



**AVANTI GOLD CORP.**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

**AND**

**INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

*October 4, 2023*

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

**AVANTI GOLD CORP.**  
Suite 2380 – 1055 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 2E9

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING

### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General and Special Meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of shareholders of Avanti Gold Corp. (the “**Company**”) will be held at Suite 1100- 1100 Melville Street Vancouver, British Columbia, on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) for the following purposes:

1. to receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended April 30, 2024, and the accompanying report of the auditors;
2. to set the number of directors of the Company at five (5);
3. to elect the Board of Directors of the Corporation for the ensuing year;
4. to appoint WDM Chartered Professional Accountants as the auditors of the Company for the financial year ending April 30, 2025 and to authorize the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditors for the financial year ending April 30, 2024;
5. to consider, and if thought fit with or without variation, approve the ordinary resolution of disinterested shareholders to ratify, confirm and approve the continuation of the Company’s Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as described in the accompanying information circular (the “**Information Circular**”); and
6. to transact such further or other business as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Accompanying this Notice of Meeting is a management information circular (the “**Circular**”), which provides additional information relating to the business to be conducted at the Meeting, a form of proxy (the “**Proxy**”) or voting instruction form (the “**VIF**”), and a form whereby Shareholders may request that the Company’s annual and/or interim financial statements and corresponding management’s discussion and analysis be mailed to them.

The board of directors of the Company has fixed a record date as of the close of business on October 1, 2024 for purpose of determining the Shareholders of record that will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

### **Notice and Access**

The Company is not using the notice-and-access procedures (“**Notice and Access**”) under the Canadian Securities Administrators’ National Instrument 54-101 – Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer for the delivery of the Circular for the Meeting to its Shareholders.

Proxies are being solicited by management of the Company. Registered Shareholders who are unable to be present in person at the Meeting are requested to date, complete and sign the enclosed Proxy and return it in the addressed envelope provided for that purpose (or use the communication means provided in the Proxy). To be valid, the completed Proxy must be deposited with the Company’s transfer agent, Endeavor Trust Corporation (the “**Transfer Agent**”) at the following address: Endeavor Trust Corporation , Proxy Department, 702-777 Hornby Street, Vancouver BC V6Z1S4 not less than forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. If you are a non-registered Shareholder and receive a VIF from the Transfer Agent, please complete and return the VIF in accordance with the instructions provided by the Transfer

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Agent. If you do not complete and return the VIF in accordance with such instructions, you may lose your right to vote at the Meeting.

If you are a non-registered Shareholder 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 such other intermediary. If you do not complete and return the materials in accordance with such instructions, you may lose your right to vote at the Meeting.

**DATED** at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 4th day of October 2024

By Order of the Board of Directors of

**AVANTI GOLD CORP.**

*"Samuel Jonah"*

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Director and Chairman of the Board

**The enclosed materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered Shareholders. If you are a non-registered Shareholder and the Company or its agents have sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of Common Shares, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding your Common Shares on your behalf.**

## AVANTI GOLD CORP.

### INFORMATION CIRCULAR information as at October 4, 2024 except as otherwise indicated)

#### INTRODUCTION

This information circular (the “**Information Circular**”) accompanies the notice of Annual General and Special meeting of shareholders (the “**Notice**”) of Avanti Gold Corp. (the “**Company**”) and is furnished to shareholders (each, a “**Shareholder**”) holding common shares (each, a “**Share**”) of the Company in connection with the solicitation by the management of the Company of proxies to be voted at the Annual General and Special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the Shareholders to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 2024 at Suite 1100 – 1111 Melville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

#### **Date and Currency**

The date of this Information Circular is October 4, 2024. Unless otherwise stated, all amounts herein are in Canadian dollars.

#### 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 to any of 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 this proxy material to their customers who are NOBOs (as defined below), 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 Information 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 Information 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 Information Circular. This Information 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.

##### **Appointment of Proxy**

Registered Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Meeting. A Shareholder is entitled to one vote for each Share that such Shareholder holds on the record date of October 1, 2024 on the resolutions to be voted upon at the Meeting, and any other matter to come before 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) OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED PERSONS NAMED IN THE ENCLOSED FORM OF PROXY TO ATTEND AND ACT FOR OR ON BEHALF OF THAT SHAREHOLDER AT THE MEETING.**

**A SHAREHOLDER MAY EXERCISE THIS RIGHT BY INSERTING THE NAME OF SUCH OTHER PERSON IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED ON THE FORM OF PROXY. SUCH SHAREHOLDER SHOULD**

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**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.**

The Shareholder may vote by mail, by telephone or via the Internet by following instructions provided in the form of proxy at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays recognized in the Province of British Columbia) prior to the scheduled time of the Meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof. The Chairman of the Meeting, in their sole discretion, may accept completed forms of proxy on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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 corporation, dated and executed by a duly authorized officer or attorney-in-fact for the corporation. 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 Proxies**

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 the Company 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, (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: (i) attendance at the Meeting and participation in a poll (ballot) by a Shareholder, or (ii) 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 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 on the proxy. **The 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 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 SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY IN FAVOUR OF EACH MATTER IDENTIFIED IN THE PROXY.**

The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting, including any amendments or variations to any matters identified in the Notice. At the date of this Information 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 Shares of a Shareholder on any matter, the 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.

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## 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. Shareholders who do not hold their Shares in their own name (referred to in this Information Circular as “Beneficial Shareholders”) should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If Shares are listed in an account statement provided by a broker, then in almost all cases those Shares will not be registered in the Beneficial Shareholder’s name on the records of the Company. Such Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the Beneficial Shareholder’s broker or an agent of that broker. In the United States, the vast majority of such Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depository 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 Shares are communicated to the appropriate person well in advance of the Meeting.****

The Company does not have access to the names of all 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 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 the Company. 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 Shares to be voted at the Meeting. If Beneficial Shareholders receive the voting instruction forms from Broadridge, they are requested to complete and return the voting instruction forms 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 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 Shares directly at the Meeting – the voting instruction form must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the applicable Shares voted at the Meeting.**

Although a Beneficial Shareholder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Shares registered in the name of his, her or its broker (or agent of the broker), a Beneficial Shareholder may attend at the Meeting as proxyholder for the registered Shareholder and vote the Shares in that capacity. Beneficial Shareholders who wish to attend at the Meeting and indirectly vote their 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 same to their broker (or the broker’s agent) in accordance with the instructions provided by such broker (or agent), well in advance of the Meeting.

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

Beneficial Shareholders consist of non-objecting beneficial owners (each, a “**NOBO**”) and objecting beneficial owners (each, an “**OBO**”). A NOBO is a beneficial owner of securities that has provided instructions to an intermediary holding the securities in an account on behalf of the beneficial owner that the beneficial owner does not object, for that account, to the intermediary disclosing ownership information about the beneficial owner under National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* (“**NI 54-101**”) of the Canadian Securities Administrators. An OBO means a beneficial owner of securities that has provided instructions to an intermediary holding the securities in an account on behalf of the beneficial owner

that the beneficial owner objects, for that account, to the intermediary disclosing ownership information about the beneficial owner under NI 54-101.

The materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the Shares. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder and the Company or its agent has sent the materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of the Company's securities have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding on your behalf. The Company is sending proxy-related materials directly to non-objecting beneficial owners of the Shares. By choosing to send the materials to you directly, the Company (and not the intermediary holding on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering the materials to you; and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the proxy.

The Company is sending proxy-related materials directly to NOBOs of the Shares. The Company will not pay for the delivery of proxy-related materials to OBOs of the Shares under NI 54-101 and Form 54-101F7 - *Request for Voting Instructions Made by Intermediary*. The OBOs of the Shares will not receive the materials unless their intermediary assumes the costs of delivery.

All references to Shareholders in this Information Circular are to registered Shareholders, unless specifically stated otherwise.

## VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Shares without par value. As of the record date, determined by the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") to be the close of business on October 1, 2024 a total of **80,028,311** Shares were issued and outstanding. Each Share carries the right to one vote at the Meeting.

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

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

## PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE MEETING

### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended April 30, 2024, together with the auditor's report thereon, will be presented to the Shareholders at the Meeting. The Company's financial statements and management discussion and analysis are available on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

### 2. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to set the number of directors of the Company at Five (5). An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

**Management recommends the approval of setting the number of directors of the Company at Five (5).**

### 3. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At present, the directors of the Company are elected at each annual general meeting and hold office until the next annual general 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.

Management of the Company proposes to nominate all of the current directors of the Company, as set out in the table below, for election by the Shareholders as directors of the Company. Information concerning such persons, as furnished by the individual nominees, is as follows:

Name, Place of Residence and Position(s) with the Company	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment for Last Five Years <sup>(1)</sup>	Director Since	Number of Securities Owned <sup>(1)</sup>
<p>Sir Samuel Jonah <sup>(3)(4)</sup> Accra, Ghana <i>Chairman of the Board, Director</i></p>	<p>Sir Samuel Jonah, an expert in the global mining sector, particularly in Africa, has extensive listed company experience, having served on the Boards of various public and private companies, including Ashanti Goldfields, Anglo Ashanti, Moto Gold Mines, Vodafone Group plc, the Global Advisory Council of the Bank of America Corporation and Standard Bank Group, Roscan Gold and a Non-Executive Director of Grit Real Estate Income Group Limited. He is currently the Chairman of Helios Towers, a leading independent telecoms infrastructure company focused on Africa and the Middle East.</p> <p>Sir Jonah became the first Ghanaian to be knighted in the 21st century when he was presented with an honorary knighthood in recognition of his achievements as an African businessman, a leading business executive from the Commonwealth, and an international public figure. He was elected in 2018 as a foreign member of the United States National Academy of Engineering in recognition of his distinguished leadership and technical contributions to engineering and for advancing the mineral industry in Africa.</p>	<p>May 3, 2024</p>	<p>Nil Shares 1,500,000 RSU's <sup>(5)</sup></p>
<p>Colin Porter<sup>(2)(4)</sup> County Down, Northern Ireland <i>Director</i></p>	<p>Dr. Colin Porter is a geologist with over 25 years' experience in exploration, project management and applied structural geology across Africa. Dr. Porter's expertise spans a wide range of gold mineralization systems including Archaean, Proterozoic and Pan-African orogenic deposits and districts of Africa. Previous roles include Structural Geologist for AngloGold Ashanti, Africa Region with extensive experience in the Birimian craton of West Africa, which included planning and implementation of deposit scale and brownfields exploration at several of Africa's largest mines including (Obuasi, Geita, Sadiola, Morila, Siguiiri). Dr. Porter is also well experienced in target generation, design and implementation of exploration programmes at numerous African gold projects including Banfora, (Burkina Fas, Salman/Anwia (Ghana) and Konongo, Ghana. Dr. Porter was the head of exploration and managed all exploration activities at the Zani-Kodo gold project in NE DR Congo, from instigation to definition of a 3Moz resource.</p> <p>Dr. Porter holds a BSc (Hons) in geology from Queen's University Belfast, a PhD in geology from University of Southampton and is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.</p>	<p>September 27, 2023</p>	<p>Nil 500,000 Options <sup>(6)</sup></p>



Name, Place of Residence and Position(s) with the Company	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment for Last Five Years <sup>(1)</sup>	Director Since	Number of Securities Owned <sup>(4)</sup>
<p>Mata Botima<sup>(2)(3)</sup> Sandton, South Africa</p> <p><i>Director</i></p>	<p>Mr. Mata Botima is BHP Billiton’s former Country President (DRC), Mr. Botima is a high energy, self-motivated, seasoned, well-travelled and globally exposed Executive, Director and Business Strategist. A trained Metallurgical Engineer, he has more than 25 years’ experience in the natural resources industries, with a specific focus in developed and emerging markets across Sub-Saharan Africa.</p> <p>Mr. Botima has held senior positions at Bateman Engineering, Mogale Alloys and Mintek, spanning from Business Development Executive, Production Manager and Senior R&amp;D Engineer. He possesses valuable experience in metal and Ferro-alloys processing and production, (ranging from ferro-nickel, ferro-chrome, ferro-manganese, silicomanganese, aluminium, Magnesium), as well as in the various beneficiation processes for precious metals and base metals.</p> <p>Specializing in project identification, evaluation, strategy development and implementation as well as plant operation management, his previous positions include being an Executive Director of Blackstone Resources responsible for the natural resource’s strategy development, and he also led SAF Energy, an electricity generation and transmission entity purposed with supplying electricity to Cabinda in Angola. He was also a Chief Strategist at Syntech, an innovative technology company where he was responsible for the company's growth strategy. He is currently an independent Consultant to Compagnie Minière de Tondo where he is driving the development of a Tier One copper cobalt deposit.</p>	<p>April 4, 2023</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>250,000 Options <sup>(7)</sup></p>
<p>Jonathan Hill<sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup> Santa Catarina, Brasil</p> <p><i>Director</i></p>	<p>Mr. Hill is the Founder and Principal Advisor at Exploration Outcomes Ltd, a Brasil based Exploration Advisory Enterprise which he founded in 2017.</p> <p>Jonathan holds a BSc (Hons) Economic Geology from University of Cape Town, South Africa and a BAppSc. Applied Geology from the Queensland University of Technology, Australia and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. During a career spanning more than 35 years, Jonathan has held senior roles in exploration, project development and mining operations and has been directly involved in the discovery of several world-class gold and copper projects within both greenfield and brownfield arenas. Immediately prior to 2017, Jonathan held Greenfields Exploration Management roles at AngloGold Ashanti in Brasil 2008-2015 and Colombia 2016.</p>	<p>March 28, 2023</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>250,000 Options <sup>(8)</sup></p>

Name, Place of Residence and Position(s) with the Company	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment for Last Five Years <sup>(1)</sup>	Director Since	Number of Securities Owned <sup>(4)</sup>
Ian Maclean  Vancouver BC Canada  <i>Chief Executive Officer- Director TBD</i>	Mr. MacLean is the Company's Chief Executive Officer.  He has over 25 years of experience in the mining industry, where he has played key roles in the formation and success of several mining ventures, demonstrating an aptitude for driving transformative growth and cultivating sustainable shareholder value. Most recently, Mr. MacLean was a co-founder and Vice President of Investor Relations at B2Gold Corp. He spent 15 years on the executive team that built B2Gold from a private exploration company in 2007 into a world-class international senior gold producer.	TBD	830,000 Common shares  1%  4,000,000 RSU's <sup>(9)</sup>

- (1) Information has been furnished by the respective nominees individually.
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (3) Member of the Compensation Committee
- (4) Member of the Governance and Nomination Committee
- (5) This number does not include an aggregate of 1,500,000 RSU's held Directly and issued September 26, 2024.
- (6) This number does not include an aggregate of 500,000 options held directly, each of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$0.51 per Share until March 20, 2026.
- (7) This number does not include an aggregate of 250,000 options held directly, each of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$0.51 per Share until March 20, 2026.
- (8) This number does not include an aggregate of 250,000 options held directly, each of which is exercisable into one Share at a price of \$0.51 per Share until March 20, 2026.
- (9) This number does not include an aggregate of 4,000,000 RSU's held Directly and issued September 26, 2024.

