may, but need not, demand from that person production of evidence as to the existence of the authority to vote.

#### 13. DIRECTORS

### 13.1 First Directors; Number of Directors

The number of directors, excluding additional directors appointed under Article 14.8, is set at:

- (1) if the Company is a public company, the greater of three and the most recently set of:
  - (a) the number of directors set by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and
  - (b) the number of directors set under Article 14.4;
- (2) if the Company is not a public company, the most recently set of:
  - (a) the number of directors set by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and
  - (b) the number of directors set under Article 14.4.

## 13.2 Change in Number of Directors

If the number of directors is set under Articles 13.1(1)(a) or 13.1(2)(a):

- (1) the shareholders may elect or appoint the directors needed to fill any vacancies in the board of directors up to that number;
- (2) if the shareholders do not elect or appoint the directors needed to fill any vacancies in the board of directors up to that number contemporaneously with the setting of that number, then the directors may appoint, or the shareholders may elect or appoint, directors to fill those vacancies.

## 13.3 Directors' Acts Valid Despite Vacancy

An act or proceeding of the directors is not invalid merely because fewer than the number of directors set or otherwise required under these Articles is in office.

#### 13.4 Qualifications of Directors

A director is not required to hold a share in the capital of the Company as qualification for his or her office but must be qualified as required by the *Business Corporations Act* to become, act or continue to act as a director.

#### 13.5 Remuneration of Directors

The directors are entitled to the remuneration for acting as directors, if any, as the directors may from time to time determine. If the directors so decide, the remuneration of the directors, if any, will be determined by the shareholders. That remuneration may be in addition to any salary or other remuneration paid to any officer or employee of the Company as such, who is also a director.

### 13.6 Reimbursement of Expenses of Directors

The Company must reimburse each director for the reasonable expenses that he or she may incur in and about the business of the Company.

### 13.7 Special Remuneration for Directors

If any director performs any professional or other services for the Company that in the opinion of the directors are outside the ordinary duties of a director, or if any director is otherwise specially occupied in or about the Company's business, he or she may be paid remuneration fixed by the directors, or, at the option of that director, fixed by ordinary resolution, and such remuneration may be either in addition to, or in substitution for, any other remuneration that he or she may be entitled to receive.

# 13.8 Gratuity, Pension or Allowance on Retirement of Director

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the directors on behalf of the Company may pay a gratuity or pension or allowance on retirement to any director who has held any salaried office or place of profit with the Company or to his or her spouse or dependants and may make contributions to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such gratuity, pension or allowance.

### 14. ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

### 14.1 Election at Annual General Meeting

At every annual general meeting and in every unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 10.2:

- (1) the shareholders entitled to vote at the annual general meeting for the election of directors must elect, or in the unanimous resolution appoint, a board of directors consisting of the number of directors for the time being set under these Articles; and
- (2) all the directors cease to hold office immediately before the election or appointment of directors under paragraph (1), but are eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

### 14.2 Consent to be a Director

No election, appointment or designation of an individual as a director is valid unless:

- (1) that individual consents to be a director in the manner provided for in the *Business Corporations Act*:
- (2) that individual is elected or appointed at a meeting at which the individual is present and the individual does not refuse, at the meeting, to be a director.

## 14.3 Failure to Elect or Appoint Directors

If:

- (1) the Company fails to hold an annual general meeting, and all the shareholders who are entitled to vote at an annual general meeting fail to pass the unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 10.2, on or before the date by which the annual general meeting is required to be held under the *Business Corporations Act*; or
- the shareholders fail, at the annual general meeting or in the unanimous resolution contemplated by Article 10.2, to elect or appoint any directors;

then each director then in office continues to hold office until the earlier of:

- (3) the date on which his or her successor is elected or appointed; and
- (4) the date on which he or she otherwise ceases to hold office under the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles.

### 14.4 Places of Retiring Directors Not Filled

If, at any meeting of shareholders at which there should be an election of directors, the places of any of the retiring directors are not filled by that election, those retiring directors who are not re-elected and who are asked by the newly elected directors to continue in office will, if willing to do so, continue in office to complete the number of directors for the time being set pursuant to these Articles until further new directors are elected at a meeting of shareholders convened for that purpose. If any such election or continuance of directors does not result in the election or continuance of the number of directors for the time being set pursuant to these Articles, the number of directors of the Company is deemed to be set at the number of directors actually elected or continued in office.

