

# **S2 MINERALS INC.**

# **NOTICE OF MEETING**

and

# MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

for the

# ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on

**NOVEMBER 24, 2022** 

**DATED AS OF OCTOBER 24, 2022** 

# S2 MINERALS INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an annual and special meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders (the "Shareholders") of S2 Minerals Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the offices of the Company, 141 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1101, Toronto, Ontario on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (Toronto time) for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive and consider the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2022, together with the report of the auditors thereon;
- 2. to elect the directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
- 3. to re-appoint MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") to fix their remuneration;
- 4. to consider, and, if deemed appropriate, to pass with or without variation an ordinary resolution approving an amended and restated stock option plan of the Company, as more particularly described in the accompanying management information circular of Company dated October 24, 2022 (the "Circular"); and
- 5. to transact such further or other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The Board has fixed the close of business on October 21, 2021, as the record date (the "**Record Date**") for determining Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. Only Shareholders whose names have been entered in the register of Shareholders at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting.

This Notice is accompanied by a form of proxy, the Circular and a supplemental mailing list form. The Company strongly encourages each Shareholder to submit a form of proxy or voting instruction form in advance of the Meeting using one of the methods described below and in the Circular. Registered Shareholders should complete, date and sign a proxy form in advance of the Meeting and return it in the envelope provided for that purpose to the Company c/o TSX Trust Company ("TSX Trust") at 301 – 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 4H1, by courier, by mail, by fax at 1.416.595.9593, or by electronic voting through www.voteproxyonline.com. Votes cast electronically are in all respects equivalent to, and will be treated in the exact same manner as, votes cast via a paper proxy form. Further details on the electronic voting process are provided in the form of proxy. Beneficial Shareholders who receive the Meeting materials through their broker or other intermediary should complete and return their form of proxy or voting information form in accordance with the instructions provided by their broker or intermediary. Shareholders are reminded to review the Circular prior to voting.

The Board has, by resolution, fixed 11:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on November 22, 2022, or in the event of an adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, 48 hours before the time of the adjourned or postponed Meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays), as the time before which proxy forms to be used or acted upon at the Meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof, must be deposited with the Company's transfer agent and registrar, TSX Trust. Alternatively, a proxy form may be given to the Chair of the Meeting at which the proxy form is to be used. Late forms of proxy may be accepted or rejected by the Chair of the Meeting in his discretion, and the Chair is under no obligation to accept or reject any particular late form of proxy.

# Shareholder Guidance as a result of COVID-19:

The Company has been carefully monitoring developments with respect to the global health crisis caused by COVID-19. Given the continuing uncertainty in which we collectively find ourselves, an in light of the Company's commitment to the health and well-being of its Shareholders, employees, communities and other stakeholders, Shareholders are being discouraged from attending the Meeting in-person and are being encouraged instead to vote on the matters before the Meeting by proxy in the manner set out in this Notice and the Circular.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, Canada as of the 24th day of October, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Signed) "Daniel Noone"

Daniel Noone, Chief Executive Officer

#### **S2 MINERALS INC.**

# **Management Information Circular**

#### SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY MANAGEMENT

This management information circular (this "Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the management of S2 Minerals Inc. (the "Company") of proxies to be used at the annual and special meeting (the "Meeting") of the holders (the "Shareholders") of common shares of the Company ("Common Shares") to be held on November 24, 2022 at the time and place and for the purposes set out in the accompanying Notice of Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders (the "Notice"). It is expected that the solicitation will be made primarily by mail. However, officers and employees of the Company may also solicit proxies by telephone, e-mail or in person. These persons will receive no compensation for such solicitation, other than their ordinary salaries or fees. The total cost of solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. Pursuant to National Instrument 54-101 – Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer ("NI 54-101"), arrangements have been made with clearing agencies, brokerage houses and other financial intermediaries to forward proxy-related materials to the beneficial owners of the Common Shares. See "Appointment and Revocation of Proxies – Notice to Beneficial Holders of Shares" below. The Company will provide, without cost to such person, upon request to the Secretary of the Company, additional copies of the foregoing documents for this purpose. The information contained herein is given as of October 24, 2022, unless indicated otherwise.

#### APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

#### **Appointment of Proxy**

A Shareholder who does not plan on attending the Meeting in person is requested to complete and sign the enclosed form of proxy and to deliver it to TSX Trust Company: (i) by mail to 301 – 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 4H1; or (ii) by facsimile at 416.595.9593; or (iii) online at <a href="https://www.voteproxyonline.com">www.voteproxyonline.com</a>. In order to be valid and acted upon at the Meeting, the form of proxy must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on November 22, 2022 or be deposited with the Secretary of the Company before the commencement of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. The deadline for the deposit of proxies may be waived or extended by the Chair of the Meeting at his discretion, without notice.

If you are a non-registered holder of Common Shares and have received these materials through your broker, custodian, nominee or other intermediary, please complete and return the form of proxy or voting instruction form provided to you by your broker, custodian, nominee or other intermediary in accordance with the instructions provided therein.

The document appointing a proxy must be in writing and executed by the Shareholder or the Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.

A Shareholder submitting a form of proxy has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Shareholder) to represent such Shareholder at the Meeting other than the persons designated in the form of proxy furnished by the Company. To exercise that right, the name of the Shareholder's appointee should be legibly printed in the blank space provided. In addition, the Shareholder should notify the appointee of the

appointment, obtain such appointee's consent to act as appointee and instruct the appointee on how the Shareholder's Common Shares are to be voted.

Shareholders who are not registered shareholders of the Company should refer to "Notice to Beneficial Holders of Common Shares" below.

# **Revocation of Proxy**

A Shareholder who has submitted a form of proxy as directed hereunder may revoke it at any time prior to the exercise thereof. If a person who has given a proxy personally attends the Meeting at which that proxy is to be voted, that person may revoke the proxy and vote in person. In addition to the revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a proxy may be revoked by instrument in writing executed by the Shareholder or the Shareholder's attorney or authorized agent and deposited with TSX Trust Company at any time up to 11:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on November 22, 2022: (i) by mail to Suite 301 – 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 4H1; or, (ii) by facsimile to 416.595.9593, or deposited with the Secretary of the Corporation before the commencement of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, and upon either of those deposits, the proxy will be revoked.

#### **Notice to Beneficial Holders of Common Shares**

The information set out in this section is of importance to many Shareholders, as a substantial number of Shareholders do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Shareholders who do not hold their Common Shares in their own name (referred to herein as "Beneficial Shareholders") should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof. 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 in the records of the Company. Those Common Shares will most likely be registered under the name of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). Common Shares held by brokers or their nominees can be voted (for or against resolutions or withheld from voting) only upon the instructions of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, the broker/nominees are prohibited from voting shares for their clients. Subject to the following discussion in relation to NOBOs (as defined below), the Company does not know for whose benefit the Common Shares registered in the name of CDS & Co., a broker or another nominee, are held.

There are two categories of Beneficial Shareholders under applicable securities regulations for purposes of dissemination to Beneficial Shareholders of proxy-related materials and other security holder materials and requests for voting instructions from such Beneficial Shareholders. Non-objecting beneficial owners ("NOBOs") are Beneficial Shareholders who have advised their intermediary (such as brokers or other nominees) that they do not object to their intermediary disclosing ownership information to the Company, consisting of their name, address, e-mail address, securities holdings and preferred language of communication. Canadian securities laws restrict the use of that information to matters strictly relating to the affairs of the Company. Objecting beneficial owners ("OBOs") are Beneficial Shareholders who have advised their intermediary that they object to their intermediary disclosing such ownership information to the Company.

In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, the Company is sending the proxy-related materials for use in connection with the Meeting (the "Meeting Materials") directly to NOBOs and indirectly to OBOs. NI 54-101 allows the Company, in its discretion, to obtain a list of its NOBOs from intermediaries and to use such NOBO list for the purpose of distributing the proxy materials directly to, and seek voting

instructions directly from, such NOBOs. As a result, the Company is entitled to deliver Meeting Materials to Beneficial Shareholders in two manners: (a) directly to NOBOs and indirectly through intermediaries to OBOs; or (b) indirectly to all Beneficial Shareholders through intermediaries. The Company intends to pay for intermediaries to deliver the Meeting Materials to the OBOs.

Applicable securities regulations require intermediaries, on receipt of Meeting Materials that seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders indirectly, to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of Shareholder meetings on Form 54-101F7. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof. Often, the form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker is identical to the form of proxy provided to registered shareholders; however, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered shareholder how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. Beneficial Shareholders who wish to appear in person and vote at the Meeting should be appointed as their own representatives at the Meeting in accordance with the directions of their intermediaries and Form 54-101F7. Beneficial Shareholders can also write the name of someone else whom they wish to appoint to attend the Meeting and vote on their behalf. Unless prohibited by law, the person whose name is written in the space provided in Form 54-101F7 will have full authority to present matters to the Meeting and vote on all matters that are presented at the Meeting, even if those matters are not set out in Form 54-101F7 or this Circular. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") in Canada. Broadridge typically mails a voting instruction form in lieu of a form of proxy. Beneficial Shareholders are requested to complete and return the voting instruction form to Broadridge by mail or facsimile. Alternatively, Beneficial Shareholders can call a tollfree telephone number to vote the shares held by them or access Broadridge's dedicated voting website to deliver their voting instructions. Broadridge will then provide aggregate voting instructions to the Company's transfer agent and registrar, which will tabulate the results and provide appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Common Shares to be represented at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

All references to Shareholders in this Circular, instrument of proxy and Notice of Meeting are to registered shareholders of the Company unless specifically stated otherwise.

# Voting

Common Shares represented by any properly executed proxy in the accompanying form will be voted for or against, or withheld from voting, as the case may be, on any ballot that may be called for in accordance with the instructions given by the Shareholder. In the absence of such direction, such Common Shares will be voted in favour of the matters set out herein. The accompanying form of proxy confers discretionary authority on the persons named in it with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting or other matters that may properly come before the Meeting. As of the date hereof, management of the Company is not aware of any such amendments, variations or other matters which may come before the Meeting. In the event that other matters come before the Meeting, then the management designees intend to vote in accordance with the judgment of management of the Company.

#### INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No person who has been a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the commencement of the last completed fiscal year of the Company ended May 31, 2022, no Nominee (as defined below) for election as a director of the Company, and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting other than each proposed Nominee in connection with the election of directors and the approval of the Amended Option Plan (as defined below) as such

individuals may be entitled to receive option grants thereunder, all as further described herein. See "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Election of Directors", and "Approval of the Amended Option Plan".

#### VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

Each holder of Common Shares of record at the close of business on October 21, 2022 (the record date for the Meeting) will be entitled to vote at the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof, either in person or by proxy. As of October 21, 2022, the Company had 37,311,335 Common Shares issued and outstanding. Each Common Share carries the right to one vote per share. The outstanding Common Shares are listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE") under the symbol "STWO".

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company as of October 21, 2022, no person beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over 10% or more of the outstanding Common Shares, other than as set forth below.

Name	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned, Controlled or Directed (Directly or Indirectly)	Percentage of Issued and Outstanding Common Shares as of October 21, 2022
J. Patrick Sheridan	15,697,421 (1)	42.1%

#### Note:

# **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Set forth below is the Company's executive compensation summary for the year ended May 31, 2022 prepared in accordance with Form 51-102F6V – *Statement of Executive Compensation – Venture Issuers*.

# **Named Executive Officers**

For the purposes of this Circular, a Named Executive Officer ("Named Executive Officer" or "NEO") of the Company means each of the following individuals:

- (a) a Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Company;
- (b) a Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**") of the Company;
- (c) each of the Company's three most highly compensated executive officers, including any of its subsidiaries, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 for the May 31, 2022 financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer, nor acting in a similar capacity at May 31, 2022.

Patrick Sheridan, Executive Chairman of the Company, Daniel Noone, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Paul Murphy, Former Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and Carmelo Marrelli, Chief

<sup>(1)</sup> The information as to the number and percentage of Common Shares beneficially owned, controlled or directed, has been obtained from the System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders (SEDI).

Financial Officer of the Company, were the only NEOs of the Company during the year ended May 31, 2022.

# Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets forth information concerning all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company, to each Named Executive Officer and director, other than stock options and other compensation securities, for the period from April 9, 2021 (the effective date of the Arrangement (as defined below)) to May 31, 2022.

Name and Position	Fiscal Year Ended May 31,	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission	Bonus	Committee or Meeting Fees	Value of Perquisites	Value of All Other Compensation	Total Compensation
Patrick Sheridan, Director & Executive Chairman	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Executive Chamman	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Daniel Noone, Director & Chief	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Executive Officer	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Paul Murphy, Former Chief	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Officer (1)	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carmelo Marrelli, Chief Financial	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Officer (1)	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$34,146 (2)	\$34,146
Bruce Rosenberg, Former Director (3)	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Stephen Stow, Director	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kieran Prashad, Former Director (4)	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alex Carpenter, Director <sup>(5)</sup>	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	\$28,000 (6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$28,000
Harvey L. A. Yesno, Director (7)	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	\$17,500 (8)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$17,500

# Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Murphy resigned, and Mr. Marrelli was appointed, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company on June 30, 2021.

- (2) Includes fees of \$30,583 paid to Marrelli Support Services (as defined below) pursuant to the Marrelli Agreement (as defined below) and fees of \$3,563 related to filing services provided by DSA Filing (as defined below). See "Employment, consulting and management agreements" for more details.
- (3) Mr. Rosenberg was appointed a director of the Company on April 9, 2021 and resigned on February 9, 2022.
- (4) Mr. Prashad was appointed a director of the Company on April 9, 2021 and did not stand for re-election at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on November 12, 2021.
- (5) Mr. Carpenter was appointed a director, as well as the Vice-President Sustainability & Reconciliation of the Company, on November 23, 2021
- (6) Professional fees paid to Mr. Carpenter for services in respect of First Nation relations.
- (7) Mr. Yesno was appointed a director of the Company on February 9, 2022.
- (8) Professional fees paid to Mr. Yesno for services in respect of First Nations relations.

# **Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities**

Set forth in the table below is a summary of all compensation securities granted or issued to each Named Executive Officer and director of the Company during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2022.

Compensation Securities							
Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	Number of Compensation Securities, Number of Underlying Securities, and Percentage of Class	Date of Issue or Grant	Issue, Conversion or Exercise Price	Closing Price of Security or Underlying Security on Date of Grant	Closing Price of Security or Underlying Security at Year End	Expiry Date
Patrick Sheridan, Director & Executive Chairman <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A
Daniel Noone Director & Chief Executive Officer (2)	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A
Paul Murphy, Former Chief Financial Officer <sup>(3)</sup>	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A
Carmelo Marrelli, Chief Financial Officer <sup>(4)</sup>	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A
Bruce Rosenberg, Former Director (5)	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A
Stephen Stow, Director (6)	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A
Kieran Prashad, Former Director <sup>(7)</sup>	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A
Alex Carpenter, Director (8)	Stock Options	300,000	23/11/21	\$0.25	\$0.145	\$0.15	23/11/24
Harvey L. A. Yesno, Director <sup>(9)</sup>	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/S	N/A

#### Notes:

- (1) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Sheridan held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.
- (2) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Noone held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.
- (3) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Murphy held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.
- (4) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Marrelli held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.
- (5) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Rosenberg held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.
   (6) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Stow held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.
- (7) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Prashad held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.
- (8) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Carpenter held an aggregate of 300,000 stock options, each entitling him to acquire one Common Share in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, and nil restricted share units.
- (9) As of May 31, 2022, Mr. Yesno held nil stock options and nil restricted share units.

# **Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and Named Executive Officers**

Set forth below is a summary of all compensation securities exercised by Named Executive Officers and directors of the Company during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2022.

Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	Number of Underlying Securities Exercised	Exercise Price per Security	Date of Exercise	Closing Price per Security on Date of Exercise	Difference between Exercise Price and Closing Price on Date of Exercise	Total Value on Exercise Date
Patrick Sheridan, Director & Executive Chairman	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Daniel Noone, Director & Chief Executive Officer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paul Murphy, Former Chief Financial Officer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Carmelo Marrelli, Chief Financial Officer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bruce Rosenberg, Former Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stephen Stow, Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kieran Prashad, Former Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alex Carpenter, Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harvey L. A. Yesno, Director	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Stock option plans and other incentive plans

The Company's only incentive plans are a stock option plan (the "**Option Plan**") and a restricted share unit plan (the "**RSU Plan**"). A description of the material terms of the Option Plan and the RSU Plan can be found under the headings "Summary of the Stock Option Plan" and "Summary of the Restricted Share Unit Plan" below.

# Employment, consulting and management agreements

Mr. Carmelo Marrelli was appointed the Chief Financial Officer of the Company on June 30, 2021. In connection with such appointment, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Marrelli Agreement") with Marrelli Support Services Inc. ("Marrelli Support Services") and Mr. Marrelli with an effective date of May 28, 2021. Pursuant to the Marrelli Agreement, Marrelli Support Services and Mr. Marrelli agreed to provide the services of Mr. Marrelli as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, as well as general accounting, financial reporting, and bookkeeping services on a part-time basis for a monthly fee of \$2,500 plus disbursements. Mr. Marrelli is an officer of Marrelli Support Services, which is a private company he controls. Mr. Marrelli is eligible to receive grants of stock options pursuant to the Option Plan on a

reasonable basis, consistent with the grants of stock options to other participants. The Marrelli Agreement may be terminated at any time on 30 days' prior written notice. If the Marrelli Agreement is terminated within the first two years, the Company requires Mr. Marrelli's consent and must pay an amount equal to the monthly fee multiplied by the number of months as is equal to difference between 24 and the number of months that have elapsed from the date of the agreement to the notice of termination. If the Marrelli Agreement is terminated after the first two years, the Company is only required to pay a one-time termination fee equal to the monthly fee multiplied by three. Mr. Marrelli is also an officer of DSA Filing Services Limited ("DSA Filing"), a private company he controls, that provides filing services to the Company.

#### Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Company's policies on compensation for its directors and Named Executive Officers are intended to provide appropriate compensation for executives that is internally equitable, externally competitive and reflects individual achievements in the context of the Company. The overall objectives of the Company's compensation program include: (a) attracting and retaining talented executive officers who can assist with the Company's exploration strategy; (b) aligning the interests of those executive officers with those of the Company; and (c) linking individual executive officer compensation to the performance of the Company. The Company's compensation program is currently designed to compensate executive officers for performance of their duties and to reward them for the Company's performance.

The Governance, Nominating & Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee") has a written charter. The Compensation Committee's primary function is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to: (i) the recruitment, compensation and performance evaluation of the CEO and other executive officers of the Company; and (ii) the development of the Company's compensation structure for the CEO, other executive officers of the Company and non-management directors. The Compensation Committee is responsible for, among other things, assessing and making recommendations to the Board with respect to the compensation (including long-term incentive in the form of stock options) to be granted to the Company's executive officers and directors to ensure that such compensation reflects the responsibilities and risks associated with each position.

In fiscal 2023, the Board intends to allocate an appropriate portion of total compensation to performance of both individual and corporate pre-established goals. The primary goals of management are to acquire or joint venture highly prospective mineral exploration projects in Canada, ensure the Company is sufficiently capitalized to advance exploration on these properties and to ensure that the advancement of that exploration is performed in a systematic and cost-efficient manner.

Bonuses are short-term performance based financial incentives that are determined through the compensation review process.

In accordance with the applicable policies of the Company in place from time to time, the elements of compensation that may be awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to the Company's CEO are: (a) base salary; (b) option-based awards; (c) perquisites and personal benefits; and (d) termination and change of control benefits. Base salary is a fixed element of compensation payable to the Company's CEO, if applicable, for performing his position's specific duties. The amount of base salary for the Company's CEO was historically determined through negotiation of employment agreements. While base salary is intended to fit into the Company's overall compensation objectives by serving to attract and retain talented executive officers, the size of the Company and the nature and stage of its business also impact the level of base salary. To date, the level of base salary has not impacted the Company's decisions about any other element of the CEO's compensation.

In accordance with the applicable policies of the Company in place from time to time, the elements of compensation to be awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to the CFO are: (a) a flat fee for services performed; and (b) option-based awards. The amount of compensation payable to the CFO was determined by negotiation between the CFO and the Company and takes into account the part-time nature of his services to the Company. While fees earned are intended to fit into the Company's overall compensation objectives by serving to attract and retain talented executive officers, the size of the Company and the nature and stage of its business also impact the amount of fees payable to the Company's CFO. To date, the level of fees earned has not impacted the Company's decisions about any other element of the CFO's compensation.