It is the responsibility of the Insiders (as defined herein, including the directors and officers of the Company) to file in a timely fashion all of their transactions on [www.sedi.ca](http://www.sedi.ca), which the Company has relied on for the information contained in the Information Circular.

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 Shares represented by proxies for the election of any other persons as directors.

**Management recommends the election of each of the nominees listed above as a director of the Company.**

*Orders*

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company is, or within the ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company that:

- (a) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief

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executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

#### *Bankruptcies*

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company is, or within ten (10) years before the date of this Information 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.

#### *Penalties and Sanctions*

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director of the Company has been subject to: (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or (b) 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.

#### **4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to appoint WDM Chartered Professional Accountants, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditors of the Company for the financial year ending April 30, 2025, and to authorize the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration to be to be paid to the auditors for the financial year ending April 30, 2025. An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting. WDM Chartered Professional Accountants, Chartered Professional Accountants, were appointed as the auditors of the Company on July 9, 2019.

**Management recommends that Shareholders vote for the appointment of WDM Chartered Professional Accountants as the Company's auditors for the Company's financial year ending April 30, 2025 and the authorization of the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditors for the financial year ending April 30, 2025.**

#### **5. APPROVAL OF OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to reapprove, ratify, and confirm the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "2022 Omnibus Plan") which was adopted and approved by shareholders on December 23, 2022, . An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders, present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting, other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by related persons to whom securities may be issued as compensation or under the Plan.

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

The 2022 Omnibus Plan provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of options ("**Options**"), restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), performance share units ("**PSUs**") and deferred share units

("DSUs"). The purpose of the Company's Plan is to, among other things, provide the Company with a share related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those directors, officers, employees and consultants as may be granted awards under the 2022 Omnibus Plan by the Board from time to time for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Company and to enable and encourage such directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Company.

### **Key Terms of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan**

#### *Shares Subject to the 2022 Omnibus Plan*

The 2022 Omnibus Plan is a rolling plan which, subject to the adjustment provisions provided for therein (including a subdivision or consolidation of Shares), provides that the aggregate maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of awards granted under the 2022 Omnibus Plan shall not exceed 20% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time. The 2022 Omnibus Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since the Shares covered by awards which have been exercised, settled or terminated shall be available for subsequent grants under the 2022 Omnibus Plan and the number of awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.

#### *Administration of the 2022 Plan*

The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator (as defined in the 2022 Plan) is determined by the Board, and is initially the Board. The 2022 Omnibus Plan may in the future continue to be administered by the Board itself or delegated to a committee of the Board. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator determines which directors, officers, consultants and employees are eligible to receive awards under the 2022 Plan, the time or times at which awards may be granted, the conditions under which awards may be granted or forfeited to the Company, the number of Shares to be covered by any award, the exercise price of any award, whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Shares issuable pursuant to grants of any award, and the nature of any such restrictions or limitations, any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, or waiver of termination regarding any award, based on such factors as the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may determine.

In addition, the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator interprets the 2022 Omnibus Plan and may adopt guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to the 2022 Plan, and make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the 2022 Plan.

#### *Eligibility*

All directors, officers, employees and consultants are eligible to participate in the 2022 Plan. The extent to which any such individual is entitled to receive a grant of an award pursuant to the 2022 Omnibus Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator.

#### *Types of Awards*

Awards of Options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs may be made under the 2022 Plan. All of the awards described below are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, exercise price, vesting, settlement and forfeiture provisions determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, subject to such limitations provided in the 2022 Plan, and will generally be evidenced by an award agreement. In addition, subject to the limitations provided in the 2022 Omnibus Plan and in accordance with applicable law, the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may accelerate or defer the vesting or payment of awards, cancel or modify outstanding awards, and waive any condition imposed with respect to awards or Shares issued pursuant to awards.

#### Options

An Option entitles a holder thereof to purchase a prescribed number of treasury Shares at an exercise price set at the time of the grant. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator will establish the exercise price at the time each Option is granted, which exercise price must in all cases be the greater of the closing market price of the Shares on (i) the trading day prior to the date of grant and (ii) the date of grant, and as otherwise required pursuant to the policies of the any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed (the “**Market Price**”), unless otherwise permitted by applicable securities laws or the policies of a stock exchange on which the Shares are listed. Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in the 2022 Plan, each Option expires on its respective expiry date, provided such expiry date does not exceed 10 years. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator will have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options. Once an Option becomes vested, it shall remain vested and shall be exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option, unless otherwise specified by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator or as otherwise set forth in any written employment agreement, award agreement or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the participant. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Option becomes exercisable. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may provide at the time of granting an Option that the exercise of that Option is subject to restrictions, in addition to those specified in the 2022 Plan, such as vesting conditions relating to the attainment of specified performance goals.

Unless otherwise specified by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular award agreement, an exercise notice must be accompanied by payment of the exercise price. Subject to the policies of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, a participant may, in lieu of exercising an Option pursuant to an exercise notice, elect to surrender such Option to the Company (a “**Cashless Exercise**”) in consideration for an amount from the Company equal to (i) the Market Price of the Shares issuable on the exercise of such Option (or portion thereof) as of the date such Option (or portion thereof) is exercised, less (ii) the aggregate exercise price of the Option (or portion thereof) surrendered relating to such Shares (the “**In-the-Money Amount**”) by written notice to the Company indicating the number of Options such participant wishes to exercise using the Cashless Exercise, and such other information that the Company may require. Subject to the provisions of the 2022 Omnibus Plan and the policies of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, the Company will satisfy payment of the In-the-Money Amount by delivering to the participant such number of Shares having a fair market value equal to the In-the-Money Amount.

#### Restricted Share Units

An RSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company which entitles the holder to receive one Share (or the value thereof) for each RSU after a specified vesting period. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of the 2022 Omnibus Plan and such other terms and conditions as the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant RSUs to any participant in respect of a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable participant in a taxation year (the “**RSU Service Year**”).

The number of RSUs (including fractional RSUs) granted at any particular time under the 2022 Omnibus Plan will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of any bonus or similar payment that is to be paid in RSUs, as determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, by (b) the greater of (i) the Market Price of a Share on the date of grant and (ii) such amount as determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator in its sole discretion. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, to the extent applicable.

Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested RSU for the following at the election of such holder but subject to the approval of the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Share in respect of each vested RSU, (b) a cash payment or (c) a combination of Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Company shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the 2022 Omnibus Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.

### Performance Share Units

A PSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company, which entitles the holder to receive one Share (or the value thereof) for each PSU after specific performance-based vesting criteria determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, have been satisfied. The performance goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any PSUs granted, the effect of termination of a participant's service and the amount of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any PSU will be determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator and by the other terms and conditions of any PSU, all as set forth in the applicable award agreement. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of the 2022 Omnibus Plan and such other terms and conditions as the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant PSUs to any participant in respect of a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable participant in a taxation year (the "**PSU Service Year**").

The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs. Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested PSU for the following at the election of such holder but subject to the approval of the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Share in respect of each vested PSU, (b) a cash payment, or (c) a combination of Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Company to a participant shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the 2022 Omnibus Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

### Deferred Share Units

A DSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company which entitles the holder to receive one Share (or, at the election of the holder and subject to the approval of the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, the cash value thereof) for each DSU on a future date. The Board may fix from time to time a portion of the total compensation (including annual retainer) paid by the Company to a director in a calendar year for service on the Board (the "**Director Fees**") that are to be payable in the form of DSUs. In addition, each director is given, subject to the provisions of the 2022 Plan, the right to elect to receive a portion of the cash Director Fees owing to them in the form of DSUs.

Except as otherwise determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular award agreement, DSUs shall vest immediately upon grant. The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted at any particular time will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of Director Fees that are to be paid in DSUs, as determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, by (b) the Market Price of a Share on the date of grant. Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested DSU for: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury in respect of each vested DSU, or (b) at the election of the holder and subject to the approval of the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, a cash payment on the date of settlement. Any cash payments made under the 2022 Omnibus Plan by the Company to a participant in respect of DSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.

### *Dividend Equivalents*

Except as otherwise determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular award agreement, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs shall be credited with dividend equivalents in the form of additional RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Shares. Dividend equivalents shall vest in proportion to, and settle in the same manner as, the awards to which they relate. Such dividend equivalents shall be computed by dividing: (a) the amount obtained by multiplying the amount of the dividend declared and paid per Share by the number of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, held by the participant on the record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price at the close of the first business day immediately following the dividend record date, with fractions computed to three decimal places.

### *Black-out Periods*

In the event an award expires, at a time when a scheduled blackout is in place or an undisclosed material change or material fact in the affairs of the Company exists, the expiry of such award will be the date that is 10 business days after which such scheduled blackout terminates or there is no longer such undisclosed material change or material fact.

### *Term*

While the does not stipulate a specific term for awards granted thereunder, as discussed below, awards may not expire beyond 10 years from its date of grant, except where shareholder approval is received or where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period of the Company. All awards must vest and settle in accordance with the provisions of the 2022 Omnibus Plan and any applicable award agreement, which award agreement may include an expiry date for a specific award.

### *Termination of Employment or Services*

The following table describes the impact of certain events upon the participants under the 2022 Plan, including termination for cause, resignation, termination without cause, disability, death or retirement, subject, in each case, to the terms of a participant's applicable employment agreement, award agreement or other written agreement:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Provisions</b>
Termination for Cause/Resignation	Any Option or other award held by the participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled as of the Termination Date (as defined in the 2022 Plan) shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date.
Termination without Cause	A portion of any unvested Options or other awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Options may be exercised by the participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the expiry date of such Option; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested award other than an Option, such award will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date.
Disability	Any award held by the participant that has not vested as of the date of such participant's Termination Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the participant at any time until the expiry date of such Option. Any vested award other than an Option will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date.

<p>Death</p>	<p>Any award that is held by the participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such participant shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (a) the expiry date of such Option, and (b) the first anniversary of the date of the death of such participant. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested award other than an Option, such award will be settled with the participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) within 90 days after the date of the participant's death.</p>
<p>Retirement</p>	<p>Any (i) outstanding award that vests or becomes exercisable based solely on the participant remaining in the service of the Company or its subsidiary will become 100% vested, and (ii) outstanding award that vests based on the achievement of Performance Goals (as defined in the 2022 Plan) that has not previously become vested shall continue to be eligible to vest based upon the actual achievement of such Performance Goals. Any vested Option may be exercised by the participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the expiry date of such Option; and (B) the third anniversary of the participant's date of retirement. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested award other than an Option that is described in (i), such award will be settled within 90 days after the participant's retirement. In the case of a vested award other than an Option that is described in (ii), such award will be settled at the same time the award would otherwise have been settled had the participant remained in active service with the Company or its subsidiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, following his or her retirement, the participant commences (the "<b>Commencement Date</b>") employment, consulting or acting as a director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (or in an analogous capacity) or otherwise as a service provider to any person that carries on or proposes to carry on a business competitive with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, any Option or other award held by the participant that has not been exercised or settled as of the Commencement Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Commencement Date.</p>

*Change in Control*

Unless otherwise determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Shares will cease trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange, the Company may terminate all of the awards, other than an Option held by a participant that is a resident of Canada for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada), granted under the 2022 Omnibus Plan at the time of and subject to the completion of the Change in Control transaction by paying to each holder at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction an amount for each Award equal to the fair market value of the Award held by such participant as determined by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator, acting reasonably, provided that any vested awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers (as defined in the Long Term Incentive Plan) will be settled within 90 days of the Change in Control.

Subject to certain exceptions, a "**Change in Control**" includes (a) any transaction pursuant to which a person or group acquires more than 50% of the outstanding Shares, (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, (c) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, (d) the acquisition of the Company via consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise, (e) individuals who comprise the Board at the last annual meeting of shareholders (the "**Incumbent Board**") cease to constitute at least a majority of the Board, unless the election, or nomination for election by the shareholders, of any new director was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Board, in which case such new director shall be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board, or (f) any other event which the Board determines to constitute a change in control of the Company.

*Non-Transferability of Awards*



Except as permitted by the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator and to the extent that certain rights may pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon death of a participant, by will or as required by law, no assignment or transfer of awards, whether voluntary, involuntary, by operation of law or otherwise, vests any interest or right in such awards whatsoever in any assignee or transferee and immediately upon any assignment or transfer, or any attempt to make the same, such awards will terminate and be of no further force or effect. To the extent that certain rights to exercise any portion of an outstanding award pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon the death of a participant, the period in which such award can be exercised by such beneficiary or legal representative shall not exceed one year from the participant's death.