# 14.5 Directors May Fill Casual Vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the board of directors may be filled by the directors.

### 14.6 Remaining Directors Power to Act

The directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the board of directors, but if the Company has fewer directors in office than the number set pursuant to these Articles as the quorum of directors, the directors may only act for the purpose of appointing directors up to that number or of summoning a meeting of shareholders for the purpose of filling any vacancies on the board of directors or, subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, for any other purpose.

### 14.7 Shareholders May Fill Vacancies

If the Company has no directors or fewer directors in office than the number set pursuant to these Articles as the quorum of directors, the shareholders may elect or appoint directors to fill any vacancies on the board of directors.

#### 14.8 Additional Directors

Notwithstanding Articles 13.1 and 13.2, between annual general meetings or unanimous resolutions contemplated by Article 10.2, the directors may appoint one or more additional directors, but the number of additional directors appointed under this Article 14.8 must not at any time exceed one-third of the number of the current directors who were elected or appointed as directors other than under this Article 14.8.

Any director so appointed ceases to hold office immediately before the next election or appointment of directors under Article 14.1(1), but is eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

#### 14.9 Ceasing to be a Director

A director ceases to be a director when:

- (1) the term of office of the director expires;
- (2) the director dies;
- (3) the director resigns as a director by notice in writing provided to the Company or a lawyer for the Company; or
- (4) the director is removed from office pursuant to Articles 14.10 or 14.11.

#### 14.10 Removal of Director by Shareholders

The Company may remove any director before the expiration of his or her term of office by special resolution. In that event, the shareholders may elect, or appoint by ordinary resolution, a director to fill the resulting vacancy. If the shareholders do not elect or appoint a director to fill the resulting vacancy contemporaneously with the removal, then the directors may appoint or the shareholders may elect, or appoint by ordinary resolution, a director to fill that vacancy.

### 14.11 Removal of Director by Directors

The directors may remove any director before the expiration of his or her term of office if the director is convicted of an indictable offence, or if the director ceases to be qualified to act as a director of a

company and does not promptly resign, and the directors may appoint a director to fill the resulting vacancy.

#### 14.12 Advance Notice of Nominations of Directors

- (1) Subject only to the *Business Corporations Act* and these Articles, only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the Company. Nominations of persons for election to the board of directors may be made at any annual meeting of shareholders, or at any special meeting of shareholders if one of the purposes for which the special meeting was called was the election of directors:
  - (a) by or at the direction of the board of directors, including pursuant to a notice of meeting;
  - (b) by or at the direction or request of one or more shareholders pursuant to a "proposal" made in accordance with Division 7 of Part 5 of the *Business Corporations Act*, or a requisition of the shareholders made in accordance with section 167 of the *Business Corporations Act*; or
  - (c) by any shareholder of the Company (a "Nominating Shareholder"): (A) who, at the close of business on the date of the giving by the Nominating Shareholder of the notice provided for below in this Article 14.2 and at the close of business on the record date for notice of such meeting, is entered in the securities register of the Company as a holder of one or more shares carrying the right to vote at such meeting or who beneficially owns shares that are entitled to be voted at such meeting; and (B) who complies with the notice procedures set forth below in this Article 14.2.
- (2) In addition to any other requirements under applicable laws, for a nomination to be made by a Nominating Shareholder, the Nominating Shareholder must have given notice thereof that is both timely (in accordance with paragraph 3 below) and in proper written form (in accordance with paragraph 4 below) to the Corporate Secretary of the Company at the head office of the Company.
- (3) To be timely, a Nominating Shareholder's notice must be received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company:
  - (a) in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not less than 30 nor more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of shareholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of shareholders is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date (the "Notice Date") on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice by the Nominating Shareholder may be received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the Notice Date; and
  - (b) in the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors (whether or not called for other purposes), not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting of shareholders was made.

The time periods for the giving of a Nominating Shareholder's notice set forth above shall in all cases be determined based on the original date of the applicable annual meeting or special meeting of shareholders, and in no event shall any adjournment or postponement of a meeting of shareholders or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of such notice.

