# **SOFTLAB9 TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING and INFORMATION CIRCULAR

TO BE HELD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 10:00 A.M. (PST) 610 – 700 WEST PENDER STREET VANCOUVER, BC V6G 1G8

# **SOFTLAB9 TECHNOLOGIES INC.**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the annual general and special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders of SOFTLAB9 TECHNOLOGIES INC. (hereinafter called the "**Company**") will be held at Suite 610 – 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia Canada, on Thursday, September 24, at 10:00 AM (PST), for the following purposes:

- to receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, together with the reports of the auditor and the management's discussion and analysis thereon;
- 2. to fix number of directors at four (4);
- 3. to elect directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
- 4. to appoint Saturna Group Chartered Professional Accountants LLP, as the auditor of the Company for the ensuing year, and to authorize the directors to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor;
- 5. to consider and, if thought fit, pass an ordinary resolution to approve the Company's current 10% rolling stock option plan, as more particularly described in the accompanying Information Circular; and
- 6. to consider and, if thought fit, to approve an ordinary resolution approving and ratifying the RSU Plan as more particularly described in the Information Circular and to authorize the Directors to make modifications thereto in accordance with the RSU Plan and the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange.

No other matters are contemplated, however any permitted amendment to or variation of any matter identified in this Notice may properly be considered at the Meeting. The Meeting may also consider the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

An Information Circular accompanies this Notice. The Information Circular contains details of matters to be considered at the Meeting.

The consolidated audited financial statements for the financial years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the report of the auditor and the management discussion and analysis thereon will be made available at the Meeting and will be available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

Registered shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting in person and who wish to ensure that their shares will be voted at the Meeting are requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed form of proxy, or another suitable form of proxy and deliver it in accordance with the instructions set out in the form of proxy and in the Information Circular. Non-registered shareholders who plan to attend the Meeting must follow the instructions set out in the form of proxy or voting instruction form to ensure that their shares will be voted at the Meeting. If you hold your shares in a brokerage account you are not a registered shareholder.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, August 13, 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD "Rahim Mohamed" CEO, Chairman

# SOFTLAB9 TECHNOLOGIES INC.

#605 – 815 Hornby Street Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2E6

#### INFORMATION CIRCULAR

(Containing information as at August 3, 2020, or unless otherwise stated)

This information circular ("Information Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Softlab9 Technologies Inc. (the "Company") for use at the Annual General and Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company (and any adjournment thereof) to be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020, (the "Meeting") at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting. In this Information Circular, references to "the Company", "Softlab9", "we" and "our" refer to Softlab9 Technologies Inc. "Common Shares" means common shares without par value in the capital of the Company. "Beneficial Shareholders" means shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name and "intermediaries" refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Beneficial Shareholders.

While it is expected that the solicitation will be primarily by mail, proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by the directors, officers and regular employees of the Company at nominal cost. All costs of solicitation by management will be borne by the Company.

The contents and the sending of this Information Circular have been approved by the directors of the Company.

# **GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION**

#### Solicitation of Proxies

The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and regular employees of the Company. The Company will bear all costs of this solicitation. We have arranged for intermediaries to forward the meeting materials to beneficial owners of the Common Shares held of record by those intermediaries and we may reimburse the intermediaries for their reasonable fees and disbursements in that regard.

# **Appointment of Proxyholders**

No other matters are contemplated, however any permitted amendment to or variation of any matter identified in this Notice may properly be considered at the Meeting. The Meeting may also consider the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The consolidated audited financial statements for the financial years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the report of the auditor thereon and related management discussion and analysis thereon will be made available at the Meeting and will be made available on <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

# **Voting by Proxyholder**

The persons named in the Proxy will vote or withhold from voting the Common Shares represented thereby in accordance with your instructions on any ballot that may be called for. If you specify a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, your Common Shares will be voted accordingly. The Proxy confers discretionary authority on the persons named therein with respect to:

(a) each matter or group of matters identified therein for which a choice is not specified, other than the appointment of an auditor and the election of directors;

- (b) any amendment to or variation of any matter identified therein; and
- (c) any other matter that properly comes before the Meeting.

In respect of a matter for which a choice is not specified in the Proxy, the persons named in the Proxy will vote the Common Shares represented by the Proxy for the approval of such matter.

# **Revocation of Proxies**

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a registered shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by:

- (a) executing a proxy bearing a later date or by executing a valid notice of revocation, either of the foregoing to be executed by the registered shareholder or the registered shareholder's authorized attorney in writing, or, if the shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal by an officer or attorney duly authorized, and by delivering the proxy bearing a later date to Computershare, at any time up to and including the last business day that precedes the day of the Meeting or, if the Meeting is adjourned, the last business day that precedes any reconvening thereof, or to the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any reconvening thereof, or in any other manner provided by law; or
- (b) personally attending the Meeting and voting the registered shareholder's Common Shares.

A revocation of a proxy will not affect a matter on which a vote is taken before the revocation.

# **Registered Shareholders**

Registered Shareholders may wish to vote by proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered shareholders may choose one of the following options to submit their proxy:

- (a) complete, date and sign the Proxy and return it to the Company's transfer agent, TSX Trust Company (Canada), by fax within North America at (416)595-9593, or by mail to 301 100 Adelaide Street W Toronto, Ontario M5H 4H1, or hand delivery to Suite 1250, 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X1;
- (b) use a touch-tone phone to transmit voting choices to a toll free number. Registered shareholders must follow the instructions of the voice response system and refer to the enclosed proxy form for the toll free number, the holder's account number and the control number; or
- (c) use the internet through the website of the Company's transfer agent at www.voteproxyonline.com. Registered Shareholders must follow the instructions that appear on the screen and refer to the enclosed proxy form for the holder's account number and the control number.

In all cases the Registered Shareholder must ensure the proxy is received at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before the Meeting, or the adjournment thereof, at which the proxy is to be used.

# **Beneficial Shareholders**

The following information is of significant importance to shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Beneficial Shareholders should note that the only proxies that can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting are those deposited by registered shareholders (those whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares) or as set out in the following disclosure.

If Common Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Common Shares will not be registered in the shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Common Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered 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), and in the United States (the "U.S."), under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depositary for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks).

Intermediaries are required to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholder meetings. Every intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients.

You should carefully follow the instructions of your broker or intermediary in order to ensure that your Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

The form of proxy supplied to you by your broker will be similar to the Proxy provided to registered shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the intermediary on how to vote your Common Shares on your behalf. Most brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") in Canada and in the United States. Broadridge mails a voting instruction form (a "VIF") in lieu of a Proxy provided by the Company. The VIF will name the same persons as the Company's Proxy to represent your Common Shares at the Meeting. You have the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Beneficial Shareholder of the Company), other than any of the persons designated in the VIF to represent your Common Shares at the Meeting and that person may be you. To exercise this right, insert the name of the desired representative (which may be you), in the blank space provided in the VIF. The completed VIF must then be returned to Broadridge by mail or facsimile or given to Broadridge by phone or over the internet, in accordance with Broadridge's instructions. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting voting of Common Shares to be represented at the Meeting. If you receive a VIF from Broadridge, the VIF must be completed and returned to Broadridge, in accordance with Broadridge's instructions, well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the Common Shares voted at the Meeting, or to have an alternate representative duly appointed to attend the Meeting and vote your Common Shares.

# **Notice to United States Shareholders**

The solicitation of proxies is not subject to the requirements of Section 14(a) of the U.S. Exchange Act by virtue of an exemption applicable to proxy solicitations by foreign private issuers as defined in Rule 3b-4 of the U.S. Exchange Act. Accordingly, this Information Circular has been prepared in accordance with applicable Canadian disclosure requirements. Residents of the United States should be aware that such requirements differ from those of the United States applicable to proxy statements under the U.S. Exchange Act.

This document does not address any income tax consequences of the disposition of the Company shares by shareholders. Shareholders in a jurisdiction outside of Canada should be aware that the disposition of shares by them may have tax consequences both in those jurisdictions and in Canada, and are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances and the tax considerations applicable to them.

Any information concerning any properties and operations of the Company has been prepared in accordance with Canadian standards under applicable Canadian securities laws, and may not be comparable to similar information for United States companies.

Financial statements included or incorporated by reference herein have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and are subject to auditing and auditor independence standards in Canada. Such consequences for the Company Shareholders who are resident in, or citizens of, the United States may not be described fully in this Information Circular.

The enforcement by the Company Shareholders of civil liabilities under the United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Company is incorporated or organized under the laws of a foreign country, that some or all of their officers and directors and the experts named herein are residents of a foreign country and that the major assets of the Company are located outside the United States.

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

No director or executive officer of the Company, or any person who has held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company, nor any nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any substantial or material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors and as may be set out herein.

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

The board of directors (the "Board") of the Company has fixed August 3, 2020 as the record date (the "Record Date") for determination of persons entitled to receive notice of the Meeting. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date who either attend the Meeting personally or complete, sign and deliver a form of proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above will be entitled to vote or to have their Common Shares voted at the Meeting.