*Amendments to the 2022 Plan*

The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator may also from time to time, without notice and without approval of the holders of voting Shares, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the 2022 Omnibus Plan or any awards granted pursuant thereto as it, in its discretion, determines appropriate, provided that (a) no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the 2022 Omnibus Plan or any award granted pursuant thereto may materially impair any rights of a participant or materially increase any obligations of a participant under the 2022 Omnibus Plan without the consent of such participant, unless the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable securities laws or stock exchange requirements, and (b) any amendment that would cause an award held by a U.S. Taxpayer to be subject to the income inclusion under Section 409A of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be null and void ab initio.

Notwithstanding the above, and subject to the rules of any applicable stock exchange, the approval of Shareholders is required to effect any of the following amendments to the 2022 Omnibus Plan:

1. increasing the number of Shares reserved for issuance under the 2022 Omnibus Plan, except pursuant to the provisions in the 2022 Omnibus Plan which permit the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Company or its capital;
2. reducing the exercise price of an Option award except pursuant to the provisions in the 2022 Omnibus Plan which permit the 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Company or its capital;
3. extending the term of an Option award beyond the original expiry date (except where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period applicable to the participant or within 10 business days following the expiry of such a blackout period);
4. permitting an Option award to be exercisable beyond 10 years from its date of grant (except where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period);
5. changing the eligible participants; and
6. deleting or otherwise limiting the amendments that require approval of the shareholders.

Except for the items listed above, amendments to the 2022 Omnibus Plan will not require shareholder approval. Such amendments include (but are not limited to): (a) amending the general vesting provisions of an award, (b) amending the provisions for early termination of awards in connection with a termination of employment or service, (c) adding covenants of the Company for the protection of the participants, (d) amendments that are desirable as a result of changes in law in any jurisdiction where a participant resides, and (e) curing or correcting any ambiguity or defect or inconsistent provision or clerical omission or mistake or manifest error.

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*Anti-Hedging Policy*

Participants are restricted from purchasing financial instruments such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of awards granted to them.

As of the date of this Information Circular, to the Company's knowledge, null Shares are held by officers and directors of the Company and will not be included for the purpose of determining whether Shareholder approval of the Plan has been obtained.

A copy of the Plan is attached as Schedule B to this Information Circular. A copy of the Plan is also available free of charge at the office of the Company, Suite 2380 – 1055 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 2E9, during normal business hours up to and including the date of the Meeting.

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the following ordinary resolutions (the "Plan Resolution"):

**"RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of Valorem Resources Inc. (the "Company"), other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by related persons (as such term is defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions) to whom securities may be issued as compensation or under the Company's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, that:**

1. The Company's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") described in the Company's information circular dated October 4, 2024 (the "Circular"), including the reservation for issuance under the Plan at any time of a maximum of 20% of the issued common shares of the Company, be and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;
2. The Plan described in the Circular, including the reservation for issuance under the Plan at any time of a maximum of 20% of the issued common shares of the Company be and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;
3. The board of directors of the Company be authorized in its absolute discretion to administer the Plan and amend or modify the Plan in accordance with its terms and conditions and with the policies of the applicable stock exchange; and
4. Any one 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, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions, including, without limitation, making any changes to the Plan required by the applicable stock exchange or applicable securities regulatory authorities and to complete all transactions in connection with the administration of the Plan."

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

**Management of the Company recommends that disinterested Shareholders vote in favour of the Plan Resolution at the Meeting. 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 Plan Resolution.**

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### General

For the purpose of this statement of executive compensation (the "**Statement of Executive Compensation**"):

**"compensation securities"** includes stock options, convertible securities, exchangeable securities and similar instruments including stock appreciation rights, deferred share units and restricted stock units granted or issued

by the Company or one of its subsidiaries (if any) for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly to the Company or any of its subsidiaries (if any);

“NEO” or “named executive officer” means:

- (a) each individual who served as chief executive officer (“CEO”) of the Company, or who performed functions similar to a CEO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year,
- (b) each individual who served as chief financial officer (“CFO”) of the Company, or who performed functions similar to a CFO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year,
- (c) the most highly compensated executive officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (if any) other than individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(5) of Form 51-102F6V, for that financial year, and
- (d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company or its subsidiaries (if any), nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

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

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

#### Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets forth all direct and indirect compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company or any subsidiary thereof to each NEO and each 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 director for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof for each of the two most recently completed financial years, other than stock options and other compensation securities:

Name and Position	Year	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Value of All Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Colin Porter <sup>(2)</sup> <i>Director and Former Chief Executive Officer</i>	2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2024	181,711	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Natalie Davies <sup>(3)</sup> <i>Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary</i>	2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2024	17,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	17,500
Mata Botima <sup>(4)</sup> <i>Director</i>	2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2024	91,344	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Name and Position	Year	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Value of All Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Jonathan Hill <sup>(5)</sup> <i>Director</i>	2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tony Louie <sup>(6)</sup> <i>Former Interim Chief Executive Officer and Director</i>	2023	114,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tammy Gillis <sup>(7)</sup> <i>Former CFO</i>	2023	24,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	24,000
	2024	10,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10,500
Drew Brass <sup>(8)</sup> <i>Former Director</i>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Young Yeun <sup>(9)</sup> <i>Former Director</i>	2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- (1) “Perquisites” include perquisites provided to an NEO or director that are not generally available to all employees and that, in aggregate, are: (a) \$15,000, if the NEO or director’s total salary for the financial year is \$150,000 or less, (b) 10% of the NEO or director’s salary for the financial year if the NEO or director’s total salary for the financial year is greater than \$150,000 but less than \$500,000, or (c) \$50,000 if the NEO or director’s total salary for the financial year is \$500,000 or greater.
- (2) Colin Porter was appointed a director of the Company on September 27, 2023 and CEO of the Company on May 1, 2023. He resigned as the CEO on May 7, 2024.
- (3) Natalie Davies was appointed as CFO and Corporate Secretary on October 30, 2023.
- (4) Mata Botima was appointed a director of the Company on April 4, 2023.
- (5) Jonathan Hill was appointed a director of the Company on March 28, 2023.
- (6) Tony Louie was appointed a director of the Company on August 26, 2019 and Interim CEO of the Company on January 9, 2021. Mr. Louie resigned as Interim CEO of the Company on May 1, 2023 and as a director of the Company on September 27, 2023.
- (7) Tammy Gillis was appointed as CFO of the Company on April 30, 2021. Ms. Gillis resigned as CFO of the Company on September 28, 2023.
- (8) Drew Brass was appointed a director of the Company on April 30, 2021. Mr. Brass resigned as a director of the Company on September 27, 2023.
- (9) Young Yeun was appointed a director of the Company on November 16, 2021. Mr. Yeun resigned as a director of the Company on April 4, 2023.

### External Management Companies

The Company has not engaged the services of an external management company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly.

### Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

The following table sets out all compensation securities granted or issued to each director and NEO by the Company or any subsidiary thereof in the year April 30, 2024 for services provided, or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof:

Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	Number of Underlying Securities /Percentage of Class	Date of Issue or Grant	Issue, Conversion or Exercise Price (\$)	Closing Price of Security or Underlying Security on Date of Grant	Closing Price of Security or Underlying Security at Year End	Expiry Date
Colin Porter <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	500,000 / 500,000 / 5.8%	March 20, 2023	\$0.51	\$0.045	\$0.05	March 20, 2026
Mata Botima <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	250,000 / 250,000 / 2.9%	March 20, 2023	\$0.51	\$0.045	\$0.05	March 20, 2026
Jonathan Hill <i>Director</i>	Stock Options	250,000 / 250,000 / 2.9%	March 20, 2023	\$0.51	\$0.045	\$0.05	March 20, 2026

### Vesting and Conditions of Compensation Securities

The compensation securities are subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in the Stock Option Plan, as outlined below. The compensation securities currently held by Tony Louie, Tammy Gillis and Drew Brass vested on the date of grant. The compensation securities currently held by Colin Porter, Mata Botima and Jonathan Hill vest as to: (i) 25% on the date of grant; (ii) 25% on the date that is 6 months from the date of grant; (iii) 25% on the date that is 12 months from the date of grant; and (iv) 25% on the date that is 18 months from the date of grant.

Unless the Company permits otherwise, the NEO or director of the Company which holds Options (as defined below) shall pay the Company in cash all local, provincial and federal withholding taxes applicable to the grant or exercise of the options, or the transfer or other disposition of Shares acquired upon exercise of the options. The 2022 Omnibus Plan Administrator (as defined in the 2022 Plan) may require that an NEO or director pay to the Company the minimum amount as the Company or a subsidiary of the Company is obliged to withhold or remit to the relevant taxing authority in respect of the granting, vesting or settlement of the Option. Any such additional payment is due no later than the date on which such amount with respect to the Options is required to be remitted to the relevant tax authority by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be. Alternatively, and subject to any requirements or limitations under applicable law, the Company or any Affiliate may (a) withhold such amount from any remuneration or other amount payable by the Company or any Affiliate to the Participant, (b) require the sale, on behalf of the applicable NEO or director, of a number of Shares issued upon exercise, vesting, or settlement of such Option and the remittance to the Company of the net proceeds from such sale sufficient to satisfy such amount, or (c) enter into any other suitable arrangements for the receipt of such amount.

### Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements

Except as described below and elsewhere in this Information Circular, the Company has not entered into any agreements or arrangements under which compensation was provided during the most recently completed financial year or is payable in respect of services provided to the Company that were performed by a director or NEO or performed by another party but are services typically provided by a director or NEO.

### 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 Plan Benefits

The Company does not have any pension, defined benefit, defined contribution or deferred compensation plans in place.

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

The following table sets forth details of the all compensation plans as the Date of this Circular being October 4, 2024

Plan Category	Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options <sup>(1)</sup>	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) <sup>(2)</sup>
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	6,017,857 Options 8,857,500 RSU's	0.70 Options	950,305
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	Nil	N/A	Nil
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,055,357</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>950,305</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company does not have any warrants or rights outstanding under any equity compensation plans.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE

Under National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"), a reporting issuer is required to provide disclosure annually with respect to its audit committee, including the text of its audit committee charter, information regarding composition of the audit committee, and information regarding fees paid to its external auditor. The Company provides the following disclosure with respect to its audit committee (the "Audit Committee"):

## **The Audit Committee Charter**

The full text of the Company's audit committee charter (the "**Audit Committee Charter**") is attached as Schedule "A" to this Information Circular.

## **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Company's Audit Committee is comprised of three directors consisting of Colin Porter, Mata Botima and Jonathan Hill. As defined in NI 52-110, all current members are considered independent. Mr. Porter was the former CEO but resigned as an officer. All of the Audit Committee members are "financially literate", as defined in NI 52-110, as all have the industry experience necessary to understand and analyze financial statements of the Company, as well as the understanding of internal controls and procedures necessary for financial reporting.

The Audit Committee is responsible for review of both interim and annual financial statements for the Company. For the purposes of performing their duties, the members of the Audit Committee have the right, at all times, to inspect all the books and financial records of the Company and any subsidiaries and to discuss with management and the external auditors of the Company any accounts, records and matters relating to the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee members meet periodically with management and annually with the external auditors.

## **Relevant Education and Experience**

The following sets out the education and experience of each Audit Committee member that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member.

### *Colin Porter*

Dr. Colin Porter is a geologist with over 25 years' experience in exploration, project management and applied structural geology across Africa. Dr. Porter's expertise spans a wide range of gold mineralization systems including Archaean, Proterozoic and Pan-African orogenic deposits and districts of Africa. Previous roles include Structural Geologist for Anglogold Ashanti, Africa Region with extensive experience in the Birimian craton of West Africa, which included planning and implementation of deposit scale and brownfields exploration at several of Africa's largest mines including (Obuasi, Geita, Sadiola, Morila, Sigui). Dr. Porter is also well experienced in target generation, design and implementation of exploration programmes at numerous African gold projects including Banfora, (Burkina Fas, Salman/Anwia (Ghana) and Konongo, Ghana. Dr. Porter was the head of exploration and managed all exploration activities at the Zani-Kodo gold project in NE DR Congo, from instigation to definition of a 3Moz resource.

Dr. Porter holds a BSc (Hons) in geology from Queen's University Belfast, a PhD in geology from University of Southampton and is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

### *Mata Botimac*

Mr. Mata Botima is BHP Billiton's former Country President (DRC), Mr. Botima is a high energy, self-motivated, seasoned, well-travelled and globally exposed Executive, Director and Business Strategist. A trained Metallurgical Engineer, he has more than 25 years' experience in the natural resources industries, with a specific focus in developed and emerging markets across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. Botima has held senior positions at Bateman Engineering, Mogale Alloys and Mintek, spanning from Business Development Executive, Production Manager and Senior R&D Engineer. He possesses valuable experience in metal and Ferro-alloys processing and production, (ranging from ferro-nickel, ferro-chrome, ferro-manganese, silicomanganese, aluminium, Magnesium), as well as in the various beneficiation processes for precious metals and base metals.

Specializing in project identification, evaluation, strategy development and implementation as well as plant operation management, his previous positions include being an Executive Director of Blackstone Resources

responsible for the natural resource's strategy development, and he also led SAF Energy, an electricity generation and transmission entity purposed with supplying electricity to Cabinda in Angola. He was also a Chief Strategist at Syntech, an innovative technology company where he was responsible for the company's growth strategy. He is currently an independent Consultant to Compagnie Minière de Tondo where he is driving the development of a Tier One copper cobalt deposit.

#### *Jonathan Hill*

Jonathan holds a BSc (Hons) Economic Geology from University of Cape Town, South Africa and a BAppSc. Applied Geology from the Queensland University of Technology, Australia and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. During a career spanning more than 35 years, Jonathan has held senior roles in exploration, project development and mining operations and has been directly involved in the discovery of several world-class gold and copper projects within both greenfield and brownfield arenas. Immediately prior to 2017, Jonathan held Greenfields Exploration Management roles at AngloGold Ashanti in Brasil 2008-2015 and Colombia 2016.