- (4) To be in proper written form, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the Corporate Secretary of the Company must set forth:
  - (a) as to each person whom the Nominating Shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director: (A) the name, age, business address and residential address of the person; (B) the present principal occupation, business or employment of the person within the preceding five years, as well as the name and principal business of any company in which such employment is carried on; (C) the citizenship of such person; (D) the class or series and number of shares in the capital of the Company which are controlled or which are owned beneficially or of record by the person as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and shall have occurred) and as of the date of such notice; (E) confirmation that the person meets the qualifications of directors set out in the *Business Corporations Act*; and (F) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below); and
  - (b) as to the Nominating Shareholder giving the notice, full particulars regarding any proxy, contract, agreement, arrangement or understanding pursuant to which such Nominating Shareholder has a right to vote or direct the voting of any shares of the Company and any other information relating to such Nominating Shareholder that would be required to be made in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* and Applicable Securities Laws (as defined below).

The Nominating Shareholder's notice must be accompanied by a written consent of each proposed nominee to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. The Company may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Company to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent director of the Company or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.

- (5) No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the Company unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of this Article 14.2; provided, however, that nothing in this Article 14.2 shall be deemed to preclude discussion by a shareholder (as distinct from the nomination of directors) at a meeting of shareholders of any matter that is properly before such meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Act or the discretion of the Chairman. The Chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination was made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the foregoing provisions and, if any proposed nomination is not in compliance with such foregoing provisions, to declare that such defective nomination shall be disregarded.
- (6) For purposes of this Policy:
  - (a) "Applicable Securities Laws" means the applicable securities legislation of each province and territory of Canada in which the Company is a reporting issuer, as amended from time to time, the rules, regulations and forms made or promulgated under any such statute and the published national instruments, multilateral instruments, policies, bulletins and notices of the securities commission and similar regulatory authority of each province and territory of Canada; and

- (b) "public announcement" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by a national news service in Canada, or in a document publicly filed by the Company under its profile on the System of Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval at www.sedar.com.
- (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 14.2, notice given to the Corporate Secretary of the Company pursuant to this Article 14.2 may only be given by personal delivery, facsimile transmission or by email (at such email address as may be stipulated from time to time by the Corporate Secretary of the Company for purposes of this notice), and shall be deemed to have been given and made only at the time it is served by personal delivery to the Corporate Secretary at the address of the head office of the Company, email (at the address as aforesaid) or sent by facsimile transmission (provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has been received); provided that if such delivery or electronic communication is made on a day which is a not a business day or later than 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on a day which is a business day, then such delivery or electronic communication shall be deemed to have been made on the next following day that is a business day.
- (8) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement in this Article 14.2.

#### 15. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

## 15.1 Appointment of Alternate Director

Any director (an "appointor") may by notice in writing received by the Company appoint any person (an "appointee") who is qualified to act as a director to be his or her alternate to act in his or her place at meetings of the directors or committees of the directors at which the appointor is not present unless (in the case of an appointee who is not a director) the directors have reasonably disapproved the appointment of such person as an alternate director and have given notice to that effect to his or her appointor within a reasonable time after the notice of appointment is received by the Company.

### 15.2 Notice of Meetings

Every alternate director so appointed is entitled to notice of meetings of the directors and of committees of the directors of which his or her appointor is a member and to attend and vote as a director at any such meetings at which his or her appointor is not present.

### 15.3 Alternate for More Than One Director Attending Meetings

A person may be appointed as an alternate director by more than one director, and an alternate director:

- (1) will be counted in determining the quorum for a meeting of directors once for each of his or her appointors and, in the case of an appointee who is also a director, once more in that capacity;
- has a separate vote at a meeting of directors for each of his or her appointors and, in the case of an appointee who is also a director, an additional vote in that capacity;
- (3) will be counted in determining the quorum for a meeting of a committee of directors once for each of his or her appointors who is a member of that committee and, in the case of an appointee who is also a member of that committee as a director, once more in that capacity;
- (4) has a separate vote at a meeting of a committee of directors for each of his or her appointors who is a member of that committee and, in the case of an appointee who is also a member of that committee as a director, an additional vote in that capacity.