Option-based awards serve to attract talented executives and will be used as a variable element of compensation that rewards each of the Company's Named Executive Officers for performance of the Company. Option-based awards are intended to fit into the Company's overall compensation objectives by aligning the interests of the Company's Named Executive Officers with those of the Company, and linking individual compensation to the performance of the Company. The Board will be responsible for setting and amending any equity incentive plan under which an option-based award is granted. The Company has in place the Option Plan for the benefit of eligible directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its designated affiliates, including the Company's Named Executive Officers. To date, the options granted under the Plan have not impacted the Company's decisions about any other element of compensation. The standard vesting provisions of options are for the options to vest 25% upon grant and, thereafter, 25% at six, 12 and 18 months from the date of the grant.

The Company may from time to time provide basic perquisites and personal benefits to its CEO. While perquisites and personal benefits are intended to fit the Company's overall compensation objectives by serving to attract and retain talented executive officers, the size of the Company and the nature and stage of its business also impact the level of perquisites and benefits. To date, the level of perquisites and benefits has not impacted the Company's decisions about any other element of compensation.

The Company's compensation program is designed to reward such matters as exploration success, market success, and the ability to implement strategic plans. The current overall objectives of the Company's compensation strategy are to reward management for their efforts while seeking to conserve cash given current market conditions. With respect to any bonuses or incentive plan grants which may be awarded to executive officers in the future, the Company has not currently set any objective criteria and will instead rely upon any recommendations and discussion at the Board level with respect to these and any other matters which the Board may consider relevant on a going-forward basis, including the cash position of the Company.

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the application of the compensation policy is appropriately aligned to support its stated objectives and encourage the right management behaviours, while avoiding excessive risk-taking by executive officers.

The Company has not, as yet, adopted a policy restricting its Named Executive Officers or directors from purchasing instruments, including, for greater certainty, 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 Named Executive Officers or directors.

#### Director Compensation

The Company has no standard arrangement pursuant to which directors are compensated by the Company for their services in their capacity as a directors, except for the grant, from time to time, of incentive stock options in accordance with the policies of the Option Plan. See the table of compensation, excluding compensation securities, under the heading "Director and Named Executive Officer compensation,"

excluding compensation securities" above for details of the fees paid to the Company's directors during the financial years ended May 31, 2022 and 2021. The Compensation Committee, which is currently comprised of three directors, namely Messrs. Stow (Chair), Carpenter and Noone, and shall be comprised of Messrs. Stow (Chair), Carpenter and Noone following the Meeting, targets meeting on an annual basis to consider and determine director compensation.

Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Compensation Committee is expected to review the compensation payable to the Named Executive Officers on an annual basis, or periodically if needed, and make recommendations to the Board.

For the Company's fiscal year ended May 31, 2022, the only compensation paid to any of the Company's Named Executive Officers was to Mr. Marrelli, the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. See the table of compensation, excluding compensation securities, under the heading "Director and Named Executive Officer compensation, excluding compensation securities" above for details.

#### **Pension Disclosure**

The Company does not have a pension plan under which benefits are determined primarily by final compensation (or average final compensation) and years of service.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110") requires the Company to disclose annually certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below.

#### **Audit Committee Charter**

The Company's audit committee ("Audit Committee") is governed by an audit committee charter, the text of which is set forth in Schedule "A" hereto.

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

Currently, the Audit Committee consists of Messrs. Stow (Chair), Carpenter and Noone. All members of the Audit Committee are financially literate, and Mr. Stow is independent, within the meaning of NI 52-110. Following the Meeting, the Audit Committee shall continue to consist of Messrs. Stow (Chair), Carpenter and Noone, with Mr. Stow being independent and all members being financially literate within the meaning of NI 52-110.

# **Relevant Education and Experience**

The education and experience of each Audit Committee member following the Meeting that is relevant to the performance of such responsibilities as an Audit Committee member are summarized below.

# Name Education and Experience

Stephen Stow Mr. Stephen Stow has an MA in jurisprudence from Wadham College

(Oxford University) and practised as a commercial lawyer in the cities of London and Hong Kong for eight years. He has global executive experience in management of private and public companies and served as Director of Corporate Finance, Asia for the National Westminster Bank,

Hong Kong Division, as well as co-founder of an advisory group in Hong Kong, and CEO and/or Director of three junior mining boards.

Alex Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the mining industry. Being a First Nations person who experienced the residential school system in 1963, he carried on and graduated from high school, attending both Queen Elizabeth High and Thunder Bay High. He attained his working knowledge and experience with the following companies: B.P. Selco (1974 – 1984) – South Bay Mine, Selbaie Mine, and Hope Brook Mine; and SPG – The Sheridan Group of Companies (1985 – 2015), which at that time included Madelaine Mines, North American Palladium, Diepdaume Mine and the Ross Mine.

Daniel Noone

Mr. Noone has more than 30 years of international mineral exploration and development experience ranging from implementing grassroots programs through to feasibility studies. He is currently the Chairman of GPM Metals Inc. Previous roles include Executive Director and V.P. of Exploration at Guyana Goldfields, V.P. of Peruvian Operations for Aquiline Resources Inc. and the President and CEO of Absolut Resources Inc. Mr. Noone has managed projects in Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Peru, Ecuador and Argentina. Mr. Noone holds a degree in geology from Ballarat University and an MBA from Melbourne University. He is a Member of the Institute of Australian Geoscientists (AIG).

# **Audit Committee Oversight**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, there has not been a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor which was not adopted by the Board.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described in Section VIII of the Audit Committee charter attached as Schedule "A".

#### **Audit Fees**

The following chart summarizes the aggregate fees billed by the external auditors of the Company for professional services rendered to the Company for audit and non-audit related services for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2021 and 2022:

Type of Work	Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2022	Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2021
Audit fees (1)	\$27,000	\$22,000
Audit-related fees (2)	Nil	\$12,000
Tax advisory fees (3)	Nil	Nil
All other fees	Nil	Nil

Type of Work	Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2022	Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2021	
Total	\$27,000	\$34,000	

#### Notes:

- (1) Aggregate fees billed for the Company's annual financial statements and services normally provided by the auditor in connection with the Company's statutory and regulatory filings.
- (2) Aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not reported as "Audit fees", including: assistance with aspects of tax accounting, attest services not required by state or regulation and consultation regarding financial accounting and reporting standards.
- (3) Aggregate fees billed for tax compliance, advice, planning and assistance with tax for specific transactions.

# Exemption

The Company is, and following the Meeting will be, relying on the exemption provided by Section 6.1 of NI 52-110, which provides that the Company, as a "venture issuer", is not required to comply with Parts 3 (Composition of the Audit Committee) and 5 (Reporting Obligations) of NI 52-110.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

Set forth below is a summary of securities issued and issuable under all equity compensation plans of the Company as at May 31, 2022.

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options & RSUs	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	300,000	\$0.25	3,431,133 (1)
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	300,000	\$0.25	3,431,133 (1)

#### Note

(1) Based upon an aggregate of 37,311,335 Common Shares issued and outstanding as of May 31, 2022.

#### SUMMARY OF THE STOCK OPTION PLAN

The Option Plan is one of the Company's approved securities-based compensation plans. It was approved by the shareholders of G2 Goldfields Inc. on March 29, 2021 in contemplation of the completion of the spin-out all of the shares of the Company through a plan of arrangement under Section 192 of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the "**Arrangement**"), which was completed on April 9, 2021, and the Shareholders are being asked to approve an Amended Option Plan at the Meeting. See "*Approval of the Amended Option Plan*" for a description of the Amended Option Plan.

#### SUMMARY OF THE RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN

The RSU Plan is one of the Company's approved securities-based compensation plans. It was approved by the shareholders of G2 on March 29, 2021 in contemplation of the completion of the Arrangement. The RSU Plan is not required to be approved by Shareholders at the Meeting. The following is a summary of the material terms of the RSU Plan, and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the RSU Plan.

The RSU Plan provides for the grant of restricted share units ("RSUs") to specified service providers of the Company as set forth therein (each, an "RSU Eligible Person"). The RSUs will be settled through the issuance of Common Shares. The purpose of the RSU Plan is to allow for certain discretionary awards as an incentive for selected RSU Eligible Persons related to the achievement of long-term financial and strategic objectives of the Company and the resulting increases in shareholder value. The RSU 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. The RSU Plan is administered by the Board, which has the authority to delegate all of its powers and authority under the RSU Plan to the Compensation Committee or to another committee of the Board of Directors.

RSUs are akin to "phantom shares" that track the value of the underlying Common Shares but do not entitle the recipient to the actual underlying Common Shares until maturity and upon satisfaction of any applicable vesting requirements. The RSU Plan permits the Board to grant awards of RSUs to RSU Eligible Persons ("RSU Grantees"), upon such vesting conditions and subject to such maturity dates as the Board may determine. In the event of a change of control of the Company, all unvested RSU's will automatically vest.

An RSU Grantee may elect to defer the receipt of all or any part of their Common Shares following the applicable maturity date until a deferred payment date specified in accordance with the terms of the RSU Plan. Subject to any vesting restrictions, RSUs will be settled by way of the issuance of Common Shares from treasury on a one-for-one basis as soon as practicable following the relevant maturity date or deferred payment date, if applicable, or as otherwise may be determined by the Board or specified in the RSU Plan.

Except by a will or by the laws of descent and distribution, RSUs are not assignable or transferable.

Subject to the Board determining otherwise within the limitations of the RSU Plan, in the event of the retirement, death or disability of an RSU Grantee, any unvested RSUs held by such person will automatically vest and the underlying Common Shares will be issued as soon as practicable thereafter. In the event of a termination without cause (as determined in accordance with the RSU Plan) of an RSU Grantee, any unvested RSUs of such grantee will vest in accordance with their normal vesting schedule, unless the Board determines otherwise within the limitations of the RSU Plan. In the event of a termination with cause or resignation of an RSU Grantee (each as determined in accordance with the RSU Plan), all of such grantee's RSUs that have not yet vested shall become void, unless the Board determines otherwise within the limitations of the RSU Plan.

The maximum number of Common Shares issuable under the RSU Plan shall be the lesser of (i) 2,510,000 Common Shares; and (ii) such number of Common Shares, when combined with all other Common Shares subject to grants made under the Company's other share compensation arrangements (pre-existing or otherwise, and including the Option Plan) ("the "Other Share Compensation Arrangements"), as is equal to 10% of the aggregate number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time. The grant of RSUs under the RSU Plan is subject to restrictions such that (i) the number of RSUs granted to insiders of the Company within any one year period, and (ii) the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under RSUs granted to insiders of the Company at any time, in each case under the RSU Plan when

combined with all of the Other Share Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding Common Shares.