Exploration Outcomes provides specialist technical support and advisory services to several listed exploration and mining companies including Jaguar Mining Inc (TSX-JAG) and Sanatana Resources (TSX-V:STA). Jonathan is a non-executive director and Chairman of Royal Road Minerals (TSX-V:RYR) and holds non-executive director positions at Lavras Gold (TSX.V: LGC OTCQB: LGCF), Lode Gold (CVE: LOD) and Spark Energy Minerals (CNSX: SPRK):

#### **Audit Committee Oversight**

Since the commencement of the Company'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**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on the exemptions in Sections 2.4, 6.1.1(4), 6.1.1(5) or Part 8 of NI 52-110. Section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*) provides an exemption from the requirement that the Audit Committee must pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided by the auditor, where the total amount of fees related to the non-audit services are not expected to exceed 5% of the total fees payable to the auditor in the financial year in which the non-audit services were provided. Sections 6.1.1(4) (*Circumstance Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer*), 6.1.1(5) (*Events Outside Control of Member*) and 6.1.1(6) (*Death, Incapacity or Resignation*) provide exemptions from the requirement that a majority of the members of the Audit Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company. Part 8 (*Exemptions*) permits a company to apply to a securities regulatory authority or regulator for an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110 in whole or in part.

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

Formal policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services have yet to be formulated and adopted. Subject to the requirements of NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by, as applicable, the Board and the Audit Committee, on a case-by-case basis.

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

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



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

Year Ended April 30	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
2023	\$40,950	Nil	Nil	Nil
2024	\$54,732	Nil	\$10,000	Nil

### Exemption

The Company is relying on the exemption provided by section 6.1 of NI 52-110 which provides that the Company, as a venture issuer, is not required to comply with Part 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No current or former director, executive officer, proposed nominee for election to the Board, or associate of such persons is, or at any time since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year has been, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

No indebtedness of current or former director, executive officer, proposed nominee for election to the Board, or associate of such person is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as otherwise disclosed herein, no: (a) director, proposed director or executive officer of the Company; (b) person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, Shares or who exercises control or direction of Shares, or a combination of both, carrying more than ten percent of the voting rights attached to the Shares outstanding (an "**Insider**"); (c) director or executive officer of an Insider; or (d) associate or affiliate of any of the directors, executive officers or Insiders, has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company, except with an interest arising from the ownership of Shares where such person or company will receive no extra or special benefit or advantage not shared on a pro rata basis by all holders of the same class of Shares.

### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Except as described below and elsewhere in this Information 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 Advisory Services Corp. ("**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.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, the Company is required to disclose its corporate governance practices as follows:

## Board of Directors

The Board facilitates its exercise of independent supervision over the Company's management through frequent meetings of the Board.

Mata Botima, Colin Porter and Jonathan Hill are "independent" in that they are independent and free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the director's ability to act with the best interests of the Company, other than the interests and relationships arising from being shareholders of the Company. Sir Samuel Johan is the Chairman of the Board.

## Directorships

Certain directors of the Company are currently also directors of other reporting issuers, as described in the table below:

Name of Director of the Company	Names of Other Reporting Issuers	Securities Exchange
Jonathan Hill	Lavras Gold Corp.	TSXV
	Royal Road Minerals Limited	TSXV
	Spark Energy Minerals	CSE
	Lode Gold	CVE

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

### General

Corporate governance refers to the policies and structure of the board of directors of a corporation, whose members are elected by and are accountable to the shareholders of the corporation. Corporate governance encourages establishing a reasonable degree of independence of the board of directors from executive management and adoption of policies to ensure the board of directors recognizes the principles of good management. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices, as such practices are both in the interests of shareholders and help to contribute to effective and efficient decision-making.

The Board believes that good corporate governance improves corporate performance and benefits all shareholders. The Canadian Securities Administrators (the "CSA") have adopted National Policy 58-201 Corporate Governance Guidelines, which provides non-prescriptive guidelines on corporate governance practices for reporting issuers such as the Company. In addition, the CSA have implemented National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices ("NI 58-101"), which prescribes certain disclosure by the Company of its corporate governance practices. This section sets out the Company's approach to corporate governance and addresses the Company's compliance with NI 58-101.

### Board Mandate

The Board has adopted the Board Mandate, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "D". Pursuant to the Board Mandate, the role of the Board of Directors is to oversee the business of the Corporation, to select and provide guidance to the Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and other officers, set the strategic direction, and to ensure corporate continuity. The Board fulfills its roles directly, through its committees, and via instructions to management. At all times, the Board acts with a view towards the best interests of the Corporation and of its shareholders.

### Compensation, Governance and Nominations Committee

The directors of the Corporation established a Compensation Committee, and a Governance and Nominations Committee to assist the directors in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities with respect to, among other things: (a) developing governance guidelines and principles for the Corporation; (b) identifying individuals qualified to

be nominated as directors of the Corporation; (c) assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities relating to compensation of the Corporation's executive officers; (d) evaluating the structure and composition of the committees of the directors of the Corporation; and (e) evaluating the performance and effectiveness of the Board of Directors.

The Governance and Nominations Committee is comprised of Mr. Jonah (Chair), Mr. Hill, and Mr. Porter. For the purposes of National Instrument 58-101 - Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices published by the Canadian Securities Administrators ("NI 58-101"). The Compensation Committee is comprised of Mr. Hill (Chair), Mr. Jonah and Mr. Botima. All the Directors noted are independent.

The Committees are mandated to conduct the following with respect to corporate governance:

- (a) develop the approach of the Corporation to matters of corporate governance and make recommendations to the Board with respect to all such matters;
- (b) prepare and recommend to the Board a set of governance principles applicable to the Corporation and to be included in the Corporation's public disclosure material;
- (c) keep abreast of best corporate governance practices and make recommendations to the Board on the need, where appropriate, for Board participation in continuing education programmes;
- (d) review from time to time the structure, composition and size of the Board, with a view to determining the impact of the number of Board members upon its effectiveness and report thereon to the Board;
- (e) develop and recommend to the Board criteria for the selection of candidates to serve on the Board;
- (f) identify and evaluate nominees and recommend to the Board such nominees for election to the Board at the annual general meeting of Shareholders;
- (g) assist the Board in its obligation to identify a successor to the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation;
- (h) consider the mandates of the Board committees, selection, composition and rotation of committee members and the chair and make recommendations to the Board with respect to same;
- (i) develop and facilitate an orientation programme for new members of the Board to ensure their understanding of the Corporation and the business environment and market in which the Corporation operates. Such programme will include the provision of background material, meetings with senior management and visits to the Corporation's facilities and will seek to provide the new director with:
  - (i) an overview of the Corporation (ownership, powers, rules, regulations and company law, Board structure, membership and processes);
  - (ii) an overview of the business (business processes, corporate strategies, organisation, management and people);
  - (iii) an overview of the financials (annual and quarterly accounts, directors' reports, key financial indicators and financial performance of the business); and
  - (iv) an understanding of what is expected from the director on appointment (discussions with the chair with regards to the role, why nominated, potential contributions, particular knowledge and the like).

The charters of the Committees can be requested through the Company's email [info@Avantigoldcorp.com](mailto:info@Avantigoldcorp.com)

### **Position Descriptions**

The Board has not developed a written position description for the CEO, the Chairman of the Board and the chairs of each of the committees of the Board. Given the size of the Company, the Board does not feel that it is necessary at this time to formalize such position descriptions. Guidance is generally provided through reference to industry norms, past practice and relying upon the provisions of the constating documents of the Company and the statutory and common law. The CEO is principally responsible for overseeing the operations and affairs of the Company, including strategic organizational and financial management, business development, regulatory compliance, and clinical development. The Chairman of the Board is principally responsible for overseeing the operations and affairs of the Board. With respect to the chairs of each of the committees of the Board, it is currently the Board's view that the general mandates of committees on which such directors may sit are sufficient to delineate the role and responsibilities of the chair of each committee. The chair of each Board committee is required to ensure the committee meets regularly and performs the duties as set forth in the committee mandate, and reports to the Board on the activities of the committee.

### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Corporation currently does not have a formal orientation or continuing education program. The Governance and Nominations Committee with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer are responsible for providing an orientation and education program for new directors of the Corporation. When a person joins the Board of Directors, he or she will be given the opportunity to become familiar with the Corporation by meeting with the other directors of the Corporation and with the officers and representatives of the Corporation. As each director has a different skill set and professional background, orientation and training activities will be tailored to the particular needs and experience of the individual director.

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### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The directors of the Corporation have established a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Ethics Code"), a copy of which may be requested from the Corporation. The Ethics Code provides a set of ethical standards by which each director, officer, employee, consultant and contractor of the Corporation is expected to conduct their business and, for each officer and employee of the Corporation, constitutes conditions of employment and, for each consultant and contractor, constitutes conditions of providing services to the Corporation. The Ethics Code is intended to give an overview of the Corporation's expectations for its directors, officers, employees, consultants and contractors and is supplemented by any other applicable policies adopted by the Corporation.

The directors of the Corporation expect all directors, officers and employees of the Corporation to act honestly and ethically at all times and to adhere to the Ethics Code. The directors of the Corporation may permit a waiver of the Ethics Code for any director or executive officer of the Corporation. However, any such waiver will be promptly disclosed to the extent required by applicable law or stock exchange rules and regulations.

The Ethics Code sets out that all directors, officers, employees, contractors and consultants of the Corporation, in discharging their duties, must comply with: the laws, rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which the

Corporation is conducting business activities; the Ethics Code; and all corporate policies, including, without limitation, the Corporate Disclosure Policy.

All directors, officers, employees, contractors and consultants are required to provide an annual certification to the Corporation confirming compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the location in which the Corporation is performing business activities, as well as compliance with all applicable policies of the Corporation. The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation is responsible for ensuring that all annual certifications are obtained and for providing confirmation to the directors of the Corporation that such certifications have been obtained and summarizing the results thereof.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation is responsible for setting the ethical tone for the Corporation and its management, including (i) overseeing the administration and implementation of, and compliance with, the Corporation's policies and procedures; (ii) taking all reasonable steps to satisfy the directors of the Corporation as to the integrity of the Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers of the Corporation; (iii) taking all reasonable steps to satisfy the directors of the Corporation that the Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers of the Corporation create a culture of integrity throughout the organization; and (iv) fostering ethical and responsible decision making by management.

### **Compensation**

See "Statement of Executive Compensation" above for information regarding compensation made to certain executives and to directors of the Corporation.

### **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.

### **Director Term Limits**

The Corporation has not adopted term limits for directors on the Board. It is the Corporation's view that the membership of its Board, including the retirement of directors, is best assessed by the Board in consideration of a variety of factors, including individual director performance, the existing mix of skills and experience of the members of the Board. The Corporation believes that the implementation of term limits could require directors to retire, even when doing so would not be in the best interests of the Corporation, taking into account the overall composition of the Board and a particular director's skills and experience.

### **Gender Diversity**

The Board of directors has not adopted a written policy relating to the gender diversity of its directors and executive officers. The Corporation values diversity of view, experience, skillset, gender and ethnicity as it believes this results in better leadership and decision making for its business. The Corporation does not have specific targets respecting representation on its Board or in executive officer positions based on any particular personal experience or characteristic, including gender. Instead, the Corporation focuses on choosing the most appropriate candidate for the position, having regard to the experience, skillset, gender, ethnicity and other personal characteristics of both the candidate and, as applicable, the Board and executive team as a whole. In conducting its search processes for Board and executive officer appointments, the Corporation will review the extent to which its current appointees reflect gender diversity, and in assessing the appropriateness of candidates for those appointments, will consider the desirability of an increased level of representation of females. The Company currently has no females serving on its Board; Natalie Davies is Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, representing 33% of the executive officers of the Corporation.

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

Except as disclosed elsewhere in this Information 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, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliates of any such directors, officers or nominees, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of Shares or other securities in the Company or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Shareholders may contact the Company at its office by mail at Suite 2380 – 1055 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 2E9, 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 Company's audited financial statements and MD&A for the most recently completed financial year and in the financial statements and MD&A for subsequent financial periods, which are available on SEDAR+.

## OTHER MATTERS

Other than the above, management of the Company know of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice. If any other matters that are not currently known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the Designated Persons named therein to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

## APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 4th day of October 2024

By Order of the Board of Directors of

**AVANTI GOLD CORP.**

*"Ian Maclean"*

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Ian Maclean

Chief Executive Officer

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

*[See Attached]*

**AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER OF  
AVANTI GOLD CORP.  
(THE “COMPANY”)**

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**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.



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## **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"**

**Omnibus Plan**

**AVANTI GOLD CORP.**

**OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

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# Avanti Gold Corp.

## Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

### ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

#### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to provide the Corporation with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants as may be granted Awards under this Plan by the Board from time to time for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Corporation and to enable and encourage such Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants to acquire Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Corporation.

### ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION

#### 2.1 Definitions

When used herein, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the indicated meanings, respectively:

- (a) “**Affiliate**” means any entity that is an “affiliate” for the purposes of National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus Exemptions of the Canadian Securities Administrators*, as amended from time to time;
- (b) “**Award**” means any Option, Restricted Share Unit, Performance Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit granted under this Plan which may be denominated or settled in Shares, cash or in such other form as provided herein;
- (c) “**Award Agreement**” means a signed, written agreement between a Participant and the Corporation, in the form or any one of the forms approved by the Plan Administrator, evidencing the terms and conditions on which an Award has been granted under this Plan and which need not be identical to any other such agreements;
- (d) “**Board**” means the board of directors of the Corporation as it may be constituted from time to time;
- (e) “**Business Day**” means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which the principal commercial banks in the City of Vancouver are open for commercial business during normal banking hours;

- (f) **“Canadian Taxpayer”** means a Participant that is resident of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act;
- (g) **“Cash Fees”** has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(a);
- (h) **“Cashless Exercise”** has the meaning set forth in Subsection 4.5(b);
- (i) **“Cause”** means, with respect to a particular Participant:
  - (i) **“cause”** (or any similar term) as such term is defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Employee;
  - (ii) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation or **“cause”** (or any similar term) is not defined in such agreement, **“cause”** as such term is defined in the Award Agreement; or
  - (iii) in the event neither (a) nor (b) apply, then **“cause”** as such term is defined by applicable law or, if not so defined, such term shall refer to circumstances where (i) an employer may terminate an individual’s employment without notice or pay in lieu thereof or other damages, or  
(ii) the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof may terminate the Participant’s contract without notice or without pay in lieu thereof or other termination fee or damages;
- (j) **“Change in Control”** means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:
  - (i) any transaction at any time and by whatever means pursuant to which any Person or any group of two (2) or more Persons acting jointly or in concert hereafter acquires the direct or indirect **“beneficial ownership”** (as defined in the *Securities Act* (British Columbia)) of, or acquires the right to exercise Control or direction over, securities of the Corporation representing more than 50% of the then issued and outstanding voting securities of the Corporation, including, without limitation, as a result of a take-over bid, an exchange of securities, an amalgamation of the Corporation with any other entity, an arrangement, a capital reorganization or any other business combination or reorganization;
  - (ii) the sale, assignment or other transfer of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Corporation to a Person other than a subsidiary of the Corporation;
  - (iii) the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, other than in connection with the distribution of assets of the Corporation to one (1) or more Persons which were Affiliates of the Corporation prior to such event;

- (iv) the occurrence of a transaction requiring approval of the Corporation's shareholders whereby the Corporation is acquired through consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise by any other Person (other than a short form amalgamation or exchange of securities with a subsidiary of the Corporation);
- (v) individuals who comprise the Board as of the date hereof (the "**Incumbent Board**") for any reason cease to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board, unless the election, or nomination for election by the Corporation's shareholders, of any new director was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Board, and in that case such new director shall be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- (vi) any other event which the Board determines to constitute a change in control of the Corporation;

provided that, notwithstanding clause (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, a Change in Control shall be deemed not to have occurred if immediately following the transaction set forth in clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) above: (A) the holders of securities of the Corporation that immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction represented more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors of the Corporation hold (x) securities of the entity resulting from such transaction (including, for greater certainty, the Person succeeding to assets of the Corporation in a transaction contemplated in clause (ii) above) (the "**Surviving Entity**") that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees ("**voting power**") of the Surviving Entity, or (y) if applicable, securities of the entity that directly or indirectly has beneficial ownership of 100% of the securities eligible to elect directors or trustees of the Surviving Entity (the "**Parent Entity**") that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees of the Parent Entity, and (B) no Person or group of two or more Persons, acting jointly or in concert, is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting power of the Parent Entity (or, if there is no Parent Entity, the Surviving Entity) (any such transaction which satisfies all of the criteria specified in clauses (A) and (B) above being referred to as a "**Non-Qualifying Transaction**" and, following the Non-Qualifying Transaction, references in this definition of "Change in Control" to the "Corporation" shall mean and refer to the Parent Entity (or, if there is no Parent Entity, the Surviving Entity) and, if such entity is a company or a trust, references to the "Board" shall mean and refer to the board of directors or trustees, as applicable, of such entity).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of any Award that constitutes "deferred compensation" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), the payment of which is triggered by or would be accelerated upon a Change in Control, a transaction will not be deemed a Change in Control for Awards granted to any Participant who is a U.S. Taxpayer unless the transaction qualifies as "a change in control event" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code;

- (k) "**Code**" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. Any reference to a section of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (l) "**Committee**" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(b);

- (m) **“Consultant”** means any individual or entity engaged by the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation to render consulting or advisory services (including as a director or officer of any subsidiary of the Corporation), other than as an Employee, Officer, or Director, and whether or not compensated for such services provided, however, that any Consultant who is in the United States or is a U.S. Person at the time such Consultant receives any offer of Award or executes any Award Agreement must be a natural person, and must agree to provide bona fide services to that Corporation that are not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raising transaction, and do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Corporation’s securities;
- (n) **“Control”** means the relationship whereby a Person is considered to be “controlled” by a Person if:
- (i) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a corporation, the beneficial ownership by that Person, directly or indirectly, of voting securities or other interests in such corporation entitling the holder to exercise control and direction in fact over the activities of such corporation;
  - (ii) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture, means the contractual right to direct the affairs of the partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture; and
  - (iii) when applied in relation to a trust, the beneficial ownership at the relevant time of more than 50% of the property settled under the trust, and

the words **“Controlled by”**, **“Controlling”** and similar words have corresponding meanings; provided that a Person who controls a corporation, partnership, limited partnership or joint venture will be deemed to Control a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture which is Controlled by such Person and so on;

- (o) **“Corporation”** means Avanti Gold Corp., or any successor entity thereof;
- (p) **“Date of Grant”** means, for any Award, the date specified by the Plan Administrator at the time it grants the Award or if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Award was granted;
- (q) **“Deferred Share Unit”** or **“DSU”** means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article 7;
- (r) **“Director”** means a director of the Corporation who is not an Employee;
- (s) **“Director Fees”** means the total compensation (including annual retainer and meeting fees, if any) paid by the Corporation to a Director in a calendar year for service on the Board;
- (t) **“Disabled”** or **“Disability”** means, with respect to a particular Participant:
- (i) “disabled” or “disability” (or any similar terms) as such terms are defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant;
  - (ii) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or “disabled” or “disability” (or any similar terms) are not defined in such agreement, “disabled” or “disability” as such term are defined in the Award Agreement; or
  - (iii) in the event neither (i) or (ii) apply, then the incapacity or inability of the Participant, by reason of mental or physical incapacity, disability, illness or disease (as determined by a legally qualified medical practitioner or by a court) that prevents the Participant from carrying out his or her normal and essential duties as an Employee, Officer, Director or

Consultant for a continuous period of six months or for any cumulative period of 180 days in any consecutive twelve month period, the foregoing subject to and as determined in accordance with procedures established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of this Plan;

- (u) “**Effective Date**” means the effective date of this Plan, being ♦, 2022;
- (v) “**Elected Amount**” has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(a);
- (w) “**Electing Person**” means a Participant who is, on the applicable Election Date, a Director;
- (x) “**Election Date**” means the date on which the Electing Person files an Election Notice in accordance with Subsection 7.1(b);
- (y) “**Election Notice**” has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(b);
- (z) “**Employee**” means an individual who:
  - (i) is considered an employee of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation for purposes of source deductions under applicable tax or social welfare legislation; or
  - (ii) works full-time or part-time, on a regular weekly basis for the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or such subsidiary;
- (aa) “**Exchange**” means the primary exchange on which the Shares are then listed, if applicable;
- (bb) “**Exercise Notice**” means a notice in writing, signed by a Participant and stating the Participant’s intention to exercise a particular Option;
- (cc) “**Exercise Price**” means the price at which an Option Share may be purchased pursuant to the exercise of an Option;
- (dd) “**Expiry Date**” means the expiry date specified in the Award Agreement (which shall not be later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant) or, if not so specified, means the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant;
- (ee) “**In the Money Amount**” has the meaning given to it in Subsection 4.5(b);
- (ff) “**Insider**” means an “insider” as defined in applicable Securities Laws or in the rules of the Exchange;
- (gg) “**Market Price**” at any date in respect of the Shares shall be the greater of the closing market price of the Shares on (i) the trading day prior to the date of grant and (ii) the date of grant, and as otherwise required pursuant to the policies of the Exchange, if applicable. In the event that such Shares are not listed and posted for trading on any Exchange, the Market Price shall be (i) the issuance price per Share of the most recent financing completed by the Corporation within the last three (3) months; or (ii) otherwise, the fair market value of such Shares as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion and, with respect to an Award made to a U.S. Taxpayer, in accordance with Section 409A of the Code;
- (hh) “**Officer**” has the meaning defined in applicable Securities Laws;
- (ii) “**Option**” means a right to purchase Shares under Article 4 of this Plan that is non-assignable and non-transferable, unless otherwise approved by the Plan Administrator;

- (jj) **"Option Shares"** means Shares issuable by the Corporation upon the exercise of outstanding Options;
- (kk) **"Participant"** means a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant to whom an Award has been granted under this Plan;
- (ll) **"Performance Goals"** means performance goals expressed in terms of attaining a specified level of the particular criteria or the attainment of a percentage increase or decrease in the particular criteria, and may be applied to one or more of the Corporation, a subsidiary of the Corporation, a division of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or an individual, or may be applied to the performance of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation relative to a market index, a group of other companies or a combination thereof, or on any other basis, all as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion;
- (mm) **"Performance Share Unit"** or **"PSU"** means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article 6;
- (nn) **"Person"** means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, trust, body corporate, and a natural person in his or her capacity as trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative;
- (oo) **"Plan"** means this Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time;
- (pp) **"Plan Administrator"** means the Board, or if the administration of this Plan has been delegated by the Board to the Committee pursuant to Section 3.2, the Committee;
- (qq) **"PSU Service Year"** has the meaning given to it in Section 6.1;
- (rr) **"Restricted Share Unit"** or **"RSU"** means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article 5;
- (ss) **"Retirement"** means, unless otherwise defined in the Participant's written or other applicable employment agreement or in the Award Agreement, the termination of the Participant's working career at the age of 65 or such other retirement age, with consent of the Plan Administrator, if applicable, other than on account of the Participant's termination of service by the Corporation or its subsidiary for Cause;
- (tt) **"RSU Service Year"** has the meaning given to it in Section 5.1;
- (uu) **"Section 409A of the Code"** or **"Section 409A"** means Section 409A of the Code and all regulations, guidance, compliance programs, and other interpretive authority issued thereunder;
- (vv) **"Securities Laws"** means securities legislation, securities regulation and securities rules, as amended, and the policies, notices, instruments and blanket orders in force from time to time that govern or are applicable to the Corporation or to which it is subject;
- (ww) **"Security Based Compensation Arrangement"** means a stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to Directors, Officers, Employees and/or service providers of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation, including a share purchase from treasury which is financially assisted by the Corporation by way of a loan, guarantee or otherwise;

- (xx) “**Share**” means one (1) common share in the capital of the Corporation as constituted on the Effective Date or any share or shares issued in replacement of such common share in compliance with Canadian law or other applicable law, and/or one share of any additional class of common shares in the capital of the Corporation as may exist from time to time, or after an adjustment contemplated by Article 10, such other shares or securities to which the holder of an Award may be entitled as a result of such adjustment;
- (yy) “**subsidiary**” means an issuer that is Controlled directly or indirectly by another issuer and includes a subsidiary of that subsidiary, or any other entity in which the Corporation has an equity interest and is designated by the Plan Administrator, from time to time, for purposes of this Plan to be a subsidiary;
- (zz) “**Tax Act**” has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(d);
- (aaa) “**Termination Date**” means, subject to applicable law which cannot be waived:
- (i) in the case of an Employee whose employment with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation terminates, (i) the date designated by the Employee and the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation as the “Termination Date” (or similar term) in a written employment or other agreement between the Employee and Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or (ii) if no such written employment or other agreement exists, the date designated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on which the Employee ceases to be an employee of the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provided that, in the case of termination of employment by voluntary resignation by the Participant, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of resignation was given; and in any event, the “Termination Date” shall be determined without including any period of reasonable notice that the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation (as the case may be) may be required by law to provide to the Participant or any pay in lieu of notice of termination, severance pay or other damages paid or payable to the Participant;
  - (ii) in the case of a Consultant whose agreement or arrangement with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation terminates, (i) the date designated by the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation, as the “Termination Date” (or similar term) or expiry date in a written agreement between the Consultant and Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, or (ii) if no such written agreement exists, the date designated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on which the Consultant ceases to be a Consultant or a service provider to the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, or on which the Participant’s agreement or arrangement is terminated, provided that in the case of voluntary termination by the Participant of the Participant’s consulting agreement or other written arrangement, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of voluntary termination was given; in any event, the “Termination Date” shall be determined without including any period of notice that the Corporation or the subsidiary of the Corporation (as the case may be) may be required by law to provide to the Participant or any pay in lieu of notice of termination, termination fees or other damages paid or payable to the Participant; and
  - (iii) in the case of a Director or Officer, the date such individual ceases to be a Director or Officer, as applicable, in each case, unless the individual continues to be a Participant in another capacity.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a U.S. Taxpayer, a Participant’s “Termination Date” will be the date the Participant experiences a “separation from service” with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

(bbb) “**U.S.**” or “**United States**” means the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any State of the United States, and the District of Columbia;

- (ccc) **“U.S. Person”** shall mean a **“U.S. person”** as such term is defined in Rule 902(k) of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act (the definition of which includes, but is not limited to, (i) any natural person resident in the United States, (ii) any partnership or corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States, (iii) any partnership or corporation organized outside of the United States by a U.S. Person principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the U.S. Securities Act, unless it is organized, or incorporated, and owned, by accredited investors who are not natural persons, estates or trusts, and (iv) any estate or trust of which any executor or administrator or trustee is a U.S. Person);
- (ddd) **“U.S. Securities Act”** means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended; and
- (eee) **“U.S. Taxpayer”** shall mean a Participant who, with respect to an Award, is subject to taxation under the applicable U.S. tax laws.

## 2.2 Interpretation

- (a) Whenever the Plan Administrator exercises discretion in the administration of this Plan, the term “discretion” means the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.
- (b) As used herein, the terms “Article”, “Section”, “Subsection” and “clause” mean and refer to the specified Article, Section, Subsection and clause of this Plan, respectively.
- (c) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (d) Unless otherwise specified, time periods within or following which any payment is to be made or act is to be done shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the period begins, including the day on which the period ends, and abridging the period to the immediately preceding Business Day in the event that the last day of the period is not a Business Day. In the event an action is required to be taken or a payment is required to be made on a day which is not a Business Day such action shall be taken or such payment shall be made by the immediately preceding Business Day.
- (e) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to Canadian currency.
- (f) The headings used herein are for convenience only and are not to affect the interpretation of this Plan.