### 15.4 Consent Resolutions

Every alternate director, if authorized by the notice appointing him or her, may sign in place of his or her appointor any resolutions to be consented to in writing.

#### 15.5 Alternate Director Not an Agent

Every alternate director is deemed not to be the agent of his or her appointor.

# 15.6 Revocation of Appointment of Alternate Director

An appointor may at any time, by notice in writing received by the Company, revoke the appointment of an alternate director appointed by him or her.

## 15.7 Ceasing to be an Alternate Director

The appointment of an alternate director ceases when:

- (1) his or her appointor ceases to be a director and is not promptly re-elected or re-appointed;
- (2) the alternate director dies;
- (3) the alternate director resigns as an alternate director by notice in writing provided to the Company or a lawyer for the Company;
- (4) the alternate director ceases to be qualified to act as a director; or
- (5) his or her appointor revokes the appointment of the alternate director.

# 15.8 Remuneration and Expenses of Alternate Director

The Company may reimburse an alternate director for the reasonable expenses that would be properly reimbursed if he or she were a director, and the alternate director is entitled to receive from the Company such proportion, if any, of the remuneration otherwise payable to the appointor as the appointor may from time to time direct.

#### 16. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

### 16.1 Powers of Management

The directors must, subject to the *Business Corporations Act* and these Articles, manage or supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Company and have the authority to exercise all such powers of the Company as are not, by the *Business Corporations Act* or by these Articles, required to be exercised by the shareholders of the Company.

## 16.2 Appointment of Attorney of Company

The directors may from time to time, by power of attorney or other instrument, under seal if so required by law, appoint any person to be the attorney of the Company for such purposes, and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the directors under these Articles and excepting the power to fill vacancies in the board of directors, to remove a director, to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in, any committee of the directors, to appoint or remove officers appointed by the directors and to declare dividends) and for such period, and with such

remuneration and subject to such conditions as the directors may think fit. Any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection or convenience of persons dealing with such attorney as the directors think fit. Any such attorney may be authorized by the directors to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in him or her.

#### 17. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST OF DIRECTORS

### 17.1 Obligation to Account for Profits

A director or senior officer who holds a disclosable interest (as that term is used in the *Business Corporations Act*) in a contract or transaction into which the Company has entered or proposes to enter is liable to account to the Company for any profit that accrues to the director or senior officer under or as a result of the contract or transaction only if and to the extent provided in the *Business Corporations Act*.

## 17.2 Restrictions on Voting by Reason of Interest

A director who holds a disclosable interest in a contract or transaction into which the Company has entered or proposes to enter is not entitled to vote on any directors' resolution to approve that contract or transaction, unless all the directors have a disclosable interest in that contract or transaction, in which case any or all of those directors may vote on such resolution.

## 17.3 Interested Director Counted in Quorum

A director who holds a disclosable interest in a contract or transaction into which the Company has entered or proposes to enter and who is present at the meeting of directors at which the contract or transaction is considered for approval may be counted in the quorum at the meeting whether or not the director votes on any or all of the resolutions considered at the meeting.

### 17.4 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest or Property

A director or senior officer who holds any office or possesses any property, right or interest that could result, directly or indirectly, in the creation of a duty or interest that materially conflicts with that individual's duty or interest as a director or senior officer, must disclose the nature and extent of the conflict as required by the *Business Corporations Act*.

## 17.5 Director Holding Other Office in the Company

A director may hold any office or place of profit with the Company, other than the office of auditor of the Company, in addition to his or her office of director for the period and on the terms (as to remuneration or otherwise) that the directors may determine.

# 17.6 No Disqualification

No director or intended director is disqualified by his or her office from contracting with the Company either with regard to the holding of any office or place of profit the director holds with the Company or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, and no contract or transaction entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which a director is in any way interested is liable to be voided for that reason.

## 17.7 Professional Services by Director or Officer

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, a director or officer, or any person in which a director or officer has an interest, may act in a professional capacity for the Company, except as auditor of the Company,

and the director or officer or such person is entitled to remuneration for professional services as if that director or officer were not a director or officer.

# 17.8 Director or Officer in Other Corporations

A director or officer may be or become a director, officer or employee of, or otherwise interested in, any person in which the Company may be interested as a shareholder or otherwise, and, subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the director or officer is not accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefits received by him or her as director, officer or employee of, or from his or her interest in, such other person.