The total number of RSUs granted to any one individual under the RSU Plan within any one year period shall not exceed 5% of the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding at the grant date. The maximum number of RSUs which may be granted to any one consultant within any one-year period must not exceed in the aggregate 2% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding as at the grant date.

The Board may amend the provisions of the RSU Plan and any grant of RSUs from time to time, including with respect to: (a) amendments of a housekeeping nature; (b) changes to any vesting provisions of an RSU; (c) changes to the termination provisions of an RSU or the RSU or the Plan; and (d) amendments to reflect changes to applicable securities or tax laws. However, other than the foregoing, any amendment to the RSU Plan which would:

- (a) increase the number of Common Shares issuable under the RSU Plan;
- (b) permit RSUs to be transferred other than for normal estate settlement purposes;
- (c) remove or exceed the specified insider participation limits;
- (d) materially modify the eligibility requirements for participation in the RSU Plan; or
- (e) modify the amending provisions of the RSU Plan,

shall be subject to the receipt of applicable Shareholder and regulatory approvals.

# STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Canadian Securities Administrators have published National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("NI 58-101") and National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines* ("NP 58-201"), setting forth guidelines for effective corporate governance and corresponding disclosure requirements. NP 58-201 contains guidelines concerning matters such as the constitution and independence of corporate boards, the functions to be performed by boards and their committees and the effectiveness and education of board members. NI 58-101 requires disclosure by each corporation of its approach to corporate governance annually, as it is recognized that the unique characteristics of individual corporations will result in varying degrees of compliance.

Set out below is a description of the Company's approach to corporate governance as required pursuant to NI 58-101.

# 1. Board of Directors

The Board is currently comprised of five directors. The Board has considered the independence of each of its directors under NI 52-110 and has concluded that Messrs. Stow and Harvey are independent for Board purposes, while the other directors (being Messrs. Sheridan, Noone and Carpenter) are not independent as a result of their roles as officers of the Company. To be considered independent for Board purposes, the Board must conclude that a director does not have either a direct or indirect material relationship with the Company which, in the view of the Board, could be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of the director's independent judgement.

The basis for this determination is that, since the beginning of the fiscal year ended May 31, 2022, Messrs. Stow and Harvey were the only directors who had not been officers of the Company or had material interests in the Company which could interfere with their ability to act with a view to the best interests of the Company.

The Board has taken steps to ensure that adequate structures and processes will be in place to permit it to function independently of management of the Company. The independent directors hold *in camera* sessions without management present at meetings of the Board, when considered necessary.

# 2. Directorships

Certain of the directors of the Company are also directors of other reporting issuers (or equivalent) in a jurisdiction or a foreign jurisdiction as follows:

Name of director	Other reporting issuer (or equivalent in a foreign jurisdiction)
J. Patrick Sheridan	G2 Goldfields Inc.
Daniel Noone	GPM Metals Inc., Nighthawk Gold Corp., G2 Goldfields Inc.
Stephen Stow	Lumina Gold Corp., G2 Goldfields Inc.
Alex Carpenter	Big Tree Carbon Inc. (formerly AurCrest Gold Inc.)
Harvey L.A. Yesno	Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.

# 3. Orientation and Continuing Education

The Board does not have a formal orientation or education program for its members. The Board's continuing education is typically derived from correspondence with the Company's legal counsel to remain up to date with developments in relevant corporate and securities law matters.

# 4. Ethical Business Conduct

The Board monitors the ethical conduct of the Company and ensures that it complies with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, such as those of relevant securities commissions and stock exchanges. The Board has adopted a written code of business conduct and ethics (the "Code") for the Company's directors, officers, employees and consultants. In terms of the Board monitoring compliance with the Code, those to whom it applies are required to report any actual or potential violation of the Code or of any law or regulation and to cooperate with any investigation by the Company. The Board has also adopted a whistleblower policy which requires every employee to report any evidence of activity by any officer, director, employee or consultant, that among other things, constitutes unethical business conduct in violation of any Company policy, such as the Code.

In addition, pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario), the directors and officers of the Company are required, in exercising their powers and discharging their duties to the Company, to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company. A director or officer of the Company who is a party to a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Company

or who is a director or an officer of, or has a material interest in, any person who is a party to a material contract or transaction or proposed material contract or transaction with the Company is required to disclose the nature and extent of his interest to the Company. If such a conflict of interest is disclosed by a director, such director shall not attend any part of a meeting of directors during which the contract or transaction is discussed and shall not vote on any resolution to approve the contract or transaction, except in very limited circumstances.

#### 5. Nomination of Directors

The Compensation Committee is responsible for the nominating and corporate governance procedures of the Company.

With respect to the director recruitment in general, the Compensation Committee is responsible for: (a) conducting an analysis of the collection of tangible and intangible skills and qualities necessary for an effective Board given the Company's current operational and financial condition, the industry in which it operates and the strategic outlook of the Company; (b) periodically comparing the tangible and intangible skills and qualities of the existing Board members with the analysis of required skills and identifying opportunities for improvement; and (c) recommending, as required, changes to the selection criteria used by the Board to reflect the needs of the Board. Nominees are to be selected for qualities such as integrity, business judgment, independence, business or professional expertise, international experience, residency and familiarity with geographic regions relevant to the Company's strategic priorities. Additional considerations include: (a) the competencies and skills that the Board considers to be necessary for the Board, as a whole, to possess; (b) the competencies and skills that the Board considers each existing director to possess; and (c) the competencies and skills each new nominee will bring to the boardroom.

# 6. Compensation

The Board has established the Compensation Committee, which is currently comprised of three directors, namely Messrs. Stow (Chair), Noone and Carpenter, with Mr. Stow being independent. Following the Meeting, the Compensation Committee will continue to be comprised of three directors, namely Messrs. Stow (Chair), Noone and Carpenter, with Mr. Stow being considered independent.

The overall objectives of the Company's compensation program relating to compensation matters include the following:

- reviewing the Company's overall compensation philosophy;
- reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation (taking into
  account both short-term and long-term compensation goals) and evaluating the CEO's performance
  in light of stated corporate goals and objectives;
- reviewing succession planning for the CEO;
- in consultation with the CEO, overseeing the evaluation of the Company's executive officers and determining the compensation of executive officers other than the CEO;
- reviewing the adequacy, amount and form of compensation paid to each director (and considering whether such compensation realistically reflects the time commitment, responsibilities and risks of directors):
- reviewing the incentive compensation plans; and

• reviewing the equity-based compensation plans, including the designation of those who may participate in such plans and the issuance of options and RSUs, as applicable, in accordance with such plans.

The Compensation Committee will engage and compensate any outside adviser that it determines to be necessary or advisable to carry out its duties. The Compensation Committee reviews compensation paid to directors and officers of companies of similar industries, size and stage of development, and makes such other enquiries deemed necessary on a case-by-case basis, in order to determine appropriate compensation levels for the directors and officers of the Company.

# 7. Diversity Disclosure

The Company's senior management and the members of its Board have diverse backgrounds and expertise and were selected on the belief that the Company and its stakeholders would benefit from such a broad range of talent and experiences. The Board considers merit as the key requirement for board and executive appointments, and as such, it has not adopted any target number or percentage, or a range of target numbers or percentages, respecting the representation of women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, or members of visible minorities (collectively, "members of designated groups") on the Board or in senior management roles. The Company has not adopted a written diversity policy and seeks to attract and maintain diversity at the executive and board of directors' levels informally through the recruitment efforts of management in discussion with directors prior to proposing nominees to the Board as a whole for consideration.

Although the level of representation of members of designated groups is one of many factors taken into consideration in making Board and executive officer appointments, emphasis is placed on hiring or advancing the most qualified individuals. As at the date of this Circular, there are two members of designated groups that hold positions on the Board or in senior management.

# 8. Director Term Limits

The Company does not have a policy that limits the term of the directors on its Board and has not provided other mechanisms of board renewal. At this time, the Board does not believe that it is in the best interest of the Company to establish term limits on a director's mandate or a mandatory retirement age. The Board is of the opinion that term limits may disadvantage the Company through the loss of beneficial contributions of directors who have developed increasing knowledge of the Company, its operations, and the industry over a period of time.

# 9. Other Board Committees

The Board has three standing committees, being the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the ESG Committee. The ESG Committee, which is currently comprised of three directors, namely Messrs. Stow (Chair), Noone and Yesno, was formed on November 12, 2021 and shall continue to be comprised of Messrs. Stow (Chair), Noone and Yesno following the Meeting. The ESG Committee advises the Board and senior management in relation to the development and implementation of the Company's ESG initiatives, including policies, compliance systems, and monitoring processes, to ensure that the Company is performing and reporting in a manner consistent with mining industry best practices.

# INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

There is currently no outstanding indebtedness owing to the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, or to another entity which is or was the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or similar

arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company, of (i) any director, executive officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (ii) any former director, executive officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (iii) any proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company (a "Nominee"); or (iv) any associate of any current or former director, executive officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or of any Nominee.

#### INTERESTS OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No director, executive officer, shareholder beneficially owning (directly or indirectly) or exercising control or direction over more than 10% of the Common Shares (or any director or executive officer thereof), or Nominee for election as a director of the Company, and no associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the beginning of the Company's last completed fiscal year or in any proposed transaction which, in either such case, has materially affected or will materially affect the Company or any subsidiary of the Company., other than as set forth below.

#### PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

# 1. Presentation of Financial Statements

The annual financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2022, including the auditor's report thereon, will be placed before the Meeting. The annual financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis have been provided to Shareholders in accordance with applicable laws and are available under the Company's issuer profile on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>, and copies of these documents will also be available at the Meeting.

#### 2. Election of Directors

Under the constating documents of the Company, the Board is to consist of a minimum of one and a maximum of ten directors, to be elected annually. Shareholders will be invited to elect five directors at the Meeting by voting for or withholding their votes in respect of each of the Nominees named below. Each director holds office until the next annual meeting or until his successor is duly elected or appointed unless his office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Company's by-laws. On any ballot that may be called for in the election of directors, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to cast the votes to which the Common Shares represented by such proxy are entitled for each of the proposed Nominees whose names are set forth below, unless the shareholder who has given such proxy has directed that the Common Shares be withheld from voting in respect of any such Nominee(s) set forth below. Management does not contemplate that any of the Nominees will be unable to serve as a director, but if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy reserve the right to vote for other Nominees at their discretion.

Shareholders have the option to: (i) vote for all of the directors of the Company listed in the table below; (ii) vote for some of the directors and withhold for others; or (iii) withhold for all of the directors. Unless otherwise instructed, proxies and voting instructions given pursuant to this solicitation by the management of the Company will be voted <u>FOR</u> the election of each of the proposed Nominees set forth in the table below.

