#### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### INFORMATION CIRCULAR

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

This Information Circular is furnished to the holders ("**shareholders**") of common shares ("**Common Shares**") of Critical Infrastructure Technologies Ltd. (the "**Company**") by management of the Company in connection with the solicitation of proxies to be voted at the annual general and special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders to be held at Suite 2600, 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X1 on Friday, November 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) and at any adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of meeting (the "**Notice of Meeting**").

#### GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION

#### Solicitation of Proxies

The enclosed Proxy is solicited by and on behalf of management of the Company. The persons named in the enclosed Proxy form are management-designated proxyholders. A registered shareholder desiring to appoint some other person (who need not be a shareholder) to represent the shareholder at the Meeting may do so either by inserting such other person's name in the blank space provided in the Proxy form or by completing another form of proxy. To be used at the Meeting, proxies must be received by Odyssey Trust Company, Proxy Department, 702-67 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M5E 1J8 or by email at proxy@odysseytrust.com by 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on November 6, 2024, or, if the Meeting is adjourned, by 4:00 p.m. (Vancouver time), on the second last business day prior to the date on which the Meeting. Solicitation will be primarily by mail, but some proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by regular employees or directors of the Company at a nominal cost. The cost of solicitation by management of the Company will be borne by the Company.

#### APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXY

#### **Registered Holders**

Registered shareholders may vote their common shares in the capital of the Company (the "Common Shares") by attending the Meeting in person or by completing the enclosed proxy. Registered shareholders should deliver their completed proxies to Odyssey Trust Company, Proxy Department, 702-67 Yonge St., Toronto, ON M5E 1J8 or by email at proxy@odysseytrust.com (by mail, telephone or internet according to the instructions on the proxy), not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time for holding the Meeting, otherwise the shareholder will not be entitled to vote at the Meeting by proxy.

The persons named in the proxy are directors and officers of the Company and are proxyholders nominated by management. A shareholder has the right to appoint a person other than the nominees of management named in the enclosed instrument of proxy to represent the shareholder at the Meeting. To exercise this right, a shareholder must insert the name of its nominee in the blank space provided. A person appointed as a proxyholder need not be a shareholder of the Company.

A registered shareholder may revoke a proxy by:

(a) signing a proxy with a later date and delivering it at the place and within the time noted above;

- (b) signing and dating a written notice of revocation (in the same manner as the proxy is required to be executed, as set out in the notes to the proxy) and delivering it to the head office of the Company, #2600 - 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X1, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment 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 thereof;
- (c) attending the Meeting or any adjournment thereof and registering with the scrutineer as a shareholder present in person, whereupon such proxy shall be deemed to have been revoked; or
- (d) in any other manner provided by law.

## **Beneficial Shareholders**

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many shareholders, as many shareholders do not hold their shares in the Company in their own name. Shareholders holding their shares through banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers, trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSP's, RRIF's, RESP's and similar plans or other persons (any one of which is herein referred to as an "Intermediary") or otherwise not in their own name (such shareholders herein referred to as "Beneficial Shareholders") should note that only proxies deposited by shareholders appearing on the records maintained by the Company's transfer agent as registered shareholders will be recognized and allowed to vote at the Meeting. If a shareholder's shares are listed in an account statement provided to the shareholder by a broker, in all likelihood those shares are **not** registered in the shareholder's name and that shareholder is a Beneficial Shareholder. Such shares are most likely registered in 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 The Canadian Depository for Securities, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms. Shares held by brokers (or their agents or nominees) on behalf of a broker's client can only be voted at the Meeting at the direction of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, brokers and their agents and nominees are prohibited from voting shares for the broker's clients. Therefore, each Beneficial Shareholder should ensure that voting instructions are communicated to the appropriate party well in advance of the Meeting.

Regulatory policies require Intermediaries to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholder meetings. Beneficial Shareholders have the option of not objecting to their Intermediary disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Company (such Beneficial Shareholders are designated as non-objecting beneficial owners, or "**NOBOs**") or objecting to their Intermediary disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company (such Beneficial Shareholders are designated as non-objecting beneficial owners, or "**NOBOs**") or objecting to their Intermediary disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company (such Beneficial Shareholders are designated as objecting beneficial owners, or "**OBOs**").

In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 *Communication with Beneficial Owners* of Securities of a Reporting Issuer ("**NI 54-101**"), the Company has distributed, in accordance with the "notice-and-access" rules, the notice of meeting, this Information Circular and a request for voting instructions (a "**VIF**"), instead of a proxy (the notice of Meeting, Information Circular and VIF or proxy are collectively referred to as the "**Meeting Materials**") indirectly through Intermediaries to the NOBOs and OBOs. The Intermediaries (or their service companies) are responsible for forwarding the Meeting Materials to OBOs. The Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs. OBOs will not receive the Meeting Materials unless their Intermediary assumes the cost of delivery.

Meeting Materials distributed to Beneficial Shareholders are accompanied by a VIF, instead of a proxy. By returning the VIF in accordance with the instructions noted on it, a Beneficial Shareholder is able to instruct the Intermediary (or other registered shareholder) how to vote the Beneficial Shareholder's shares on the Beneficial Shareholder's behalf. For this to occur, it is important that the VIF be completed and returned in accordance with the specific instructions noted on the VIF.

The majority of Intermediaries now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from Beneficial Shareholders to Broadridge Investor Communication Solutions ("**Broadridge**") in Canada. Broadridge typically prepares a machine-readable VIF, mails these VIFs to Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the VIFs to Broadridge, usually by way of mail, the Internet or telephone. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of shares to be represented at the Meeting by proxies for which Broadridge has solicited voting instructions. A Beneficial Shareholder who receives a Broadridge VIF cannot use that form to vote shares directly at the Meeting. The VIF must be returned to Broadridge (or instructions respecting the voting of shares wust otherwise be communicated to Broadridge) well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the shares voted. If you have any questions respecting the voting of shares held through an Intermediary, please contact that Intermediary for assistance.

In either case, the purpose of this procedure is to permit Beneficial Shareholders to direct the voting of the shares which they beneficially own. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a VIF cannot use that form to vote Common Shares directly at the Meeting – Beneficial Shareholders should carefully follow the instructions set out in the VIF including those regarding when and where the VIF is to be delivered. Should a Beneficial Shareholder who receives a VIF wish to attend the Meeting or have someone else attend on their behalf, the Beneficial Shareholder may request a legal proxy as set forth in the VIF, which will grant the Beneficial Shareholder or their nominee the right to attend and vote at the Meeting.

Only registered shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. A Beneficial Shareholder who wishes to change its vote must, at least seven days before the Meeting, arrange for its Intermediary to revoke its VIF on its behalf.

All references to shareholders in this Information Circular and the accompanying instrument of proxy and notice of Meeting are to registered shareholders unless specifically stated otherwise.

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

# VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

The Company has an authorized capital of an unlimited number of Common Shares. Only Common Shares carry voting rights at the Meeting with each Common Share carrying the right to one vote. The board of directors of the Company ("**Board of Directors**" or "**Board**") has fixed October 8, 2024, as the record date ("**Record Date**") for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting and at any adjournment thereof, and only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date are entitled to such notice and to vote at the Meeting. As of the Record Date, 83,377,899 Common Shares were issued and outstanding as fully paid and non-assessable.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as at the Record Date, no person beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to the Company's issued and outstanding Common Shares, other than Brenton Scott who is the beneficial owner of 21,185,283 Common Shares representing 25.41% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

#### VOTES NECESSARY TO PASS RESOLUTIONS AT THE MEETING

Under the Company's Articles, the quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting is two persons who, or who represent by proxy, shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. A simple majority of the votes cast at the Meeting (in person or by proxy) is required in order to pass the resolutions referred to in the accompanying Notice of Meeting.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The persons named in the enclosed Proxy form intend to vote for the appointment of Davidson & Company LLP, ("**Davidson**") as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the next annual general meeting of shareholders. Davidson was first appointed auditor of the Company for the year-ended December 31, 2021.

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The board of directors of the Company currently consists of five (5) directors, all of whom are elected annually. The term of office for each of the present directors of the Company expires at the Meeting.

The persons named below are the five nominees of management for election as directors, all of whom are current directors of the Company. Each director elected will hold office until the next annual general meeting or until the director's successor is elected or appointed unless the director's office is earlier vacated under any of the relevant provisions of the Articles of the Company or the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia). It is the intention of the persons named as proxyholders in the enclosed Proxy form to vote for the election to the Board of Directors of those persons hereinafter designated as nominees for election as director; however, if for any reason any of the proposed nominees do not stand for election or are unable to serve as such, proxies in favour of management designees will be voted for another nominee in their discretion unless the shareholder has specified in such shareholder's Proxy that such shareholder's shares are to be withheld from voting in the election of directors.

The following table sets out the name of each of the persons proposed to be nominated for election as a director; all positions and offices in the Company presently held by the nominee; the nominee's present principal occupation or employment; the period during which the nominee has served as a director; and the

number of Common Shares that the nominee has advised are beneficially owned by the nominee, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, as of the Record Date:

Name, place of residence and positions with the Company	Present principal occupation, business or employment	Period served as a director	Common Shares beneficially owned or controlled
Brenton Scott <sup>(1)</sup>	Chief Executive Officer, Critical Infrastructure	Since	21,185,283
Perth, Western Australia CEO, President and Director	stralia 2023 O, President		(7,931,329 held indirectly by JJC Consulting Services Trust)
and Director			(668,722 held indirectly by JJC Unit Trust)
			(12,585,232 held indirectly by The Scott Family Superannuation Fund)
Richard Paolone <sup>(1)</sup> Ontario, Canada <i>Director</i>	Principal lawyer, Paolone Law Professional Corporation (2020 – Present); lawyer, Purdy Law Professional Corporation (2019 – Present)	Since May 13, 2022	Nil
Imants Kins <sup>(1)</sup> Fremantle, Western Australia <i>Director</i>	Director, Xantippe Resources Limited (2021- 2023); Director, Atlas Iron Pty Ltd. (2019 – Present); Director, Pela Global Limited (2015 – Present)	Since February 13, 2023	Nil
Andrew Hill	Chief Technology Officer, Critical	Since	7,389,941
Perth, Western Australia <i>CTO, Director</i>	Infrastructure Technologies Pty Ltd. (2021 – Present)	February 13, 2023	(5,172,785 held indirectly by D&A Super Fund)
			(2,217,156 held indirectly by The Hill Investment Trust)
Eugene Hodgson British Columbia, Canada	CFO, Tevano Systems Inc. (2019 – Present)	Since February 13, 2023	Nil
CFO, Director			

(1) Member of the Audit Committee.

Other than as disclosed herein, none of the proposed directors is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been, within the ten years preceding the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the 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 that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (collectively, an "Order"), when such Order was issued while the person was acting in the capacity of a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the relevant company, or
- (b) was subject to an Order that was issued after such person ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the relevant company, and which resulted from an event that occurred while the person was acting in the capacity of a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the relevant company.