### 18. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

## **18.1** Meetings of Directors

The directors may meet together for the conduct of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and meetings of the directors held at regular intervals may be held at the place, at the time and on the notice, if any, as the directors may from time to time determine.

## 18.2 Voting at Meetings

Questions arising at any meeting of directors are to be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting does not have a second or casting vote.

## 18.3 Chair of Meetings

The following individual is entitled to preside as chair at a meeting of directors:

- (1) the chair of the board, if any;
- (2) in the absence of the chair of the board, the president, if any, if the president is a director; or
- (3) any other director chosen by the directors if:
  - (a) neither the chair of the board nor the president, if a director, is present at the meeting within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting;
  - (b) neither the chair of the board nor the president, if a director, is willing to chair the meeting; or
  - (c) the chair of the board and the president, if a director, have advised the corporate secretary, if any, or any other director, that they will not be present at the meeting.

## 18.4 Meetings by Telephone or Other Communications Medium

A director may participate in a meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors in person or by telephone if all directors participating in the meeting, whether in person or by telephone or other communications medium, are able to communicate with each other. A director may participate in a meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors by a communications medium other than telephone if all directors participating in the meeting, whether in person or by telephone or other communications medium, are able to communicate with each other and if all directors who wish to participate in the meeting agree to such participation. A director who participates in a meeting in a

manner contemplated by this Article 18.4 is deemed for all purposes of the *Business Corporations Act* and these Articles to be present at the meeting and to have agreed to participate in that manner.

# 18.5 Calling of Meetings

A director may, and the corporate secretary or an assistant corporate secretary of the Company, if any, on the request of a director must, call a meeting of the directors at any time.

## **18.6** Notice of Meetings

Other than for meetings held at regular intervals as determined by the directors pursuant to Article 18.1, reasonable notice of each meeting of the directors, specifying the place, day and time of that meeting must be given to each of the directors and the alternate directors by any method set out in Article 24.1 or orally or by telephone.

#### 18.7 When Notice Not Required

It is not necessary to give notice of a meeting of the directors to a director or an alternate director if:

- (1) the meeting is to be held immediately following a meeting of shareholders at which that director was elected or appointed, or is the meeting of the directors at which that director is appointed; or
- (2) the director or alternate director, as the case may be, has waived notice of the meeting.

## **18.8** Meeting Valid Despite Failure to Give Notice

The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting of directors to, or the non-receipt of any notice by, any director or alternate director, does not invalidate any proceedings at that meeting.

## 18.9 Waiver of Notice of Meetings

Any director or alternate director may send to the Company a document signed by him or her waiving notice of any past, present or future meeting or meetings of the directors and may at any time withdraw that waiver with respect to meetings held after that withdrawal. After sending a waiver with respect to all future meetings and until that waiver is withdrawn, no notice of any meeting of the directors need be given to that director and, unless the director otherwise requires by notice in writing to the Company, to his or her alternate director, and all meetings of the directors so held are deemed not to be improperly called or constituted by reason of notice not having been given to such director or alternate director.

#### 18.10 **Quorum**

The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors may be set by the directors and, if not so set, is deemed to be set at a majority of directors then in office or, if the number of directors is set at one, is deemed to be set at one director, and that director may constitute a meeting.

## 18.11 Validity of Acts Where Appointment Defective

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, an act of a director or officer is not invalid merely because of an irregularity in the election or appointment or a defect in the qualification of that director or officer.

### **18.12** Consent Resolutions in Writing

A resolution of the directors or of any committee of the directors consented to in writing by all of the directors entitled to vote on it, whether by signed document, fax, email or any other method of transmitting legibly recorded messages, is as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors or of the committee of the directors duly called and held. Such resolution may be in two or more counterparts which together are deemed to constitute one resolution in writing. A resolution passed in that manner is effective on the date stated in the resolution or on the latest date stated on any counterpart. A resolution of the directors or of any committee of the directors passed in accordance with this Article 18.12 is deemed to be a proceeding at a meeting of directors or of the committee of the directors and to be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors or of the committee of the directors that satisfies all the requirements of the Business Corporations Act and all the requirements of these Articles relating to meetings of the directors or of a committee of the directors.

