

FORTY PILLARS MINING CORP.

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

AS AT OCTOBER 11, 2024

This Management Information Circular (“Information Circular”) is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by management of Forty Pillars Mining Corp. for use at the annual general meeting (the “Meeting”) of shareholders of Forty Pillars Mining Corp. (the “Shareholders”) to be held on November 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., Vancouver time, and any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual General Meeting. Except where otherwise indicated, the information contained herein is stated as of October 11, 2024.

In this Information Circular, references to the “**Company**” and “**we**” refer to Forty Pillars Mining Corp. “**Common Shares**” means common shares without par value in the capital of the Company. “**Registered Shareholders**” means Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares. “**Non-Registered Shareholders**” means Shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. “**Intermediaries**” refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Non-Registered Shareholders.

GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION

Solicitation of Proxies

The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and regular employees of the Company. The Company will bear all costs of this solicitation. We have arranged to send meeting materials directly to Registered Shareholders, and indirectly to Non-Registered Shareholders, through their Intermediaries, who have consented to their ownership information being disclosed by the Intermediary holding the Common Shares on their behalf (“**Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners**”). We have not arranged for Intermediaries to forward the meeting materials to Non-Registered Shareholders who have objected to their ownership information being disclosed by the Intermediary holding the Common Shares on their behalf (“**Objecting Beneficial Owners**”). As a result, Objecting Beneficial Owners will not receive the Information Circular and associated meeting materials unless their Intermediary assumes the costs of delivery.

Appointment and Revocation of Proxies

The individuals named in the form of proxy (the “**Proxy**”) are officers of the Company or solicitors for the Company. **If you are a Registered Shareholder, you have the right to attend the meeting or vote by proxy and to appoint a person or company other than the person designated in the Proxy, who need not be a Shareholder, to attend and act for you and on your behalf at the Meeting. You may do so either by inserting the name of that other person in the blank space provided in the Proxy or by completing and delivering another suitable form of Proxy.**

If you are a Registered Shareholder you may wish to vote by proxy whether or not you are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered Shareholders electing to submit a proxy may do so by completing, dating and signing the enclosed Proxy and returning it to the Company’s transfer agent, Endeavor Trust Corporation, in accordance with the instructions on the Proxy. Alternatively, Registered Shareholders may vote their shares via the internet or by telephone as per the instructions provided on the Proxy.

In all cases you should ensure that the Proxy is received at least two business days before the Meeting or the adjournment or postponement thereof at which the Proxy is to be used.

Every Proxy may be revoked by an instrument in writing:

- (i) executed by the Shareholder or by his/her attorney authorized in writing or, where the Shareholder is a company, by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the company; and
- (ii) delivered either to the registered office of the Company at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, at which the Proxy is to be used, or to the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof,

or in any other manner provided by law.

Only Registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a Proxy. Non-Registered Shareholders who wish to change their vote must, at least seven days before the Meeting, arrange for their respective Intermediaries to revoke the Proxy on their behalf. If you are a Non-Registered Shareholder, see “Voting by Non-Registered Shareholders” below for further information on how to vote your Common Shares.

Exercise of Discretion by Proxyholder

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

- (a) each matter or group of matters identified therein for which a choice is not specified;
- (b) any amendment to or variation of any matter identified therein;
- (c) any other matter that properly comes before the Meeting; and
- (d) exercise of discretion of the Proxyholder.

In respect of a matter for which a choice is not specified in the Proxy, the persons named in the Proxy will vote the Common Shares represented by the Proxy for the approval of such matter. Management is not currently aware of any other matters that could come before the Meeting.

Voting by Non-Registered Shareholders

The following information is of significant importance to Shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Non-Registered Shareholders should note that the only Proxies that can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting are those deposited by Registered Shareholders.

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

If you have consented to disclosure of your ownership information, you will receive a request for voting instructions from the Company. If you have declined to disclose your ownership information, you may receive a request for voting instructions from your Intermediary if they have assumed the cost of delivering the Information Circular and associated meeting materials. Every Intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients. However, most Intermediaries now delegate responsibility for obtaining voting instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (“**Broadridge**”) in the United States and in Canada.

If you are a Non-Registered Shareholder, you should carefully follow the instructions on the voting instruction form received from Broadridge in order to ensure that your Common Shares are voted at the Meeting. The voting instruction form supplied to you will be similar to the Proxy provided to the Registered Shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the Intermediary on how to vote on your behalf.