Rotonda Ventures Corp. ("**Rotonda**") is subject to a cease trade order dated September 3, 2020, issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission ("**BCSC**") due to Rotonda failing to file its annual audited financial statements for the period ended April 30, 2020, and its management's discussion and analysis relating thereto before the prescribed deadline. Mr. Paolone was the chief executive officer and a director of Rotonda when the cease trade order was issued. As of the date of this Information Circular, the cease trade order against Rotonda has not been revoked.

1143990 BC Ltd. (**"990**") is subject to a cease trade order dated April 8, 2020, issued by the BCSC due to 990 failing to file its annual audited financial statements for the period ended November 30, 2019, and its management's discussion and analysis relating thereto before the prescribed deadline. Mr. Paolone was the chief executive officer and a director of 990 when the cease trade order was issued. As of the date of this Information Circular, the cease trade order against 990 has not been revoked.

No proposed director is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been, within the ten years preceding the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

No proposed director has, within the ten years preceding 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 that person.

No proposed director has been subject to (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, or (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

The following description of the corporate governance practices of the Company is provided further to National Instrument 58-101 on "Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices" ("**NI 58-101**") and the disclosure prescribed for "Venture Issuers" such as the Company.

#### Board of Directors

The Board of Directors currently consists of five directors, two of whom, Imants Kins and Richard Paolone, are considered independent and facilitate the Board of Directors' independent supervision over

management. Brenton Scott, Eugene Hodgson and Andrew Hill are not considered independent as each is an executive officer of the Company, with Brenton Scott being Chief Executive Officer, Eugene Hodgson acts as Chief Financial Officer and Andrew Hill acts as Chief Technology Officer. With the recommendation of the advice of legal counsel where required, the Board of Directors will evaluate situations on a case-bycase basis to determine whether the exercise of independent judgement is appropriate or necessary under the circumstances. If deemed necessary or appropriate by the Board, the Board may appoint such special committees comprised of independent directors to consider any particular matter or transaction.

## Directorships

The existing and proposed directors of the Company who are presently directors of other reporting issuers in Canada or elsewhere are as set out below:

Director / Proposed Director	Other Reporting Issuers
Richard Paolone	Rotunda Ventures Corp. 1143990 B.C. Ltd. Republic Goldfields Inc. Emerald Isle Resources Inc. XMachina Al Group Inc. 1210352 B.C. Ltd. 0755461 B.C. Ltd.
Eugene Hodgson	Global Wellness Strategies Inc. St. Anthony Gold Corp. Genesis Acquisition Corp. Red Lake Gold Inc. MiMedia Holdings Inc. Tevano Systems Holdings Inc. Alma Gold Inc. Rover Metals Corp. Reyna Silver Corp. ESG Global Impact Capital Inc. Fabled Silver Gold Corp. Dixie Gold Inc.

#### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

New members of the Board are provided with: (i) information respecting the functioning of the Board and its committees and a copy of the Company's corporate governance documents; (ii) access to all documents of the Company, including those that are confidential; and (iii) access to management.

Each new director participates in the Company's initial orientation program and each director participates in the Company's continuing director development programs, both of which are reviewed annually by the Board.

Board members are encouraged to: (i) communicate with management and auditors; (ii) keep themselves current with industry trends and developments and changes in legislation with management's assistance; (iii) attend related industry seminars; and (iv) visit the Company's operations.

# Ethical Business Conduct

The Board has adopted the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "**Code**") for the directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries. All new employees must read the Code when hired and acknowledge that they will abide by the Code.

The Board is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Code. In accordance with the Code, directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries should raise questions regarding the application of any requirement under the Code, and report a possible violation of a law or the Code, promptly to their superior or manager. If reporting a concern or complaint to a superior or manager is not possible or advisable, or if reporting it to such person does not resolve the matter, the matter should be addressed to a member of the Company's Audit Committee.

The Board monitors compliance with the Code by, among other things, obtaining reports from the Chief Executive Officer regarding breaches of the Code. The Board also reviews investigations and any resolutions of complaints received under the Code. In addition, the Board approves changes to the Code it considers appropriate, at least annually.

The Board takes steps to ensure that directors, officers and other employees exercise independent judgment in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director, officer or other employee of the Company has a material interest, which include ensuring that directors, officers and other employees are thoroughly familiar with the Code and, in particular, the rules concerning reporting conflicts of interest and obtaining direction from their superior or manager or the Chief Financial Officer regarding any potential conflicts of interest.

The Board encourages and promotes an overall culture of ethical business conduct by promoting compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations; providing guidance to directors, officers and other employees to help them recognize and deal with ethical issues; promoting a culture of open communication, honesty and accountability; and ensuring awareness of disciplinary action for violations of ethical business conduct.

## Nomination of Directors

The Board as a whole has responsibility for identifying potential Board candidates. The Board has not formed a nominating committee or similar committee to assist the Board with the nomination of directors for the Company. Each of the directors has contacts he or she can draw upon to identify new members of the Board as needed from time to time.

The Board will continually assess its size, structure and composition, taking into consideration its current strengths, skills and experience, proposed retirements and the requirements and strategic direction of the Company. As required, directors will recommend suitable candidates for consideration as members of the Board.

# Compensation

The Board of Directors periodically reviews the adequacy and form of compensation of the directors and officers of the Company to ensure that the compensation realistically reflects the responsibilities and risks involved in being an effective director or officer. All compensation arrangements between the Company and any director or officer of the Company or between any subsidiary of the Company and any director or officer of the independent directors.

#### **Other Board Committees**

The Board of Directors has not established any committees other than the Audit Committee.

# Assessments

The Board is responsible for ensuring that an appropriate system is in place to evaluate the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the individual committees of the Board, and the individual members of the Board and such committees with a view of ensuring that they are fulfilling their respective responsibilities and duties. In connection with such evaluations, each director is required to provide his or her assessment of the effectiveness of the Board and each committee as well as the performance of the individual directors,

annually. Such evaluations take into account the competencies and skills each director is expected to bring to his or her particular role on the Board or on a committee, as well as any other relevant facts.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) and National Instrument 52-110 on "Audit Committees" ("**NI 52-110**"), the Company is required to have an audit committee.

#### Audit Committee Charter

Pursuant to NI 52-110, the Company's Audit Committee is required to have a charter. A copy of the Company's Audit Committee charter is set out in Appendix A.

#### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

As at the date of this Information Circular, the following is information on the members of the Company's Audit Committee:

Name	Independent <sup>(1)</sup>	Financial Literacy (2)
Brenton Scott	No	Yes
Richard Paolone	Yes	Yes
Imants Kins <sup>(3)</sup>	Yes	Yes

- (1) A member of the Audit Committee is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect 'material relationship' with the Company. A material relationship is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board of Directors, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment. An executive officer of the Company, such as the President, is deemed to have a material relationship with the Company.
- (2) A member of the Audit Committee is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.
- (3) Chair of the Audit Committee.

#### **Relevant Education and Experience**

All of the members and proposed members of the Audit Committee have gained their education and experience by participating in the management of private and publicly traded companies and all members are "financially literate", meaning 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 be reasonably expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements. The education, current and past experience of each Audit Committee member and proposed member that is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member is summarized below:

Name	Education and Experience
Brenton Scott	Brenton Scott has a Bachelor of Business from Curtin University with a major in Accounting and Economics and, having completed the professional year of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, Mr. Scott was admitted to membership on February 13, 1991. Mr. Scott was previously a partner at Walker Wayland Chartered Accountants, where he worked from 1992 to 1998. Between 1998 and 2000, Mr. Brenton Scott was Managing Partner at Scott Partners Chartered Accountants. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Brenton Scott was Chief Financial Officer of Electronic Banking Solutions Limited. Mr. Scott held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Mobilarm Limited from 2004 until 2008. He was the Director of Cruisers Yachts Australia Pty Ltd from 2008 to 2013 and a Business Development representative for Secure2Go Pty Ltd. from 2014 until 2019. Since October 2019, Mr. Scott has been the Chief Executive Officer of Cruisel Infrastructure Technologies Pty Ltd., a company existing pursuant to the laws of Australia.
Richard Paolone	Mr. Paolone is a Toronto-based securities lawyer whose focus includes an emphasis on natural resources and diversified industries. Mr. Paolone is the principal lawyer of Paolone Law Professional Corporation. In his private practice, he has developed experience with respect to public companies, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions and other facets fundamental to the natural resource sector. Prior to receiving his J.D. from Bond University in Australia, Mr. Paolone completed a B.A. from Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta. Mr Paolone currently serves as a director and Chief Executive Officer of several private and reporting companies, and previously was Director & CEO of Alpine Summit Energy Partners, Inc. (formerly, Red Pine Petroleum Ltd.) (TSXV:ALPS.U) and Director of Evolution Global Frontier Ventures Corp. (CSE:EGFV).
Imants Kins	Imants Kins has a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Western Australia and a Master of Arts (Futures Studies) from Curtin University. Mr. Kins has extensive experience at a senior level in both the government (1972 – 1986), including advising ministers, and the private sector (1986 – present) as a senior manager, corporate economist and director of a number of Australian Securities Exchange listed companies.

# Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since July 1, 2024, was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Company's Board of Directors.

#### **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since July 1, 2024, has the Company relied on the exemption in section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), subsection 6.1.1(4) of NI 52-110 (*Circumstances Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer*), subsection 6.1.1(5) of NI 52-110 (*Events Outside Control of Member*), subsection 6.1.1(6) (*Death, Incapacity or Resignation*) or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (*Exemption*) of NI 52-110 by a securities regulatory authority or regulator.

#### Pre-approval Policies and Procedures for Non-Audit Services

The Audit Committee has not adopted any specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

# External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

Fees billed by the Company's external auditor, Davidson, during the financial years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

Financial Year Ended	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
June 30, 2024	\$50,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
June 30, 2023	\$10,000	Nil	Nil	Nil

(1) Fees for audit services.

(2) Fees for assurance and related services not included in audit services above.

(3) Fees for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

(4) All other fees not included above.

#### Venture Issuers Exemption

If and when required, the Company is relying upon the exemption in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 which exempts "venture issuers" from the requirements of Part 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

## DIRECTOR AND NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

The following description of the executive compensation of the Company is provided further to Form 51-102F6V "*Statement of Executive Compensation – Venture Issuers*".

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

#### Named Executive Officers

Set out below are particulars of compensation paid to the following persons (the "Named Executive Officers" or "NEO"s):

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer, including an individual performing functions similar to a chief executive officer ("**CEO**");
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer, including an individual performing functions similar to a chief financial officer ("**CFO**");
- (c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the CEO and CFO at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with applicable securities rules, for that 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 of the Company, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Company had three Named Executive Officers, namely Brenton Scott (CEO), Eugene Hodgson (CFO), and Andrew Hill (CTO).

# Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets out compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, to each applicable NEO and director, in any capacity for each of the Company's financial years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	Table of compensation excluding compensation securities						
Name and position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Brenton Scott <sup>(1)</sup> CEO and Director	2024 2023	300,000 180,000	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	300,000 180,000
Eugene Hodgson <sup>(1)</sup> CFO and Director	2024 2023	6,000 6,000	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	6,000 6,000
Richard Paolone Director	2024 2023	6,000 6,000	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	6,000 6,000
Imants Kins <sup>(1)</sup> Director	2024 2023	81,818 81,818	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	81,818 81,818
Andrew Hill <sup>(1)</sup> CTO, Director	2024 2023	250,000 180,000	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	250,000 180,000
Faramarz Haddadi <sup>(1)</sup> Former CEO and Director	2024 2023	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Shao Bo Lu <sup>(1)</sup> Former CFO and Director	2024 2023	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil

(1) On February 13, 2023, the Company completed a reverse takeover transaction (the "RTO") with Critical Infrastructure Technologies Pty Ltd. Upon completion of the RTO, Brenton Scott, Eugene Hodgson, Imants Kins and Andrew Hill became directors of the Company in place of Faramarz Haddadi and Shao Bo Lu who ceased to be directors. In addition, Brenton Scott was appointed CEO, replacing Faramarz Haddadi as CEO and Eugene Hodgson was appointed CFO, replacing Shao Bo Lu as CFO. Additional information relating to the RTO may be found in the Company's final prospectus dated February 13, 2023.

#### **External Management Companies**

None of the NEOs or directors of the Company have been retained or employed by an external management company which has entered into an understanding, arrangement or agreement with the Company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly.

#### Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

The following table discloses all compensation securities granted or issued to each NEO and director by the Company or one of its subsidiaries in the financial year ended June 30, 2024, for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any of its subsidiaries and the total amount of compensation securities held as at the Company's financial year end of June 30, 2024.

Compensation Securities granted in the year ended June 30, 2024								
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and percentage of class	Date of issue or grant (M/D/Y)	lssue, 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 (M/D/Y)	Total amount of compensation securities held as at June 30, 2024
Brenton Scott, CEO and Director	n/a	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Nil
Eugene Hodgson CFO and Director	n/a	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Nil
Richard Paolone Director	n/a	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	250,000 options
Andrew Hill CTO and Director	n/a	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Nil
Imants Kins Director	n/a	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Nil
Faramarz Haddadi <sup>(1)</sup> Former CEO and Director	n/a	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Nil
Shao Bo Lu <sup>(1)</sup> Former CFO and Director	n/a	Nil	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Nil

(1) On February 13, 2023, the Company completed a reverse takeover transaction (the "**RTO**") with Critical Infrastructure Technologies Pty Ltd. Upon completion of the RTO, Faramarz Haddadi and Shao Bo Lu ceased to be directors. In addition, Faramarz Haddadi resigned as CEO and Shao Bo Lu resigned as CFO. Additional information relating to the RTO may be found in the Company's final prospectus dated February 13, 2023.

No compensation security has been re-priced, cancelled and replaced, had its term extended, or otherwise been materially modified, in the most recently completed financial year.

There are no restrictions or conditions for converting, exercising or exchanging the compensation securities disclosed in the above table.

No NEO or director of the Company exercised any compensation security during the financial year end of June 30, 2024.

#### Stock Option Plan

The Company has a "rolling 10%" stock option plan (the "**Existing Plan**") which was adopted by the Board of Directors on March 31, 2022 and approved by the Company's shareholders on May 13, 2022. The Existing Plan provides that the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to options granted under the Existing Plan will not exceed 10% of the number of Common Shares of the Company that are issued and outstanding from time to time, less the aggregate number of Common Shares then reserved for issuance pursuant to any other equity compensation arrangement. At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, pass, an ordinary resolution approving a new omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**Equity Incentive Plan**"). A summary of the provisions of the proposed Equity Incentive Plan can be found under the heading "*Particulars of Other Matters to be Acted Upon – Equity Incentive Plan*" and a copy of the Equity Incentive Plan is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Should the resolution be passed, the Existing Plan shall be replaced by the Equity Incentive Plan and all then outstanding stock options will be governed by the Equity Incentive Plan. In the event that the resolution does not pass, the Existing Plan will remain in effect.

The Existing Plan provides share purchase options to be granted in consideration of the level of responsibility of the executive as well as his or her impact or contribution to the longer-term operating performance of the Company. In determining the number of options to be granted to the executive officers, the Board will take into account the number of options, if any, previously granted to each executive officer, and the exercise price of any outstanding options to ensure that such grants were in accordance with the policies of CSE, and closely aligned the interests of the executive officers with the interests of shareholders. The directors of the Company will also be eligible to receive stock option grants under the Existing Plan, and the Company will apply the same process for determining such awards to directors as with NEOs.

Key Terms	Summary
Administration	The Existing Plan is administered by the Company Board or by a special committee of directors appointed from time to time by the Company Board.
Stock Exchange Rules	All Stock Options granted pursuant to the Existing Plan are subject to applicable rules and policies of any stock exchange or exchanges on which the Company Shares are listed and any other regulatory body having jurisdiction.
Company Shares Subject to Plan	The aggregate number of Company Shares issuable upon the exercise of all Options granted under the Existing Plan are not to exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Company Shares from time to time. If any Stock Options granted under the Existing Plan expires for any reason without being exercised, the unpurchased Company Shares are available for the purpose of the Existing Plan.
Eligibility	Directors, officers, consultants and employees of the Company, and employees of a person or company which provides management services to the Company, are eligible to participate in the Existing Plan. Subject to compliance with requirements of the applicable regulators, participants may elect to hold Stock Options granted to them in an incorporated entity wholly-owned by them and such entity is bound by the Existing Plan in the same manner as if the Stock Options were held by the participant.

The table below provides a summary of the Existing Plan:

Key Terms	Summary
Number of Optioned Shares	No single participant may be granted Stock Options to purchase a number of Company Shares equaling more than 5% of the issued Company Shares in any 12 month period unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval in respect of such grant and meets applicable regulatory requirements.
	Stock Options shall not be granted if the exercise thereof would result in the issuance of more than 2% of the issued Company Shares in any 12 month period to a consultant of the Company.
	Stock Options shall not be granted if the exercise thereof would result in the issuance of more than 2% of the issued Company Shares in any 12 month period to persons employed to provide investor relations activities. Stock Options granted to consultants performing investor relations activities will contain vesting provisions such that vesting occurs over a minimum of 12 months with no more than 1/4 of the Stock Options vesting in any three month period.
Exercise Price	The exercise price of the Company Shares subject to each Stock Option shall be determined by the Company Board, subject to approval by the regulators (if applicable), at the time any Stock Option is granted.
Vesting and Exercise Period	Each Stock Option and all rights thereunder shall expire on the date set out in an option agreement and shall be subject to earlier termination, provided that in no circumstances shall the duration of a Stock Option exceed the maximum term permitted by the applicable regulators.
	If any Stock Options expire during a period when trading of the Company's securities by certain persons as designated by the Company is prohibited or within ten business days after the end of such a period, the term of those Stock Options will be extended to ten business days after the end of the prohibited trading period, unless such extension is prohibited by any applicable law or the policies of the applicable regulators.
Cessation of Employment	Unless otherwise specified in the award agreement pursuant to which the Stock Options are granted to the participant, if a participant ceases to be a director, officer, consultant or employee of the Company, or ceases to be a management company employee, for any reason (other than death or termination for cause), such participant may exercise their Stock Options to the extent that the participant was entitled to exercise them at the date of such cessation, provided that such exercise must occur within 90 days after the participant ceases to be a director, officer, consultant or employee, or a management company employee, unless such participant was engaged in investor relations activities, in which case such exercise must occur within 30 days after the cessation of the participant's services to the Company.

Key Terms	Summary
Death of Participant	In the event of the death of a participant, the Stock Options previously granted shall be exercisable only within 12 months after such death and only if and to the extent that such participant was entitled to exercise the Stock Options at the date of death.

#### **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

Other than as disclosed below, the Company does not have any employment, consulting or management agreements with any directors or officers of the Company.

The Company entered into an independent director services agreement effective as of May 13, 2022, with Mr. Richard Paolone, to provide director related services, whereby the Company will pay Mr. Paolone a base salary of \$6,000 plus HST per annum starting on May 20, 2022. Pursuant to such agreement, the Company has also (i) agreed to pay for Mr. Paolone's travel expenses for a round trip from Toronto, Ontario, Canada to Perth, Australia, which must have occurred on or before May 20, 2023, and (ii) granted Mr. Paolone 250,000 Stock Options on May 20, 2022, which are exercisable at \$0.24 for a period of five years from the date of grant.

The Company entered into consulting agreements (the "**Management Consulting Agreements**") for the provision of certain advisory services, including the personal services of certain individuals, with BT 2000 Capital Pty Ltd., a company of which Mr. Brenton Scott owns 100% of the issued and outstanding securities, RE Hughes & Associates Pty Ltd., a company of which Mr. Andrew Hill owns 100% of the issued and outstanding securities, and Imants Kins (the "**Management Consultants**").

The Management Consulting Agreements, other than the Management Consulting Agreement between the Company and Mr. Kins, have initial terms of 48 months, which will automatically renew for consecutive periods of 12 months unless the Management Consulting Agreements are terminated pursuant to their terms. The Management Consulting Agreement between the Company and Mr. Kins commences on the date of such agreement and terminates on the earlier of (a) the 48 month anniversary of the date of such agreement, and (b) the date Mr. Kins ceases to be a director of the Company. The Company may at any time during the term of a Management Consulting Agreement terminate it for cause, which includes: (i) if the Management Consultant fails or refuses, repeatedly, to comply in any material respect with the reasonable policies, standards or regulations of the Company established from time to time in writing and in accordance with the Management Consulting Agreement; (ii) if the Management Consultant fails to perform, in any material respect, its duties as determined by the Company in accordance with the Management Consulting Agreement and consistent with the customary duties of the Management Consultant's engagement; (iii) if the Management Consultant conducts itself in a wilfully dishonest, or an unethical or fraudulent, manner that materially discredits the Company or is materially detrimental to the reputation, character or standing of the Company; or (iv) if the Management Consultant conducts any unlawful or criminal activity that materially discredits the Company or is materially detrimental to the reputation, character or standing of the Company. The Company or the Management Consultants may terminate the Management Consulting Agreement without cause by advance written notice to the other party. The Management Consulting Agreements contain a confidentiality provision prohibiting the disclosure of any information concerning the organization, business, finances, transactions or other affairs of the Company that may come to the consultant's knowledge during the term of his engagement, and continue indefinitely until the information comes into public domain.

#### **Oversight and Description of Director and NEO Compensation**

The Company Board determines the annual compensation of Named Executive Officers. Current market conditions, market compensation, and company finances are taken into account when determining compensation.

# **Pension Disclosure**

The Company does not provide a pension to any director or NEO.

## SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets out information on the Company's equity compensation plans under which Common Shares are authorized for issuance as at June 30, 2024.

	Equity Compensation Pl	an Information	
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 plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	250,000	\$0.10	8,087,789 <sup>(1)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	250,000		8,087,789

(1) Based on the total number of Common Shares to be reserved and authorized for issuance pursuant to options granted under the Existing Plan being 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time (being 8,337,789 Common Shares as at June 30, 2024).

# INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As at the date hereof, no director or executive officer of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, no associate of any such director, executive officer or proposed nominee (including companies controlled by them), no employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and no former executive officer, director or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than for "routine indebtedness" as defined under applicable securities legislation) or is indebted to another entity where such indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

# INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as otherwise disclosed in this Information Circular, no informed person (i.e. insider) of the Company, no proposed director of the Company, and no associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since July 1, 2024, or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company.

# MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Other than as disclosed herein, no management functions of the Company are to any substantial degree performed by a person other than the directors or executive officers of the Company.

# PARTICULARS OF OTHER MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

#### **Equity Incentive Plan**

On March 31, 2022, the directors of the Company approved the Existing Plan and was first approved by the Company's shareholders on May 13, 2022, which provides a share related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate eligible directors, officers, employees and consultants, to reward such persons by the grant of equity incentive securities such as options for their contributions toward the long term goals of the Company, and to enable and encourage such persons to acquire Common Shares as a long term investment. A summary of the Existing Plan is provided above under the heading "*Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation – Stock Option Plan*", which is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Existing Plan.

The Company proposes to replace the Existing Plan with a new omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**Equity Incentive Plan**") to provide for the flexibility to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of stock options, restricted share units, deferred share units, performance share units and stock appreciation rights. A copy of the Equity Incentive Plan is attached hereto as Appendix B.

If the Equity Incentive Plan is approved by the shareholders at the Meeting, all existing grants of stock options under the Existing Plan are expected to be transitioned to, governed by and assumed under the Equity Incentive Plan. If the Equity Incentive Plan is not approved by shareholders at the Meeting, the Existing Plan will remain in effect.

## Summary of the Equity Incentive Plan

## <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of the Equity Incentive Plan is to, among other things: (i) provide the Company with an equityrelated mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, including its subsidiaries, (ii) reward directors, officers, employees and consultants that have been granted awards under the Equity Incentive Plan for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Company, and (iii) enable and encourage such directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire Common Shares as long-term investments in the Company.

The Equity Incentive Plan allows the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of incentive stock options ("**Options**"), restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), performance share units ("**PSUs**"), deferred share units ("**DSUs**") and stock appreciation rights ("**SARs**"), as described in further detail below. The following is a summary of the Equity Incentive Plan, which is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Equity Incentive Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix B. In the case of conflict between this summary and the Equity Incentive Plan, the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan will govern.

#### Shares Subject to the Equity Incentive Plan

The aggregate maximum number of Shares that may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of awards granted under the Equity Incentive Plan shall not exceed 12,500,000.

# Administration of the Equity Incentive Plan

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

termination regarding any award, based on such factors as the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator may determine. In addition, the Plan Administrator interprets the Equity Incentive Plan and may adopt guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to the Equity Incentive Plan, and make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the Equity Incentive Plan.

## Eligibility

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

## Types of Awards

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

## **Options**

An Option entitles a holder thereof to purchase a prescribed number of treasury Shares at an exercise price set at the time of the grant. The Plan Administrator will establish the exercise price at the time each Option is granted, which exercise price must in all cases be the greater of the closing market price of the Shares on (i) the trading day prior to the date of grant and (ii) the date of grant, and as otherwise required pursuant to the policies of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed (the "Market Price"), unless otherwise permitted by applicable securities laws or the policies of a stock exchange on which the Shares are listed. Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in the Equity Incentive Plan, each Option expires on its respective expiry date, provided such expiry date does not exceed 10 years. The Plan Administrator will have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options. Once an Option becomes vested, it shall remain vested and shall be exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option, unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator or as otherwise set forth in any written employment agreement, award agreement or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the participant. The Plan Administrator has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Option becomes exercisable. The Plan Administrator may provide at the time of granting an Option that the exercise of that Option is subject to restrictions, in addition to those specified in the Equity Incentive Plan, such as vesting conditions relating to the attainment of specified performance goals. Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular award agreement, an exercise notice must be accompanied by payment of the exercise price. Subject to the policies of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, a participant may, in lieu of exercising an Option pursuant to an exercise notice, elect to surrender such Option to the Company (a "Cashless Exercise") in consideration for an amount from the Company equal to (i) the Market Price of the Common Shares issuable on the exercise of such Option (or portion thereof) as of the date such Option (or portion thereof) is exercised, less (ii) the aggregate exercise price of the Option (or portion thereof) surrendered relating to such Shares (the "In-the-Money Amount") by written notice to the Company indicating the number of Options such participant wishes to exercise using the Cashless Exercise, and such other information that the Company may require. Subject to the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and the policies of any stock exchange on which the Shares are listed, the Company will satisfy payment of the Inthe-Money Amount by delivering to the participant such number of Shares having a fair market value equal to the In-the-Money Amount.

#### Restricted Share Units

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

The number of RSUs (including fractional RSUs) granted at any particular time under the Equity Incentive Plan will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of any bonus or similar payment that is to be paid in RSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator, by (b) the greater of (i) the Market Price of a Share on the date of grant and (ii) such amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion. The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, to the extent applicable. Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested RSU for the following at the election of such holder but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and nonassessable Share in respect of each vested RSU, (b) a cash payment or (c) a combination of Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Company shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.

## Performance Share Units

A PSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company, which entitles the holder to receive one Share (or the value thereof) for each PSU after specific performance-based vesting criteria determined by the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, have been satisfied. The performance goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any PSUs granted, the effect of termination of a participant's service and the amount of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any PSU will be determined by the Plan Administrator and by the other terms and conditions of any PSU, all as set forth in the applicable award agreement. The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant PSUs to any participant in respect of a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable participant in a taxation year (the "PSU Service Year"). The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs. Upon settlement, holders will redeem each vested PSU for the following at the election of such holder but subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Common Share in respect of each vested PSU, (b) a cash payment, or (c) a combination of Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Company to a participant shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

# Deferred Share Units

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

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

#### Stock Appreciation Rights

A stock appreciation right is a right of a recipient to be paid compensation equivalent to an appreciation in the value of the Common Shares over a certain period of time. SARs entitle the holder to receive, Common Shares (or, at the election of the holder and subject to the approval of the Plan Administrator, a cash amount in respect thereof) in an amount equal to the difference in the fair market value of the Common Shares at the time of grant of such SARs and the Market Price of the Common Shares at a future date.

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of SARs. Upon vesting and at the time of settlement of SARs, holders of SARs shall be entitled to (a) a number of fully paid and non-assessable Common Shares, (b) a cash payment, or (c) a combination of Common Shares and cash, in each case as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion, in each case, in an aggregate amount equal to the Market Price of the Common Shares at the time of settlement of the SARs minus the fair market value of the Common Shares as determined by the Plan Administrator at the time of grant, provided that such fair market value shall not be less than the minimum price permitted by applicable laws and the policies of the CSE. For avoidance of doubt, any cash payments made under the New Plan by the Company to a participant in respect of SARs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of SARs to be redeemed for cash by the difference between the Market Price per Common Share as at the settlement date and the fair market value in respect of such SAR (as further described above) at the time of grant of such SAR.

#### **Dividend Equivalents**

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

#### Black-out Periods

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

#### Term

While the does not stipulate a specific term for awards granted thereunder, as discussed below, awards may not expire beyond 10 years from its date of grant, except where shareholder approval is received or where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period of the Company. All awards must vest and

settle in accordance with the provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and any applicable award agreement, which award agreement may include an expiry date for a specific award.

# Termination of Employment or Services

The following table describes the impact of certain events upon the participants under the Equity Incentive Plan, including resignation, disability, death or retirement, subject, in each case, to the terms of a participant's applicable employment agreement, award agreement or other written agreement:

<u>Event</u>	Provisions
Resignation	Any Award held by the participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled as of the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date.
	Any Award held by a Participant that has vested may be exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. Any Award that has not been exercised, settled or surrendered at the end of such period shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration and the Participant shall not be entitled to any damages or other amounts in respect of such cancelled Awards;
Disability	Any Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of such participant's date of disability shall be immediately vested as of the Termination Date.
Death	Any Award that is held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such participant shall be immediately vested as of the date of death.
Retirement	Any award that is held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of retirement shall continue to vest for a period of 12 months following the date of such retirement and, if any such Awards vest, shall be exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by the Participant in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan

# Change in Control

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

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

of the Incumbent Board, or (f) any other event which the Board determines to constitute a change in control of the Company.

# Non-Transferability of Awards

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

#### Amendments to the Equity Incentive Plan

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

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

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

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

## Shareholder Approval of the Equity Incentive Plan

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution to ratify, confirm and approve the Equity Incentive Plan which was adopted by the Board on October 1, 2024. An ordinary resolution needs to be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders, present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Meeting, other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by related persons to whom securities may be issued as compensation or under the Equity Incentive Plan.

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

As of the date of this Information Circular, to the Company's knowledge, a total of 28,825,224 Shares are held by officers and directors of the Company and will not be included for the purpose of determining whether Shareholder approval of the Equity Incentive Plan has been obtained. A copy of the Equity Incentive Plan is attached as Appendix B to this Information Circular. A copy of the Equity Incentive Plan is also available free of charge at the office of the Company, #2600 - 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X1, during normal business hours up to and including the date of the Meeting.

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

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

- 1. The Company's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan") described in the Company's information circular dated October 8, 2024 (the "Circular"), including the reservation for issuance under the Equity Incentive Plan at any time of a maximum of 12,500,000 common shares of the Company, be and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved;
- 2. The board of directors of the Company be authorized in its absolute discretion to administer the Equity Incentive Plan and amend or modify the Equity Incentive Plan in accordance with its terms and conditions and with the policies of the applicable stock exchange; and
- 3. Any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Company or otherwise, all such deeds, documents, instruments and assurances as in his opinion may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions, including, without limitation, making any changes to the Equity Incentive Plan required by the applicable stock exchange or applicable securities regulatory authorities and to complete all transactions in connection with the administration of the Equity Incentive Plan."

The form of the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution set forth above is subject to such amendments as management of the Company may propose at the Meeting, but which do not materially affect the substance of the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution. Management of the Company recommends that disinterested Shareholders vote in favour of the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution at the Meeting. It is the intention of the designated persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise in such form of proxy, to vote such proxy FOR the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution.

## **Extension of Performance Shares Milestones**

Pursuant to the Management Consulting Agreements, upon the achievement of certain performance-based milestones, such parties are entitled to receive up to an aggregate of 37,119,080 Common Shares (the **"Performance Shares"**), with each such Performance Share having a deemed price of \$0.30.