#### 19. EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES

# 19.1 Appointment and Powers of Executive Committee

The directors may, by resolution, appoint an executive committee consisting of the director or directors that they consider appropriate, and this committee has, during the intervals between meetings of the board of directors, all of the directors' powers, except:

- (1) the power to fill vacancies in the board of directors;
- (2) the power to remove a director;
- (3) the power to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in, any committee of the directors; and
- (4) such other powers, if any, as may be set out in the resolution or any subsequent directors' resolution.

### 19.2 Appointment and Powers of Other Committees

The directors may, by resolution:

- (1) appoint one or more committees (other than the executive committee) consisting of the director or directors that they consider appropriate;
- (2) delegate to a committee appointed under paragraph (1) any of the directors' powers, except:
  - (a) the power to fill vacancies in the board of directors;
  - (b) the power to remove a director;
  - (c) the power to change the membership of, or fill vacancies in, any committee of the directors; and
  - (d) the power to appoint or remove officers appointed by the directors; and
- (3) make any delegation referred to in paragraph (2) subject to the conditions set out in the resolution or any subsequent directors' resolution.

# 19.3 Obligations of Committees

Any committee appointed under Articles 19.1 or 19.2, in the exercise of the powers delegated to it, must:

- (1) conform to any rules that may from time to time be imposed on it by the directors; and
- (2) report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers at such times as the directors may require.

#### 19.4 Powers of Board

The directors may, at any time, with respect to a committee appointed under Articles 19.1 or 19.2:

- (1) revoke or alter the authority given to the committee, or override a decision made by the committee, except as to acts done before such revocation, alteration or overriding;
- (2) terminate the appointment of, or change the membership of, the committee; and
- (3) fill vacancies in the committee.

### 19.5 Committee Meetings

Subject to Article 19.3(1) and unless the directors otherwise provide in the resolution appointing the committee or in any subsequent resolution, with respect to a committee appointed under Articles 19.1 or 19.2:

- (1) the committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper;
- (2) the committee may elect a chair of its meetings but, if no chair of a meeting is elected, or if at a meeting the chair of the meeting is not present within 15 minutes after the time set for holding the meeting, the directors present who are members of the committee may choose one of their number to chair the meeting;
- (3) a majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum of the committee; and
- (4) questions arising at any meeting of the committee are determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and in case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting does not have a second or casting vote.

## 20. OFFICERS

## **20.1** Directors May Appoint Officers

The directors may, from time to time, appoint such officers, if any, as the directors determine and the directors may, at any time, terminate any such appointment.

## **20.2** Functions, Duties and Powers of Officers

The directors may, for each officer:

(1) determine the functions and duties of the officer;

- (2) entrust to and confer on the officer any of the powers exercisable by the directors on such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as the directors think fit; and
- (3) revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of the functions, duties and powers of the officer.

#### 20.3 Qualifications

No officer may be appointed unless that officer is qualified in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act*. One person may hold more than one position as an officer of the Company. Any person appointed as the chair of the board or as the managing director must be a director. Any other officer need not be a director.

# 20.4 Remuneration and Terms of Appointment

All appointments of officers are to be made on the terms and conditions and at the remuneration (whether by way of salary, fee, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) that the directors thinks fit and are subject to termination at the pleasure of the directors, and an officer may in addition to such remuneration be entitled to receive, after he or she ceases to hold such office or leaves the employment of the Company, a pension or gratuity.

#### 21. INDEMNIFICATION

#### 21.1 Definitions

In this Article 21:

- (1) "eligible penalty" means a judgment, penalty or fine awarded or imposed in, or an amount paid in settlement of, an eligible proceeding;
- (2) "eligible proceeding" means a legal proceeding or investigative action, whether current, threatened, pending or completed, in which a director, former director or alternate director of the Company (an "eligible party") or any of the heirs and legal personal representatives of the eligible party, by reason of the eligible party being or having been a director or alternate director of the Company:
  - (a) is or may be joined as a party; or
  - (b) is or may be liable for or in respect of a judgment, penalty or fine in, or expenses related to, the proceeding;
- (3) "expenses" has the meaning set out in the *Business Corporations Act*.