The voting instruction form sent by Broadridge will name the same persons as the Company’s proxy to represent you at the Meeting. **Although as a Non-Registered Shareholder you may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purposes of voting Common Shares registered in the name of your Intermediary, you, or a person designated by you (who need not be a Shareholder), may attend at the Meeting as Proxyholder for your Intermediary and vote your Common Shares in that capacity.** To exercise this right to attend the meeting or appoint a Proxyholder of your own choosing, you should insert your own name or the name of the desired representative in the blank space provided in the voting instruction form. Alternatively, you may provide other written instructions requesting that you or your desired representative attend the Meeting as Proxyholder

for your Intermediary. The completed voting instruction form or other written instructions must then be returned in accordance with the instructions on the form.

If you receive a voting instruction form from Broadridge, you cannot use it to vote Common Shares directly at the Meeting. The voting instruction form must be completed as described above and returned in accordance with its instructions well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the Common Shares voted.

NOTICE AND ACCESS PROCESS

The Company has decided to use the notice and access model (“**Notice and Access**”) provided for under amendments to National Instrument 54-101 for the delivery of the Information Circular, audited financial statements and management’s discussion and analysis for the financial year ended February 29, 2024 (the “**Information Circular and Financials**”) to Shareholders for the Meeting. The Company has adopted this alternative means of delivery in order to further its commitment to environmental sustainability and to reduce its printing and mailing costs.

Under Notice and Access, instead of receiving printed copies of the Information Circular and Financials, Shareholders receive Notice with information on the Meeting date, location and purpose, as well as information on how they may access the Information Circular and Financials electronically.

Shareholders with existing instructions on their account to receive printed materials and those Shareholders with addresses outside of Canada and the United States will receive a printed copy of the Information Circular and Financials with the Notice.

INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No person has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors or the appointment of auditors. For the purpose of this paragraph, “person” shall include each person: (a) who has been a director, senior officer or insider of the Company at any time since the commencement of the Company’s last fiscal year; (b) who is a proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company; or (c) who is an associate or affiliate of a person as defined in (a) or (b).

RECORD DATE AND QUORUM

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) has fixed the record date for the Meeting as the close of business on October 11, 2024 (the “**Record Date**”). Shareholders of record as at the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of the Meeting and to vote their Common Shares at the Meeting, except to the extent that any such Shareholder transfers any Common Shares after the Record Date and the transferee of those Common Shares establishes that the transferee owns the Common Shares and demands, not less than ten (10) days before the Meeting, that the transferee’s name be included in the list of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting, in which case, only such transferee shall be entitled to vote such Common Shares at the Meeting.

Under the Articles of the Company, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of Shareholders is two shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person or represented by proxy.

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

On the Record Date there were 28,537,530 Common Shares issued and outstanding, with each share carrying the right to one vote. Only Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote in person or by proxy at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as of the date of this Information Circular, no Shareholders beneficially own, or exercise control or direction over, directly or indirectly, Common Shares carrying 10% or more of the votes attached to Common Shares.

PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

To the knowledge of the Company's directors, the only matters to be placed before the Meeting are those set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting and discussed below.

Presentation of Financial Statements

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended February 29, 2024, together with the auditor's report thereon, will be placed before the Meeting.

Election of Directors

The Company proposes to fix the number of directors of the Company at three and to nominate the persons listed below for election as directors. Each director will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company or until his successor is elected or appointed, unless his office is earlier vacated. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director. If, prior to the Meeting, any vacancies occur in the slate of nominees herein listed, it is intended that discretionary authority shall be exercised by the person named in the Proxy as nominee to vote the Common Shares represented by Proxy for the election of any other person or persons as directors.

Pursuant to the advance notice provisions contained in the Company's Articles (the "**Advance Notice Provisions**"), the Board has determined that notice of nominations of persons for election to the Board at the Meeting must be made following the requirements of such Advance Notice Provisions. To the date of this Information Circular, the Company has not received notice of a nomination in compliance with the Articles and, subject to the timely receipt of any such nomination, any nominations other than nominations by or at the direction of the Board or an authorized officer of the Company will be disregarded at the Meeting.

The following table sets out the names of the director nominees; their positions and offices in the Company; principal occupations; the period of time that they have been directors of the Company; and the number of Common Shares that each beneficially owns or over which control or direction is exercised.

