## **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The Named Executive Officers ("NEOs") for the year ended December 31, 2017 were Duane Nelson, Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), Don Weatherbee, Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), and Ish Grewal, Executive Vice President ("EVP").

NEO means a CEO, CFO, each of the three most highly compensated executive officers other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 for that financial year, and each individual who would be an NEO but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer at the end of that financial year.

## **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The compensation program of the Corporation is designed to attract, motivate, reward and retain knowledgeable and skilled executives required to achieve the Corporation's corporate objectives and to increase shareholder value. The main objective of the compensation program is to recognize the contribution of the NEOs to the overall success and strategic growth of the Corporation. The philosophy of the Corporation is to pay the management a total compensation amount that is competitive with other Canadian junior resource companies and is consistent with the experience and responsibility level of the management. The purpose of executive compensation is to reward the executives for their contributions to the achievements of the Corporation on both an annual and long-term basis.

The compensation program provides incentives to its NEOs and Board to achieve long term objectives through grants of stock options pursuant to the Plan. Increasing the value of the common shares increases the value of the stock options. This incentive closely links the interests of the NEOs and directors to Shareholders. The allocation of options pursuant to the Plan is determined by the Board which considers such factors as previous grants to individuals, overall corporate performance, share price performance, the role and performance of the individuals and, in the case of grants to non-executive directors, the amount of time directed to the Corporation's affairs. The Corporation believes that participation by the NEOs in the Plan aligns the interests of the NEOs with the Shareholders, as the NEOs are rewarded for the Corporation's performance as evidenced by share price appreciation.

The Board has not considered the implications of the risks associated with the Corporation's compensation policies and practices. Neither a NEO nor a director are permitted to purchase financial instruments, including prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the NEO or director.

## **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly to the NEOs during the last completed financial year. The Corporation does not have any share-based award plans, non-equity long-term incentive plans, or any defined benefit or defined contribution pension plans.

Name and Principal	Year Ended		Option-Based	Performance	All Other	Total
Position	Dec 31	Salary	Awards	Bonuses	Compensation <sup>2</sup>	Compensation
Duane Nelson, CEO	2017	\$228,200	\$371,525	\$2,500	\$13,397	\$615,622
	2016	\$10,050	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil	\$10,050
Don Weatherbee, CFO	2017	\$nil	\$63,690	\$1,500	\$96,750	\$161,940
	2016	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil
Ish Grewal, EVP	2017	\$117,000	\$53,075	\$2,500	\$2,315	\$174,890
	2016	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil	\$nil

<sup>1</sup>Option-based award amounts are non-cash amounts and are the fair value estimates of options granted during the year, calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model, whereby the fair value of stock options is determined on the grant date and recorded as compensation expense over the period that the stock options vest. The Black-Scholes model is an industry accepted valuation method. <sup>2</sup>Compensation was paid pursuant to consulting agreements with Mr. Weatherbee

## Narrative Discussion

Calculating the value of stock options using the Black-Scholes option pricing model is very different from a simple "in-the-money" value calculation. In fact, stock options that are well out-of-the-money can still have a significant "grant date fair value" based on a Black-Scholes option pricing model, especially where, as in the case of the Corporation, the price of the share underlying the option is highly volatile. Accordingly, caution must be exercised in comparing grant date fair value amounts with cash compensation or an in-the-money option value calculation.

# **Employment and Consulting Contracts**

During the year-ended December 31, 2017, the Corporation had a written agreement with Mr. Weatherbee for his consulting services which include, as CFO, providing leadership and vision to manage the finances Corporation in the best interests of the Shareholders; providing leadership to and responsibility for the accounting and finance functions; providing strategic planning; and risk management in additional to other appropriate duties and responsibilities assigned by the Board and the CEO.

## **Incentive Plan Awards**

## Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table sets forth details of all option-based awards outstanding for each NEO as of December 31, 2017. The Corporation does not have any share-based award plans for its NEOs.

	Option-Based Awards				
Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Value of Unexercised in-the-money Option <sup>1, 2</sup>	
Duane Nelson	1,750,000	\$0.25	March 24, 2022	\$1,802,500	
Don Weatherbee	300,000	\$0.25	March 24, 2022	\$309,000	
Ish Grewal	250,000	\$0.25	March 24, 2022	\$257,500	

<sup>1</sup>Unexercised "in-the-money" options refer to the options in respect of which the market value of the underlying securities as at the financial year end exceeds the exercise or base price of the option.