## ARTICLE 3 ADMINISTRATION

### 3.1 Administration

This Plan will be administered by the Plan Administrator and the Plan Administrator has sole and complete authority, in its discretion, to:

- (a) determine the individuals to whom grants under the Plan may be made;
- (b) make grants of Awards under the Plan relating to the issuance of Shares (including any combination of Options, Restricted Share Units, Performance Share Units or Deferred Share Units) in such amounts, to such Persons and, subject to the provisions of this Plan, on such terms and conditions as it determines including without limitation:



- (i) the time or times at which Awards may be granted;
  - (ii) the conditions under which:
    - (A) Awards may be granted to Participants; or
    - (B) Awards may be forfeited to the Corporation,  
including any conditions relating to the attainment of specified Performance Goals;
  - (iii) the number of Shares to be covered by any Award;
  - (iv) the price, if any, to be paid by a Participant in connection with the purchase of Shares covered by any Awards;
  - (v) whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Shares issuable pursuant to grants of any Award, and the nature of such restrictions or limitations, if any; and
  - (vi) any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, or waiver of termination regarding any Award, based on such factors as the Plan Administrator may determine;
- (c) establish the form or forms of Award Agreements;
  - (d) cancel, amend, adjust or otherwise change any Award under such circumstances as the Plan Administrator may consider appropriate in accordance with the provisions of this Plan;
  - (e) construe and interpret this Plan and all Award Agreements;
  - (f) adopt, amend, prescribe and rescind administrative guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to this Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of satisfying applicable foreign laws or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable foreign laws; and
  - (g) make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of this Plan.

### 3.2 Delegation to Committee

- (a) The initial Plan Administrator shall be the Board.
- (b) To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may, from time to time, delegate to a committee of the Board (the "**Committee**") all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to this Plan, including the power to sub-delegate to any member(s) of the Committee or any specified officer(s) of the Corporation or its subsidiaries all or any of the powers delegated by the Board. In such event, the Committee or any sub-delegate will exercise the powers delegated to it in the manner and on the terms authorized by the delegating party. Any decision made or action taken by the Committee or any sub-delegate arising out of or in connection with the administration or interpretation of this Plan in this context is final and conclusive and binding on the Corporation and all subsidiaries of the Corporation, all Participants and all other Persons.

### 3.3 Determinations Binding

Any decision made or action taken by the Board, the Committee or any sub-delegate to whom authority has been delegated pursuant to Section 3.2 arising out of or in connection with the administration or interpretation of this Plan is final, conclusive and binding on the Corporation, the affected Participant(s), their legal and personal representatives and all other Persons.

### **3.4 Eligibility**

All Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants are eligible to participate in the Plan, subject to Section 9.1(f). Participation in the Plan is voluntary and eligibility to participate does not confer upon any Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant any right to receive any grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. The extent to which any Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant is entitled to receive a grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.

### **3.5 Plan Administrator Requirements**

Any Award granted under this Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Plan Administrator shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares issuable pursuant to such Award upon any securities exchange or under any Securities Laws of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of the Exchange, if applicable, and any securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Corporation is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant or exercise of such Award or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, such Award may not be accepted or exercised, as applicable, in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Plan Administrator. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all Awards shall issued pursuant to the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, or pursuant an exemption or exclusion from such registration requirements. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Corporation to apply for or to obtain such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval. Participants shall, to the extent applicable, cooperate with the Corporation in complying with such legislation, rules, regulations and policies.

### **3.6 Total Shares Subject to Awards**

- (a) Subject to adjustment as provided for in Article 10 and any subsequent amendment to this Plan, the aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under this Plan shall not exceed 20% of the Corporation's total issued and outstanding Shares from time to time. This Plan is considered an "evergreen" plan, since the shares covered by Awards which have been settled, exercised or terminated shall be available for subsequent grants under the Plan and the number of Awards available to grant increases as the number of issued and outstanding Shares increases.
- (b) To the extent any Awards (or portion(s) thereof) under this Plan terminate or are cancelled for any reason prior to exercise in full, or are surrendered or settled by the Participant, any Shares subject to such Awards (or portion(s) thereof) shall be added back to the number of Shares reserved for issuance under this Plan and will again become available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of Awards granted under this Plan.
- (c) Any Shares issued by the Corporation through the assumption or substitution of outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards from an acquired company shall not reduce the number of Shares available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of Awards granted under this Plan.

### **3.7 Award Agreements**

Each Award under this Plan will be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each Award Agreement will be subject to the applicable provisions of this Plan and will contain such provisions as are required by this Plan and any other provisions that the Plan Administrator may direct. Any one Officer of the Corporation is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the Corporation, an Award Agreement to a Participant granted an Award pursuant to this Plan.

### **3.8 Non-transferability of Awards**

Except as permitted by the Plan Administrator and to the extent that certain rights may pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon death of a Participant, by will or as required by law, no assignment or transfer of Awards, whether voluntary, involuntary, by operation of law or otherwise, vests any interest or right in such Awards whatsoever in any assignee or transferee and immediately upon any assignment or transfer, or any attempt to make the same, such Awards will terminate and be of no further force or effect. To the extent that certain rights to exercise any portion of an outstanding Award pass to a beneficiary or legal representative upon death of a Participant, the

period in which such Award can be exercised by such beneficiary or legal representative shall not exceed one year from the Participant's death.

## ARTICLE 4 OPTIONS

### 4.1 Granting of Options

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant Options to any Participant. The terms and conditions of each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.

### 4.2 Exercise Price

The Plan Administrator will establish the Exercise Price at the time each Option is granted, which Exercise Price must in all cases be not less than the Market Price on the Date of Grant, unless otherwise permitted by the rules of the Exchange and applicable Securities Laws.

### 4.3 Term of Options

Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in this Plan, each Option expires on its Expiry Date.

### 4.4 Vesting and Exercisability

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options.
- (b) Once an Option becomes vested, it shall remain vested and shall be exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option, unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator, or as may be otherwise set forth in any written employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant. Each vested Option may be exercised at any time or from time to time, in whole or in part, for up to the total number of Option Shares with respect to which it is then exercisable. The Plan Administrator has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Option becomes exercisable.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and any Award Agreement, Options shall be exercised by means of a fully completed Exercise Notice delivered to the Corporation.
- (d) The Plan Administrator may provide at the time of granting an Option that the exercise of that Option is subject to restrictions, in addition to those specified in this Section 4.4, such as vesting conditions relating to the attainment of specified Performance Goals.

### 4.5 Payment of Exercise Price

- (a) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, the Exercise Notice must be accompanied by payment of the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price must be fully paid by certified cheque, wire transfer, bank draft or money order payable to the Corporation or by such other means as might be specified from time to time by the Plan Administrator, which may include (i) through an arrangement with a broker approved by the Corporation (or through an arrangement directly with the Corporation) whereby payment of the Exercise Price is accomplished with the proceeds of the sale of Shares deliverable upon the exercise of the Option, (ii) through the cashless exercise process set out in Section 4.5(b), or (iii) such other consideration and method of payment for the

issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by Securities Laws, or any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.

- (b) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, if permitted by the Plan Administrator, and subject to compliance with the policies of the Exchange and applicable Securities Laws, if applicable, a Participant may, in lieu of exercising an Option pursuant to an Exercise Notice, elect to surrender such Option to the Corporation (a "**Cashless Exercise**") in consideration for an amount from the Corporation equal to (i) the Market Price of the Shares issuable on the exercise of such Option (or portion thereof) as of the date such Option (or portion thereof) is exercised, less (ii) the aggregate Exercise Price of the Option (or portion thereof) surrendered relating to such Shares (the "**In-the-Money Amount**"), by written notice to the Corporation indicating the number of Options such Participant wishes to exercise using the Cashless Exercise, and such other information that the Corporation may require. Subject to Section 8.3, the Corporation shall satisfy payment of the In-the-Money Amount by delivering to the Participant such number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) having a fair market value equal to the In-the-Money Amount.
- (c) No Shares will be issued or transferred until full payment therefor has been received by the Corporation, or arrangements for such payment have been made to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator.
- (d) If a Participant surrenders Options through a Cashless Exercise pursuant to Section 4.5(b), to the extent that such Participant would be entitled to a deduction under paragraph 110(1)(d) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "**Tax Act**") in respect of such surrender if the election described in subsection 110(1.1) of the Tax Act were made and filed (and the other procedures described therein were undertaken) on a timely basis after such surrender, the Corporation will cause such election to be so made and filed (and such other procedures to be so undertaken).

## ARTICLE 5 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

### 5.1 Granting of RSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant RSUs to any Participant in respect of compensation, a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable Participant in a taxation year (the "**RSU Service Year**"). The terms and conditions of each RSU grant may be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each RSU will consist of a right to receive a Share, cash payment, or a combination thereof (as provided in Section 5.4(a)), upon the settlement of such RSU.
- (b) The number of RSUs (including fractional RSUs) granted at any particular time pursuant to this Article 5 will be calculated by dividing (i) the amount of any bonus or similar payment that is to be paid in RSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator, by (ii) the greater of (A) the Market Price of a Share on the Date of Grant; and (B) such amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion.

## 5.2 RSU Account

All RSUs received by a Participant shall be credited to an account maintained for the Participant on the books of the Corporation, as of the Date of Grant.

## 5.3 Vesting of RSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that, with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer, the terms comply with Section 409A.

## 5.4 Settlement of RSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the sole authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, on the settlement date for any RSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested RSU for the following at the election of the Participant but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct,
  - (ii) a cash payment, or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 5.4 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of RSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested RSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll in the pay period that the settlement date falls within, if applicable.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan but subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU, under this Section 5.4 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.

## ARTICLE 6 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

### 6.1 Granting of PSUs

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant PSUs to any Participant in respect of compensation, a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable Participant in a taxation year (the "PSU Service Year"). The terms and conditions of each PSU grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Each PSU will consist of a right to receive a Share, cash payment, or a combination thereof (as provided in Section 6.6(a)), upon the achievement of such Performance Goals during such performance periods as the Plan Administrator shall establish.

## 6.2 Terms of PSUs

The Performance Goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any PSUs granted, the effect of termination of a Participant's service and the amount of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any PSU will be determined by the Plan Administrator and by the other terms and conditions of any PSU, all as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

## 6.3 Performance Goals

The Plan Administrator will issue Performance Goals prior to or on the Date of Grant to which such Performance Goals pertain. The Performance Goals may be based upon the achievement of corporate, divisional or individual goals, and may be applied to performance relative to an index or comparator group, or on any other basis determined by the Plan Administrator. Following the Date of Grant, the Plan Administrator may modify the Performance Goals as necessary to align them with the Corporation's corporate objectives, subject to any limitations set forth in an Award Agreement or an employment or other agreement with a Participant. The Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment will be made (or no vesting will occur), levels of performance at which specified payments will be made (or specified vesting will occur), and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment will be made (or at which full vesting will occur), all as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.

## 6.4 PSU Account

All PSUs received by a Participant shall be credited to an account maintained for the Participant on the books of the Corporation, as of the Date of Grant.

## 6.5 Vesting of PSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs.

## 6.6 Settlement of PSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of PSUs provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, on the settlement date for any PSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested PSU for the following at the election of the Participant but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct,
  - (ii) a cash payment, or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and(ii) above.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 6.6 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of PSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested PSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll in the pay period that the settlement date falls within, if applicable.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan but subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU, under this Section 6.6 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

ARTICLE 7 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

7.1 Granting of DSUs

- (a) The Board may fix from time to time a portion of the Director Fees that is to be payable in the form of DSUs. In addition, each Electing Person is given, subject to the conditions stated herein, the right to elect in accordance with Section 7.1(b) to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7. An Electing Person who elects to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7 shall receive their Elected Amount (as that term is defined below) in the form of DSUs. The “**Elected Amount**” shall be an amount, as elected by the Director, in accordance with applicable tax law, between 0% and 100% of any Director Fees that would otherwise be paid in cash (the “**Cash Fees**”).
- (b) Each Electing Person who elects to receive their Elected Amount in the form of DSUs will be required to file a notice of election in the form of Schedule A hereto (the “**Election Notice**”) with the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation: (i) in the case of an existing Electing Person, by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to the year to which such election is to apply (other than for Director Fees payable for the 2022 financial year, in which case any Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer as of the date of this Plan shall file the Election Notice by the date that is 30 days from the Effective Date with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date); and (ii) in the case of a newly appointed Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer, within 30 days of such appointment with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date. In the case of the first year in which an Electing Person who is a U.S. Taxpayer first becomes an Electing Person under the Plan (or any plan required to be aggregated with the Plan under Section 409A), an initial Election Notice may be filed within 30 days of such appointment only with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after the end of the 30-day election period. If no election is made within the foregoing time frames, the Electing Person shall be deemed to have elected to be paid the entire amount of his or her Cash Fees in cash.
- (c) Subject to Subsection 7.1(d), the election of an Electing Person under Subsection 7.1(b) shall be deemed to apply to all Cash Fees paid subsequent to the filing of the Election Notice. In the case of an Electing Person who is a U.S. Taxpayer, his or her election under Section 7.1(b) shall be deemed to apply to all Cash Fees that are earned after the Election Date. An Electing Person is not required to file another Election Notice for subsequent calendar years.
- (d) Each Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer is entitled once per calendar year to terminate his or her election to receive DSUs by filing with the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation a termination notice in the form of Schedule B. Such termination shall be effective immediately upon receipt of such notice, provided that the Corporation has not imposed a “black-out” on trading. Thereafter, any portion of such Electing Person’s Cash Fees payable or paid in the same calendar year and, subject to complying with Subsection 7.1(b), all subsequent calendar years shall be paid in cash. For greater certainty, to the extent an Electing Person terminates his or her participation in the grant of DSUs pursuant to this Article 7, he or she shall not be entitled to elect to receive the Elected Amount, or any other amount of his or her Cash Fees in DSUs again until the calendar year following the year in which the termination notice is delivered. An election by a U.S. Taxpayer to receive the Elected Amount in DSUs for any calendar year (or portion thereof) is irrevocable for that calendar year after the expiration of the election period for that year and any termination of the election will not take effect until the first day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the termination notice in the form of Schedule C is delivered.
- (e) Any DSUs granted pursuant to this Article 7 prior to the delivery of a termination notice pursuant to Section 7.1(d) shall remain in the Plan following such termination and will be redeemable only in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (f) The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted at any particular time pursuant to this Article 7 will be calculated by dividing (i) the amount of Director Fees that are to be paid as DSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator or Director Fees that are to be paid in DSUs (including any

Elected Amount), by (ii) the Market Price of a Share on the Date of Grant.