The Company's Common Shares are listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") under stock symbol "SOFT". The Company is also listed on the OTC under stock symbol "SOFSF".

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value. As at August 3, 2020 (the "**Record Date**"), there were 16,939,767 Common Shares issued and outstanding.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, the only person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding shares of the Company as of the close of business on the Record Date is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Number of Shares	<u>Percentage</u>	
Derrick Lewis	2,567,667	15.16%	

Under the Company's Articles, the quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting consists of at least 2 persons who are, or who represent by Proxy, shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued shares entitled to be voted at the meeting.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

# 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated audited financial statements of the Company for the Company's fiscal years ending December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the report of the auditor thereon and the management's discussion and analysis thereon will be filed on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and will be available at the Meeting.

# 2. FIX NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company are elected annually and hold office until the next annual general meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are elected or appointed. Management proposes, and the Management

Proxyholders intend to vote in favour of, fixing the number of directors for the ensuing year at four (4), subject to such increases as may be permitted by the Company's Articles.

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR fixing the number of directors at four (4). Unless authority is withheld, the Management Proxyholders intend to vote FOR fixing the number of directors at four (4) for the ensuing year.

# 3. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There are currently four (4) directors in the Company. The term of office of each of the present directors expires at the Meeting. The four (4) persons named below will be presented for election at the Meeting as management's nominees. Management does not contemplate that any of these nominees will be unable to serve as a director. Each director elected will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company or until his successor is elected or appointed, unless his office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Articles of the Company or the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "**BCBCA**").

The following table and notes thereto set out the name of each of the four (4) management's nominees for election as a director, the province and country in which he is ordinarily resident, all offices of the Company now held by him, his principal occupation, the period of time he has been a director of the Company, and the number of shares of the Company beneficially owned by him, directly or indirectly, or over which he exercises control or direction, as at the date hereof.

Name of Nominee, Current Position with the Company and Province or State and Country of Residence <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal Occupation and, if not at present an elected Director, Occupation during the past five years <sup>(1)</sup>	Period as a Director of the Company	Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled <sup>(2)</sup>
Rahim Mohamed <sup>(4)</sup> Alberta, Canada  Chief Executive Officer, Director	Mr. Mohamed served as president, CEO and as a director from 2012 to 2017 for public companies. Since 2017, Mr. Mohamed as been the Company's Chief Executive Officer and devotes approximately 90% of his working time for the benefit of the Company.	August 24, 2017	967,404 <sup>(3)</sup>
Kelly Abbott <sup>(4)</sup> British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	Mr. Abbott is a director and CEO of ParcelPal. Mr. Abbots devotes approximately 15% of his working time to the Company.	January 2, 2017	Nil
Derrick Lewis <sup>(4)</sup> Alberta, Canada  Director	Mr. Lewis is the CEO at R&D Pharma and is the managing partner at Hibis Capital Inc. Mr. Lewis devotes approximately 15% of his working time to the Company.	January 2, 2017	2,567,667
Alnoor Nathoo Alberta Canada Director	Mr. Nathoo is principal of a privately held hotel development company which develops and sells hotels across Canada.		701,837

Notes:

- (1) The information as to province or state and country of residence and principal occupation, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective directors individually.
- (2) The information as to shares beneficially owned or over which a director exercises control or direction, not being within the knowledge of the Company, has been furnished by the respective directors individually.
- (3) Includes 225,500 shares through White Sands Securities, a private company owned by Mr. Mohamed.
- (4) Denotes member of Audit Committee.

# **Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies**

Except as disclosed below, to the best of management's knowledge, none of the proposed directors of the Company or any of their personal holding companies is, or within 10 years before the date of the Information Circular, has been a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company, including the Company, that:

- (a) was subject to a cease trade order or similar 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 while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the 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 person ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the company 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; or
- (c) is as at the date of this Information Circular or has been within the 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company, including the Company, that while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or has, within the 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangements or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of that person.

Rahim Mohamed, the CEO and a director of the Company, has served as the President, Chief Executive Officer and as a director of ChitrChatr Communications Inc. ("ChitrChatr") since September 2013. Additionally, Mr. Mohamed served as the President, Chief Executive Officer of AGAU Resources, Inc. ("Agau") from January 2012 through April 2017, and as a Director of Agau since January 2012.

On December 2, 2016 the Alberta Securities Commission and the Ontario Securities Commission issued a cease trade for ChitrChatr 's failure to file (a) annual audited financial statements, annual management's discussion and analysis, and certification of the annual filings for the year ended 31 July 2016; and (b) certification of the interim filings for the interim nine-month period ended April 30, 2016. On December 5, 2016, the CSE suspended trading of ChitrChatr's common shares. The cease trade order was put in place for failure to file audited annual financials.

On February 3, 2011 and February 10, 2011, respectively, the Alberta Securities Commission and the BC Securities Commission each issued a cease trade order for Agau's failure to file (a) Interim unaudited financial statements, interim management's discussion and analysis, and certification of interim filings for the interim period ended 30 November 2010. On November 29, 2010 the TSX Venture Exchange suspended trading of Agau's common shares. The cease trade orders were amended on April 5, 2013 and November 6, 2017, and were revoked on June 28, 2018.

# **Penalties or Sanctions**

None of the proposed directors or any of their personal holding companies 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.

The Company's Board recommends a vote FOR the appointment of each of the following nominees as Directors. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the person designated by management of the Company in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the election of the directors set out in the following table.

#### 4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Saturna Group Chartered Professional Accountants LLP, of Suite 1250, 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X1, and will be nominated at the Meeting for re-appointment as auditor of the Company. Saturna Group have been auditors of the Company since November 2017.

The Board recommends that you vote in favour of the re-appointment of Saturna Group Chartered Professional Accountants LLP. Unless otherwise instructed, at the Meeting the proxyholders named in the Company's form of Proxy or Voting Instruction Form will vote FOR the appointment of Saturna Group Chartered Professional Accountants LLP.

#### 5. APPROVE THE STOCK OPTION PLAN

On March 2, 2018 the Company's board of directors approved the adoption of the Company 2018 Stock Option Plan (the "Option Plan"). The purpose of the Option Plan is to advance the interests of the Company and its shareholders by attracting, retaining and motivating the performance of selected directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company of high caliber and potential and to encourage and enable such persons to acquire and retain a proprietary interest in the Company by ownership of its stock. The Option Plan provides that, subject to the requirements of the Exchange, the aggregate number of securities reserved for issuance, set aside and made available for issuance under the Option Plan may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company at the time of granting of options (including all options granted by the Company to date). The number of Common Shares which may be reserved in any 12-month period for issuance to any one individual upon exercise of all stock options held by that individual may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company at the time of the grant. The number of Common Shares which may be reserved in any 12-month period for issuance to any one consultant may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares and the maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved in any 12-month period for issuance to all persons engaged in investor relations activities may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company. The Option Plan provides that options granted to any person engaged in investor relations activities will vest in stages over 12 months with no more than ¼ of the stock options vesting in any three-month period.

The Option Plan will be administered by the Board or a special committee of directors, either of which will have full and final authority with respect to the granting of all stock options thereunder. Stock options may be granted under the Option Plan to such directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company, as the board of directors may from time to time designate.

The exercise price of any stock options granted under the Option Plan shall be determined by the Board but may not be less than the market price of the Common Shares on the Exchange on the date of the grant (less any discount permissible under Exchange rules). The term of any stock options granted under the Option Plan shall be determined by the Board at the time of grant but, subject to earlier termination in the event of termination

or in the event of death, the term of any stock options granted under the Option Plan may not exceed ten years. Options granted under the Option Plan are not to be transferable or assignable other than by will or other testamentary instrument or pursuant to the laws of succession. Subject to certain exceptions, in the event that a director or officer ceases to hold office, options granted to such director or officer under the Option Plan will expire 90 days after such director or officer ceases to hold office.

Subject to certain exceptions, in the event that an employee, or consultant ceases to act in that capacity in relation to the Company, stock options granted to such employee, consultant or management company employee under the Option Plan will expire 30 days after such individual or entity ceases to act in that capacity in relation to the Company.

Stock options granted to optionees engaged in investor relations activities on behalf of the Company expire 30 days after such optionees cease to perform such investor relations activities for the Company. In the event of death of an option holder, options granted under the Option Plan expire the earlier of one year from the date of the death of the option holder and the expiry of the term of the option.