# 21.2 Mandatory Indemnification of Directors and Former Directors

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the Company must indemnify a director, former director or alternate director of the Company and his or her heirs and legal personal representatives against all eligible penalties to which such person is or may be liable, and the Company must, after the final disposition of an eligible proceeding, pay the expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in respect of that proceeding. Each director and alternate director is deemed to have contracted with the Company on the terms of the indemnity contained in this Article 21.2.

### 21.3 Indemnification of Other Persons

Subject to any restrictions in the Business Corporations Act, the Company may indemnify any person.

## 21.4 Non-Compliance with Business Corporations Act

The failure of a director, alternate director or officer of the Company to comply with the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles does not invalidate any indemnity to which he or she is entitled under this Part.

### 21.5 Company May Purchase Insurance

The Company may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any person (or his or her heirs or legal personal representatives) who:

- (1) is or was a director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent of the Company;
- is or was a director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation at a time when the corporation is or was an affiliate of the Company;
- at the request of the Company, is or was a director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation or of a partnership, trust, joint venture or other unincorporated entity;
- at the request of the Company, holds or held a position equivalent to that of a director, alternate director or officer of a partnership, trust, joint venture or other unincorporated entity;

against any liability incurred by him or her as such director, alternate director, officer, employee or agent or person who holds or held such equivalent position.

#### 22. DIVIDENDS

# 22.1 Payment of Dividends Subject to Special Rights

The provisions of this Article 22 are subject to the rights, if any, of shareholders holding shares with special rights as to dividends.

#### 22.2 Declaration of Dividends

Subject to the *Business Corporations Act*, the directors may from time to time declare and authorize payment of such dividends as they may deem advisable.

## 22.3 No Notice Required

The directors need not give notice to any shareholder of any declaration under Article 22.2.

## 22.4 Record Date

The directors may set a date as the record date for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to receive payment of a dividend. The record date must not precede the date on which the dividend is to be paid by more than two months. If no record date is set, the record date is 5 p.m. on the date on which the directors pass the resolution declaring the dividend.

## 22.5 Manner of Paying Dividend

A resolution declaring a dividend may direct payment of the dividend wholly or partly by the distribution of specific assets or of fully paid shares or of bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company, or in any one or more of those ways.

#### 22.6 Settlement of Difficulties

If any difficulty arises in regard to a distribution under Article 22.5, the directors may settle the difficulty as they deem advisable, and, in particular, may:

- (1) set the value for distribution of specific assets;
- (2) determine that cash payments in substitution for all or any part of the specific assets to which any shareholders are entitled may be made to any shareholders on the basis of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties; and
- (3) vest any such specific assets in trustees for the persons entitled to the dividend.

#### 22.7 When Dividend Payable

Any dividend may be made payable on such date as is fixed by the directors.

#### 22.8 Dividends to be Paid in Accordance with Number of Shares

All dividends on shares of any class or series of shares must be declared and paid according to the number of such shares held.

## 22.9 Receipt by Joint Shareholders

If several persons are joint shareholders of any share, any one of them may give an effective receipt for any dividend, bonus or other money payable in respect of the share.

#### 22.10 Dividend Bears No Interest

No dividend bears interest against the Company.

#### 22.11 Fractional Dividends

If a dividend to which a shareholder is entitled includes a fraction of the smallest monetary unit of the currency of the dividend, that fraction may be disregarded in making payment of the dividend and that payment represents full payment of the dividend.

# 22.12 Payment of Dividends

Any dividend or other distribution payable in cash in respect of shares may be paid by cheque, made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent, and mailed to the address of the shareholder, or in the case of joint shareholders, to the address of the joint shareholder who is first named on the central securities register, or to the person and to the address the shareholder or joint shareholders may direct in writing. The mailing of such cheque will, to the extent of the sum represented by the cheque (plus the amount of the tax required by law to be deducted), discharge all liability for the dividend unless such cheque is not paid on presentation or the amount of tax so deducted is not paid to the appropriate taxing authority.

## 22.13 Capitalization of Surplus

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, the directors may from time to time capitalize any surplus of the Company and may from time to time issue, as fully paid, shares or any bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company as a dividend representing the surplus or any part of the surplus.