- (g) In addition to the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant DSUs to any Participant.

## **7.2 DSU Account**

All DSUs received by a Participant (which, for greater certainty includes Electing Persons) shall be credited to an account maintained for the Participant on the books of the Corporation, as of the Date of Grant. The terms and conditions of each DSU grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.

## **7.3 Vesting of DSUs**

Except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular Award Agreement, DSUs shall vest immediately upon grant.

## **7.4 Settlement of DSUs**

- (a) DSUs shall be settled on the date established in the Award Agreement; provided, however that if there is no Award Agreement or the Award Agreement does not establish a date for the settlement of the DSUs, then, for a Participant who is not a U.S. Taxpayer the settlement date shall be the date determined by the Participant (which date shall not be earlier than the Termination Date), and for a Participant who is a U.S. taxpayer, the settlement date shall be the date determined by the Participant in accordance with the Election Notice (which date shall not be earlier than the "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A)). On the settlement date for any DSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested DSU for:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct; or
  - (ii) at the election of the Participant and subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator, a cash payment.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 7.4 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of DSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested DSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll or in such other manner as determined by the Corporation, if applicable.

## **7.5 No Additional Amount or Benefit**

For greater certainty, neither a Participant to whom DSUs are granted nor any person with whom such Participant does not deal at arm's length (for purposes of the Tax Act) shall be entitled, either immediately or in the future, either absolutely or contingently, to receive or obtain any amount or benefit granted or to be granted for the purpose of reducing the impact, in whole or in part, of any reduction in the Market Price of the Shares to which the DSUs relate.

# **ARTICLE 8 ADDITIONAL AWARD TERMS**

## **8.1 Dividend Equivalents**

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in the particular Award Agreement, an Award of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs shall include the right for such RSUs, PSUs and DSUs be credited with dividend equivalents in the form of additional RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, respectively, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Shares. Such dividend equivalents shall be computed by dividing: (a) the amount obtained by multiplying the amount of the dividend declared and paid per Share by the number of RSUs, PSUs



and DSUs, as applicable, held by the Participant on the record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price at the close of the first Business Day immediately following the dividend record date, with fractions computed to three decimal places. Dividend equivalents credited to a Participant's account shall vest in proportion to the RSUs, PSUs and DSUs to which they relate, and shall be settled in accordance with Subsections 5.4, 6.6, and 7.4 respectively.

- (b) The foregoing does not obligate the Corporation to declare or pay dividends on Shares and nothing in this Plan shall be interpreted as creating such an obligation.

## **8.2 Black-out Period**

In the event that an Award expires at a time when a scheduled blackout is in place or an undisclosed material change or material fact in the affairs of the Corporation exists, the expiry of such Award will be the date that is 10 Business Days after which such scheduled blackout terminates or there is no longer such undisclosed material change or material fact.

## **8.3 Withholding Taxes**

Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, the granting, vesting or settlement of each Award under this Plan is subject to the condition that if at any time the Plan Administrator determines, in its discretion, that the satisfaction of withholding tax or other withholding liabilities is necessary or desirable in respect of such grant, vesting or settlement, such action is not effective unless such withholding has been effected to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator. In such circumstances, the Plan Administrator may require that a Participant pay to the Corporation the minimum amount as the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation is obliged to withhold or remit to the relevant taxing authority in respect of the granting, vesting or settlement of the Award. Any such additional payment is due no later than the date on which such amount with respect to the Award is required to be remitted to the relevant tax authority by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be. Alternatively, and subject to any requirements or limitations under applicable law, the Corporation or any Affiliate may (a) withhold such amount from any remuneration or other amount payable by the Corporation or any Affiliate to the Participant, (b) require the sale, on behalf of the applicable Participant, of a number of Shares issued upon exercise, vesting, or settlement of such Award and the remittance to the Corporation of the net proceeds from such sale sufficient to satisfy such amount, or (c) enter into any other suitable arrangements for the receipt of such amount.

## **8.4 Recoupment**

Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, Awards may be subject to potential cancellation, recoupment, rescission, payback or other action in accordance with the terms of any clawback, recoupment or similar policy adopted by the Corporation or the relevant subsidiary of the Corporation, or as set out in the Participant's employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement, or as otherwise required by law or the rules of the Exchange, if applicable. The Plan Administrator may at any time waive the application of this Section 8.4 to any Participant or category of Participants.

# **ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES**

## **9.1 Termination of Employee, Consultant or Director**

Subject to Section 9.2, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in an employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement:

- (a) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated or the Participant ceases to hold office or his or her position, as applicable, by reason of voluntary resignation by the Participant or termination by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation for Cause, then any Option or other Award held by the Participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled as of the Termination Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date;

- (b) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause (whether such termination occurs with or without any or adequate reasonable notice, or with or without any or adequate compensation in lieu of such reasonable notice) then any unvested Options or other Awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Options may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option, such Award will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date;
- (c) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement terminates on account of his or her becoming Disabled, then any Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the Participant's Termination Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time until the Expiry Date of such Option. Any vested Award other than an Option will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date;
- (d) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated by reason of the death of the Participant, then any Award that is held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such Participant shall immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the first anniversary of the date of the death of such Participant. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option, such Award will be settled with the Participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) within 90 days after the date of the Participant's death;
- (e) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated due to the Participant's Retirement, then (i) any outstanding Award that vests or becomes exercisable based solely on the Participant remaining in the service of the Corporation or its subsidiary will become 100% vested, and (ii) any outstanding Award that vests based on the achievement of Performance Goals and that has not previously become vested shall continue to be eligible to vest based upon the actual achievement of such Performance Goals. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the third anniversary of the Participant's date of Retirement. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) or (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option that is described in (i), such Award will be settled within 90 days after the Participant's Retirement. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option that is described in (ii), such Award will be settled at the same time the Award would otherwise have been settled had the Participant remained in active service with the Corporation or its subsidiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, following his or her Retirement, the Participant commences (the "**Commencement Date**") employment, consulting or acting as a director of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries (or in an analogous capacity) or otherwise as a service provider to any Person that carries on or proposes to carry on a business competitive with the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, any Option or other Award held by the Participant that has not been exercised or settled as of the Commencement Date shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Commencement Date;
- (f) a Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Options or other Awards under this Plan ceases as of:
  - (i) the date that the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provides the Participant with written notification that the Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated, notwithstanding that such date may be prior to the Termination Date; or

- (ii) the date of the death, Disability or Retirement of the Participant;
- (g) notwithstanding Subsection 9.1(b), unless the Plan Administrator, in its discretion, otherwise determines, at any time and from time to time, but with due regard for Section 409A, Options or other Awards are not affected by a change of employment or consulting agreement or arrangement, or directorship within or among the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation for so long as the Participant continues to be a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant, as applicable, of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation; and
- (h) notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 9.1, in the case of an Award (other than an Option) granted to a U.S. Taxpayer that is vested or that immediately vests (in whole or in part) as a result of a Participant's termination of service, then such Award will, subject to Section 11.6(d), be settled as soon as administratively practicable following the Participant's termination of service, but in no event later than 90 days following the Participant's termination of service. In the case of an Award (other than an Option) granted to a U.S. Taxpayer that remains eligible to vest (in whole or in part) following a Participant's termination of service based upon the achievement of one or more Performance Goals, such Award will be settled at the originally scheduled settlement date for such Award.

## **9.2 Discretion to Permit Acceleration**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9.1, the Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, at any time prior to, or following the events contemplated in such Section, or in an employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant, permit the acceleration of vesting of any or all Awards or waive termination of any or all Awards, all in the manner and on the terms as may be authorized by the Plan Administrator.

## **ARTICLE 10 EVENTS AFFECTING THE CORPORATION**

### **10.1 General**

The existence of any Awards does not affect in any way the right or power of the Corporation or its shareholders to make, authorize or determine any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or any other change in the Corporation's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or consolidation involving the Corporation, to create or issue any bonds, debentures, Shares or other securities of the Corporation or to determine the rights and conditions attaching thereto, to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or to effect any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise, whether or not any such action referred to in this Article 10 would have an adverse effect on this Plan or on any Award granted hereunder.

### **10.2 Change in Control**

Except as may be set forth in an employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant and subject to this Section 10.2, but notwithstanding anything else in this Plan or any Award Agreement, the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of any Participant, take such steps as it deems necessary or desirable, including to cause (i) the conversion or exchange of any outstanding Awards into or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent value, as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion, in any entity participating in or resulting from a Change in Control; (ii) outstanding Awards to vest and become exercisable, realizable, or payable, or restrictions applicable to an Award to lapse, in whole or in part prior to or upon consummation of such merger or Change in Control, and, to the extent the Plan Administrator determines, terminate upon or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such merger or Change in Control; (iii) the termination of an Award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction (and, for the avoidance of

doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction the Plan Administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Corporation without payment);

(iv) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the Board in its sole discretion where such replacement would not adversely affect the holder; or (v) any combination of the foregoing. In taking any of the actions permitted under this Section 10.2, the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of Options held by a Canadian Taxpayer, the Plan Administrator may not cause the Canadian Taxpayer to receive (pursuant to this Section 10.2) any property in connection with a Change in Control other than rights to acquire shares of a corporation or units of a "mutual fund trust" (as defined in the Tax Act), of the Corporation or a "qualifying person" (as defined in the Tax Act) that does not deal at arm's length (for purposes of the Tax Act) with the Corporation, as applicable, at the time such rights are issued or granted.

- (a) Notwithstanding Subsection 10.2 and unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Shares will cease trading on an Exchange, then the Corporation may terminate all of the Awards, other than an Option held by a Canadian Taxpayer for the purposes of the Tax Act, granted under this Plan at the time of and subject to the completion of the Change in Control transaction by paying to each holder at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction an amount for each Award equal to the fair market value of the Award held by such Participant as determined by the Plan Administrator, acting reasonably, provided that any vested Awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers will be settled within 90 days of the Change in Control.
- (b) It is intended that any actions taken under this Section 10.2 will comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code with respect to Awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers.

### **10.3 Reorganization of Corporation's Capital**

Should the Corporation effect a subdivision or consolidation of Shares or any similar capital reorganization or a payment of a stock dividend (other than a stock dividend that is in lieu of a cash dividend), or should any other change be made in the capitalization of the Corporation that does not constitute a Change in Control and that would warrant the amendment or replacement of any existing Awards in order to adjust the number of Shares that may be acquired on the vesting of outstanding Awards and/or the terms of any Award in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards, the Plan Administrator will, subject to the prior approval of the Exchange, if applicable, and in compliance with applicable Securities Laws, authorize such steps to be taken as it may consider to be equitable and appropriate to that end.

### **10.4 Other Events Affecting the Corporation**

In the event of an amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or other transaction or reorganization involving the Corporation and occurring by exchange of Shares, by sale or lease of assets or otherwise, that does not constitute a Change in Control and that warrants the amendment or replacement of any existing Awards in order to adjust the number and/or type of Shares that may be acquired, or by reference to which such Awards may be settled, on the vesting of outstanding Awards and/or the terms of any Award in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards, the Plan Administrator will, subject to the prior approval of the Exchange and compliance with applicable Securities Laws, if applicable, authorize such steps to be taken as it may consider to be equitable and appropriate to that end.

### **10.5 Immediate Acceleration of Awards**

In taking any of the steps provided in Sections 10.3 and 10.4, the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly and where the Plan Administrator determines that the steps provided in Sections 10.3 and 10.4 would not preserve proportionately the rights, value and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards in the circumstances or otherwise determines that it is appropriate, the Plan Administrator may, but is not required to, permit the immediate vesting of any unvested Awards.

### **10.6 Issue by Corporation of Additional Shares**

Except as expressly provided in this Article 10, neither the issue by the Corporation of shares of any class or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of any class, nor the conversion or exchange of such shares or securities, affects, and no adjustment by reason thereof is to be made with respect to the number of Shares that may be acquired as a result of a grant of Awards.

### **10.7 Fractions**

No fractional Shares will be issued pursuant to an Award. Accordingly, if, as a result of any adjustment under this Article 10 or a dividend equivalent, a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share, the Participant has the right to acquire only the adjusted number of full Shares and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Shares, which shall be disregarded.

## **ARTICLE 11 U.S. TAXPAYERS**

### **11.1 Provisions for U.S. Taxpayers**

Options granted under this Plan to U.S. Taxpayers may be non-qualified stock options or incentive stock options qualifying under Section 422 of the Code (“**ISOs**”). Each Option shall be designated in the Award Agreement as either an ISO or a non-qualified stock option. If an Award Agreement fails to designate an Option as either an ISO or non-qualified stock option, the Option will be a non-qualified stock option. The Corporation shall not be liable to any Participant or to any other Person if it is determined that an Option intended to be an ISO does not qualify as an ISO. Non-qualified stock options will be granted to a U.S. Taxpayer only if (i) such U.S. Taxpayer performs services for the Corporation or any corporation or other entity in which the Corporation has a direct or indirect controlling interest or otherwise has a significant ownership interest, as determined under Section 409A, such that the Option will constitute an option to acquire “service recipient stock” within the meaning of Section 409A, or (ii) such option otherwise is exempt from Section 409A.