The following information is intended to be a brief description of the Option Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Option Plan which is available for review by any Shareholder up until the day preceding the Meeting at the Company's head office at Suite 605 - 815 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, and will be available at the Meeting:

- 1. Options may be granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company.
- 2. The aggregate number of Options granted to any option holder in a twelve month period must not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company, and the maximum number of Options which may be granted to insiders within any twelve month period must not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company (unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval of such grants as required by the TSX Venture Exchange).
- 3. The aggregate number of Options granted to any one consultant of the Company within any 12 month period must not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company.
- 4. Options granted to all persons retained to provide investor relations activities must not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company in any 12 month period, calculated at the date an Option is granted to any such person, and such options are subject to vesting provisions.
- 5. The exercise price of the Options to be granted under the Option Plan will be determined by the Board and will not be less than the market value of the common shares as of the date of grant, as permitted by the Exchange.
- 6. The term of the Options will not exceed 10 years, subject to earlier termination after certain events such as the Option holder's ceasing to be an option holder, disability or death.
- 7. The Option Plan does not provide for mandatory vesting provisions of the options. Options granted under the Option Plan may contain vesting provisions at the discretion of the Board (or a committee thereof).

# Stock Option Plan Resolution

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass the following ordinary resolution to ratify and approve the stock option plan:

"RESOLVED that the Company's 10% rolling share option plan dated for reference August 3, 2020 be and is hereby ratified and approved until the next annual general meeting of the Company."

An ordinary resolution is a resolution passed by a majority of at least 50% of the votes cast by those Shareholders, who being entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy in respect of that resolution at the Meeting.

Management of the Company recommends that the shareholders vote in favour FOR the Ratification of Stock Option Plan Resolution. It is the intention of persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such form of proxy, to vote such proxy FOR the Stock Option Plan Resolution.

# 6. <u>Fixed Restricted Share Unit Plan/RSU Awards</u>

On June 1, 2020 the Board approved the form of restricted stock unit plan (the "RSU Plan") for adoption by the Company. The RSU Plan is designed to provide certain directors, officers, employees and consultants and other key employees (an "Eligible Person") of the Company and its related entities with the opportunity to acquire restricted share units ("RSUs") of the Company, thereby allowing an Eligible Person to participate in the long-term success of the Company thus promoting the alignment of an Eligible Person's interests with the Shareholders.

The RSU Plan allows the Company to grant RSUs, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Plan, which may be exercised to purchase up to a fixed number maximum of 1,000,000 Shares.

At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve the adoption of the RSU Plan. A copy of the RSU Plan is attached to this Circular as Schedule "B".

In the event that the RSU Plan is not approved by the Shareholders at the Meeting, the Company will consider the provision of comparable compensation to its directors, officers, consultants and key employees in the form of cash or by other appropriate arrangements.

The following summary assumes that the RSU Plan will be approved by the Shareholders at the Meeting and is subject to the specific provisions of the RSU Plan. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this section of the Circular shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the RSU Plan attached hereto as Schedule "B".

# Benefits of the RSU Plan

The RSU Plan is designed to be a long term incentive for the directors, officers, consultants and other key employees of the Company. RSUs provide the Company with an additional compensation tool to help retain and attract highly qualified directors, officers, consultants and employees.

# Nature and Administration of the RSU Plan

As defined in the RSU Plan, Eligible Persons are eligible to participate in the RSU Plan (as "Recipients"), and the Company reserves the right to restrict eligibility or otherwise limit the number of persons eligible for participation as Recipients in the RSU Plan. Eligibility to participate as a Recipient in the RSU Plan does not confer upon any person a right to receive an award of RSUs.

Subject to certain restrictions, the Board or its appointed committee, can, from time to time, award RSUs to Eligible Persons. RSUs will be credited to an account maintained for each Recipient on the books of the Company as of the award date. The number of RSUs to be credited to each Recipient's account shall be determined at the discretion of the Board and pursuant to the terms of the RSU Plan.

Each award of RSUs vests on the date(s) (each a "Vesting Date") that is the later of the Trigger Date (as defined in the RSU Plan) and the date upon which the relevant performance condition or other vesting condition set out in the award has been satisfied, subject to the requirements of the RSU Plan.

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

# RSUs Granted Prior to Shareholder Approval of the RSU Plan

The Company must obtain disinterested shareholder approval to any and all RSUs granted by the Company prior to shareholder approval of the RSU Plan. As at August 3, 2020, there were no RSUs granted and outstanding under the RSU Plan.

# **Credit for Dividends**

A Recipient's account will be credited with additional RSUs as of each dividend payment date in respect of which cash dividends are paid on Shares. The number of additional RSUs to be credited to a Recipient's account is computed by multiplying the amount of the dividend per Share by the aggregate number of RSUs that were credited to the Recipient's account as of the record date for payment of the dividend, and dividing that number by the Fair Market Value (as defined in the RSU Plan). Note that the Company is not obligated to pay dividends on Shares.

# Resignation, Termination, Leave of Absence or Death

Generally, if a Recipient's employment or service is terminated for cause, if Recipient enters Retirement (as defined in the RSU Plan), or if the Recipient voluntarily resigns from employment with the Company, then any RSUs credited to him or her under the RSU Plan which have not vested on or before the separation date for the Recipient are forfeited, cancelled and terminated without payment.

In the event a Recipient is terminated without cause, dies, or suffers Total Disability (as defined in the RSU Plan), unvested RSUs will immediately vest on the date of termination.

# **Control of Change**

In the event of a Change of Control (as defined in the RSU Plan), all RSUs credited to a Recipient vest on the date on which the Change of Control occurs. Within thirty (30) days after the date on which the Change of Control Occurs, but in no event later than the Expiry Date, the Recipient must receive a payment equal to the number of RSUs that vested on the date of the Change of Control, multiplied by the Fair Market Value on that date.

# **Adjustments**

In the event of any dividend paid in shares, share subdivision, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation, spin-off or other distribution of Company assets to shareholders, or any other change in the capital of the Company affecting Shares, the Board will make adjustments with respect to the number of RSUs outstanding and any proportional adjustments as it, in its discretion, considers appropriate to reflect the change.

# Vesting

The Board has discretion to grant RSUs to Eligible Persons as it determines is appropriate, and can impose conditions on vesting as it sees fit in addition to the Performance Conditions (as defined in the RSU Plan) if any. Vesting occurs on the date set by the Board at the time of the grant or if no date is set then December 1 of the third calendar year following the date of the grant (the "Trigger Date"), and the date upon which the relevant Performance Condition or other vesting condition has been satisfied, subject to the limitations of the RSU Plan. The Board may accelerate the Trigger Date of any RSU at its election.

# Limitations under the RSU Plan

Unless disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained (or unless permitted otherwise by the rules of the Stock Exchange):

- (a) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to an Eligible Person pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan may not exceed 1% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis) and in aggregate, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);
- (b) the maximum number of Shares which may be reserved for issuance to Insiders (as a group) under the Plan and under other Share Compensation Arrangement may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);
- (c) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to Insiders (as a group) pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan and under any other Share Compensation Arrangement, within a 12month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a nondiluted basis);
- (d) subject to clause (e) below, the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Eligible Person pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan and under any other Share Compensation Arrangement, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis); and
- (e) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to an Eligible Person who is a Consultant or a Person retained to provide Investor Relations Activities pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan and under any other Share Compensation Arrangement, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis), without the prior consent of the Stock Exchange.

# **Amendment or Termination of RSU Plan**

Subject to all necessary approvals of the Stock Exchange, the Board may amend or terminate the RSU Plan at any time, but the consent of the Recipient is required for any such amendment that adversely affects the rights of the Recipient, unless the amendment or termination is required by law. A termination of the RSU Plan will not accelerate the vesting of RSUs or the time which a Recipient would otherwise be entitled to receive payment in respect of the RSUs.

# **Approval Requirements**

The approval of the RSU Plan must be confirmed by a simple majority of the votes cast by Shareholders voting in person or by proxy at the Meeting. The resolution must also be approved by a simple majority of votes of disinterested shareholders only. In order to achieve disinterested shareholder voting, the votes attaching to the Common Shares beneficially owned by Insiders: Chris Anderson, Scott Kent, and Allan Beaton, and any associates or affiliates of these Insiders, Consultants and Employees, will not be counted on the resolution and will be excluded from the vote tally.

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR the resolution to approve the RSU Plan.

# Approval of the RSU Plan

At the Meeting, the Company will ask the Shareholders to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve the following ordinary resolution to approve the adoption of the RSU Plan (the "RSU Plan Shareholder Resolution"):

# "BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION that:

- 1. the Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the "RSU Plan"), in the form attached as Schedule "B" to the Company's Information Circular dated August 3, 2020, reviewed by the board of directors (the "Board"), be and is hereby ratified and approved for adoption;
- 2. The effective date of the RSU Plan shall be October 1, 2020;
- 3. subject to all required regulatory approvals, including approval of the TSX Venture Exchange, if required, and shareholder approval, the RSU Plan be and is hereby approved, and the RSU Plan be forthwith adopted and implemented by the Company, with such further deletions, additions and other amendments as are required by any securities regulatory authority or which are not substantive in nature and the Chief Executive Officer or the President of the Company deems necessary or desirable;
- 4. subject to all required regulatory approvals all Restricted Stock Units granted by the Company to Eligible Persons under the RSU Plan prior to the date of this resolution, be and are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;
- 5. the Board be and is hereby appointed to be the administrator under the RSU Plan, such appointment to be effective until revoked by resolution of the Board;
- 6. the Company be and is hereby authorized to grant Restricted Share Units ("**RSUs**") under and subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Plan, which may be exercised to purchase up to a maximum of 1,000,000 Common Shares;
- 7. the Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Company, the form of restricted stock unit agreement attached as a Schedule to the RSU Plan, providing for the grant of RSUs to Eligible Persons under the RSU Plan; and
- 8. the Company be and is hereby authorized to allot and issue as fully paid and non-assessable that number of Common Shares specified in the restricted share unit agreement of RSUs granted to Eligible Persons; and that any two authorized persons of the Company be authorized to execute such treasury order or treasury orders as may be necessary to effect said Common Share issuance."