# The Performance Shares are not subject to the terms of the Existing Plan and, if approved at this Meeting, the Equity Incentive Plan and are to be issued separately.

The Company wishes to (i) amend the performance-based milestones and the Performance Shares issuable upon achievement of such milestones, including the milestones required to be met, the details of which are included herein, and (ii) approve the additional issuance of an extra 1,000,000 Common Shares to Imants Kins are set out in the table below.

Consultant	Number of Performance Shares	Current Milestone Date	Milestone
BT 2000 Capital Pty Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	5,284,018	March 31, 2024	1
	5,284,018	September 30, 2024	2
	5,284,018	March 31, 2025	3
	5,284,018	March 31, 2026	4
	5,284,018	March 31, 2027	5
Subtotal	26,420,090		
RE Hughes & Associates Pty Ltd <sup>(2)</sup>	1,839,798	March 31, 2024	1
	1,839,798	September 30, 2024	2
	1,839,798	March 31, 2025	3
	1,839,798	March 31, 2026	4
	1,839,798	March 31, 2027	5
Subtotal	9,198,990		
Imants Kins	500,000	March 31, 2024	1
	500,000	September 30, 2024	2
	500,000	March 31, 2025	3
	500,000	n/a	4
	500,000	n/a	5
Subtotal	2,500,000		
Total	38,119,080		

(1) BT 2000 Capital Pty Ltd. is a company of which Mr. Brenton Scott, the Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company, owns 100% of the issued and outstanding securities.

(2) RE Hughes & Associates Pty Ltd. is a company of which Mr. Andrew Hill, the Chief Technology Officer and a director of the Company, owns 100% of the issued and outstanding securities.

The Company develops a range of rapidly deployable, high-capacity communications platforms called the Self Deploying Skid (the "**SDS**"), which is an integrated communications platform designed to be quickly transported to remote and hostile locations, and fully operational and transmitting within 30 minutes of its initial set up. The Performance Shares are to be issued pursuant to the achievement of certain sales of SDSs, as referenced below (the "**Milestone Dates**"):

#### Milestones:

- 1. The Company achieving (a) 10 outright sales of SDSs at a minimum price of A\$700,000 for each SDS, or A\$7,000,000 in revenue; (b) 10 lease contracts for a minimum of 24 months at A\$20,000 per month, or \$200,000 per month in leasing/rental income per month; or (c) a combination of (a) and (b) that results in 10 sales/lease contracts.
- 2. The Company achieving (a) 25 outright sales of SDSs at a minimum price of A\$700,000 for each SDS, or A\$17,500,000 in revenue; (b) 25 lease contracts for a minimum of 24 months at A\$20,000 per month, or \$500,000 per month in leasing/rental income per month; or (c) a combination of (a) and (b) that results in 25 sales/lease contracts.

- 3. The Company achieving (a) 50 outright sales of SDSs at a minimum price of A\$700,000 for each SDS, or A\$35,000,000 in revenue; (b) 50 lease contracts for a minimum of 24 months at A\$20,000 per month, or \$1,000,000 per month in leasing/rental income per month; or (c) a combination of (a) and (b) that results in 50 sales/lease contracts.
- 4. The Company achieving (a) 80 outright sales of SDSs at a minimum price of A\$700,000 for each SDS, or A\$56,000,000 in revenue; (b) 80 lease contracts for a minimum of 24 months at A\$20,000 per month, or \$1,600,000 per month in leasing/rental income per month; or (c) a combination of (a) and (b) that results in 80 sales/lease contracts.
- 5. The Company achieving (a) 100 outright sales of SDSs at a minimum price of A\$700,000 for each SDS, or A\$70,000,000 in revenue; (b) 100 lease contracts for a minimum of 24 months at A\$20,000 per month, or \$2,000,000 per month in leasing/rental income per month; or (c) a combination of (a) and (b) that results in 100 sales/lease contracts.

As of October 8, 2024, the exchange rate for Australian dollars (A\$) into Canadian dollars (\$), as reported by the Bank of Canada, is A\$1.00 = C\$0.92.

The Board and the Company now wish to seek shareholder approval for the aforementioned amendments to the milestones required to be met in connection with the issuance of the Performance Shares (together, the "Amendments"), including the extension of all Milestone Dates to an expiry date of December 31, 2028, subject to the approval of the CSE, if required. For greater certainty, if the Amendments are approved, all Milestone Dates will be amended from the "Current Milestone Date" set forth above to <u>December 31, 2028.</u>

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to pass a special resolution to approve the Amendments (the "**Amendment Resolution**") and amend the Management Consulting Agreements accordingly, which to be effective, must be voted in favour by not less than 66<sup>3</sup>/<sub>3</sub> percent of the votes cast by disinterested Shareholders, present in person, or represented by proxy, at the Meeting.

# The board of directors of the Company recommends that the Shareholders vote FOR the Amendments pursuant to the Amendment Resolution. It is the intention of the management designees, if named as proxy, to vote FOR the Amendment Resolution.

At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to approve the following special resolution:

# "BE IT RESOLVED, AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION, THAT:

- (a) the Amendments (as defined and described in the Company's information circular dated October 8, 2024 (the "Circular")), including, but not limited to the extension of all Milestone Deadlines (as defined and described in the Circular) to December 31, 2028 and the issuance of an additional 1,000,000 common shares of the Company to Imants Kins upon satisfaction of certain milestones on or prior to the amended Milestone Deadline, subject to the approval of the CSE, if required, and the corresponding amendments of the Management Consulting Agreement to reflect the Amendments, with such further amendments, changes, deletions and variations as may be approved by any one director or officer of the Company be and hereby are authorized, ratified and approved.
- (b) notwithstanding that these resolutions have been passed by shareholders of the Company, the directors of the Company are hereby authorized and empowered, if they decide not to proceed with the aforementioned resolutions, to revoke these resolutions (or any portion hereof) at any time, without further notice to or approval of the shareholders of the Company; and
- (c) any officer or director of the Company is hereby authorized to execute and deliver all documents, agreements, certificates and instruments and take any and all such further action as such officer or director, in his or her sole discretion, deems necessary or desirable in order to give effect to the foregoing, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by

the execution and delivery of such document, agreement, certificate or other instrument or the taking of any further action."

The foregoing resolution must be approved by not less than 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> percent of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person, or represented by proxy, at the Meeting.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Management of the Company is not aware of any other matters to come before the Meeting other than as set forth in the Notice of the Meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed Proxy form to vote the shares represented thereby in accordance with their best judgment on such matter.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

Financial information relating to the Company is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its financial year ended June 30, 2024, which are available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca and may also be obtained by sending a written request to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company at the Company's head office located at #2600 – 1066 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X1.

DATED as of the 8th day of October, 2024.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

"Brenton Scott"

Brenton Scott CEO and Director

# APPENDIX A

# AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

See attached.

#### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. Purpose

The primary objective of the Audit Committee (the "**Committee**") of Critical Infrastructure Technologies Ltd. (the "**Company**") is to act as a liaison between the Board and the Company's independent auditors (the "**Auditors**") and to oversee (a) the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company, including the financial statements and other financial information provided by the Company to its shareholders, the public and others, (b) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (c) the audit of the Company's financial statements, (d) the qualification, independence and performance of the Auditors, and (e) the Company's risk management and internal financial and accounting controls, and management information systems. For greater certainty, references to the financial statements of the Company shall include, where applicable, the financial statements of the Company's subsidiary entities.

Although the Committee has the powers and responsibilities set forth in this Charter, the role of the Committee is oversight. The members of the Committee are not full-time employees of the Company and may or may not be accountants or auditors by profession or experts in the fields of accounting or auditing and, in any event, do not serve in such capacity. Consequently, it is not the duty of the Committee to conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of management and the Auditors.

The responsibilities of a member of the Committee are in addition to such member's duties as a member of the Board.

#### II. Organization

The Committee membership shall satisfy, at a minimum, the laws governing the Company and the independence, financial literacy and financial experience requirements under applicable securities laws, rules and regulations, stock exchange and any other regulatory requirements applicable to the Company.

Members of the Committee must be financially literate as the Board interprets such qualification in its business judgment. No member of the Committee shall have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any current subsidiary at any time during the past three years, and all members shall be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a company's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.

The Committee shall consist of three or more directors of the Company. The members of the Committee and the Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the members of the Committee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Committee. Matters decided by the Committee shall be decided by majority votes. The chair of the Committee shall have an ordinary vote.

Any member of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board and shall cease to be a member of the Committee as soon as such member ceases to be a director.

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees when appropriate.

#### III. Meetings

The Committee shall meet as frequently as circumstances require, but not less frequently than four times per year. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly with management, the Company's financial and accounting officer(s) and the Auditors in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or each of these groups believe should be discussed privately. Meetings may be held telephonically or other methods of communication to the extent permitted by the Company's organizational documents and applicable Ontario law.

In the absence of the appointed Chair of the Committee at any meeting, the members shall elect a chair from those in attendance at the meeting. The Chair, in consultation with the other members of the Committee, shall set the frequency and length of each meeting and the agenda of items to be addressed at each upcoming meeting.

The Committee will appoint a Secretary who will keep minutes of all meetings. The Secretary may also be the Chief Financial Officer, the Company's Secretary-Treasurer, or the Company's Corporate Secretary or another person who does not need to be a member of the Committee. The Secretary for the Committee can be changed by simple notice from the Chair.

The Chair shall ensure that the agenda for each upcoming meeting of the Committee is circulated to each member of the Committee as well as the other directors in advance of the meeting.

The Committee may invite, from time to time, such persons as it may see fit to attend its meetings and to take part in discussion and consideration of the affairs of the Committee. The Company's accounting and financial officer(s) and the Auditors shall attend any meeting when requested to do so by the Chair of the Committee.

## IV. Authority and Responsibilities

The Board, after consideration of the recommendation of the Committee, shall nominate the Auditors for appointment by the shareholders of the Company in accordance with applicable law. The Auditors report directly to the Audit Committee. The Auditors are ultimately accountable to the Committee and the Board as representatives of the shareholders.

In fulfilling its duties and responsibilities under this Charter, the Committee will be entitled to reasonably rely on (a) the integrity of those persons within the Company and of the professionals and experts (such as the Auditors) from which it receives information, (b) the accuracy of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by such persons, professionals or experts and (c) the representations made by the Auditors as to any services provided by it to the Company.

The Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

# (a) Auditors

1. Be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention (including termination) and oversight of the work of any independent registered public accounting firm engaged by the Company (including for the purposes of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attestation services or other work for the Company and including the resolution of disagreements between management and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm regarding financial reporting) and ensure that such firm shall report directly to it; recommend to the Board the independent auditors to be nominated for appointment as Auditors of the Company at the Company's annual meeting, the remuneration to be paid to the Auditors for services performed during the preceding year; and recommend to the Board and the shareholders the termination of the appointment of the Auditors, if and when advisable;

- 2. When there is to be a change of the Auditor, review all issues related to the change, including any notices required under applicable securities law, stock exchange or other regulatory requirements, and the planned steps for an orderly transition.
- 3. Review the Auditor's audit plan and discuss the Auditor's scope, staffing, materiality, and general audit approach.
- 4. Review on an annual basis the performance of the Auditors, including the lead audit partner.
- 5. Take reasonable steps to confirm the independence of the Auditors, which include:
  - (a) Ensuring receipt from the Auditors of a formal written statement in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements delineating all relationships between the Auditors and the Company;
  - (b) Considering and discussing with the Auditors any disclosed relationships or services, including non-audit services, that may impact the objectivity and independence of the Auditors;
  - (c) Approving in advance all auditing services and any non-audit related services provided by the Auditors to the Company, and the fees for such services, with a view to ensure independence of the Auditor, and in accordance with applicable regulatory standards, including applicable stock exchange requirements with respect to approval of non-audit related services performed by the Auditors; and
  - (d) As necessary, taking or recommending that the Board take appropriate action to oversee the independence of the Auditors.
- 6. The Committee is permitted to delegate pre-approval authority to one of its members; however, the decision of any member of the Committee to whom such authority has been delegated must be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.
- 7. Review and approve any disclosures required to be included in periodic reports under applicable securities laws, rules and regulations and stock exchange and other regulatory requirements with respect to non-audit services.
- 8. Confirm with the Auditors and receive written confirmation at least once per year as to (i) the Auditor's internal processes and quality control procedures; and (ii) disclosure of any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or per review within the preceding five years respecting independent audit carried out by the Auditors or investigations or government or professional enquiries, reviews or investigations of the Auditors within the last five years.
- 9. Consider the tenure of the lead audit partner on the engagement in light of applicable securities law, stock exchange or applicable regulatory requirements.
- 10. Review all reports required to be submitted by the Auditors to the Committee under applicable securities laws, rules and regulations and stock exchange or other regulatory requirements.
- 11. Receive all recommendations and explanations which the Auditors place before the Committee.

#### (b) Financial Statements and Financial Information

- 11. Review and discuss with management, the financial and accounting officer(s) and the Auditors, the Company's annual audited financial statements, including disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis, prior to filing or distribution of such statements and recommend to the Board, if appropriate, that the Company's audited financial statements be included in the Company's annual reports distributed and filed under applicable laws and regulatory requirements.
- 12. Review and discuss with management, the financial and accounting officer(s) and the Auditors, the Company's interim financial statements, including management's discussion and analysis, and the Auditor's review of interim financial statements, prior to filing or distribution of such statements.
- 13. Review any earnings press releases of the Company before the Company publicly discloses this information.
- 14. Be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's disclosure of financial information and extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements and periodically assess the adequacy of these procedures.
- 15. Discuss with the Auditor the matters required to be discussed by applicable auditing standards requirements relating to the conduct of the audit including:
  - (a) the adoption of, or changes to, the Company's significant auditing and accounting principles and practices;
  - (b) the management letter provided by the Auditor and the Company's response to that letter; and
  - (c) any difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to requested information, or personnel and any significant disagreements with management.
- 16. Discuss with management and the Auditors major issues regarding accounting principles used in the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles. Review and discuss analyses prepared by management and/or the Auditors setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including analyses of the effects of alternative approaches under generally accepted accounting principles.
- 17. Prepare, or ensure the preparation of, and review any report under applicable securities law, stock exchange or other regulatory requirements, including any reports required to be included in statutory filings, including in the Company's annual proxy statement.

#### (c) Ongoing Reviews and Discussions with Management and Others

- 18. Obtain and review an annual report from management relating to the accounting principles used in the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including those policies for which management is required to exercise discretion or judgments regarding the implementation thereof.
- 19. Periodically review separately with each of management, the financial and accounting officer(s) and the Auditors; (a) any significant disagreement between management and the

Auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, (b) any difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information and (c) management's response to each.

- 20. Periodically discuss with the Auditors, without management being present, (a) their judgments about the quality, integrity and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles and financial disclosure practices as applied in its financial reporting and (b) the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- 21. Consider and approve, if appropriate, significant changes to the Company's accounting principles and financial disclosure practices as suggested by the Auditors or management and the resulting financial statement impact. Review with the Auditors or management the extent to which any changes or improvements in accounting or financial practices, as approved by the Committee, have been implemented.
- 22. Review and discuss with management, the Auditors and the Company's independent counsel, as appropriate, any legal, regulatory or compliance matters that could have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements, including applicable changes in accounting standards or rules, or compliance with applicable laws and regulations, inquiries received from regulators or government agencies and any pending material litigation.
- 23. Enquire of the Company's financial and accounting officer(s) and the Auditors on any matters which should be brought to the attention of the Committee concerning accounting, financial and operating practices and controls and accounting practices of the Company.
- 24. Review the principal control risks to the business of the Company, its subsidiaries and joint ventures; and verify that effective control systems are in place to manage and mitigate these risks.
- 25. Review and discuss with management any earnings press releases, including the use of "pro forma" or "adjusted" non-GAAP information, as well as any financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. Such discussions may be done generally (i.e. discussion of the types of information to be disclosed and the types of presentations made).
- 26. Review and discuss with management any material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations) and other relationships of the Company with unconsolidated entities or other persons, that may have a material current or future effect on financial condition, changes in financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital resources, capital reserves or significant components of revenues or expenses. Obtain explanations from management of all significant variances between comparative reporting periods.
- 27. Review and discuss with management the Company's major risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor, control and manage such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management guidelines and policies.

# (d) Risk Management and Internal Controls

28. Review, based upon the recommendation of the Auditors and management, the scope and plan of the work to be done by the Company's financial and accounting group and the responsibilities, budget and staffing needs of such group.

- 29. Ensure that management has designed and implemented effective systems of risk management and internal controls and, at least annually, review the effectiveness of the implementation of such systems.
- 30. Approve and recommend to the Board for adoption policies and procedures on risk oversight and management to establish an effective and efficient system for identifying, assessing, monitoring and managing risk relating to financial management and internal control.
- 31. In consultation with the Auditors and management, review the adequacy of the Company's internal control structure and procedures designed to ensure compliance with laws and regulations, and discuss the responsibilities, budget and staffing needs of the Company's financial and accounting group.
- 32. Establish 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.
- 33. Maintain a direct report relationship with the internal auditors and review the internal control reports prepared by management, including (i) management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control structure and procedures for financial reporting; (ii) review on an annual basis the performance of the internal auditors; and (iii) the Auditors' attestation, and report, on the assessment made by management.
- 34. Review the appointment of the chief financial officer and any key financial executives involved in the financial reporting process and recommend to the Board any changes in such appointments.

#### (e) Other Responsibilities

- 35. Create an agenda for the ensuing year.
- 36. Review and approve related-party transactions if required under applicable securities law, stock exchange or other regulatory requirements.
- 37. Review and approve (a) any change or waiver in the Company's code of ethics applicable to senior financial officers and (b) any disclosures made under applicable securities law, stock exchange or other regulatory requirements regarding such change or waiver.
- 38. Establish, review and approve policies for the hiring of employees, partners, former employees or former partners of the Company's Auditors or former independent auditors.
- 39. Review and reassess the duties and responsibilities set out in this Charter annually and recommend to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and to the Board any changes deemed appropriate by the Committee.
- 40. Review its own performance annually, seeking input from management and the Board.
- 41. Confirm annually that all responsibilities outlined in this Charter have been carried out.
- 42. Perform any other activities consistent with this Charter, the Company's articles and by-laws and governing law, as the Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

# V. Reporting

The Committee shall report regularly to the Board and shall submit the minutes of all meetings of the Audit Committee to the Board. The Committee shall also report to the Board on the proceedings and deliberations of the Committee at such times and in such manner as the Board may require. The Committee shall review with the full Board any issues that have arisen with respect to quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance or independence of the Auditors or the performance of the Company's financial and accounting group.

# VI. Resources and Access to Information

The Committee shall have the authority to retain independent legal, accounting and other advisors or consultants to advise the Committee, as it determines necessary to carry out its duties.

The Committee has the authority to conduct any investigation appropriate to fulfilling its responsibilities. The Committee has direct access to anyone in the organization and may request any officer or employee of the Company or the Company's outside counsel or the Auditors to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Committee with or without the presence of management. In the performance of any of its duties and responsibilities, the Committee shall have access to any and all books and records of the Company necessary for the execution of the Committee's obligations.

The Committee shall determine the extent of funding necessary for payment of (a) compensation to the Company's independent public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attestation services for the Company, (b) compensation to any independent legal, accounting and other advisors or consultants retained to advise the Committee and (c) ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

# APPENDIX "B"

# EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

See attached.

#### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

### (the "Company")

#### **Fixed Equity Incentive Plan**

#### Dated for Reference October 1, 2024

#### ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

#### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by encouraging equity participation in the Company by Participants through the acquisition of Shares of the Company. It is the intention of the Company that this Plan will at all times be in compliance with the policies of the Exchange and any inconsistencies between this Plan and policies of the Exchange will be resolved in favour of the latter.

#### ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION

### 2.1 Definitions

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

"Affiliate" means any entity that is an "affiliate" for the purposes of National Instrument 45-106 – *Prospectus Exemptions*, as amended from time to time;

"Award" means any Option, RSU, PSU, DSU or SAR granted under this Plan which may be denominated or settled in Shares or cash;

"Award Agreement" means a signed, written agreement between a Participant and the Company, in the form or any one of the forms approved by the Plan Administrator, evidencing the terms and conditions on which an Award has been granted under this Plan (including written or other applicable employment agreements) and which need not be identical to any other such agreements;

"Blackout Period" means an interval of time formally imposed by the Company during which one or more Participants is prohibited from trading any securities of the Company as a result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed Material Information from time to time, including pursuant to applicable laws;

"**Board**" means the board of directors of the Company or any committee thereof duly empowered or authorized to grant Awards under this Plan as it may be constituted from time to time;

"Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which the principal commercial banks in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia and South Fremantle, Western Australia are open for commercial business during normal banking hours;

"Canadian Taxpayer" means a Participant that is resident of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act;

"Cash Fees" has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(a);

"Cause" means, with respect to a particular Participant:

- (a) "cause" (or any similar term) as such term is defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the Employee;
- (b) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company or "cause" (or any similar term) is not defined in such agreement, "cause" as such term is defined in the Award Agreement; or
- (c) in the event neither (a) nor (b) apply, then "cause" as such term is defined by applicable law or, if not so defined, such term shall refer to circumstances where (i) an employer may terminate an individual's employment without notice or pay in lieu thereof or other damages, or (ii) the Company or any subsidiary thereof may terminate the Participant's contract without notice or without pay in lieu thereof or other termination fee or damages, except, in each case, to the extent required under ESL, and provided that the failure by a Participant to meet performance targets or similar measures shall not, in and of itself, constitute cause for purposes of such termination of employment or contract;