Name, Residence and Present Position within the Company	Director Since	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned, Directly or Indirectly ⁽¹⁾	Principal Occupation ⁽¹⁾
Nader Vatanchi ⁽²⁾ British Columbia, Canada <i>Director and Chief Executive Officer</i>	May 21, 2021	166,667	Mr. Vatanchi is a businessman and currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.
Ash Misquith ⁽²⁾ British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	October 16, 2023	Nil	Mr. Misquith is an independent consultant.
Dorian Banks ⁽²⁾ British Columbia, Canada <i>Director</i>	November 17, 2023	Nil	Mr. Banks is an independent consultant.

Notes:

- (1) The information as to principal occupation, business or employment and Common Shares beneficially owned or controlled is not within the knowledge of management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees. Unless otherwise stated above, any nominees named above have held the principal occupation or employment indicated for at least the five preceding years.
- (2) Member of the audit committee of the Company.

Other than as disclosed below, to the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director of the Company is, or has been, within the 10 years prior to the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company that:

- (a) was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued while that person was acting in that capacity;

- (b) was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after the proposed director ceased to act in that capacity, and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in that capacity; or
- (c) while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

No proposed director of the Company is, or has been, within the 10 years prior to the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

No proposed director of the Company has been subject to 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 has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

Appointment of Auditor

Management is recommending that Shareholders vote to appoint Davidson & Company LLP (“**Davidson**”) as auditors of the Company until the next annual meeting of Shareholders and to authorize the directors to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor. Davidson was first appointed as auditors for the Company on April 1, 2021.

Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

On February 27, 2024, the Company’s board of directors (the “**Board**”) approved the Company’s new equity incentive compensation plan (the “**Plan**”) which replaced the Company’s former 10% rolling stock option plan. Pursuant to policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange (the “**CSE**”), the Plan must be approved by shareholders within three years after institution and within every three years thereafter. The Company will be presenting the Plan for shareholder approval at the Meeting.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide an incentive to directors, officers, employees, consultants, and registered charities to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company, to continue their participation in the affairs of the Company and to increase their efforts on behalf of the Company.

The following summary of the Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Plan.

The Plan will be administered by the Board (or a committee thereof) and will provide that the Board may from time to time, in its discretion, and in accordance with CSE requirements, grant to eligible Participants (as defined in the Plan), non-transferable awards (the “**Awards**”). Such Awards include options (“**Options**”), restricted share units (“**RSUs**”), share appreciation rights (“**SARs**”), deferred share units (“**DSUs**”), and performance share units (“**PSUs**”).

The number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options, RSUs, SARs, DSUs and PSUs granted under the Plan will not, in the aggregate, exceed 20% of the then issued and outstanding Common Shares on a rolling basis.

The maximum number of Common Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding Common Shares, unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained, or 2% in the case of a grant of Awards to any consultant or persons (in the aggregate) retained to provide Investor Relations Activities (as defined by the CSE). Further, unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained: (i) the maximum number of Common Shares for which Awards may be issued to insiders of the Company (as a group) at any point in time shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares; and (ii) the aggregate number of Awards granted to insiders of the Company (as a group), within any 12-month period, shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

Eligible Charitable Organizations (as defined in the Plan) are eligible under the Plan to receive no Award other than Options, which must expire on or before the earlier of (i) the date that is 10 years from the date of the grant of the Option, and (ii) the 90th day following the date that the holder of the Option ceases to be an Eligible Charitable Organization. The maximum number of Common Shares for which Options may be awarded, in aggregate, to Eligible Charitable Organizations is 1.0% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares at the date the Award is granted.

On a Change of Control (as defined in the Plan) of the Company, the Board shall have discretion as to the treatment of Awards, including whether to (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit, the vesting date of any Awards; (ii) permit the conditional exercise of any Awards, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of any Awards; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of a Change of Control, on such terms as it sees fit, the Awards not exercised prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control. If there is a Change of Control, any Awards held by a Participant shall automatically vest following such Change of Control, on the Termination Date (as defined in the Plan), if the Participant is an employee, officer or a director and their employment, or officer or director position is terminated or they resign for Good Reason (as defined in the Plan) within 12 months following the Change of Control, provided that no acceleration of Awards shall occur in the case of a Participant that was retained to provide Investor Relations Activities unless the approval of the CSE is either obtained or not required.