The resolution for shareholder approval of the RSU Plan will be an ordinary resolution, which is a resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy by the shareholders of the Company at a general and Special meeting. The resolution must also be approved by a simple majority of votes of disinterested shareholders only. In order to achieve disinterested shareholder voting, the votes attaching to the shares beneficially owned by Insiders: Rahim Mohamed, Kulwant Sandher, Derrick Lewis, Kelly Abbot, Alnoor Nathoo, \_\_\_\_\_ and any associates or affiliates of these Insiders, Consultants and Employees, will not be counted on the resolution and will be excluded from the vote tally.

The Board has concluded that adoption of the RSU Plan is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Board unanimously recommends that Shareholders ratify, confirm and approve the RSU Plan by voting FOR the RSU Plan Resolution at the Meeting.

Proxies received in favour of management will be voted in favour of the RSU Plan unless the Shareholder has specified in the Proxy that his or her Shares are to be voted against such resolution.

Proxies received in favour of management will be voted FOR the approval of a resolution of shareholders regarding the approval of the Fixed RSU Plan and the issuance of RSUs under the Fixed RSU Plan, unless a shareholder has specified in the proxy that such shares are to be voted against such resolution.

#### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

For the purposes of this Information Circular:

"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);

"Named Executive Officer" or "NEO", means each of the following individuals:

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer ("CEO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year;
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer ("CFO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO, during any part of the most recently completed financial year;
- in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries (if any), the most highly compensated executive officer other than the 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 a NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company or its subsidiaries (if any), and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

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

<u>For financial year ended December 31, 2019</u>, the Company had two NEOs, namely: Mr. Rahim Mohamed, who was appointed CEO on August 24, 2017; Mr. Hanspaul Pannu, who was appointed CFO on March 2, 2018 [resigned on December 18, 2019] and Mr. Jay Ruckenstein, who was appointed as President on March 2, 2018 [resigned effective May 21, 2020]. The directors of the Company who were not NEOs were: Derrick Lewis, Kelly Abbott and Alnoor Nathoo.

For financial year ended December 31, 2018, the Company had three NEOs, namely: Mr. Rahim Mohamed (CEO), Mr. Hanspaul Pannu (CFO) and Mr. Jay Ruckenstein (President). The directors of the Company who were not NEOs were: Derrick Lewis and Kelly Abbott.

The following table of compensation, excluding options and compensation securities, provides a summary of the compensation paid by the Company to each NEO and director of the Company for the two most recently completed financial years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018. Options and compensation securities are disclosed under the heading "Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities" in this Information Circular.

#### **Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities** (in Canadian Dollars) Salary, consulting Value of Committee or fee, retainer or all other **Total** Value of Year(1) Name and position commission **Bonus** meeting fees perquisites compensation compensation (\$)<sup>(2)</sup> (\$) (\$) (\$) (\$) (\$) Rahim Mohamed<sup>(3)</sup> 2019 125,000 Nil Nil Nil Nil 125,000 Chief Executive Officer and 2018 148,000 Nil Nil Nil Nil 148,000 Director Kulwant Sandher<sup>(4)</sup> 2019 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Chief Financial Officer 2018 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Jay Ruckenstein<sup>(8)</sup> 2019 30,000 30,000 Nil Nil Nil Nil Former President 2018 107,398 Nil Nil Nil Nil 107,398 Hanspaul Pannu<sup>(9)</sup> 2019 74,000 Nil Nil Nil Nil 74,000 Former Chief Financial Officer 2018 40,000 Nil Nil Nil Nil 40,000 Derrick Lewis<sup>(5)</sup> 2019 30,000 Nil Nil Nil Nil 30,000 Director 2018 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Kelly Abbott<sup>(6)</sup> 2019 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Director 2018 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Alnoor Nathoo<sup>(7)</sup> 2019 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Director 2018 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil

# Notes:

- (1) Financial years ended December 31.
- (2) "Perquisites" include perquisites provided to a 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 is greater than \$150,000 but less than \$500,000, or (c) \$50,000 of the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$500,000 or greater.
- (3) Mr. Mohamed was appointed as Chief Executive Officer and director on August 24, 2017.
- (4) Mr. Sandher was appointed as Chief Financial Officer on December 18, 2019.
- (5) Mr. Lewis was appointed as a director on January 2, 2017.
- (6) Mr. Abbott was appointed as a director on November 23, 2017.
- (7) Mr. Nathoo was appointed as a director on October 21, 2019.
- (8) Mr. Ruckenstein was appointed as the President and as a director on March 2, 2018. Mr. Ruckenstein resigned from both positions on May 21, 2020.
- (9) Mr. Pannu was appointed as Chief Financial Officer on March 2, 2018 and resigned on December 18, 2019.

# **Compensation Securities**

At the time of the record date of this circular there are not options issued or outstanding to any of the officers or directors.

# Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation

# Compensation, Philosophy and Objectives

The Board meets to discuss and determine management compensation, without reference to formal objectives, criteria or analysis. 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; and (c) 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 mineral exploration company without a history of earnings.

The Board, as a whole, ensures that total compensation paid to all Named Executive Officers (or NEOs), as hereinafter defined, is fair and reasonable. The Board as a whole recommends levels of executive compensation that are competitive, motivating and commensurate with the time spent by executive officers in meeting their obligations. The Board relies on the experience of its members in assessing compensation levels.

# **Analysis of Elements**

Base salary is used to provide the Named Executive Officers a set amount of money during the year with the expectation that each Named Executive Officer will perform his responsibilities to the best of his ability and in the best interests of the Company.

The Company considers the granting of incentive stock options to be a significant component of executive compensation as it allows the Company to reward each NEO's efforts to increase value for shareholders without requiring the Company to use cash from its treasury. Stock options are generally awarded to executive officers at the commencement of employment and periodically thereafter. The terms and conditions of the Company's stock option grants, including vesting provisions and exercise prices, are governed by the terms of the Company's Option Plan. A description of the significant terms of the Option Plan is found under the heading "Particulars of Other Matters to be Acted Upon – Ratification of Stock Option Plan".

The Company considers the granting of restricted share units to be a significant component of executive compensation as it allows the Company to reward each NEO's efforts to increase value for shareholders without requiring the Company to use cash from its treasury. RSU's are awarded to executive officers and directors. The terms and conditions of the Company's RSU grants, including vesting provisions are governed by the terms of the Company's RSU Plan. A description of the significant terms of the RSU Plan is found under the heading "Particulars of Other Matters to be Acted Upon – Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan".

# Base Salary or Consulting Fees

Base salary ranges for the executive officers were initially determined upon a review of companies within the mining industry, which were of the same size as the Company, at the same stage of development as the Company and considered comparable to the Company.

In determining the base salary of an executive officer, the Board considers the following factors:

- (a) the particular responsibilities related to the position;
- (b) salaries paid by other companies in the mining industry which were similar in size as the Company;
- (c) the experience level of the executive officer;
- (d) the amount of time and commitment which the executive officer devotes to the Company; and
- (e) the executive officer's overall performance and performance in relation to the achievement of corporate milestones and objectives.

# **Bonus Incentive Compensation**

The Company's objective is to achieve certain strategic objectives and milestones. The Board will consider executive bonus compensation dependent upon the Company meeting those strategic objectives and milestones and sufficient cash resources being available for the granting of bonuses. The Board approves executive bonus compensation dependent upon compensation levels based on recommendations of the CEO. Such recommendations are generally based on information provided by issuers that are similar in size and scope to the Company's operations.

# **Equity Participation**

The Company believes that encouraging its executives and employees to become shareholders is the best way of aligning their interests with those of its shareholders. Equity participation is accomplished through the Company's stock option plan. Stock options are granted to executives and employees taking into account a number of factors, including the amount and term of options previously granted, base salary and bonuses and competitive factors. The amounts and terms of options granted are determined by the Board based on recommendations put forward by the CEO.

# Compensation Review Process & Risks Associated with the Company's Compensation Practices

The Board has assessed the Company's compensation plans and programs for its executive officers to ensure alignment with the Company's business plan and to evaluate the potential risks associated with those plans and programs. The Board has concluded that the compensation policies and practices do not create any risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Board considers the risks associated with executive compensation and corporate incentive plans when designing and reviewing such plans and programs.