"Change in Control" means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

- (a) any transaction at any time and by whatever means pursuant to which any Person or any group of two or more Persons acting jointly or in concert (other than the Company or a subsidiary of the Company) hereafter acquires the direct or indirect "beneficial ownership" (as determined pursuant to the Securities Act) of, or acquires the right to exercise Control or direction over, securities of the Company representing more than 50% of the total voting power represented by the then issued and outstanding voting securities of the Company, including, without limitation, as a result of a take-over bid, an exchange of securities, an amalgamation of the Company with any other entity, an arrangement, a capital reorganization or any other business combination or reorganization;
- (b) the sale, assignment or other transfer of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Company to a Person other than an Affiliate of the Company;
- (c) the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, other than in connection with the distribution of assets of the Company to one or more Persons which were Affiliates of the Company prior to such event; or
- (d) the occurrence of a transaction requiring approval of the Company's shareholders whereby the Company is acquired through consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise by any other Person (other than a short form amalgamation or exchange of securities with a subsidiary of the Company),

provided that, notwithstanding clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, a Change in Control shall be deemed not to have occurred if immediately following the transaction set forth in clauses (a), (b), (c), or (d) above, the holders of securities of the Company that immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction represented more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors of the Company hold (x) securities of the entity resulting from such transaction (including, for greater certainty, the Person succeeding to assets of the Company in a transaction contemplated in clause (b) above) (the "**Surviving Entity**") that represent more than 50% of the entity that directly or indirectly has beneficial ownership of 100% of the securities eligible to elect directors or trustees of the Surviving Entity") that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees ("**voting power**") of the Surviving Entity, or (y) if applicable, securities of the entity that directly or indirectly has beneficial ownership of 100% of the securities eligible to elect directors or trustees of the Surviving Entity (the "**Parent Entity**") that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees of the Parent Entity, has beneficial ownership of 100% of the securities eligible to elect directors or trustees of the Parent Entity, (any such transaction which satisfies all of the criteria specified above being referred to as a "**Non-**"

**Qualifying Transaction**" and, following the Non-Qualifying Transaction, references in this definition of "Change in Control" to the "Company" shall mean and refer to the Parent Entity (or, if there is no Parent Entity, the Surviving Entity) and, if such entity is a company or a trust, references to the "Board" shall mean and refer to the board of directors or trustees, as applicable, of such entity).

"Committee" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(b);

"**Company**" means Critical Infrastructure Technologies Ltd., a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, and its Affiliates, if any, and as the context requires, and includes any successor or assignee entity or entities into which the Company may be merged, changed, or consolidated; any entity for whose securities the securities of the Company shall be exchanged; and any assignee of or successor to substantially all of the assets of the Company;

"**Consultant**" means, in relation to a company, an individual (other than a Director, Officer, or Employee of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries) or company that:

- is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or to any of its subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a distribution;
- (b) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and the individual or the Company, as the case may be; and
- (c) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries;

"Control" means the relationship whereby a Person is considered to be "controlled" by a Person if:

- (d) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a corporation, the beneficial ownership by that Person, directly or indirectly, of voting securities or other interests in such corporation entitling the holder to exercise control and direction in fact over the activities of such corporation;
- (e) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture, means the contractual right to direct the affairs of the partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture; and
- (f) when applied in relation to a trust, the beneficial ownership at the relevant time of more than 50% of the property settled under the trust, and
- (g) the words "Controlled by", "Controlling" and similar words have corresponding meanings; provided that a Person who controls a corporation, partnership, limited partnership or joint venture will be deemed to Control a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture which is Controlled by such Person and so on;

"CSE" means the Canadian Securities Exchange;

"Date of Grant" means, for any Award, the date specified by the Plan Administrator at the time it grants the Award or if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Award was granted;

"**Deferred Share Unit**" or "**DSU**" means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company in accordance with Article 7;

"Director" means a director of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company who is not an Employee;

"Disabled" or "Disability" means, with respect to a particular Participant:

- (a) "disabled" or "disability" (or any similar terms) as such terms are defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the Participant;
- (b) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, or "disabled" or "disability" (or any similar terms) are not defined in such agreement, "disabled" or "disability" as such term are defined in the Award Agreement; or
- (c) in the event neither (a) or (b) apply, then the incapacity or inability of the Participant, by reason of mental or physical incapacity, disability, illness or disease (as determined by a legally qualified medical practitioner or by a court) that prevents the Participant from carrying out his or her normal and essential duties as an Employee, Director or Consultant for a continuous period of six months or for any cumulative period of 180 days in any consecutive twelve month period and is expected to continue, the foregoing subject to and as determined in accordance with procedures established by the Plan Administrator for purposes of this Plan;

"Effective Date" means the effective date of this Plan, being [•], 2024;

"Elected Amount" has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(a);

"Electing Person" means a Participant who is, on the applicable Election Date, designated by the Plan Administrator as an Electing Person pursuant to this Plan;

"Election Date" means the date on which the Electing Person files an Election Notice in accordance with Subsection 7.1(b);

"Election Notice" has the meaning set forth in Subsection 7.1(b);

"Employee" means an individual who:

- (a) is considered an employee of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company for purposes of source deductions under applicable tax or social welfare legislation; or
- (b) works full-time or part-time on a regular weekly basis for the Company or a subsidiary of the Company providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or such subsidiary;

**"ESL**" means the employment standards legislation, as amended or replaced, applicable to a Participant who is an Employee or Officer;

"Exchange" means the CSE and any other exchange on which the Shares are or may be listed from time to time;

"Exercise Notice" means a notice in writing in the form of Schedule A, signed by a Participant and stating the Participant's intention to exercise a particular Option;

"Exercise Price" means the price at which an Option Share may be purchased pursuant to the exercise of an Option;

"Expiry Date" means, in respect of Options, the expiry date specified in the Award Agreement for an Option (which shall not be later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant) or, if not so specified, means the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant;

"Investor Relations Activities" has the meaning set forth in Policy 1.1 – Interpretation and General *Provisions* of the CSE.

"Market Price" at any date in respect of the Shares shall be the greater of the closing market price of the Shares on (i) the trading day prior to the date of grant and (ii) the date of grant, and as otherwise required pursuant to the policies of the Exchange, if applicable. In the event that such Shares are not listed and posted for trading on any Exchange, the Market Price shall be the issuance price per Share of the most recent financing completed by the Company;

"Material Information" means a material fact, a material change and any other information that might influence or change an investment decision of either a reasonable conservative or speculative investor;

"Officer" means an Employee who is considered by the Company as an officer of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company;

"**Option**" means a right to purchase Shares under this Plan that is non-assignable and non-transferable, unless otherwise approved by the Plan Administrator;

"Option Shares" means Shares issuable by the Company upon the exercise of outstanding Options;

"**Participant**" means a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant to whom an Award has been granted under this Plan;

"**Participant's Employer**" means with respect to a Participant that is or was an Employee, the Company or such subsidiary of the Company as is or, if the Participant has ceased to be employed by the Company or such subsidiary of the Company, was the Participant's Employer;

"**Performance Goals**" means performance goals expressed in terms of attaining a specified level of the particular criteria or the attainment of a percentage increase or decrease in the particular criteria, and may be applied to one or more of the Company, a subsidiary of the Company, a division of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, or an individual, or may be applied to the performance of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company relative to a market index, a group of other companies or a combination thereof, or on any other basis, all as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion;

"**Performance Share Unit**" or "**PSU**" means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company in accordance with Article 6;

"**Person**" means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, trust, body corporate, and a natural person in his or her capacity as trustee, executor, administrator or other legal representative;

"Plan" means this Fixed Equity Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time;

"**Plan Administrator**" means the Person or Persons determined by the Board, which will initially be the Board, or if the administration of this Plan has been delegated by the Board to the Committee pursuant to Section 3.2, the Committee;

"PSU Service Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.1;

"Restricted Share Unit" or "RSU" means a unit equivalent in value to a Share, credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Company in accordance with Article 5;

"Retirement" means, with respect to a particular Participant:

- (a) "retirement" (or any similar term) as such term is defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the Participant;
- (b) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, or "retirement" is not defined in such agreement, "retirement" as such term is defined in the Award Agreement; or
- (c) in the event neither (a) or (b) apply, the voluntary cessation of a Participant's employment with the Company, provided that, as at the Termination Date (i) the Participant's age is at least 65 and the Participant has at least ten years of service with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, (ii) the Participant is not receiving or otherwise entitled to compensation in lieu of notice of termination, severance or similar payments, and (iii) the Participant has agreed in writing not to work for a competitor of the Company for a period of at least two years following the Termination Date;

"RSU Service Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1;

"SAR Exercise Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.3;

"SAR Fair Market Value" means, for the purpose of determining the SAR Exercise Price for any SAR, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion to the extent permitted by the policies of the Exchange, the Market Price on the day immediately prior to the date such SAR is granted;

"SAR Service Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.1

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act (British Columbia);

"Securities Laws" means securities legislation, securities regulation and securities rules, as amended, and the policies, notices, instruments and blanket orders in force from time to time that govern or are applicable to the Company or to which it is subject;

"**Share**" means one common share in the capital of the Company as constituted on the Effective Date, or any share or shares issued in replacement of such common share in compliance with Canadian law or other applicable law, or after an adjustment contemplated by Article 11, such other shares or securities to which the holder of an Award may be entitled as a result of such adjustment;

"Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means a stock appreciation right granted to a Participant pursuant to the Plan in accordance with Article 8;

"**subsidiary**" means an issuer that is Controlled directly or indirectly by another issuer and includes a subsidiary of that subsidiary, or any other entity in which the Company has an equity interest and is designated by the Plan Administrator, from time to time, for purposes of this Plan to be a subsidiary;

"Target Performance" has the meaning given to it in Section 6.3;

"Tax Act" means the Income Tax Act (Canada);

"Termination Date" means, subject to applicable law which cannot be waived:

(a) in the case of an Employee or Officer whose employment with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company terminates (regardless of whether the termination is lawful or unlawful,

with or without Cause, and whether it is the Participant or the Company or a subsidiary of the Company that initiates the termination), the later of: (i) if and only to the extent required to comply with the minimum standards of ESL, the date that is the last day of any applicable minimum statutory notice period applicable to the Employee or Officer pursuant to ESL, if any: and (ii) the date designated by the Employee or Officer and such Participant's Employer as at the last day of such Employee's or Officer's employment, provided that, in the case of termination of employment by voluntary resignation by the Participant, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of resignation was given; and, for the avoidance of any doubt, the parties intend to displace the presumption that the Participant has any entitlements in respect of the Plan or any Options, RSUs, PSUs or DSUs during any period of reasonable notice of termination under common law or civil law in the case of either (i) or (ii), without regard to any applicable period of reasonable notice or contractual notice to which the Participant may claim to be entitled under common law, civil law or pursuant to contract in respect of a period that follows the last day that the Participant actually and actively provides services to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, as specified in the notice of termination provided by the Employee or Officer or the Participant's Employer, as the case may be;

- (b) in the case of a Consultant whose agreement or arrangement with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company terminates, (i) the date designated by the Company or the subsidiary of the Company, as the "Termination Date" (or similar term) or expiry date in a written agreement between the Consultant and the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, or (ii) if no such written agreement exists, the date designated by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, on which the Consultant ceases to be a Consultant or a service provider to the Company or the subsidiary of the Company, as the case may be, or on which the Participant's agreement or arrangement is terminated, provided that in the case of voluntary termination by the Participant of the Participant's consulting agreement or other written arrangement, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of voluntary termination was given; in any event, the "Termination Date" shall be determined without including any period of notice that the Company or the subsidiary of the Company (as the case may be) may be required by law to provide to the Participant or any pay in lieu of notice of termination, termination fees or other damages paid or payable to the Participant; and
- (c) in the case of a Director, the date such individual ceases to be a Director, unless the individual continues to be a Participant in another capacity.