## 23. DOCUMENTS, RECORDS AND REPORTS

### 23.1 Recording of Financial Affairs

The directors must cause adequate accounting records to be kept to record properly the financial affairs and condition of the Company and to comply with the *Business Corporations Act*.

## 23.2 Inspection of Accounting Records

Unless the directors determine otherwise, or unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, no shareholder of the Company is entitled to inspect or obtain a copy of any accounting records of the Company.

#### 24. NOTICES

# 24.1 Method of Giving Notice

Unless the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles provides otherwise, a notice, statement, report or other record required or permitted by the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles to be sent by or to a person may be sent by any one of the following methods:

- (1) mail addressed to the person at the applicable address for that person as follows:
  - (a) for a record mailed to a shareholder, the shareholder's registered address;
  - (b) for a record mailed to a director or officer, the prescribed address for mailing shown for the director or officer in the records kept by the Company or the mailing address provided by the recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
  - (c) in any other case, the mailing address of the intended recipient;
- (2) delivery at the applicable address for that person as follows, addressed to the person:
  - (a) for a record delivered to a shareholder, the shareholder's registered address;
  - (b) for a record delivered to a director or officer, the prescribed address for delivery shown for the director or officer in the records kept by the Company or the delivery address provided by the recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
  - (c) in any other case, the delivery address of the intended recipient;
- (3) sending the record by fax to the fax number provided by the intended recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;
- (4) sending the record by email to the email address provided by the intended recipient for the sending of that record or records of that class;

(5) physical delivery to the intended recipient.

### 24.2 Deemed Receipt of Mailing

A record that is mailed to a person by ordinary mail to the applicable address for that person referred to in Article 24.1 is deemed to be received by the person to whom it was mailed on the day, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted, following the date of mailing.

# 24.3 Certificate of Sending

A certificate signed by the corporate secretary, if any, or other officer of the Company or of any other corporation acting in that behalf for the Company stating that a notice, statement, report or other record was addressed as required by Article 24.1, prepaid and mailed or otherwise sent as permitted by Article 24.1 is conclusive evidence of that fact.

### 24.4 Notice to Joint Shareholders

A notice, statement, report or other record may be provided by the Company to the joint shareholders of a share by providing the notice to the joint shareholder first named in the central securities register in respect of the share.

#### 24.5 Notice to Trustees

A notice, statement, report or other record may be provided by the Company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy or incapacity of a shareholder by:

- (1) mailing the record, addressed to them:
  - (a) by name, by the title of the legal personal representative of the deceased or incapacitated shareholder, by the title of trustee of the bankrupt shareholder or by any similar description; and
  - (b) at the address, if any, supplied to the Company for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled; or
- (2) if an address referred to in paragraph (1)(b) has not been supplied to the Company, by giving the notice in a manner in which it might have been given if the death, bankruptcy or incapacity had not occurred.

#### 25. SEAL

## 25.1 Who May Attest Seal

Except as provided in Articles 25.2 and 25.3, the Company's seal, if any, must not be impressed on any record except when that impression is attested by the signatures of:

- (1) any two directors;
- (2) any officer, together with any director;
- if the Company only has one director, that director; or
- (4) any one or more directors or officers or persons as may be determined by the directors.

# 25.2 Sealing Copies

For the purpose of certifying under seal a certificate of incumbency of the directors or officers of the Company or a true copy of any resolution or other document, despite Article 25.1, the impression of the seal may be attested by the signature of any director or officer.

### 25.3 Mechanical Reproduction of Seal

The directors may authorize the seal to be impressed by third parties on share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company as they may determine appropriate from time to time. To enable the seal to be impressed on any share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company, whether in definitive or interim form, on which facsimiles of any of the signatures of the directors or officers of the Company are, in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* or these Articles, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced, there may be delivered to the person employed to engrave, lithograph or print such definitive or interim share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities one or more unmounted dies reproducing the seal and the chair of the board or any senior officer together with the corporate secretary, treasurer, secretary-treasurer, an assistant corporate secretary, an assistant treasurer or an assistant corporate secretary-treasurer may in writing authorize such person to cause the seal to be impressed on such definitive or interim share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities by the use of such dies. Share certificates or bonds, debentures or other securities to which the seal has been so impressed are for all purposes deemed to be under and to bear the seal impressed on them.