# **Benefits and Perquisites**

The Company does not, as of the date of this Information Circular, offer any benefits or perquisites to its NEOs other than potential grants of incentive stock options and/or RSUs as otherwise disclosed and discussed herein.

# **Hedging by Named Executive Officers or Directors**

The Company has not, to date, adopted a policy restricting its executive officers and directors from purchasing financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds, which are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by executive officers or directors. As of the date of this Information Circular, entitlement to grants of incentive stock options under the Company's share option plan and restricted share unit plan is the only equity security element awarded by the Company to its executive officers and directors. To the knowledge of the Company, none of the executive officers or directors have purchased such financial instruments or employed a strategy to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held.

#### **Pension Plan**

The Company does not have any form of pension plan that provides for payments or benefits to the NEO at, following, or in connection with retirement. The Company does not have any form of deferred compensation plan.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table provides information regarding compensation plans under which securities of the Company are authorized for issuance to directors, officers, employees and consultants in effect as of the end of the Company's most recently completed fiscal year end of December 31, 2019:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options/ RSUs (a)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options / RSUs (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (1) (c)
Equity Compensation Plans Approved By Securityholders –Stock Option Plan	1,693,976	na	1,693,976
Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved By Securityholders – Fixed Restricted Share Unit Plan			
Total	1,693,976		1,693,976

# Note:

(1) The Company had 1,693,976 common shares issued and outstanding as at December 31, 2019. The Company currently has in place a "rolling" stock option plan whereby the maximum number of common shares that may be reserved for issuance pursuant to such plan will not exceed 10% of the issued shares of the Company at the time of the stock option grant. The Options, together with the RSUs which are to be approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, cannot collectively exceed 10% of the issued shares of the Company at any time.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE**

National Instrument 58-101, *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("NI 58-101") requires issuers to disclose their governance practices in accordance with that instrument. The Company is a "venture issuer" within the meaning of NI 58-101.

The Board has adopted certain corporate governance policies to reflect the Company's commitment to good corporate governance, and to comply with NI 58-101, Form 58-101F2 - Corporate Governance Disclosure (Venture Issuers) and National Policy 58-201 - Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Board periodically reviews these policies and proposes modifications to the Board for consideration as appropriate. The Company considers good corporate governance to be central to the effective and efficient management and operation of the Company, and the Board is directly responsible for developing the Company's approach to corporate governance issues. A discussion of the Company's governance practices within the context of NI 58-101 is set out below:

# **Board of Directors**

The Board will facilitate its exercise of independent supervision over the Company's management through frequent meetings of the Board. The Board is comprised of four (4) directors: Rahim Mohamed, Derrick Lewis,

Kelly Abbott and Alnoor Nathoo. As the size of the Board is small, the Board has no formal procedures designed to facilitate the exercise of independent supervision over management, relying instead on the integrity of the individual members of its management team to act in the best interests of the Company.

Mr. Mohamed is not independent as he is the Chief Executive Officer. Each of Mr. Lewis, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Nathoo are independent.

The Board facilitates the exercise of independent supervision over management through various Board meetings held throughout the year. At present, the Board does not have any formal committees other than its Audit Committee. When necessary, the Board will strike a special committee of independent directors to deal with matters requiring independence. The composition of the Board is such that the independent directors have significant experience in business affairs. As a result, these Board members are able to provide significant and valuable independent supervision over management.

# **Directorships**

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

Name of Director	Name of Reporting Issuer	Exchange Listed
Rahim Mohamed	Agau Resources	N/A – reporting issuer
Ranim Monamed	ChitrChatr Communications Inc.	CSE
Kelly Abbott	Parcel Pal Technologies Inc.	CSE

# **Compensation**

From time to time, the independent directors of the Board will review the compensation payable to the CEO and CFO. Compensation for Board members is determined by the Board as a whole and in accordance with industry norms and with reference to each individual director's level of involvement with the Company

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

New Board members will receive an orientation package includes reports on operations, and any public disclosure filings by the Company, as may be applicable. Board meetings may be held at the Company's offices and, from time to time, may be combined with presentations by the Company's management to give the directors additional insight into the Company's business. In addition, management of the Company will make itself available for discussion with all Board members.

# **Ethical Business Conduct**

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

# **Nomination of Directors**

The Board will consider its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of view and experience. When a Board vacancy occurs or is contemplated, any director may make recommendations to the Board as to qualified individuals for nomination to the Board. In identifying new candidates, the directors will take into account the mix of director characteristics and diverse experiences, perspectives and skills appropriate for the Company at that time.

#### **Other Board Committees**

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

#### **Assessments**

The Board does not conduct any formal evaluation of the performance and effectiveness of the members of the Board, the Board as a whole or any committee of the Board. These matters are dealt with on a case by case basis at the Board level.

# **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

Management functions of the Company are substantially performed by directors or senior officers (or private companies controlled by them, either directly or indirectly) of the Company and not, to any substantial degree, by any other person with whom the Company has contracted. The Company has the following agreements with management of the Company, pursuant to which a payment or other benefit is to be made or given by way of compensation in the event of that officer's resignation, retirement or other termination of employment, or in the event of a change of control of the Company or a change in the Named Executive Officer's responsibilities following such a change of control.

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH AUDITOR**

Under National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"), companies are required to provide disclosure with respect to their audit committee, including the text of the audit committee's charter, the composition of the audit committee and the fees paid to the external auditor. The Audit Committee's role is to act in an objective, independent capacity as a liaison between the auditors, management and the Board and to ensure the auditors have a facility to consider and discuss governance and audit issues with parties not directly responsible for operations. NI 52-110 and Form 52-110F2 request the Company, as a venture issuer to disclose certain information relating to the Company's audit committee and its relationship with the Company's independent auditors.

# **Audit Committee Charter**

The Company has adopted a Charter of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. A copy of the Company's Audit Committee Charter is attached hereto as Schedule "A" and will be filed on SEDAR on or before August 19, 2020.

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The following are the members of the Committee (1):

Name	Independent <sup>(2)</sup>	Financially Literate <sup>(3)</sup>
Rahim Mohamed	Not independent	Yes
Kelly Abbott	Independent	Yes
Derrick Lewis	Independent	Yes

#### Notes:

- (1) As defined in National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees ("NI 52-110").
- (2) A member of an audit committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment. Mr. Mohamed is not independent as he is the CEO of the Company.
- (3) An individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

# **Relevant Education and Experience**

Each member of the Company's Audit Committee has adequate education and experience that is relevant to his performance as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, has the requisite education and experience that have provided the member with: (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and the ability to assess the general application of those principles in connection with estimates, accruals and reserves; (b) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements or experience actively supervising individuals engaged in such activities; and (c) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

Rahim Mohamed, CEO, Director: Mr. Mohamed has a successful background in corporate communications, investor relations, new business development and C-suite presentations. Over his career, he has acquired vast and diverse experience as a change agent, market advocate, project leader and team builder in office admin, organizational development, and business planning. Mr. Mohamed's drive, leadership and ability to execute under pressure with precision give teams and partners the confidence and support needed to deliver leading, world-class products. Mr. Mohamed's public company experience includes serving as a president and CEO (2012 to 2017) and as a director (since 2012) of AGAU Resources, Inc., where he has most recently assisted that company in a restructuring and transition to new management. Mr. Mohamed has also served as the sole officer and director (since 2013) of ChitrChatr Communications Inc., a former technology company now in restructuring, and as a director (2015 to 2017) of Saville Resources Inc. (TSX-V:SRE).

Kelly Abbot, Director: Mr. Abbott has over 10 years of experience in entrepreneurship and software management and is extremely passionate for disruptive innovation. Kelly has made a career of identifying opportunities within early stage and existing startups. He is a skilled business analyst, specializing in process design/redesign, solution development and all aspects of supply chain management. Kelly is experienced in management, technology development, business development, sales and marketing, and capital markets. Kelly is a director and the current CEO of ParcelPal, a parcel delivery software development firm, where he is responsible for day-to-day operations.

Derrick Lewis, Director: Mr. Lewis is a seasoned capital markets professional who brings over 19 years of corporate development experience. He has operated in the position of Investment Advisor at multiple financial institutions and has led investor relations for various technology and biotech companies in Canada. He currently holds the position as CEO at R&D Pharma a vertical integrated cannabis company, and is a Managing Partner at Hibis Capital Inc., an investor relations firm in Calgary, Alberta.

As such, each member has acquired a knowledge and understanding of the financial issues and accounting principles that are relevant in assessing this Company's financial disclosures and internal control systems.