The following is a summary of the various types of Awards issuable under the Plan.

Options

Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the expiry date of each Option. Subject to a limited extension if an Option expires during a Black Out Period (as defined in the Plan), Options may be exercised for a period of up to ten years after the grant date, provided that: (i) upon a Participant's termination for Cause (as defined in the Plan), all Options, whether vested or not as at the Termination Date will automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited; (ii) upon the death of a Participant, all unvested Options as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; (iii) in the case of the Disability (as defined in the Plan) of a Participant, all Options shall remain and continue to vest (and are exercisable) in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised (whether vested or not) within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date; (iv) in the case of the retirement of a Participant, the Board shall have discretion, with respect to such Options, to determine whether to accelerate the vesting of such Options, cancel such Options with or without payment and determine how long, if at all, such Options may remain outstanding following the Termination Date, provided, however, that in no event shall such Options be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date; (v) subject to paragraph (vi) below, in all other cases where a Participant ceases to be eligible under the Plan, including a termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation, unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested Options shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited as of the Termination Date, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; and (vi) notwithstanding paragraphs (i)-(v), in connection with the resignation of the Participants holding options to purchase Common Shares granted to the directors and officers of the Company under the Plan, such options shall be exercisable for a period of 90 months after the Termination Date.

The exercise price of the Options will be determined by the Board at the time any Option is granted. In no event will such exercise price be lower than the last closing price of the Common Shares on the CSE less any discount permitted by the rules or policies of the CSE at the time the Option is granted. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, Options shall vest equally over a four year period such that $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Options shall vest on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the date that the Options were granted.

Restricted Share Units

Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the expiry date of each RSU. Subject to a limited extension if an RSU expires during a Black Out Period, RSUs may vest and be paid out for a period of up to three years after the grant date, provided that: (i) upon a Participant's termination for Cause, all RSUs, whether vested (if not yet paid out) or not as at the Termination Date will automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited; (ii) upon the death of a Participant, all unvested RSUs as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest and be paid out; (iii) in the case of the Disability of a Participant, all RSUs shall remain and continue to vest in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any RSUs that have not been vested within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date; (iv) in the case of the retirement of a Participant, the Board shall have discretion, with respect to such RSUs, to determine whether to accelerate the vesting of such RSUs, cancel such RSUs with or without payment and determine how long, if at all, such RSUs may remain outstanding following the Termination Date, provided, however, that in no event shall such RSUs be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date; and (v) in all other cases where a Participant ceases to be eligible under the Plan, including a termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation, unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested RSUs shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited as of the Termination Date, and all vested RSUs will be paid out in accordance with the Plan.

The number of RSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each RSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of vesting for each RSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of RSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Common Shares. In the event settlement is made by payment in cash, such payment shall be made by the earlier of (i) 2½ months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, RSUs shall vest equally over a three-year period such that ⅓ of the RSUs shall vest on the first, second and third anniversary dates of the date that the RSUs were granted.

Share Appreciation Rights

SARs may be issued together with Options or as standalone awards. Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount representing the difference between the fair market value of the underlying Common Shares on the date of exercise over the grant price of the SAR. At the discretion of the Board, the payment upon the exercise of a SAR may be in cash, Common Shares of equivalent value, in some combination thereof, or in any other form approved by the Board in its sole discretion. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each SAR. Subject to a limited extension if a SAR expires during a Black Out Period, SARs will not be exercisable later than the tenth anniversary date of its grant. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of SARs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Plan.

Deferred Share Units

The number and terms of DSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each DSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of settlement for each DSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of DSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Common Shares. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each DSU, provided that if a DSU would otherwise settle or expire during a Black Out Period, the Board may extend such date. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of DSUs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Plan.

Performance Share Units

The number and terms (including applicable performance criteria) of PSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each PSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of settlement for each PSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of PSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Common Shares. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each PSU, provided that in no event will delivery of Common Shares or payment of any cash amounts be made later than the earlier of (i) 2½ months after the close of the year in which the performance conditions or restrictions are satisfied or lapse, and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of PSUs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Plan.

Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to approve, with or without variation, the following ordinary resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. the Company’s 2024 omnibus equity incentive plan (the “**Plan**”) be and is hereby approved, and that in connection therewith a maximum of 20% of the issued and outstanding common shares at the time of each grant be approved for

granting as options, restricted share units, share appreciation rights, deferred share units, and performance share units be approved for granting as awards;

2. the Board of Directors of the Company be authorized in its absolute discretion to administer the Plan, and amend or modify the Plan in accordance with its terms and conditions and with the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE);
3. all issued and outstanding stock options of the Company previously granted shall be continued under and governed by the Plan;
4. all unallocated entitlements under the Plan be approved, and the Company has the ability to continue granting options and awards under the Plan until November 25, 2027, which is the date that is three (3) years from the date at which shareholder approval is being sought; and
5. any one or more director(s) or officer(s) of the Company be authorized and directed to do all acts and things and to execute and deliver all documents required, as in the opinion of such director or officer may be necessary or appropriate in order to give effect to this resolution.”

A copy of the Plan is available at the records office of the Company, until the business day immediately preceding the date of the Meeting, and a copy will also be made available at the Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

As of the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company knows of no other matters to be acted upon at the Meeting. However, should any other matters properly come before the Meeting, the Common Shares represented by the Proxy solicited hereby will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the persons voting the Common Shares represented by the Proxy.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

For the purposes set out below a “**Named Executive Officer**” or “**NEO**” means:

- (a) each individual who, during any part of the Company’s most recently completed financial year, served as the Company’s chief executive officer (“**CEO**”), including an individual performing functions similar to a chief executive officer;
- (b) each individual who, during any part of the Company’s most recently completed financial year, served as the Company’s chief financial officer (“**CFO**”), including an individual performing functions similar to a chief executive officer;
- (c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other, than the CEO and the CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraph (c) above but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

As at the end of the Company’s most recently completed financial year ended February 29, 2024, the Company had two NEOs, whose names and positions held within the Company are set out in the summary compensation table below.

Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The following table is a summary of compensation (excluding compensation securities) paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company, to each NEO and director, for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, for each of the Company’s two most recently completed financial years.

Table of compensation excluding compensation securities							
Name and position	Year Ended February 28	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Nader Vatanchi⁽¹⁾ <i>British Columbia, Canada</i> Chief Executive Officer and Director	2024	90,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	90,000
	2023	90,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	90,000
Harry Nijjar⁽²⁾ <i>British Columbia, Canada</i> Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary	2024	27,989	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	27,989
	2023	16,113	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	16,113
Ash Misquith⁽³⁾ <i>British Columbia, Canada</i> Director	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dorian Banks⁽⁴⁾ <i>British Columbia, Canada</i> Director	2024	2,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2,000
	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Emma Fairhurst⁽⁵⁾ <i>British Columbia, Canada</i> Former Director	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chris Reynolds⁽⁶⁾ <i>British Columbia, Canada</i> Former Director	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Vatanchi's total compensation was \$90,000 for the year ended 2023 and \$90,000 for the year ended 2024 for his position as CEO. Mr. Vatanchi's total compensation was \$Nil for the year ended 2023 and \$Nil for the year ended 2024 for his position as a director of the Company.
- (2) Mr. Nijjar's total compensation was \$16,113 for the year ended 2023 for his position as CFO and \$27,989 for the year ended 2024 for his position as CFO and Corporate Secretary.
- (3) Mr. Misquith was appointed as a director on October 16, 2023.
- (4) Mr. Banks was appointed as a director on November 17, 2023.
- (5) Ms. Fairhurst resigned as a director on October 16, 2023.
- (6) Mr. Reynolds resigned as a director on October 23, 2023.

Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

The Company did not grant or issue compensation securities to any directors or NEOs in the most recently completed financial year ended February 29, 2024 for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or its subsidiaries.

Mr. Vatanchi currently holds 33,334 Options exercisable at \$0.66 per share (on a post-consolidation basis) until May 31, 2026.

No stock options or RSUs were exercised by a director or NEO during the Company's most recently completed financial year.

Stock option plans and other incentive plans

See “Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan” above for the material terms of the Company’s Plan. The Plan will be placed before the Meeting for shareholder approval.

External Management Companies

Except as disclosed herein, the Company is not party to any agreement or arrangement under which compensation was provided during the Company’s most recently completed financial year or is payable in respect of services provided to the Company or any of its subsidiaries that were performed by a director or NEO, or performed by any other party but are services typically provided by a director or a NEO or a person performing services of a similar capacity.

Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements

Other than as disclosed herein, the Company does not have any agreement or arrangement under which compensation was provided during the most recently completed financial year or is payable in respect of services provided to the Company or any of its subsidiaries that were performed by a director or NEO, or performed by any other party but are services typically provided by a director or a NEO.