<sup>2</sup>As at December 31, 2017, the market value of the common shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange was \$1.28.

#### Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth the value of option-based awards which vested or were earned during the most recently completed financial year for each NEO. The Corporation does not have any share-based award plans for its NEOs.

	Option-Based Awards - Value vested during
Name	the year <sup>1</sup>
Duane Nelson	\$nil
Don Weatherbee	\$nil
Ish Grewal	\$nil

<sup>1</sup>Based on the difference between the market price of the options at the vesting date and the exercise price of \$0.25

#### Narrative Discussion

The Corporation's only long-term incentive plan is the Plan pursuant to which the Board may, at their discretion, grant options to participants. The purpose of the Plan is to provide compensation opportunities to participants which align their interests with those of Shareholders and which assist in attracting and retaining individuals of exceptional ability. Significant terms of the Plan are: (i) options may be granted in such numbers and with such vesting provisions as the Board may determine; (ii) the Board would fix the exercise price at which common shares may be acquired upon the exercise of such option provided that such exercise price shall not be less

than Exchange policy allows; (iii) options may be granted for a maximum term of ten years; (iv) options are not transferable or assignable; (v) the maximum number of common shares reserved for issue under the Plan shall not exceed 20% of the issued and outstanding common shares; (vi) the maximum number of common shares reserved for issue to any one person shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding common shares as at the date of the grant.

## **Pension Plan Benefits**

The Corporation does not have any deferred compensation plan or pension plan that provides for payments or benefits at, following or in connection with retirement.

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

The Corporation has an employment contract with Mr. Nelson and Mr. Grewal that provides for payments to the NEO in connection with any termination except for just cause of 24 months of annual compensation. Mr. Weatherbee services are provided under a consulting contract. The contract states if the contract is terminated by the company without just cause the consultant would be entitled to his base fee not yet paid up to the termination date plus an additional fee in the amount 12 months of the base monthly fee.

## **Director Compensation**

During the most recently completed financial year, the Corporation paid cash compensation to the directors for services rendered in their capacity as directors, in addition to reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

## **Director Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Corporation to directors for the most recently completed financial year, excluding NEOs whose compensation has been previously disclosed in this Circular. The Corporation does not have share-based award plans, non-equity incentive plans or pension plans for its directors.

Name	Fees Earned	Option-Based Awards	All Other Compensation	Total
Jack Kiland	11,545	\$53,075	Nil	\$64,620
Greg Pendura	\$9,000	\$159,225	Nil	\$168,225
Court Anderson	\$9,000	\$75,836	Nil	\$84,836
Ken McNaughton	\$9,000	\$53,075	Nil	\$62,075

<sup>1</sup>All options are granted pursuant to the stock option plan. Option-based award amounts are non-cash amounts and are the fair value estimates of options granted during the year, calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model, whereby the fair value of stock options is determined on the grant date and recorded as compensation expense over the period that the stock options vest. The Black-Scholes model is an industry accepted valuation method.

## **Incentive Plan Awards**

## Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table sets forth for each director, other than NEOs, all option-based awards outstanding as at December 31, 2017. The Corporation does not have any share-based award plans.

	Option-Based Awards			
	Number of Securities	Option		Value of
	Underlying	Exercise	Option Expiration	Unexercised in-the-
Name	Unexercised Options	Price	Date	money Option <sup>1 2</sup>
Jack Kiland	250,000	\$0.25	March 24, 2022	\$257,500
Greg Pendura	750,000	\$0.25	March 24, 2022	\$772,500
Court Anderson	150,000	\$0.25	March 24, 2022	\$154,500
	100,000	\$0.50	June 30, 2022	\$78,000
Ken McNaughton	250,000	\$0.25	March 24, 2022	\$257,500

<sup>1</sup>Unexercised "in-the-money" options refer to the options in respect of which the market value of the underlying securities as at the financial year end exceeds the exercise or base price of the option. <sup>2</sup>As at December 31, 2017, the market value of the common shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange was \$1.28.

## Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth for each director, other than a NEO, the value vested or earned on all optionbased awards during the financial year ending December 31, 2017. The Corporation does not have non-equity incentive plans or share based aware plans for Directors.

Name	Option-Based Awards - Value vested during the year
Jack Kiland	\$nil
Greg Pendura	\$nil
Court Anderson	\$13,000
Ken McNaughton	\$nil

<sup>1</sup>Based on the difference between the market price of the options at the vesting dates and the exercise price of \$0.25 and \$0.50.