The following table sets out the name of each of the Nominees, all positions and offices in the Company held by each of them, the principal occupation or employment of each of them for the past five years, the year in which each was first elected a director of the Company and the approximate number of Common Shares that each has advised are beneficially owned (directly or indirectly) or subject to his control or direction:

Name, Province and Country of Residence	Position	Principal Occupation for Five Preceding Years	Director Since	Number of Common Shares Held, Controlled or Directed <sup>(1)</sup>
J. Patrick Sheridan Surrey, United Kingdom	Executive Chairman	Executive Chairman of G2 Goldfields Inc. (since November 2018)	2021	15,697,421
		President & Chief Executive Officer of G2 Goldfields Inc. (from November 2018 to February 2020)		
		Executive Chairman of Guyana Goldfields Inc. (2013 to July 2018)		
Daniel Noone (2)(3)(4) Ontario, Canada	Chief Executive Officer & Director	President & Chief Executive Officer of G2 Goldfields Inc. (since February 2020)	2021	1,523,772
		Vice-President, Exploration of Guyana Goldfields Inc., mining company until October 2018		
		Interim President & CEO of G2 Goldfields Inc. from October 2016 to November 2018)		
Stephen Stow <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup> British Columbia, Canada	Director	Chairman of Zen Capital and Mergers Ltd., a private family office advisory company (1996 to present)	2021	1,160,000
		Director of Lumina Gold Corp. (2015 to present) and Amarillo Gold Corporation (2017 to 2020), both listed resource companies		
Alex Carpenter (2)(3)	Director	First Nations Advisor (since 2015)	2021	Nil
Harvey L.A. Yesno (4)	Director	Self-employed business person and First Nation Advisor	2022	Nil
		Chief of the Eabametoong First Nation (1991 to 2021)		

# Notes:

- (1) The information as to Common Shares beneficially owned (directly or indirectly) or over which the Nominees exercise control or direction has been furnished by the respective Nominees individually.
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee of the Company.
- (3) Member of the ESG Committee of the Company.
- (4) Member of the Compensation Committee of the Company.

# Corporate Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

To the Company's knowledge, as of the date hereof, no Nominee:

- is, or has been, within ten years before the date hereof, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:
  - (i) was subject to an order that was issued while the Nominee was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or
  - (ii) was subject to an order that was issued after the Nominee ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer:
- (b) is, or has been, within ten years before the date hereof, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while such Nominee was acting in that capacity, or within a year of such Nominee ceased 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
- (c) has, within ten years before the date hereof, 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 such Nominee.

For the purposes of the above section, the term "order" means: (a) a cease trade order; (b) an order similar to a cease trade order; (c) an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, or (d) that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

To the Company's knowledge, as of the date hereof, no Nominee 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 security holder in deciding whether to vote for the Nominee.

# 3. Appointment of Auditors

MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants ("MNP"), has been the independent external auditors of the Company since incorporation on November 30, 2020. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve, an ordinary resolution re-appointing MNP as auditors of the Company, to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of Shareholders, and to authorize the Board to fix their remuneration.

To be effective, the resolution approving the re-appointment of MNP as auditors of the Company until the close of the next annual meeting of Shareholders and authorizing the Board to fix their remuneration requires the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the votes cast by Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting. The Board recommends that Shareholders vote <u>FOR</u> the re-appointment of MNP. Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of the person designated on the form of proxy will be voted <u>FOR</u> the resolution authorizing the re-

appointment of MNP as auditors of the Company, to hold office for the ensuing year at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board, unless a Shareholder has specified in the form of proxy that their Common Shares are to be withheld from voting in respect thereof.

# 4. Approval of the Amended Option Plan

Effective October 24, 2022, the Board amended and restated the terms of the Option Plan (as amended and restated, the "Amended Option Plan") in order to modernize the Option Plan and bring it in line with stock option plans adopted by comparable public companies. The principal changes between the Option Plan and the Amended Option Plan can be summarized as follows:

- Certain defined terms in the Option Plan were revised in the Amended Option Plan, in order to modernize such definitions.
- The insertion of provisions relating to the extension of stock options during a Black-Out Period (as defined below) to provide that stock options expiring during a Black-Out Period will be extended to the date that is 10 business days after the expiration of the Black-Out Period, as further described below.
- The insertion of provisions to permit the exercise of stock options on a cashless basis, by means of a "net exercise", as further described below, provided that the Board continues to have discretion whether or not to permit any net exercise of any stock options.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve and adopt the Amended Option Plan, as approved by the Board, which will become effective upon the receipt of the approval of the Shareholders (the "Effective Date").

If approved by the Shareholders, the Amended Option Plan will replace the Option Plan. Accordingly, after the Effective Date, all of the stock options outstanding under the Option Plan (the "Outstanding Options"), being an aggregate of 300,000 stock options as at the date of this Circular, will remain outstanding and in full force and effect in accordance with their terms, and will instead be governed by the Amended Option Plan.

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Amened Option Plan. The following summary does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended Option Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "B".

# **Summary of the Amended Option Plan**

# Purpose

The purpose of the Amended Option Plan is to promote the Company's profitability and growth by facilitating the efforts of the Company and its subsidiaries to obtain and retain key individuals. The Amended Option Plan provides an incentive for, and encourages ownership of Common Shares by, its key individuals so that they may increase their stake in the Company and benefit from increases in the value of the Common Shares.

#### Administration

The Amended Option Plan is administered by the Board or a designee committee of the Board, which has full authority to grant stock options thereunder and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the

implementation and administration of the Amended Option Plan, subject to the requirements of the CSE and the terms of the Amended Option Plan.

# **Eligibility**

The Amended Option Plan allows the Company to grant stock options to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Amended Option Plan allows the Board to grant stock options to directors and senior officers of the Company and its subsidiaries, employees and management company employees of the Company and its subsidiaries, and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Eligible Persons"). The Board has full and final authority to determine the Eligible Persons who are to be granted stock options under the Amended Option Plan and the number of Common Shares subject to each stock option.

# Number of Shares Issuable

Subject to adjustments in certain specified circumstances, as provided for in the Amended Option Plan, the aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issued and sold under the Amended Option Plan may not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of Common Shares issued and outstanding, calculated as at the date of any stock option grant from time to time. Stock options that are exercised, cancelled or expire prior to exercise become available again for issuance under the Amended Option Plan.

# Limits on Participation

The Amended Option Plan provides for the following limits to Common Shares issued or issuable under any stock options granted under the Amened Option Plan (and the Option Plan), subject to the requirements of the CSE or other applicable stock exchange:

- (a) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable to any one optionee upon the exercise of stock options in any 12-month period, when aggregated with any Common Shares reserved for issuance under outstanding options and other share compensation arrangements, may not exceed 5% of the number of Common Shares then issued and outstanding, unless disinterested shareholder approval is received therefor in accordance with the policies of the CSE or other applicable stock exchange.
- (b) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to stock options granted to any one consultant within any 12-month period, when aggregated with any Common Shares reserved for issuance under outstanding options and other share compensation arrangements, may not exceed 2% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding as of the date of grant.
- (c) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to stock options granted in any 12-month period to all persons engaged to provide investor relations services, in the aggregate, may not exceed 2% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding as of the date of grant.

In addition, if required by any stock exchange on which the Common Shares trade, stock options granted to Eligible Persons who perform investor relations activities must vest in stages over 12 months with no more than 25% of such stock options vesting in any 3-month period.

# Term of Options

Stock options granted under the Amended Plan are exercisable as determined by the Board at the time of grant, provided however, that stock options may not be granted for a term exceeding ten years (subject to extension where the expiry date falls within a Black-Out Period).

The Amended Option Plan provides that, in the event that the expiry date for a stock option falls within a period of time when, pursuant to any policies of the Company (including the Company's insider trading policy), any securities of the Company may not be traded by certain persons designated by the Company (such period, a "Black-Out Period"), the expiry date of such stock option will be automatically extended to the 10th business day following the expiry of such Black-Out Period.

#### Exercise Price

The exercise price for the Common Shares issuable for each Option shall be determined by the Board on the basis of the market price of the Common Shares on the stock exchange or dealing network on which the Common Share trade, all as specified in the Amended Option Plan, provided however, that, in the event the Common Shares are listed on a stock exchange, the exercise price may be the market price less any discounts from the market price allowed by such stock exchange, subject to a minimum price of \$0.10. In the event the Common Shares are not listed on any exchange and do not trade on any dealing network, the market price will be determined by the Board.

The exercise price of stock options granted to insiders of the Company may not be decreased without disinterested Shareholder approval at the time of the proposed amendment.

# Manner of Exercise and Cashless Exercise

Subject to the provisions of the Amended Option Plan and the particular stock option, a stock option may be exercised from time to time by delivering to the Company at its registered office a written notice of exercise specifying the number of Common Shares with respect to which the stock option is being exercised and accompanied by payment in cash or certified cheque for the full amount of the exercise price of the Common Shares then being purchased.

Subject to the rules and policies of the CSE or other applicable stock exchange, and provided the optionee is not engaged to provide investor relations services, the Board may, in its discretion and at any time, determine to grant an optionee the alternative to deal with such stock option on a "cashless exercise" basis, on such terms as the Board may determine in its discretion (the "Cashless Exercise Right"). Without limitation, the Board may determine in its discretion that such Cashless Exercise Right, if any, grants an optionee the right to terminate such stock option in whole or in part by notice in writing to the Company and in lieu of receiving Common Shares pursuant to the exercise of the stock option, receive, without payment of any cash other than as provided for in the Amended Option Plan:

- (i) that number of Common Shares, disregarding fractions, which when multiplied by the market value (as such term is defined in the Amended Option Plan) on the day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right, have a total value equal to the product of that number of Common Shares subject to the stock option multiplied by the difference between the market value on the day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right and the exercise price; or
- (ii) a cash payment equal to the difference between the market value on the day immediately prior to the date of the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right, and the exercise price, less applicable withholding taxes as determined and calculated by the Company, excluding fractions.

# Vesting

Stock options granted pursuant to the Amended Option Plan are subject to such vesting requirements as may be prescribed by any stock exchange on which the Common Shares trade, where applicable, or as may be imposed by the Board. Stock options issued to persons retained to provide investor relations activities must vest in stages over 12 months with no more than 25% of such stock options vesting in any 3-month period.