On December 1, 2021, the Company entered into an agreement with Malaspina Consultants Inc. (“**Malaspina**”) pursuant to which Harry Nijjar, a managing director with Malaspina agreed to act as CFO of the Company. Under the terms of the agreement, Malaspina charges the Company for bookkeeping, accounting and CFO services on a part time basis.

Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Company, at its present stage, does not have any formal objectives, criteria and analysis for determining the compensation of its directors and officers and primarily relies on the discussions and determinations of the Board. The Board has not formed a compensation committee. Compensation of NEOs is reviewed annually and determined by the Board. When determining individual compensation levels for the Company’s NEOs, a variety of relevant factors will be considered including: the overall financial and operating performance of the Company, expected nature and quantity of duties and responsibilities, each NEO’s individual performance, contribution towards meeting corporate objectives, each NEO’s level of responsibility and length of service, and comparison with compensation paid by other issuers of comparable size and nature.

The Company’s executive compensation is intended to be consistent with the Company’s business plans, strategies and goals, including the preservation of working capital. The Company’s executive compensation program is intended to provide appropriate compensation that permits the Company to attract and retain highly qualified and experienced senior executives and to encourage superior performance by the Company. The Company’s compensation policies are intended to motivate individuals to achieve and to award compensation based on corporate and individual results. In the Board’s view, there is, and has been, no need for the Company to design or implement a formal compensation program for NEOs.

The Company does not have any arrangements, standard or otherwise, pursuant to which directors are compensated by the Company for their services in their capacity as directors, or for committee participation, involvement in special assignments or for services as consultants or experts. The Board intends to compensate directors primarily through the grant of stock options and reimbursement of expenses incurred by such persons acting as directors of the Company.

Pension disclosure

The Company does not have in place any pension plans that provide for payments or benefits at, following, or in connection with retirement.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets out information as at the end of the Company's most recently completed financial year with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plan (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by Shareholders (Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan)	33,334	\$0.66	958,753
Equity compensation plans not approved by Shareholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total:	33,334	\$0.66	958,753

INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year, none of the directors, executive officers, employees, proposed nominees for election as directors or their associates, or any former executive officers, directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, have been indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No informed person (a director, officer or holder of 10% or more of the Common Shares) or nominee for election as a director of the Company or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director had any interest in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Management functions of the Company or any of its subsidiaries are not to any substantial degree performed by anyone other than the directors or executive officers of the Company or subsidiary.

STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance

Corporate governance relates to the activities of the Board, the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the Shareholders, and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the Board and charged with the day-to-day management of the Company. The Canadian Securities Administrators ("CSA") have adopted National Policy 58-201 Corporate Governance Guidelines, which provides non-prescriptive guidelines on corporate governance practices for reporting issuers such as the Company. In addition, the CSA has implemented National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices ("NI 58-101"), which prescribes certain disclosure by the Company of its corporate governance practices. This disclosure is presented below.

Board of Directors

The Board currently consists of three members, Nader Vatanchi, Ash Misquith, and Dorian Banks and it is proposed that all three be nominated at the Meeting.

The Board has concluded that two directors, Ash Misquith and Dorian Banks are “independent” for purposes of membership on the Board, as provided in NI 58-101. Nader Vatanchi, Chief Executive Officer, is not “independent” for the purposes of membership on the Board, as provided in NI 58-101.

The independent directors do not hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non-independent directors and members of management are not in attendance. The Board facilitates open and candid discussion among its independent directors through collective communication among its directors and management.

Other Directorships

The following table sets forth the directors of the Company who are directors of other reporting issuers:

Name	Name of other reporting issuer
Nader Vatanchi	Spey Resources Corp. Keon Capital Inc. West Mining Corp.
Ash Misquith	Spey Resources Corp. Keon Capital Inc. Oberon Uranium Corp.
Dorian Banks	Valdor Technology International Inc. CULT Food Science Corp.

Orientation and Continuing Education

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

Ethical Business Conduct

The Board has not adopted a formal code of business conduct and ethics. The Board is of the view that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing legislation and common law together with corporate statutory restrictions on an individual director's participation in Board decisions in which the director has an interest are sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

Nomination of Directors

The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the Shareholders for election at the annual general meeting. The Board takes in to account the number of directors required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain diversity of views and experience.