# **Audit Committee Oversight**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board of Directors.

# **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's two most recently completed financial years has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee is authorized by the Board to review the performance of the Company's external auditors and approve in advance provision of services other than auditing and to consider the independence of the external auditors, including a review of the range of services provided in the context of all consulting services bought by the Company. The Audit Committee is authorized to approve in writing any non-audit services or additional work which the Chairman of the Audit Committee deems is necessary, and the Chairman will notify the other members of the Audit Committee of such non-audit or additional work and the reasons for such non-audit work for the Committee's consideration, and if thought fit, approval in writing.

# **External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)**

The fees billed by the Company's external auditors in each of the last two fiscal years ended December 31 for audit and non-audit related services provided to the Company or its subsidiaries (if any) are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
December 31, 2019	\$12,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
December 31, 2018	\$25,750	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

# Exemption

As the Company is considered a "Venture Issuer" pursuant to relevant securities legislation, the Company is relying on the exemption in Section 6.1 of National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"), from the requirement of Parts 3 (Composition of the Audit Committee) and 5 (Reporting Obligations) of NI 52-110.

# INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No directors, proposed nominees for election as directors, executive officers or their respective associates or affiliates, or other management of the Company were indebted to the Company as of the end of the most recently completed financial year or as at the date hereof.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

# "Informed Person" means:

- (a) a director or executive officer of the Company;
- (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of the Company;
- (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Company other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and
- (d) the Company if it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its securities, for so long as it holds any of its securities.

To the knowledge of management of the Company, no Informed Person of the Company, proposed director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any Informed Person or proposed director of the Company has 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 or any of its subsidiaries.

# **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Except as otherwise disclosed in this Information Circular, management functions of the Company are generally performed by directors and senior officers of the Company and not, to any substantial degree, by any other person to whom the Company has contracted.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

Management of the Company knows of no matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Annual General and Special Meeting accompanying this Information Circular. However, if any other matters properly come before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the form of proxy accompanying this Information Circular to vote the same in accordance with their best judgment of such matters.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding the Company and its business activities is available on the Company's profile on SEDAR website located at www.sedar.com. The Company's financial information is provided in the Company's audited comparative financial statements and related management discussion and analysis for its most recently completed financial year and may be viewed on the SEDAR website at the website noted above. Shareholders of the Company may request copies of the Company's financial statements and related management discussion and analysis by contacting the Company at:

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#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Other than the above, management of the Company knows of no other matters to come before the Meeting other than those referred to in the Notice of Meeting. However, if any other matters that are not known to management should properly come before the Meeting, the accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named 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, August 13, 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

"Rahim Mohamed"
Rahim Mohamed, CEO, Chairman, Director

# SCHEDULE "A" AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The following Audit Committee Charter was adopted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of Softlab9 Technologies Inc. (the "**Company**")

# Mandate

The primary function of the audit committee (the "Committee") is to assist the Company's Board of Directors 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; and
- provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the Board of Directors.

# **Composition**

The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum three directors as determined by the Board of Directors. If the Company ceases to be a "venture issuer" (as that term is defined in National Instrument 51-102), then all of the members of the Committee shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee.

If the Company ceases to be a "venture issuer" (as that term is defined in National Instrument 51-102), then all members 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 Audit Committee 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 of Directors at its first meeting following the annual shareholders' meeting. Unless a Chair is elected by the full Board of Directors, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

# Meetings

The Committee shall meet a 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 Chief Financial Officer and the external auditors in separate sessions.

# **Responsibilities and Duties**

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Committee shall:

# Documents/Reports Review

- review and update this Audit Committee Charter annually; and
- 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

# **External Auditors**

- review annually, the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the Company's Board of Directors and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company;
- 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;
- review and discuss with the external auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors;
- take, or recommend that the Company's full Board of Directors take appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting;
- recommend to the Company's Board of Directors the selection and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval;
- recommend to the Company's Board of Directors the compensation to be paid to the external auditors;
- 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;
- 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;
- review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year-end financial statements and intended template for such statements;
- 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:
  - 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,
  - o such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services, and
  - 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 of Directors 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.

# Financial Reporting Processes

- in consultation with the external auditors, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external;
- consider the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting;
- consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management;
- 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;
- 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;
- review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements;
- review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented;
- review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters;
- review certification process;
- establish a procedure for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### Other

- review any related-party transactions;
- engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties; and
- to set and pay compensation for any independent counsel and other advisors employed by the Committee.

# **SCHEDULE "B"**

# Appendix "A" Restricted Stock Unit Plan

# SOFTLAB9 TECHNOLOGIES INC. (the "Company")

#### RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT PLAN

Dated for Reference: July 15, 2020

General Provisions Establishment and Purpose

- 1.1 The Company hereby establishes a restricted stock unit plan known as the "Restricted Stock Unit Plan".
- 1.2 The purpose of this Plan (as defined below) is to allow for certain discretionary bonuses and similar awards as an incentive and reward for selected Eligible Persons (as defined below) related to the achievement of long-term financial and strategic objectives of the Company and the resulting increases in shareholder value. This Plan is intended to promote a greater alignment of interests between the shareholders of the Company and the selected Eligible Persons by providing an opportunity to participate in increases in the value of the Company.

  Definitions
- 1.3 In this Plan:
- (a) Affiliate of any Person means a Person who would be an affiliated entity of such first mentioned Person for purposes of National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions as of the date of this Plan;
- (b) Applicable Withholding Tax has the meaning set forth in §1.26;
- (c) Award means an agreement evidencing the grant of a Restricted Stock Unit in the form of agreement as set out in Schedule "B";
- (d) Award Payout means the applicable stock issuance or cash payment in respect of a vested Restricted Stock Unit pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan and the applicable Award;
- (e) Blackout Period means the period of time when, pursuant to any policies of the Company or any resolution of the Board, any Shares may not be traded by certain persons as designated by the Company, including a holder of any Restricted Stock Unit;
- (f) Board means the Board of Directors of the Company;
- (g) Change of Control means:
  - (i) any Merger or Acquisition Transaction in which voting securities of the Company possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities are to be transferred to a Person or Persons (other than any of its Affiliates) different from the Persons holding those securities immediately prior to such transaction and the composition of the Board following such transaction is to be such that such directors prior to the transaction constitute less than fifty percent (50%) of the directors of the Company following the transaction;
  - (ii) any Merger or Acquisition Transaction, directly or indirectly, by any Person or related group of Persons (other than the Company or a Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company and other than by any or its Affiliates) involving a change in the beneficial ownership of voting securities of the Company possessing more than fifty percent (50%) of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities;
  - (iii) any acquisition, directly or indirectly, by a Person or related group of Persons of the right to appoint a majority of the directors of the Company or otherwise directly or indirectly control the management, affairs and business of the Company (other than any or its Affiliates);
  - (iv) any Merger or Acquisition Transaction involving the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; and
  - (v) a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company provided however, that a Change of Control shall not be deemed to have occurred if such Change of Control results solely from the issuance, in connection with a *bona fide* financing or series of financings by the Company or any of its Affiliates, of voting securities of the Company or any of its Affiliates which are convertible into voting securities;

- (h) Company means Golden Down Minerals Inc., and includes any successor company thereto;
- (i) Consultant means, in relation to the Company, an individual or Consultant Company, other than an employee of the Company, that:
  - (b) (i) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or to an Affiliate of the Company, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities;
  - (c) (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or the Affiliate and the individual or the Consultant Company;
  - (d) (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company; and
  - (e) (iv) has a relationship with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company that enable the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Company;
- (j) Consultant Company means for an individual Consultant, a company or partnership of which the individual is an employee, shareholder or partner;
- (k) Director means a member of the Board or of the board of directors of a Related Entity;
- (1) Eligible Person means any person who is a Director, Employee, Officer or Consultant;
- (m) Employee means an employee of the Company or of a Related Entity;
- (n) Exchange Requirements means and includes the Articles, by-laws, policies, circulars, rules (including Universal Market Integrity Rules) guidelines, orders, notices, rulings, forms, decisions and regulations of the TSXV as from time to time enacted, any instructions, decisions and directions of a Regulation Services Provider or the TSXV (including those of any committee of the TSXV as appointed from time to time), the Securities Act (Alberta) and rules and regulations thereunder as amended, the Securities Act (British Columbia) and rules and regulations thereunder as amended and any policies, rules, orders, rulings, forms or regulations from time to time enacted by the Alberta Securities Commission or British Columbia Securities Commission and all applicable provisions of the Securities Laws of any other jurisdiction.
- (o) Expiry Date means December 31 of the third calendar year after the Grant Date, or such earlier date as may be established by the Board in respect of an Award at the time of grant of the Award;
- (p) Fair Market Value means, as at a particular date, for the purpose of calculating the applicable Vesting Date Value and Award Payout, the closing price per Share on that date on the Stock Exchange or if there is no closing price on that date, the last preceding closing price per Share on the Stock Exchange.
- (q) Grant Date means the date of grant of any Restricted Stock Unit;
- (r) IFRS means the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the Accounting Standards Board of Canada;
- (s) Insider means: (i) a Director or Officer of the Company; (ii) a Director or Officer of a company that is an Insider or Related Entity of the Company; (iii) a person that beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding shares of the Company; and (iv) the Company itself if it holds any of its own securities;
- (t) Investor Relations Activities means any activities, by or on behalf of an Company or shareholder of the Company, that promote or reasonably could be expected to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Company, but does not include:
  - (i) the dissemination of information provided, or records prepared, in the ordinary course of business of the Company
    - (A) to promote the sale of products or services of the Company, or
    - (B) to raise public awareness of the Company,

that cannot reasonably be considered to promote the purchase or sale of securities of the Company;