# Cessation of Provision of Services and Death

The following describes the impact of certain events that may lead to the early expiry of stock options granted under the Amended Option Plan:

- (i) <u>Cessation of Services</u>: Subject to the provisions of the Amended Option Plan dealing with the treatment of stock options upon the death of an optionee, if any optionee ceases to be an Eligible Person for any reason (whether or not for cause) the optionee may exercise the stock option, but only within the period of 90 days, or 30 days if the Eligible Person is a person engaged to provide investor relations services, next succeeding such cessation (unless either such 90 or 30-day period is extended by the Board, up to a maximum of 12 months from the date of such cessation), and in no event after the expiry date of the stock option, exercise the stock option.
- (ii) <u>Death</u>: In the event of an optionee's death during the currency of the optionee's stock option, the stock option shall be exercisable within the 12-month period next succeeding the optionee's death and in no event after the expiry date of the stock option.

Amendment or Termination of the Amended Option Plan

Subject to any necessary regulatory approvals, the Board may from time to time amend or revise the terms of the Amended Option Plan (or any stock option granted thereunder) or may terminate the Amended Option Plan (or any stock option granted thereunder) at any time, provided however, that no such action shall, without the consent of the optionee, in any manner adversely affect an optionee's rights under any stock option theretofore granted under, or governed by, the Amended Option Plan.

To the extent required by applicable law or by the policies of the stock exchange on which the Common Shares trade (if applicable) at the relevant time, Shareholder approval (as required by such policies) and approval of such stock exchange, as applicable, will be required for, among other items, amendments to the following items:

- (i) persons eligible to be granted or issued stock options under the Amended Option Plan;
- (ii) the maximum number or percentage of Common Shares that may be issuable under the Amended Option Plan;
- (iii) the limits under the Amended Option Plan on the number of stock options that may be granted or issued to any one person or any category of persons;
- (iv) the maximum term of any stock options;
- (v) the expiry and termination provisions applicable to any stock options; and

(vi) any method or formula for calculating prices, values or amounts under the Amended Option Plan that may result in a benefit to an optionee.

# Amended Option Plan Resolution

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve an ordinary resolution, in substantially the form set out below, approving the Amended Option Plan. To be effective, the resolution approving the Amended Option Plan requires the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the votes cast by Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting.

# "BE IT RESOLVED, AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION, THAT:

- (a) the amended and restated stock option plan (the "Amended Option Plan") of S2 Minerals Inc. (the "Company"), substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" to the management information circular of the Company dated October 24, 2022, be and is hereby confirmed and approved;
- (b) all unallocated stock options to acquire common shares of the Company, right or other entitlement available under the Amended Option Plan be and are hereby approved and authorized, and the directors of the Company (or any committee of the board of directors of the Company duly designated under the Amended Option Plan) be and are hereby authorized to grant stock options pursuant to the Amended Option Plan to those persons eligible to receive stock options thereunder;
- (c) the board of directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the Amended Option Plan as may be required by the Canadian Securities Exchange or other regulatory authorities, without the further approval by the shareholders of the Company, in order to ensure the timely adoption of the Amended Option Plan;
- (d) notwithstanding that this resolution be passed by the shareholders of the Company, the board of directors of the Company be and is hereby authorized and empowered to revoke these resolutions, without any further approval of the shareholders of the Company, at any time if such revocation is considered necessary or desirable to the board of directors of the Company; and
- (e) any director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Company, to do all things and to execute, deliver and file all such agreement, documents and instruments, and to do all such other acts and things, as such director or officer deems necessary or desirable to give effect to the forgoing resolutions."

#### Recommendation of the Board

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote <u>FOR</u> the resolution approving the Amended Option Plan. Unless otherwise instructed, the persons named in the enclosed proxy or voting instruction form intend to vote such proxy or instructions <u>FOR</u> the resolution approving the Amended Option Plan. Common Shares represented by proxies in favour of the person designated on the form of proxy will be voted <u>FOR</u> the resolution approving the Amended Option Plan, unless a Shareholder has specified in the form of proxy that their Common Shares are to be withheld from voting in respect thereof.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the year ended May 31, 2022. Shareholders may contact the principal office of the Company located at 141 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1101 Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3L5, to request copies of the Company's financial statements and management discussion and analysis for its most recently completed fiscal year.

# **APPROVAL**

The contents and the sending of this information circular have been approved by the directors of the Company.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, Canada as of the 24th day of October, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Signed) "Daniel Noone"

Daniel Noone, Chief Executive Officer

# SCHEDULE "A" AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

# I. MANDATE AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the board of directors (the "Board") of S2 Minerals Inc. (the "Company") is a standing committee of the Board whose primary function is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to:

- (a) the integrity of the Company's financial statements;
- (b) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, as they relate to the Company's financial statements;
- (c) the qualifications, independence and performance of the Company's external auditor;
- (d) internal controls and disclosure controls;
- (e) the performance of the Company's internal audit function; and
- (f) performing the additional duties set out in this Charter or otherwise delegated to the Committee by the Board.

# II. AUTHORITY

The Committee has the authority to:

- (a) engage and compensate independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary or advisable to carry out its duties; and
- (b) communicate directly with the Company's auditor.

The Committee has the authority to delegate to individual members or subcommittees of the Committee.

#### III. COMPOSITION AND EXPERTISE

The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three members, each of whom is a director of the Company. The Committee shall be comprised of members, a majority of whom are not officers, employees or Control Persons (as such term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange) of the Company. In addition, a majority of members shall be independent as such term is defined in Sections 1.4 and 1.5 of National Instrument 52-110 (*Audit Committees*).

Committee members shall be appointed annually by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of shareholders. Committee members hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until they are removed by the Board or cease to be directors of the Company.

The Board shall appoint one member of the Committee to act as Chair of the Committee. If the Chair of the Committee is absent from any meeting, the Committee shall select one of the other members of the Committee to preside at that meeting.

#### IV. MEETINGS

Any member of the Committee or the auditor may call a meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least four times per year and as many additional times as the Committee deems necessary to carry out its duties. The Chair shall develop and set the Committee's agenda, in consultation with other members of the Committee, the Board and senior management.

Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing to each member of the Committee, at least 48 hours (excluding holidays) prior to the time fixed for such meeting. The Company's auditor shall be given notice of every meeting of the Committee and, at the expense of the Company, shall be entitled to attend and be heard at any and all meetings during which interim or annual financial statements are discussed and/or approved. If requested by a member of the Committee, the Company's auditor shall attend every meeting of the Committee held during the term of office of the Company's auditor.

A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. No business may be transacted by the Committee except at a meeting of its members at which a quorum of the Committee is present in person or by means of such telephonic, electronic or other communications facility that permits all persons participating in the meeting to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.

The Committee may invite such directors, officers and employees of the Company and advisors as it sees fit from time to time to attend meetings of the Committee.

The Committee shall meet without management present whenever the Committee deems it appropriate. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary who need not be a director or officer of the Company. Minutes of the meetings of the Committee shall be recorded and maintained by the Secretary and shall be subsequently presented to the Committee for review and approval.

# V. COMMITTEE AND CHARTER REVIEW

The Committee shall conduct an annual review and assessment of its performance, effectiveness and contribution, including a review of its compliance with this Charter. The Committee shall conduct such review and assessment in such manner as it deems appropriate and report the results thereof to the Board.

The Committee shall also review and assess the adequacy of this Charter on an annual basis, taking into account all legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to the Committee, as well as any guidelines recommended by regulators or the TSX Venture Exchange and shall recommend changes to the Board thereon.

#### VI. REPORTING TO THE BOARD

The Committee shall report to the Board in a timely manner with respect to each of its meetings held. This report may take the form of circulating copies of the minutes of each meeting held.

#### VII. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

# (a) Financial Reporting

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending approval to the Board of the Company's annual and interim financial statements, MD&A and related news releases, before they are released

The Committee is also responsible for:

- being satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements, other than the public disclosure referred to in the preceding paragraph, and for periodically assessing the adequacy of those procedures;
- (ii) engaging the Company's auditor to perform a review of the interim financial statements and receiving from the Company's auditor a formal report on the auditor's review of such interim financial statements;
- (iii) discussing with management and the Company's auditor the quality of International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS"), not just acceptability of IFRS;
- (iv) discussing with management any significant variances between comparative reporting periods; and
- (v) while discussion with management and the Company's auditor, identifying problems or areas of concern and ensuring such matters are satisfactorily resolved.

#### (b) Auditor

The Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board:

- (i) the auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company; and
- (ii) the compensation of the Company's auditor.

The Company's auditor reports directly to the Committee. The Committee is directly responsible for overseeing the work of the Company's auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the Company's auditor regarding financial reporting.

# (c) Relationship with the Auditor

The Committee is responsible for reviewing the proposed audit plan and proposed audit fees. The Committee is also responsible for:

- (i) establishing effective communication processes with management and the Company's auditor so that it can objectively monitor the quality and effectiveness of the auditor's relationship with management and the Committee;
- (ii) receiving and reviewing regular feedback from the auditor on the progress against the approved audit plan, important findings, recommendations for improvements and the auditor's final report;
- (iii) obtaining and reviewing annually, an annual report from the external auditors describing the external auditors' internal quality control procedures and any

material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review or peer review of the external auditors, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the external auditors and any steps taken to deal with any such issues;

- (iv) reviewing, at least annually, a report from the auditor on all relationships and engagements for non-audit services that may be reasonably thought to bear on the independence of the auditor; and
- (v) meeting in camera with the auditor whenever the Committee deems it appropriate.

# (d) Accounting Policies

The Committee is responsible for:

- (i) reviewing the Company's accounting policy note to ensure completeness and acceptability with IFRS as part of the approval of the financial statements;
- (ii) discussing and reviewing the impact of proposed changes in accounting standards or securities policies or regulations;
- (iii) reviewing with management and the auditor any proposed changes in major accounting policies and key estimates and judgments that may be material to financial reporting;
- (iv) discussing with management and the auditor the acceptability, degree of aggressiveness/conservatism and quality of underlying accounting policies and key estimates and judgments; and
- (v) discussing with management and the auditor the clarity and completeness of the Company's financial disclosures.

# (e) Risk and Uncertainty

The Committee is responsible for reviewing, as part of its approval of the financial statements:

- (i) uncertainty notes and disclosures; and
- (ii) MD&A disclosures.

The Committee, in consultation with management, will identify the principal business risks and decide on the Company's "appetite" for risk. The Committee is responsible for reviewing related risk management policies and recommending such policies for approval by the Board. The Committee is then responsible for communicating and assigning to the applicable Board committee such policies for implementation and ongoing monitoring.