The Board has not established a nominating committee and this function is currently performed by the Board as a whole. However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

Compensation

The Board has not established a formal compensation committee. Rather, the independent Board members are responsible for reviewing and determining the adequacy and form of compensation paid to the Company's executives and key employees. The independent Board members evaluate the performance of the CEO and other senior management measured against the Company's business goals and industry compensation levels.

Other Board Committees

The Board has no committees other than the audit committee.

Assessments

The Board annually, and at such other times as it deems appropriate, reviews the performance and effectiveness of the Board, the directors and its committees to determine whether changes in size, personnel or responsibilities are warranted. To assist in its review, the Board conducts informal surveys of its directors and receives a report from the audit committee respecting its effectiveness. As part of the assessments, the Board or the audit committee may review their respective mandate or charter and conduct reviews of applicable corporate policies.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Disclosure

Pursuant to Section 224(1) of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and National Instrument 52-110 of the Canadian Securities Administrators (“**NI 52-110**”) the Company is required to have an audit committee (the “**Committee**”) comprising not less than three directors, a majority of whom are not officers, control persons or employees of the Company or an affiliate of the Company. NI 52-110 requires the Company as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its Information Circular certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below.

The primary function of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by: (i) reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and Shareholders; (ii) reviewing the systems for internal corporate controls which have been established by the Board and management; and (iii) overseeing the Company’s financial reporting processes generally. In meeting these responsibilities, the Committee monitors the financial reporting process and internal control system; reviews and appraises the work of external auditors and provides an avenue of communication between the external auditors, senior management and the Board. The Committee is also mandated to review and approve all material related party transactions.

The Audit Committee’s Charter

The Company has adopted a Charter of the Audit Committee of the Board a copy of which is annexed hereto as Schedule “A”.

Composition of the Audit Committee

The Committee comprises of the following members: Nader Vatanichi, Ash Misquith, and Dorian Banks. Ash Misquith and Dorian Banks are considered to be independent. In addition, each member of the Committee is considered to be financially literate as defined by NI 52-110 in that they have the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can presumably be expected to be raised by the Company’s financial statements.

The members of the Committee are elected by the Board at its first meeting following the annual shareholders’ meeting. Unless a chair is elected by the full Board, the members of the Committee designate a chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

Relevant Education and Experience

Nader Vatanichi – Mr. Vatanichi has over 10 years of experience in finance starting with Edward Jones and IG Wealth Management in 2012 where he spent a combined 6 years before selling his business to pursue his entrepreneurial goals. Mr. Vatanichi graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Simon Fraser University.

Ash Misquith – Mr. Misquith has extensive experience in business development and start-ups. He has invested in multiple private and public companies and IPOs (initial public offerings). He is the founder of Swiftgrade, an artificial intelligence (AI) application that allows teachers to grade students in a timely and efficient manner. Mr. Misquith is an advocate for continuous education and is a former semi-professional tennis player.

Dorian Banks – Mr. Banks is a lifelong international entrepreneur with focuses on technology, blockchain and agritech. Notably, he has built companies from the ground up in wireless technologies, mobile phone gaming and APPs, large-scale plantations, UAV technology, 3-D printing, and cryptocurrency mining. He has served as a senior executive and/or board member of over a dozen publicly traded companies over the past two decades, arranging financings from some of the largest global banks.

Audit Committee Oversight

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

Reliance on Certain Exemptions

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on, the following exemptions:

- (a) the exemption in section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), which provides an exemption from the requirement that the audit committee must pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiaries by the Company's external auditor;
- (b) the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(4) (*Circumstance Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer*), which provides an exemption from the requirements for the composition of the audit committee if a circumstance arises that affects the business or operations of the venture issuer, and a reasonable person would conclude that the circumstance can be best addressed by a member of the audit committee becoming an executive officer or employee of the venture issuer;
- (c) the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(5) (*Events Outside Control of Member*), which provides an exemption from the requirements for the composition of the audit committee for if an audit committee member becomes a control person of the venture issuer or of an affiliate of the venture issuer for reasons outside the member's reasonable control;
- (d) the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(6) (*Death, Incapacity or Resignation*), which provides an exemption from the requirements for the composition of the audit committee if a vacancy on the audit committee arises as a result of the death, incapacity or resignation of an audit committee member and the Board is required to fill the vacancy; or
- (e) an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (*Exemption*) of NI 52-110, which permits a company to apply to a securities regulatory authority for an exemption from the requirements of NI 52-110, in whole or in part.