- (ii) activities or communications necessary to comply with the requirements of:
  - (A) applicable Securities Laws;

- (B) Exchange Requirements or the by-laws, rules or other regulatory instruments of any other self-regulatory body or exchange having jurisdiction over the Company;
- (iii) communications by a publisher of, or writer for, a newspaper, magazine or business or financial publication, that is of general and regular paid circulation, distributed only to subscribers to it for value or to purchasers of it, if:
  - (A) the communication is only through the newspaper, magazine or publication, and
  - (B) the publisher or writer receives no commission or other consideration other than for acting in the capacity of publisher or writer; or
- (iv) activities or communications that may be otherwise specified by the TSXV;
- (u) Merger or Acquisition Transaction means:
  - (i) any merger or consolidation;
  - (ii) any acquisition;
  - (iii) any amalgamation;
  - (iv) any offer for Shares which if successful would entitle the offeror to acquire all of the voting securities of the Company; or
  - (v) any arrangement or other scheme of reorganization;
- (v) Officer means an individual who is an officer of the Company or of a Related Entity as an appointee of the Board or the board of directors of the Related Entity, as the case may be;
- (w) **Person** means an individual, body corporate, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or trust and the heirs, beneficiaries, executors, legal representatives or administrators of an individual;
- (x) **Plan** means this Restricted Stock Unit Plan, as amended from time to time;
- (y) **Recipient** means an Eligible Person who may be granted Restricted Stock Units from time to time under this Plan;
- (z) **Regulation Services Provider** has the meaning ascribed in National Instruments 21-101 *Marketplace Operation* and refers to the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada or any successor retained by the TSXV.
- (aa) **Related Entity** means a person that is controlled by the Company. For the purposes of this Plan, a person (first person) is considered to control another person (second person) if the first person, directly or indirectly, has the power to direct the management and policies of the second person by virtue of:
  - (i) ownership of or direction over voting securities in the second person,
  - (ii) a written agreement or indenture,
  - (iii) being the general partner or controlling the general partner of the second person, or
  - (iv) being a trustee of the second person;
- (bb) **Required Approvals** has the meaning contained in §1.6;
- (cc) **Restricted Period** means the period of time: (i) during a Blackout Period; and (ii) within five Business Days following the end of a Blackout Period;
- (dd) **Restricted Stock Unit** means a right granted under this Plan to receive the Award Payout on the terms contained in this Plan as more particularly described in §1.20;
- (ee) **Retirement** means, with respect to a Recipient, the early or normal retirement of the Recipient within the meaning of the pension plan of the Company for salaried employees, whether or not such Recipient is a member of that pension plan, or, if the Company does not have such a plan, the date on which the Recipient reaches age 65;
- (ff) **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 are applicable to the Company;
- (gg) Share means a Common share in the capital of the Company as from time to time constituted;
- (hh) **Share Compensation Arrangement** means any share option, share 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 or Consultants of the Company;
- (ii) Shareholder Approval means approval by the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the rules of the Stock Exchange;

- (jj) Stock Exchange means any stock exchanges or markets on which the Shares are listed for trading at the relevant time, including, if applicable, the TSXV;
- (kk) **Termination** means, with respect to a Recipient, that the Recipient has ceased to be an Eligible Person, other than as a result of Retirement, and has ceased to fulfill any other role as employee or officer of the Company or any Related Entity, including as a result of termination of employment, resignation from employment, removal as an officer, death or Total Disability;
- (II) **Total Disability** means, with respect to a Recipient, that, solely because of disease or injury, within the meaning of the long-term disability plan of the Company, the Recipient is deemed by a qualified physician selected by the Company to be unable to work at any occupation which the Recipient is reasonably qualified to perform;
- (mm) **Trigger Date** means, with respect to a Restricted Stock Unit, the date set by the Board at the time of grant, and if no date is set by the Board, then December 1 of the third calendar year following the Grant Date of the Restricted Stock Unit, as such may be amended in accordance with §1.15;
- (nn) TSXV means the TSX Venture Exchange; and
- (oo) Vesting Date Value means the notional value, as at a particular date, of the Fair Market Value of one Share.

#### Administration

- 1.4 The Board will, in its sole and absolute discretion, but taking into account relevant corporate, securities and tax laws,
- (a) interpret and administer this Plan,
- (b) establish, amend and rescind any rules and regulations relating to this Plan, and
- (c) make any other determinations that the Board deems necessary or appropriate for the administration of this Plan.

The Board may correct any defect or any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in this Plan in the manner and to the extent the Board deems, in its sole and absolute discretion, necessary or appropriate. Any decision of the Board in the interpretation and administration of this Plan will be final, conclusive and binding on all parties concerned. All expenses of administration of this Plan will be borne by the Company.

# Incorporation of Terms of Plan

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

# Effective Date

1.6 This Plan will be effective on Oct 25, 2019. The Board may, in its discretion, at any time, and from time to time, issue Restricted Stock Units to Eligible Persons as it determines appropriate under this Plan. However, any such issued Restricted Stock Units may not be paid out in Shares in any event until receipt of the necessary Shareholder Approval of the Company, Stock Exchange approval and the approval of any other regulatory bodies (the "Required Approvals").

# Shares Reserved

1.7 The aggregate number of Shares available for issuance from treasury under this Plan, subject to adjustment pursuant to §1.18, shall be 3,000,000. Shares. Any Share which was reserved for issuance pursuant to a Restricted Stock Unit, which Restricted Stock Unit has been cancelled or terminated in accordance with the terms of the Plan without being paid out as provided for in 0 shall also be terminated or cancelled and will no longer be available under the Plan.

Limitations on Restricted Stock Units to any One Person and to Insiders

- 1.8 Unless disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained (or unless permitted otherwise by the rules of the Stock Exchange):
- (a) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to an Eligible Person pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan may not exceed 1% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis) and in aggregate, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);
- (b) the maximum number of Shares which may be reserved for issuance to Insiders (as a group) under the Plan and under other Share Compensation Arrangement may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);

- (c) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to Insiders (as a group) pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan and under any other Share Compensation Arrangement, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);
- (d) subject to §1.8(e), the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Eligible Person pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan and under any other Share Compensation Arrangement, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis); and
- (e) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to an Eligible Person who is a Consultant or a Person retained to provide Investor Relations Activities pursuant to Restricted Stock Units under the Plan and under any other Share Compensation Arrangement, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis), without the prior consent of the Stock Exchange.

Awards under this plan

#### Recipients

1.9 Only Eligible Persons are eligible to participate in this Plan and receive one or more Restricted Stock Units. Restricted Stock Units that may be granted hereunder to a particular Eligible Person in a calendar year will (subject to any applicable terms and conditions) represent a right to a bonus or similar award to be received for services rendered by such Eligible Person to the Company or a Related Entity, as the case may be, in the Company's or the Related Entity's fiscal year ending in, or coincident with, such calendar year, as determined by the Board in its discretion.

#### Grant

- 1.10 The Board may, in its discretion, at any time, and from time to time, grant Restricted Stock Units to Eligible Persons as it determines is appropriate, subject to the limitations set out in this Plan. In making such grants the Board may, in its sole discretion but subject to §1.12(b)(ii), in addition to Performance Conditions set out below, impose such conditions on the vesting of the Awards as it sees fit, including imposing a vesting period on grants of Restricted Stock Units.

  Performance Conditions
- 1.11 At the time a grant of a Restricted Stock Unit is made, the Board may, in its sole discretion, establish such performance conditions for the vesting of Restricted Stock Units as may be specified by the Board in the Award (the "Performance Conditions"). The Board may use such business criteria and other measures of performance as it may deem appropriate in establishing any Performance Conditions, and may exercise its discretion to reduce the amounts payable under any Award subject to Performance Conditions. The Board may determine that an Award shall vest in whole or in part upon achievement of any one performance condition or that two or more Performance Conditions must be achieved prior to the vesting of an Award. Performance Conditions may differ for Awards granted to any one Recipient or to different Recipients.