The Committee is responsible for requesting the auditor's opinion of management's assessment of significant risks facing the Company and how effectively they are managed or controlled.

#### (f) Controls and Control Deviations

The Committee itself is responsible for reviewing:

- (i) the plan and scope of the annual audit with respect to planned reliance and testing of controls; and
- (ii) major points contained in the auditor's management letter resulting from control evaluation and testing.

The Committee is also responsible for receiving reports from management when significant control deviations occur.

In consultation with the external auditors, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing the adequacy of the Company's internal control structures and procedures designed to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Audit Committee will review:

- (iii) the internal control report prepared by management, including management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting (collectively Internal Controls over Financial Reporting ICFR); and
- (iv) the Company's Disclosure Controls and Procedures (DC&P)

# (g) Compliance with Laws and Regulations

The Committee is responsible for reviewing regular reports from management and others (e.g., auditors) concerning the Company's compliance with financial related laws and regulations, such as:

- (i) tax and financial reporting laws and regulations;
- (ii) legal withholdings requirements;
- (iii) environmental protection laws; and
- (iv) other matters for which directors face liability exposure.

#### VIII. NON-AUDIT SERVICES

All non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiary entities by the Company's auditor must be pre-approved by the Committee.

#### IX. SUBMISSION SYSTEMS AND TREATMENT OF COMPLAINTS

The Audit Committee has adopted a Whistleblower Policy to facilitate the reporting by the Company's directors, officers or employees of any "Reportable Activity", as such term is defined in the Whistleblower Policy. The Whistleblower Policy establishes procedures for:

(a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and

(b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

# X. HIRING POLICIES

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former auditor of the Company.

# SCHEDULE "B" S2 MINERALS INC. AMENDED AND RESTATED STOCK OPTION PLAN

#### 1. Previous Plan

This amended and restated stock option plan (the "Plan") supersedes and replaces the stock option plan of S2 Minerals Inc. (the "Company") dated effective March 29, 2021 (the "Previous Plan"), which is terminated and of no force or effect as of the effective date of the Plan. All options to purchase common shares of the Company ("Common Shares") that were granted pursuant to the Previous Plan (the "Existing Options") shall remain outstanding in accordance with their terms, provided that from the effective date of the Plan, such Existing Options shall be governed by the Plan.

# 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to promote the Company's profitability and growth by facilitating the efforts of the Company and its subsidiaries to obtain and retain key individuals. The Plan provides an incentive for and encourages ownership of Common Shares by its key individuals so that they may increase their stake in the Company and benefit from increases in the value of the Common Shares.

#### 3. Administration

The Plan is administered by the board of directors (the "Board") or its designee committee of directors of the Board (the "Committee"), which has full authority with respect to the granting of all Options (as defined below) thereunder, subject to the requirements of the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") or other applicable stock exchange. If the Committee is designated to administer the Plan, all references to the "Board" herein, other than in Section 13, the definition of "Market Value" in Section 16, and in Section 18, will be deemed references to the Committee. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional Share Compensation Arrangements (as defined below) or other compensation arrangements, subject to any required approval.

For purposes of the Plan, "Share Compensation Arrangement" means a stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan, long-term incentive plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Common Shares to one or more full-time Employees (as defined below), directors, officers, insiders, or Consultants of the Company or its subsidiary, including a share purchase from treasury by a full-time Employee, director, officer, insider, or Consultant which is financially assisted by the Company or its subsidiary by way of a loan, guarantee or otherwise; provided, however, that any such arrangements that do not involve the issuance from treasury or potential issuance from treasury of Common Shares are not "Share Compensation Arrangements" for the purposes of this Plan.

# 4. Shares Subject to Plan

Subject to adjustment under the provisions of Section 12, the aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issued and sold under the Plan will not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of Common Shares issued and outstanding as measured as at the date of any Option grant from time to time.

The Company shall not, upon the exercise of any Option, be required to issue or deliver any Common Shares prior to (a) the admission of such Common Shares to listing on the CSE or such other stock exchange on which the Common Shares may then be listed, and (b) the completion of such registration or other qualification of such Common Shares under any law, rules or regulation as the Board shall determine to be

necessary or advisable. If any Common Shares cannot be issued to any optionee for any reason, the obligation of the Company to issue such Common Shares shall terminate and the Exercise Price (as defined below) therefor paid to the Company shall be returned to the optionee. Common Shares subject to but not issued or delivered under an option (each, an "**Option**") which expires or terminates shall again be available for issuance under the Plan.

# 5. Eligibility

Options shall be granted only to Eligible Persons, any registered savings plan established by an Eligible Person, or any company wholly-owned by an Eligible Person. The term "Eligible Person" means:

- (a) a senior officer or director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) an individual:
  - (i) who is considered an employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (together with the regulations thereunder, and as amended from time to time, the "**Tax Act**") and for whom income tax, employment insurance and Canada Pension Plan deductions must be made at source;
  - (ii) who works full-time for the Company or any of its subsidiaries providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or its subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or of the subsidiary, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source; or
  - (iii) an individual who works for the Company or any of its subsidiaries on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or its subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or of the subsidiary, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source.

(any such individual, an "Employee");

- (c) an individual employed by a company, incorporated association or organization, body corporate, partnership, trust, association or other entity other than an individual (a "Corporation") or an individual (together with a Corporation, a "Person") providing management services to the Company, which are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Company, but excluding a Person engaged in Investor Relations Activities (as defined below) (a "Management Company Employee");
- (d) an individual (or a company or partnership of which the individual is an employee, shareholder or partner), other than an Employee, Management Company Employee, director or senior officer, who:
  - (i) is engaged to provide on an ongoing *bona fide* basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities of the Company;

- (ii) provides such services under a written contract between the Company or its subsidiary and such Person;
- (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Board, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; and
- (iv) does not engage in Investor Relations Activities (as defined below),

(any such Person, a "Consultant");

- (e) an individual (or a company or partnership of which the individual is an employee, shareholder or partner), other than an Employee, Management Company Employee, director or senior officer, that falls within the definition of Consultant contained in Sections 5(d)(i) through 5(d)(iv), and provides Investor Relations Activities (an "Investor Relations Consultant"); and
- (f) a Person that falls within the definition of Eligible Person contained in any of Sections 5(a), 5(b) or 5(c) that provides Investor Relations Activities (an "Investor Relations Person").

The term "**Investor Relations Activities**" means any activities or oral or written communications, by or on behalf of the Company or a 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:

- (a) the dissemination of information provided, or records prepared, in the ordinary course of business of the Company:
  - (i) to promote the sale of products or services of the Company; or
  - (ii) to raise public awareness of the Company,

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

- (b) activities or communications necessary to comply with the requirements of:
  - (i) applicable securities laws, policies or regulations; or
  - (ii) the rules and regulations of the CSE or the by-laws, rules or other regulatory instruments of any other self-regulatory body or exchange having jurisdiction over the Company;
- (c) 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:
  - (i) the communication is only through the newspaper, magazine or publication; and
  - (ii) the publisher or writer received no commission or other consideration other than for acting in the capacity of publisher or writer; or

(d) activities or communications that may be otherwise specified by the rules and regulations of the CSE.

The terms "insider", "control", and "subsidiary" have the meanings given to them in the *Securities Act* (Ontario) from time to time.

In connection with an Option to be granted to any Eligible Person, it shall be the responsibility of such Person and the Company to confirm that such Person is a *bona fide* Eligible Person for the purposes of participation under the Plan.

Subject to the foregoing, the Board shall have full and final authority to determine the Eligible Persons who are to be granted Options under the Plan and the number of Common Shares subject to each Option.

#### 6. Limits under the Plan

The following limits apply to the Common Shares issued or issuable under any Options granted under the Plan (and the Previous Plan), subject to the requirements of the CSE or other applicable stock exchange:

- (a) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable to any one optionee upon the exercise of Options in any 12-month period, when aggregated with any Common Shares reserved for issuance under Existing Options and other Share Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 5% of the number of Common Shares then issued and outstanding, unless disinterested shareholder approval is received therefor in accordance with the policies of the CSE or other applicable stock exchange.
- (b) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Options granted under the Plan to any one Consultant within any 12-month period, when aggregated with any Common Shares reserved for issuance under Existing Options and other Share Compensation Arrangements, shall not exceed 2% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding as of the date of grant.
- (c) The maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Options granted under the Plan in any 12-month period to all Persons engaged to provide Investor Relations Activities, in the aggregate, shall not exceed 2% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding as of the date of grant.

# 7. Exercise Price

The exercise price (the "Exercise Price") for the Common Shares issuable for each Option shall be determined by the Board on the basis of the market price, where "market price" shall mean the prior trading day closing price of the Common Shares on any stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed or the last trading price on the prior trading day on any dealing network where the Common Share trade, and where there is no such closing price or trade on the prior trading day, "market price" shall mean the average of the daily high and low board lot trading prices of the Common Shares on any stock exchange on which the shares are listed or dealing network on which the Common Shares trade for the five immediately preceding trading days. In the event the Common Shares are listed on a stock exchange, the Exercise Price may be the market price less any discounts from the market price allowed by the applicable stock exchange, subject to a minimum price of \$0.10. In the event the Common Shares are not listed on any exchange and do not trade on any dealing network, the market price will be determined by the Board. The approval of disinterested shareholders will be required for any reduction in the Exercise Price of an Option that was previously granted to an insider of the Company.

# 8. Period of Option and Rights to Exercise

Subject to the provisions of this Section 8 and Sections 9, 10, and 17 below, Options will be exercisable in whole or in part, and from time to time, during the currency thereof. Options shall not be granted for a term exceeding 10 years (subject to extension where the expiry date falls within a Black-Out Period (as defined below)). The Common Shares to be purchased upon the exercise of any Option (the "**Optioned Shares**") shall be paid for in full at the time of such exercise. Except as provided in Sections 9, 10, and 17 below, no Option may be exercised unless the optionee is then an Eligible Person. The approval of disinterested shareholders will be required for any extension of the term of an Option that was previously granted to an insider of the Company.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the expiry date for an Option falls within a period of time when, pursuant to any policies of the Company (including the Company's insider trading policy), any securities of the Company may not be traded by certain Persons designated by the Company (such period, a "Black-Out Period"), the expiry date of such Option will be automatically extended to the 10th business day following the expiry of such Black-Out Period, and such 10th business day will be considered the expiration date for such Option for all purposes under the Plan.