Pre-approval Policies and Procedures

The Committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services. Subject to the requirements of NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by the Board, and where applicable the Committee, on a case-by-case basis.

External Auditor Service Fees

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

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

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
2024	\$37,500	\$458	Nil	\$37,958
2023	\$31,080	Nil	Nil	\$31,080

Exemption

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.com. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative annual financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its most recently completed financial year, and available online at www.sedarplus.com. Shareholders may request additional copies by mail to Suite 488, 625 Howe Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 2T6, Canada.

DIRECTORS' APPROVAL

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved by the Board.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Nader Vatanchi"

Nader Vatanchi
Chief Executive Officer

Schedule “A”

FORTY PILLARS MINING CORP. (the “Company”)

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

1. Mandate and Purpose of the Committee

The Audit Committee (the “Committee”) of the board of directors (the “Board”) of 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 auditor;
- (d) internal controls and disclosure controls;
- (e) the performance of the Company's internal audit function;
- (f) consideration and approval of certain related party transactions; and
- (g) performing the additional duties set out in this Charter or otherwise delegated to the Committee by the Board.

2. 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.

3. Composition and Expertise

The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three members, each of whom is a director of the Company. The majority of the Committee's members must not be officers or employees of the Company or an affiliate of the Company.

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 Chairman of the Committee. If the Chairman 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.

4. 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 Chairman 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 72 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 thereat. 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 who are not officers or employees of the Company or an affiliate of the Company 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 facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously. Business may also be transacted by the unanimous written consent resolutions of the members of the Committee, which when so approved shall be deemed to be resolutions passed at a duly called and constituted meeting of the Committee.

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.

5. 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 Canadian Securities Exchange and shall recommend changes to the Board thereon.

6. 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.

7. 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, any auditor's report thereon, MD&A and related news releases, before they are published.

The Committee is also responsible for:

- (i) 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 applicable accounting principles and financial reporting standards, not just the acceptability of thereof;
- (iv) discussing with management any significant variances between comparative reporting periods; and
- (v) in the course of 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) 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
- (iv) 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 applicable accounting principles and financial reporting standards 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 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.

(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.

(h) **Related Party Transactions**

All transactions between the Company and a related party (each a "related party transaction"), other than transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business, shall be presented to the Committee for consideration.

The term "related party" includes (i) all directors, officers, employees, consultants and their associates (as that term is defined in the *Securities Act* (British Columbia), as well as all entities with common directors, officers, employees and consultants (each "general related parties"), and (ii) all other individuals and entities having beneficial ownership of, or control or direction over, directly or indirectly securities of the Company carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all of the Company's outstanding voting securities (each "10% shareholders").

Related party transactions involving general related parties which are not material to the Company require review and approval by the Committee. Related party transactions that are material to the Company or that involve 10% shareholders require approval by the Board, following review thereof by the Committee and the Committee providing its recommendation thereon to the Board.

8. 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.

9. Submission Systems and Treatment of Complaints

The Committee is responsible for establishing 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.

The Committee is responsible for reviewing complaints and concerns that are brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Audit Committee and for ensuring that any such complaints and concerns are appropriately addressed. The Committee shall report quarterly to the Board on the status of any complaints or concerns received by the Committee.

10. Procedure for Reporting of Fraud or Control Weaknesses

Each employee is expected to report situations in which he or she suspects fraud or is aware of any internal control weaknesses. An employee should treat suspected fraud seriously, and ensure that the situation is brought to the attention of the Committee. In addition, weaknesses in the internal control procedures of the Company that may result in errors or omissions in financial information, or that create a risk of potential fraud or loss of the Company's assets, should be brought to the attention of both management and the Committee.

To facilitate the reporting of suspected fraud, it is the policy of Company that the employee (the "whistleblower") has anonymous and direct access to the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Should a new Chairman be appointed prior to the updating of this document, the current Chairman will ensure that the whistleblower is able to reach the new Chairman in a timely manner. In the event that the Chairman of the Audit Committee cannot be reached, the whistleblower should contact the Chairman of the Board.

In addition, it is the policy of the Company that employees concerned about reporting internal control weaknesses directly to management are able to report such weaknesses to the Committee anonymously. In this case, the employee should follow the same procedure detailed above for reporting suspected fraud.

11. 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.