#### Vesting

- 1.12 Except as provided in this Plan, Restricted Stock Units issued under this Plan will vest on the date (the "Vesting Date") that is the later of:
  - (a) the Trigger Date; and
  - (b) the date upon which the relevant Performance Condition or other vesting condition set out in the Award has been satisfied, provided that:
    - (i) Restricted Stock Units shall only vest on the Trigger Date to the extent that the Performance Conditions or other vesting conditions set out in an Award have been satisfied on or before the Trigger Date;
    - (ii) if the date in §1.12(a) or §1.12(b) occurs during a Restricted Period, the Vesting Date shall be extended to a date which is the earlier of: (i) one business day following the end of such Restricted Period; and (ii) the Expiry Date; and
    - (iii) no Restricted Stock Unit will remain outstanding for any period which exceeds the Expiry Date of such Restricted Stock Unit.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, Restricted Stock Units issued to Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities must vest in stages over a period of not less than 12 months with no more than 1/4 of the options vesting in any three month period.

# Forfeiture and Cancellation upon Expiry Date

Restricted Stock Units which do not vest on or before the Expiry Date of such Restricted Stock Unit will be automatically cancelled, without further act or formality and without compensation.

# **Amendment of Trigger Date**

1.15 The Board may, at any time after a grant of a Restricted Stock Unit, accelerate the Trigger Date of such Restricted Stock Unit.

# Account

1.16 Restricted Stock Units issued pursuant to this Plan (including fractional Restricted Stock Units, computed to three digits) will be credited to a notional account maintained for each Recipient by the Company for the purposes of facilitating the determination of amounts that may become

payable hereunder. A written confirmation of the balance in each Recipient's account will be sent by the Company to the Recipient upon request of the Recipient.

# **Dividend Equivalents**

- On any date on which a cash dividend is paid on Shares, a Recipient's account will be credited with the number and type of Restricted Stock 1.17 Units (including fractional Restricted Stock Units, computed to three digits) calculated by:
- multiplying the amount of the dividend per Share by the aggregate number of Restricted Stock Units that were credited to the Eligible Person's account as of the record date for payment of the dividend, and
- dividing the amount obtained in §1.17(a) by the Fair Market Value on the date on which the dividend is paid. (b)

Adjustments and Reorganizations

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

Notice and Acknowledgement

1.19 No certificates will be issued with respect to the Restricted Stock Units issued under this Plan. Each Eligible Person will, prior to being granted any Restricted Stock Units, deliver to the Company a signed acknowledgement substantially in the form of Schedule "B" to this Plan.

Payments Under this Plan

Payment of Restricted Stock Units

- Subject to the terms of this Plan and, in particular, §1.26 of this Plan, the Company, in its discretion and as may be determined by the Board, will pay out vested Restricted Stock Units issued under this Plan and credited to the account of a Recipient by paying or issuing (net of any Applicable Withholding Tax) to such Recipient, on or subsequent to the Trigger Date but no later than the Expiry Date of such Vested Restricted Stock Unit, an Award Payout of either:
- subject to receipt of the Required Approvals, one Share for such whole vested Restricted Stock Unit. Fractional Shares shall not be issued (a) and where a Recipient would be entitled to receive a fractional Share in respect of any fractional vested Restricted Stock Unit, the Company shall pay to such Recipient, in lieu of such fractional Share, cash equal to the Vesting Date Value as at the Trigger Date of such fractional Share. Each Share issued by the Company pursuant to this Plan shall be issued as fully paid and non-assessable, or
- a cash amount equal to the Vesting Date Value as at the Trigger Date of such vested Restricted Stock Unit.

Limitation on Issuance of Shares to Insiders

Where the Company is precluded by §1.8(a) and §1.8(c) from issuing Shares to an Insider of the Company, the Company will pay to the relevant Insider a cash Award Payout in an amount equal to the Vesting Date Value as at the Trigger Date of the Restricted Stock Unit.

**Experts and Advisors** 

1.22 The Board may engage such experts ("Experts") and advisors as it considers appropriate, including compensation or human resources experts or advisors, to provide advice and assistance in determining the amounts to be paid under this Plan and other amounts and values to be determined hereunder or in respect of this Plan including, without limitation, those related to a particular Fair Market Value.

Cancellation on Termination for Cause, Retirement or Voluntary Resignation

- 1.23 Unless the Board at any time otherwise determines, all unvested Restricted Stock Units held by any Recipient and all rights in respect thereof will be automatically cancelled, without further act or formality and without compensation, immediately in the event of a Termination arising from the termination of employment or removal from service by the Company or a Related Entity for cause, Retirement of the Recipient or the voluntary resignation by the Recipient. In situations where the Board exercises its discretion under this \$1.23, in no case shall the Restricted Stock Units, subject to such discretion, be valid beyond one year from the date of Termination.
- Total Disability, Death and Termination without Cause
- Unless the Board at any time otherwise determines, if a Recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person for any of the following reasons, unvested Restricted Stock Units will immediately vest on the date the Recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person:
  - death or Total Disability of a Recipient; (a)
  - the Termination of employment or removal from service by the Company or a Related Entity without cause; and (b)

(c) the Termination of employment by the Recipient other than by way of Retirement of the Recipient or voluntary resignation by the Recipient.

In situations where the Board exercises its discretion under this §1.24, in no case shall the Restricted Stock Units, subject to such discretion, be valid beyond one year from the date of Termination.

# Change of Control

1.25 In the event of a Change of Control, all Restricted Stock Units credited to an account of a Recipient that have not otherwise previously been cancelled pursuant to the terms of the Plan shall vest on the date on which the Change of Control occurs (the "Change of Control Date"). Within thirty (30) days after the Change of Control Date, but in no event later than the Expiry Date, the Recipient shall receive a cash payment equal in amount to: (a) the number of Restricted Stock Units that vested on the Change of Control Date; multiplied by (b) the Fair Market Value on the Change of Control Date, net of any withholding taxes and other source deductions required by law to be withheld by the Company.

# Tax Matters and Applicable Withholding Tax

1.26 The Company does not assume any responsibility for or in respect of the tax consequences of the receipt by Recipients of Restricted Stock Units, or payments received by Recipients pursuant to this Plan. The Company or relevant Related Entity, as applicable, is authorized to deduct such taxes and other amounts as it may be required or permitted by law to withhold ("Applicable Withholding Tax"), in such manner (including, without limitation, by selling Shares otherwise issuable to Recipients, on such terms as the Company determines) as it determines so as to ensure that it will be able to comply with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial, state or local law relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions, or the remittance of tax or other obligations. The Company or relevant Related Entity, as applicable, may require Recipients, as a condition of receiving amounts to be paid to them under this Plan, to deliver undertakings to, or indemnities in favour of, the Company or Related Entity, as applicable, respecting the payment by such Recipients of applicable income or other taxes.

#### miscellaneous

#### Compliance with Applicable Laws

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

#### Awards to Insiders

1.28 All Awards issued to Insiders will include a legend stipulating that the Award is subject to a four-month hold period commencing the Grant Date, as required by the TSXV.

#### Non-Transferability

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

# No Right to Service

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

# Successors and Assigns

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

# Plan Amendment

1.32 Subject to all necessary approvals of the TSXV, the Board may amend this Plan as it deems necessary or appropriate, subject to the requirements of applicable laws, but no amendment will, without the consent of the Recipient or unless required by law, adversely affect the rights of a Recipient with respect to Restricted Stock Units to which the Recipient is then entitled under this Plan.

#### Plan Termination

1.33 The Board may terminate this Plan at any time, but no termination will, without the consent of the Recipient or unless required by law, adversely affect the rights of a Recipient with respect to Restricted Stock Units to which the Recipient is then entitled under this Plan. In no event will

a termination of this Plan accelerate the vesting of Restricted Stock Units or the time at which a Recipient would otherwise be entitled to receive any payment in respect of Restricted Stock Units hereunder.

# Governing Law

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

# Reorganization of the Company

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

# No Shareholder Rights

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

#### No Other Benefit

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

#### Unfunded Plan

1.38 For greater certainty, this Plan will be an unfunded plan, including for tax purposes and for purposes of compliance with any laws applicable to the Company. Any Recipient to which Restricted Stock Units are credited to his or her account or holding Restricted Stock Units or related accruals under this Plan will have the status of a general unsecured creditor of the Company with respect to any relevant rights that may arise thereunder.

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

# FORM OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AGREEMENT

SOFTLAB9 TECHNOLOGIES INC. (the "Company") hereby confirms the grant to the undersigned recipient of (the "Recipient") Restricted Stock Units ("Units") described in the table below pursuant to the Company's Restricted Stock Unit Plan (the "Plan"), a copy of which Plan has been provided to the undersigned Recipient.

No. of Units	Trigger Date	Expiry Date
[include any specific/additional vesting	ng period or Performance Conditions	
The Company and the undersigned Director, Officer or Consultant as the		signed Recipient is a bona fide Employee,
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<b>DATED</b> , 20		
SOFTLAB9 TECHNOLOGIES INC	· ·	
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Authorized Signatory		
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		npany and the undersigned with respect to the
Units granted or otherwise issued to it.		
<b>DATED</b> , 20	·	
Witness (Signature)		
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Name (please print)		
	Recipient's	Signature
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City, Province		
• *	Name of Re	ecipient (print)

Occupation