# 9. Cessation of Provision of Services

Subject to Section 10 below, if any optionee ceases to be an Eligible Person of the Company for any reason (whether or not for cause) the optionee may, but only within the period of 90 days, or 30 days if the Eligible Person is an Investor Relations Person, next succeeding such cessation (unless either such ninety or 30-day period is extended by the Board, up to a maximum of 12 months from the date of such cessation), and in no event after the expiry date of the Option, exercise the Option. The Company shall be under no obligation to give an optionee notice of termination of an Option.

# 10. Death of Optionee

In the event of an optionee's death during the currency of the optionee's Option, the Option shall be exercisable within the 12-month period next succeeding the optionee's death and in no event after the expiry date of the Option.

# 11. Non-Assignability and Non-Transferability of Option

An Option granted under the Plan shall be non-assignable and non-transferrable by an optionee otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and such Option shall be exercisable, during an optionee's lifetime, only by the optionee.

# 12. Adjustments in Shares Subject to Plan

The aggregate number and kind of shares available under the Plan shall be appropriately adjusted in the event of a reorganization, recapitalization, stock split, stock dividend, combination of shares, merger, consolidation, rights offering or any other change in the corporate structure or shares of the Company. The Options granted under the Plan may contain such provisions as the Board may determine with respect to adjustments to be made in the number and kind of shares covered by such Options and in the Exercise Price in the event of any such change.

# 13. Amendment and Termination of Plan

Subject in all cases to the approval of all stock exchanges and regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the affairs of the Company, the Board may from time to time amend or revise the terms of the Plan (or any Option granted thereunder) or may terminate the Plan (or any Option granted thereunder) at any time, provided however, that no such action shall, without the consent of the optionee, in any manner adversely affect an optionee's rights under any Option theretofore granted under, or governed by, the Plan.

To the extent required by applicable law or by the policies of the stock exchange on which the Common Shares trade (if applicable) at the relevant time, shareholder approval (as required by such policies) and approval of such stock exchange, as applicable, will be required for the following types of amendments:

- (a) persons eligible to be granted or issued Options under the Plan;
- (b) the maximum number or percentage, as the case may be, of Common Shares that may be issuable under the Plan:
- (c) the limits under the Plan on the number of Options that may be granted or issued to any one Person or any category of Persons;
- (d) the method for determining the Exercise Price;
- (e) the maximum term of any Options;
- (f) the expiry and termination provisions applicable to any Options; and
- (g) any method or formula for calculating prices, values or amounts under the Plan that may result in a benefit to an optionee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following types of amendments do not require shareholder approval:

- (a) amendments to fix typographical errors; and
- (b) amendments to clarify existing provisions of the Plan that do not have the effect of altering the scope, nature and intent of such provisions.

For greater certainty, disinterested shareholder approval will be required to be obtained for any amendment to Options held by insiders which results in a benefit to such insider, including, for certainty, a reduction in the Exercise Price or an extension to the term if the optionee is an insider of the Company at the time of the proposed amendment.

#### 14. Effective Date of the Plan

The Plan becomes effective on the date of its approval by the Company's shareholders.

# 15. Evidence of Options

Each Option granted under the Plan shall be evidenced in a written option agreement between the Company and the optionee which shall give effect to the provisions of the Plan.

# 16. Exercise of Option and Payment of Exercise Price

- (a) Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the particular Option, an Option may be exercised from time to time by delivering to the Company at its registered office a written notice of exercise specifying the number of Common Shares with respect to which the Option is being exercised and accompanied by payment in cash or certified cheque for the full amount of the Exercise Price of the Common Shares then being purchased.
- (b) Upon the exercise of an Option, the Company shall cause its transfer agent to issue and countersign share certificates for the Optioned Shares in the name of such optionee or the optionee's legal personal representative or as may be directed in writing by the optionee's legal personal representative.
- (c) Subject to the rules and policies of the CSE or other applicable stock exchange, and provided the optionee is not an Investor Relations Person or Investor Relations Consultant, the Board may, in its discretion and at any time, determine to grant an optionee the alternative to deal with such Option on a "cashless exercise" basis, on such terms as the Board may determine in its discretion (the "Cashless Exercise Right"). Without limitation, the Board may determine in its discretion that such Cashless Exercise Right, if any, grants an optionee the right to terminate such Option in whole or in part by notice in writing to the Company and in lieu of receiving Common Shares pursuant to the exercise of the Option, receive, without payment of any cash other than pursuant to Section 20:
  - (i) that number of Common Shares, disregarding fractions, which when multiplied by the Market Value (as defined below) on the day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right, have a total value equal to the product of that number of Common Shares subject to the Option multiplied by the difference between the Market Value on the day immediately prior to the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right and the Exercise Price; or
  - (ii) a cash payment equal to the difference between the Market Value on the day immediately prior to the date of the exercise of the Cashless Exercise Right, and the Exercise Price, less applicable withholding taxes as determined and calculated by the Company, excluding fractions.
- (d) In the event the Company determines to accept an optionee's request pursuant to a Cashless Exercise Right, the Company shall make an election pursuant to subsection 110(1.1) of the Tax Act.
- (e) The term "Market Value" means, at any date when the market value of Common Shares is to be determined: (i) if the Common Shares are listed on a stock exchange, the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on such stock exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the relevant time as it relates to a grant of an Option; or (ii) if the Common Shares are not listed on any stock exchange, the value as is determined solely by the Board, acting reasonably and in good faith and such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all Persons.

# 17. Vesting Restrictions

Options issued under the Plan may vest at the discretion of the Board, provided that if required by any stock exchange on which the Common Shares trade, options issued to Investor Relations Persons or Investor

Relations Consultants must vest in stages over not less than 12 months with no more than 25% of the Options vesting in any three-month period.

# 18. Notice of Sale of All or Substantially All Shares or Assets

If at any time when an Option granted under this Plan remains unexercised with respect to any Optioned Shares and:

- (a) the Company seeks approval from its shareholders for a transaction which, if completed, would constitute an Acceleration Event (as defined below); or
- (b) a third party makes a *bona fide* formal offer or proposal to the Company or its shareholders which, if accepted, would constitute an Acceleration Event,

the Company shall notify the optionee in writing of such transaction, offer or proposal as soon as practicable and, provided that the Board has determined that no adjustment shall be made pursuant to Section 12 hereof, (i) the Board may permit the optionee to exercise the Option, as to all or any of the Optioned Shares in respect of which such Option has not previously been exercised (regardless of any vesting restrictions) during the period specified in the notice (but in no event later than the expiry date of the Option), so that the optionee may participate in such transaction, offer or proposal; and (ii) the Board may require the acceleration of the time for the exercise of the said Option and of the time for the fulfilment of any conditions or restrictions on such exercise.

For the purposes of this Section 18, an "**Acceleration Event**" means, unless the Board determines otherwise, the happening, in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions, of any of the following events:

- (a) any transaction (other than a transaction described in clause (c) below) pursuant to which any Person or group of Persons acting jointly or in concert acquires for the first time the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the aggregate voting power of all of the Company's then issued and outstanding securities entitled to vote in the election of directors of the Company, other than any such acquisition that occurs upon the exercise or settlement of Options or other securities granted by the Company under any Share Compensation Arrangements;
- (b) there is consummated an arrangement, amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction involving (directly or indirectly) the Company and, immediately after the consummation of such arrangement, amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction, the shareholders of the Company immediately prior thereto do not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, either (A) outstanding voting securities representing more than 50% of the combined outstanding voting power of the surviving or resulting entity in such amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction, or (B) more than 50% of the combined outstanding voting power of the parent of the surviving or resulting entity in such arrangement, amalgamation merger, consolidation or similar transaction, in each case in substantially the same proportions as their beneficial ownership of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to such transaction;
- (c) the sale, lease, exchange, license or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of assets, rights or properties of the Company or any of its subsidiaries which have an aggregate book value greater than 50% of the book value of the assets, rights and properties of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any other

Person, other than a disposition to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company in the course of a reorganization of the assets of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries;

- (d) the passing of a resolution by the Board or shareholders of the Company to substantially liquidate the assets of the Company or wind up the Company's business or significantly rearrange its affairs in one or more transactions or series of transactions or the commencement of proceedings for such a liquidation, winding-up or re-arrangement (except where such re-arrangement is part of a *bona fide* reorganization of the Company in circumstances where the business of the Company is continued and the shareholdings remain substantially the same following the re-arrangement);
- (e) individuals who, on the effective date of the Plan, are members of the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board; provided, however, that if the appointment or election (or nomination for election) of any new Board member was approved or recommended by a majority vote of the members of the Incumbent Board then still in office, such new member will, for purposes of this Plan, be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- (f) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that an Acceleration Event as defined herein has occurred or is imminent.

# 19. Rights Prior to Exercise

An optionee shall have no rights whatsoever as a shareholder in respect of any of the Optioned Shares (including any right to receive dividends or other distributions therefrom or thereon) other than in respect of Optioned Shares in respect of which the optionee shall have exercised the Option to purchase hereunder and which the optionee shall have actually taken up and paid for.

#### 20. Taxes

The Company shall have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require an optionee to remit to the Company, the required amount to satisfy federal, provincial, and local taxes, domestic or foreign, required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising as a result of the Plan, including the grant or exercise of any Option granted under the Plan. With respect to any required withholding, the Company shall have the irrevocable right to, and the optionee consents to, the Company setting off any amounts required to be withheld, in whole or in part, against amounts otherwise owing by the Company to the optionee (whether arising pursuant to the optionee's relationship as a director, officer, Employee or Consultant of the Company or otherwise), or may make such other arrangements that are satisfactory to the Optionee and the Company. In addition, the Company may elect, in its sole discretion, to satisfy the withholding requirement, in whole or in part, by withholding such number of Common Shares issuable upon exercise of the Options as it determines are required to be sold by the Company, as trustee, to satisfy any withholding obligations net of selling costs. The optionee consents to such sale and grants to the Company an irrevocable power of attorney to effect the sale of such Common Shares issuable upon exercise of the Options and acknowledges and agrees that the Company does not accept responsibility for the price obtained on the sale of such Common Shares issuable upon exercise of the Options.

# 21. Governing Law

The Plan shall be construed in accordance with, and be governed by, the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein, and shall be in accordance with all applicable securities laws.

# 22. Expiry of Option

On the expiry date of any Option granted under the Plan, and subject to any extension of such expiry date permitted in accordance with the Plan, such Option hereby granted shall forthwith expire and terminate and be of no further force or effect whatsoever as to such of the optioned shares in respect of which the Option has not been exercised.

Adopted by the Board on October 24, 2022 and approved by the shareholders of the Company on [●], 2022.