### **11.2 ISOs**

The terms and conditions of any ISOs granted to a U.S. Taxpayer on the Date of Grant hereunder, including the eligible recipients of ISOs, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 422 of the Code, and the terms, conditions, limitations and administrative procedures established by the Plan Administrator from time to time in accordance with this Plan. At the discretion of the Plan Administrator, ISOs may only be granted to an individual who is an employee of the Corporation, or of a “parent corporation” or “subsidiary corporation” of the Corporation, as such terms are defined in Sections 424(e) and (f) of the Code.

### **11.3 ISO Grants to 10% Shareholders**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, if an ISO is granted to a person who owns shares representing more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of shares of the Corporation or of a “parent corporation” or “subsidiary corporation”, as such terms are defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code, on the Date of Grant, the term of the Option shall not exceed five years from the time of grant of such Option and the Exercise Price shall be at least 110% of the Market Price of the Shares subject to the Option.

### **11.4 \$100,000 Per Year Limitation for ISOs**

To the extent the aggregate Market Price as at the Date of Grant of the Shares for which ISOs are exercisable for the first time by any person during any calendar year (under all plans of the Corporation and any “parent corporation” or “subsidiary corporation”, as such terms are defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code) exceeds US\$100,000, such excess ISOs shall be treated as non-qualified stock options.

### **11.5 Disqualifying Dispositions**

Each person awarded an ISO under this Plan shall notify the Corporation in writing immediately after the date he or she makes a disposition or transfer of any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of such ISO if such disposition or transfer is made (a) within two years from the Date of Grant or (b) within one year after the date such person acquired the Shares. Such notice shall specify the date of such disposition or other transfer and the amount realized, in cash, other property, assumption of indebtedness or other consideration, by the person in such disposition or other transfer. The Corporation may, if determined by the Plan Administrator and in accordance with procedures established by it, retain possession of any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO as agent for the applicable person until the end of the later of the periods described in (a) or (b) above, subject to complying with any instructions from such person as to the sale of such Shares.

### **11.6 Section 409A of the Code**

- (a) This Plan will be construed and interpreted to be exempt from, or where not so exempt, to comply with Section 409A of the Code to the extent required to preserve the intended tax consequences of this Plan. Any reference in this Plan to Section 409A of the Code shall also include any regulation promulgated thereunder or any other formal guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to Section 409A of the Code. Each Award shall be construed and administered such that the Award either (A) qualifies for an exemption from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or (B) satisfies the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. If an Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (I) distributions shall only be made in a manner and upon an event permitted under section 409A of the Code, (II) payments to be made upon a termination of employment or service shall only be made upon a “separation from service” under Section 409A of the Code, (III) unless the Award specifies otherwise, each installment payment shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code, and (IV) in no event shall a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year in which a distribution is made except in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. To the extent that an Award or payment, or the settlement or deferral thereof, is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Award will be granted, paid, settled or deferred in a manner that will meet the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A of the Code. The Corporation reserves the right to amend this Plan to the extent it reasonably determines is necessary in order to preserve the intended tax consequences of this Plan in light of Section 409A of the Code. In no event will the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates be liable for any tax, interest or penalties that may be imposed on a Participant under Section 409A of the Code or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A of the Code.
- (b) All terms of the Plan that are undefined or ambiguous must be interpreted in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code if necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code.

- (c) The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, may permit the acceleration of the time or schedule of payment of a U.S. Taxpayer's vested Awards in the Plan under circumstances that constitute permissible acceleration events under Section 409A of the Code.
- (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary, in the case of any "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code who is a U.S. Taxpayer, distributions of non-qualified deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code made in connection with a "separation from service" within the meaning set forth in Section 409A of the Code may not be made prior to the date which is six months after the date of separation from service (or, if earlier, the date of death of the U.S. Taxpayer). Any amounts subject to a delay in payment pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be paid as soon practicable following such six-month anniversary of such separation from service.

### **11.7 Section 83(b) Election**

If a Participant makes an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code with respect to an Award of Shares subject to vesting or other forfeiture conditions, the Participant shall be required to promptly file a copy of such election with the Corporation.

### **11.8 Application of Article 11 to U.S. Taxpayers**

For greater certainty, the provisions of this Article 11 shall only apply to U.S. Taxpayers.

## **ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN**

### **12.1 Amendment, Suspension, or Termination of the Plan**

The Plan Administrator may from time to time, without notice and without approval of the holders of voting shares of the Corporation, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Plan or any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan as it, in its discretion determines appropriate, provided, however, that:

- (a) no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the Plan or any Awards granted hereunder may materially impair any rights of a Participant or materially increase any obligations of a Participant under the Plan without the consent of the Participant, unless the Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable Securities Laws or Exchange requirements; and
- (b) any amendment that would cause an Award held by a U.S. Taxpayer to be subject to income inclusion under Section 409A of the Code shall be null and void ab initio with respect to the U.S. Taxpayer unless the consent of the U.S. Taxpayer is obtained.

### **12.2 Shareholder Approval**

Notwithstanding Section 12.1 and subject to any rules of the Exchange, if applicable, approval of the holders of Shares shall be required for any amendment, modification or change that:

- (a) increases the percentage of Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan, except pursuant to the provisions under Article 10 which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (b) reduces the exercise price of an Option Award except pursuant to the provisions in the Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (c) extends the term of an Option Award beyond the original Expiry Date (except where an Expiry Date

would have fallen within a blackout period applicable to the Participant or within 10 Business Days following the expiry of such a blackout period);

- (d) permits an Option Award to be exercisable beyond 10 years from its Date of Grant (except where an Expiry Date would have fallen within a blackout period of the Corporation);
- (e) changes the eligible participants of the Plan; or
- (f) deletes or reduces the range of amendments which require approval of shareholders under this Section 12.2.

### **12.3 Permitted Amendments**

Without limiting the generality of Section 12.1, but subject to Section 12.2, the Plan Administrator may, without shareholder approval, at any time or from time to time, amend the Plan for the purposes of:

- (a) making any amendments to the general vesting provisions of each Award;
- (b) making any amendments to the provisions set out in Article 9;
- (c) making any amendments to add covenants of the Corporation for the protection of Participants, as the case may be, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the good faith opinion that such additions will not be prejudicial to the rights or interests of the Participants, as the case may be;
- (d) making any amendments not inconsistent with the Plan as may be necessary or desirable with respect to matters or questions which, in the good faith opinion of the Plan Administrator, having in mind the best interests of the Participants, it may be expedient to make, including amendments that are desirable as a result of changes in law in any jurisdiction where a Participant resides, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the opinion that such amendments and modifications will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Participants and Directors; or
- (e) making such changes or corrections which, on the advice of counsel to the Corporation, are required for the purpose of curing or correcting any ambiguity or defect or inconsistent provision or clerical omission or mistake or manifest error, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the opinion that such changes or corrections will not be prejudicial to the rights and interests of the Participants.

## **ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS**

### **13.1 Legal Requirement**

The Corporation is not obligated to grant any Awards, issue any Shares or other securities, make any payments or take any other action if, in the opinion of the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, such action would constitute a violation by a Participant or the Corporation of any provision of any applicable statutory or regulatory enactment of any government or government agency or the requirements of any Exchange upon which the Shares may then be listed, if applicable.



### **13.2 No Other Benefit**

No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, a Participant under the Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the price of a Share, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant for such purpose.

### **13.3 Rights of Participant**

No Participant has any claim or right to be granted an Award and the granting of any Award is not to be construed as giving a Participant a right to remain as an Employee, Consultant, Officer or Director. No Participant has any rights as a shareholder of the Corporation in respect of Shares issuable pursuant to any Award until the allotment and issuance to such Participant, or as such Participant may direct, of certificates representing such Shares.

### **13.4 Corporate Action**

Nothing contained in this Plan or in an Award shall be construed so as to prevent the Corporation from taking corporate action which is deemed by the Corporation to be appropriate or in its best interest, whether or not such action would have an adverse effect on this Plan or any Award.

### **13.5 Conflict**

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Plan and an Award Agreement, the provisions of the Award Agreement shall govern. In the event of any conflict between or among the provisions of this Plan or any Award Agreement, on the one hand, and a Participant's employment agreement with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on the other hand, the provisions of the employment agreement or other written agreement shall prevail.

### **13.6 Anti-Hedging Policy**

By accepting an Award each Participant acknowledges that he or she is restricted from purchasing financial instruments such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of Awards.

### **13.7 Participant Information**

Each Participant shall provide the Corporation with all information (including personal information) required by the Corporation in order to administer the Plan. Each Participant acknowledges that information required by the Corporation in order to administer the Plan may be disclosed to any custodian appointed in respect of the Plan and other third parties, and may be disclosed to such persons (including persons located in jurisdictions other than the Participant's jurisdiction of residence), in connection with the administration of the Plan. Each Participant consents to such disclosure and authorizes the Corporation to make such disclosure on the Participant's behalf.

### **13.8 Participation in the Plan**

The participation of any Participant in the Plan is entirely voluntary and not obligatory and shall not be interpreted as conferring upon such Participant any rights or privileges other than those rights and privileges expressly provided in the Plan. In particular, participation in the Plan does not constitute a condition of employment or engagement nor a commitment on the part of the Corporation to ensure the continued employment or engagement of such Participant. The Plan does not provide any guarantee against any loss which may result from fluctuations in the market value of the Shares. The Corporation does not assume responsibility for the income or other tax consequences for the Participants and Directors and they are advised to consult with their own tax advisors.

### **13.9 International Participants**

With respect to Participants who reside or work outside Canada and the United States, the Plan Administrator may, in its sole discretion, amend, or otherwise modify, without shareholder approval, the terms of the Plan or Awards with respect to such Participants in order to conform such terms with the provisions of local law, and the Plan Administrator may, where appropriate, establish one or more sub-plans to reflect such amended or otherwise modified provisions.

### **13.10 Successors and Assigns**

The Plan shall be binding on all successors and assigns of the Corporation and its subsidiaries.

### **13.11 General Restrictions or Assignment**

Except as required by law, the rights of a Participant under the Plan are not capable of being assigned, transferred, alienated, sold, encumbered, pledged, mortgaged or charged and are not capable of being subject to attachment or legal process for the payment of any debts or obligations of the Participant unless otherwise approved by the Plan Administrator.

### **13.12 Severability**

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

### **13.13 Notices**

- (a) All written notices to be given by a Participant to the Corporation shall be delivered personally, e-mail or mail, postage prepaid, addressed as noted on the Corporation's SEDAR profile: Attention: Chief Financial Officer
- (b) All notices to a Participant will be addressed to the principal address of the Participant on file with the Corporation. Either the Corporation or the Participant may designate a different address by written notice to the other. Such notices are deemed to be received, if delivered personally or by e-mail, on the date of delivery, and if sent by mail, on the fifth Business Day following the date of mailing. Any notice given by either the Participant or the Corporation is not binding on the recipient thereof until received.

### **13.14 Effective Date**

This Plan becomes effective on a date to be determined by the Plan Administrator, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Corporation.

### **13.15 Governing Law**

This Plan and all matters to which reference is made herein shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein, without any reference to conflicts of law rules.

### **13.16 Submission to Jurisdiction**

The Corporation and each Participant irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction in the Province of British Columbia in respect of any action or proceeding relating in any way to the Plan, including, without limitation, with respect to the grant of Awards and any issuance of Shares made in accordance with the Plan.

**SCHEDULE A**

**AVANTI GOLD CORP.  
OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")**

**ELECTION NOTICE**

All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, I hereby elect to participate in the grant of DSUs pursuant to Article 7 of the Plan and to receive [insert amount]% of my Cash Fees in the form of DSUs.

If I am a U.S. Taxpayer, I hereby further elect for any DSUs subject to this Election Notice to be settled on the later of (i) my "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A) or (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ . I confirm

that:

- (a) I have received and reviewed a copy of the terms of the Plan and agreed to be bound by them.
- (b) I recognize that when DSUs credited pursuant to this election are redeemed in accordance with the terms of the Plan, income tax and other withholdings as required will arise at that time. Upon redemption of the DSUs, the Corporation will make all appropriate withholdings as required by law at that time.
- (c) The value of DSUs is based on the value of the Shares of the Corporation and therefore is not guaranteed.
- (d) To the extent I am a U.S. taxpayer, I understand that this election is irrevocable for the calendar year to which it applies and that any revocation or termination of this election after the expiration of the election period will not take effect until the first day of the calendar year following the year in which I file the revocation or termination notice with the Corporation.

The foregoing is only a brief outline of certain key provisions of the Plan. For more complete information, reference should be made to the Plan's text.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Participant)

**SCHEDULE B**

**AVANTI GOLD CORP.  
OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")**

**ELECTION TO TERMINATE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DSUs**

All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Notwithstanding my previous election in the form of Schedule A to the Plan, I hereby elect that no portion of the Cash Fees accrued after the date hereof shall be paid in DSUs in accordance with Article 7 of the Plan.

I understand that the DSUs already granted under the Plan cannot be redeemed except in accordance with the Plan.

I confirm that I have received and reviewed a copy of the terms of the Plan and agree to be bound by them.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Participant)

**Note:** An election to terminate receipt of additional DSUs can only be made by a Participant once in a calendar year.

**SCHEDULE C**

**AVANTI GOLD CORP.  
OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")**

**ELECTION TO TERMINATE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DSUs  
(U.S. TAXPAYERS)**

All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Notwithstanding my previous election in the form of Schedule A to the Plan, I hereby elect that no portion of the Cash Fees accrued after the effective date of this termination notice shall be paid in DSUs in accordance with Article 5 of the Plan.

I understand that this election to terminate receipt of additional DSUs will not take effect until the first day of the calendar year following the year in which I file this termination notice with the Corporation.

I understand that the DSUs already granted under the Plan cannot be redeemed except in accordance with the Plan.

I confirm that I have received and reviewed a copy of the terms of the Plan and agree to be bound by them.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Participant)

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(Name of Participant)

**Note:** An election to terminate receipt of additional DSUs can only be made by a Participant once in a calendar year.