"**U.S.**" or "**United States**" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any State of the United States, and the District of Columbia;

"**U.S. Securities Act**" means the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as may be amended and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

### 2.2 Interpretation

- (a) Whenever the Plan Administrator exercises discretion in the administration of this Plan, the term "discretion" means the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.
- (b) As used herein, the terms "Article", "Section", "Subsection" and "clause" mean and refer to the specified Article, Section, Subsection and clause of this Plan, respectively.
- (c) Words importing the singular include the plural and *vice versa* and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (d) Unless otherwise specified, time periods within or following which any payment is to be made or act is to be done shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the period begins, including the day on which the period ends, and abridging the period to the

- (e) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to Canadian currency.
- (f) The headings used herein are for convenience only and are not to affect the interpretation of this Plan.

#### ARTICLE 3 ADMINISTRATION

#### 3.1 Administration

Subject to the terms herein, this Plan will be administered by the Plan Administrator and the Plan Administrator has sole and complete authority, in its discretion, to:

- (a) determine the individuals to whom grants of Awards under the Plan may be made;
- (b) make grants of Awards under the Plan relating to the issuance of Shares (including any combination of Options, RSUs, PSUs, DSUs or SARs) in such amounts, to such Persons and, subject to the provisions of this Plan, on such terms and conditions as it determines including without limitation:
  - (i) the time or times at which Awards may be granted;
  - (ii) the conditions under which:
    - (A) Awards may be granted to Participants; or
    - (B) Awards may be forfeited to the Company,

including any conditions relating to the attainment of specified Performance Goals;

- (iii) the number of Shares to be covered by any Award;
- (iv) the price, if any, to be paid by a Participant in connection with the purchase of Shares covered by any Awards;
- (v) whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Shares issuable pursuant to grants of any Award, and the nature of such restrictions or limitations, if any; and
- (vi) any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, or waiver of termination regarding any Award, based on such factors as the Plan Administrator may determine;
- (c) establish the form or forms of Award Agreements;
- (d) cancel, amend, adjust or otherwise change any Award under such circumstances as the Plan Administrator may consider appropriate in accordance with the provisions of this Plan;
- (e) construe and interpret this Plan and all Award Agreements;
- (f) adopt, amend, prescribe and rescind administrative guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to this Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans

established for the purpose of satisfying applicable foreign laws or for qualifying for favorable tax treatment under applicable foreign laws; and

(g) make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of this Plan.

# 3.2 Delegation to Committee

- (a) The initial Plan Administrator shall be the Board.
- (b) To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may, from time to time, assume or delegate to any committee of the Board (the "Committee") all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to this Plan, including the power to subdelegate to any member(s) of the Committee or any specified officer(s) of the Company or its subsidiaries all or any of the powers delegated by the Board. In such event, the Committee or any sub-delegate will exercise the powers delegated to it in the manner and on the terms authorized by the delegating party.

# 3.3 Determinations Binding

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

# 3.4 Eligibility

All *bona fide* Directors, Officers, Employees and Consultants are eligible to participate in the Plan, subject to Section 10.1(f). Participation in the Plan is voluntary and eligibility to participate does not confer upon any Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant any right to receive any grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. The extent to which any Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant is entitled to receive a grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan will be determined in the discretion of the Plan Administrator. By his, her or its participation in the Plan, for so long as the Shares are listed and posted for trading on the Exchange, each of the Company and the Participant represents and warrants that the Participant is a *bona fide* Director, Officer, Employee and/or Consultant eligible to participate in the Plan.

### 3.5 Plan Administrator Requirements

Any Award granted under this Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Company shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares issuable pursuant to such Award upon any securities exchange or under any Securities Laws of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of the Exchange and any securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Company is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant or exercise of such Award or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, such Award may not be accepted or exercised, as applicable, in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Plan Administrator. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Company to apply for or to obtain such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval. Participants shall, to the extent applicable, cooperate with the Company in complying with such legislation, rules, regulations and policies.

### 3.6 Total Shares Subject to Awards

(a) The aggregate number of Shares that may be reserved for issuance under this Plan, at any time, shall not exceed 12,500,000.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, any Shares issued by the Company through the assumption or substitution of outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards from an acquired company shall be subject to the limits on grant prescribed herein.

# 3.7 Hold Period

All Awards and any Shares issued on the exercise of Awards may be subject to and legended with a four month hold period commencing on the date the Awards were granted pursuant to the rules of the Exchange and applicable securities laws. Any Shares issued on the exercise of Awards may be subject to resale restrictions contained in National Instrument 45-102 – *Resale of Securities* which would apply to the first trade of the Shares.

# 3.8 Awards Granted to Corporations

Except in relation to a Consultant that is a corporation, Awards may only be granted to an individual or a corporation that is wholly-owned by a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant. The Company must agree not to effect or permit any transfer of ownership or option of shares of the Company nor to issue further shares of any class in the Company to any other individual or entity as long as the Award remains outstanding.

# 3.9 Award Agreements

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

# 3.10 Non-Transferability of Awards

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

# ARTICLE 4 OPTIONS

# 4.1 Granting of Options

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant Options to any Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant. The terms and conditions of each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, the Plan Administrator may authorize the grant of an Option to a person not then in the employ of the Company or of its subsidiary, conditioned upon such person becoming a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant at or prior to the Date of Grant of such Option. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for so long as the Shares are listed and posted for trading on the CSE, the total number of Options provided as compensation to persons providing Investor Relations Activities cannot exceed 2% of the outstanding number of listed Shares in any 12-month period.

### 4.2 Exercise Price

The Plan Administrator will establish the Exercise Price at the time each Option is granted, provided that, for so long as the Shares are listed and posted for trading on the CSE, the Exercise Price must in all cases be not less than the Market Price.

# 4.3 Term of Options

- (a) Subject to Section 4.7 and to any accelerated vesting or termination as set forth in this Plan, each Option expires on its Expiry Date, which may not be later than the close of business ten years from the Date of Grant.
- (b) Upon the Expiry Date, the Options granted shall forthwith expire and terminate and be of no further force or effect whatsoever as to such of the Shares in respect of which the Option hereby granted has not then been exercised.

# 4.4 Vesting

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options, which shall be set forth in the Award Agreement.

# 4.5 Exercisability

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

### 4.6 Payment of Exercise Price

- (a) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, the Exercise Notice must be accompanied by payment of the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price must be fully paid by certified cheque, wire transfer, bank draft or money order payable to the Company or by such other means as might be specified from time to time by the Plan Administrator, which may include (i) through an arrangement with a broker approved by the Company (or through an arrangement directly with the Company) whereby payment of the Exercise Price is accomplished with the proceeds of the sale of Shares deliverable upon the exercise of the Option; (ii) through the cashless exercise process set out in Section 4.6(b); or (iii) such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by the Securities Laws, or any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.
- (b) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, a Participant shall have the option to exercise Options on a "cashless" basis, in which case such Participant shall, instead of making payment of the Exercise Price in

cash, receive (upon the exercise of Options in accordance with the terms of this Plan) the number of Shares equal to:

- (i) the Market Price of the Shares issuable on the exercise of such Options as of the date such Options are exercised, less
- (ii) the aggregate Exercise Price of the Options surrendered relating to such Shares, divided by
- (iii) the Market Price per Share as of the date such Options are exercised.
- (c) No Shares will be issued or transferred until full payment therefor has been received by the Company.
- (d) If a Participant exercises Options through the cashless exercise process set out in Section 4.6(b), to the extent that such Participant would be entitled to a deduction under paragraph 110(1)(d) of the Tax Act in respect of such exercise if the election described in subsection 110(1.1) of the Tax Act were made and filed (and the other procedures described therein were undertaken) on a timely basis after such exercise, the Company will cause such election to be so made and filed (and such other procedures to be so undertaken).

### 4.7 Additional Terms for Options

- (a) The following provisions apply to all Options:
  - pursuant to the policies of the CSE, the terms of an Option may not be amended once issued. If an Option is cancelled prior to its Expiry Date, the Company shall not grant new Options or Awards to the same Participant until 30 days have elapsed from the date of cancellation; and
  - (ii) there are no participation rights or entitlements inherent in the Options and Participants will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to shareholders during the currency of the Options without exercising the Options.

#### ARTICLE 5 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

### 5.1 Granting of RSUs

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

### 5.2 RSU Account

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

#### 5.3 Vesting of RSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, which shall be set forth in the Award Agreement.

#### 5.4 Settlement of RSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the sole authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of RSUs. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, on the settlement date for any RSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested RSU for:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct,
  - (ii) a cash payment, or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above,

in each case as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion.

- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 5.4 by the Company to a Participant in respect of RSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested RSUs may be made through the Company's payroll in the pay period that the settlement date falls within.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU, under this Section 5.4 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.
- (e) No RSU holder who is resident in the United States may settle RSUs for Shares unless the Shares issuable upon settlement of the RSUs are registered under the U.S. Securities Act or are issued in compliance with an available exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

#### ARTICLE 6 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

### 6.1 Granting of PSUs

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

# 6.2 Terms of PSUs

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

# 6.3 Performance Goals

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

# 6.4 PSU Account

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

# 6.5 Vesting of PSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs, which shall be set forth in the Award Agreement.

### 6.6 Settlement of PSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of PSUs. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, on the settlement date for any PSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested PSU for:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct;
  - (ii) a cash payment; or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above,

in each case as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion.

- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 6.6 by the Company to a Participant in respect of PSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested PSUs may be made through the Company's payroll in the pay period that the settlement date falls within.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or

cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU, under this Section 6.6 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

(e) No PSU holder who is resident in the United States may settle PSUs for Shares unless the Shares issuable upon settlement of the PSUs are registered under the U.S. Securities Act or are issued in compliance with an available exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

#### ARTICLE 7 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

### 7.1 Granting of DSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, determine that a portion of the compensation payable to a Participant be payable in the form of DSUs. Additionally, subject to the prior approval of the Plan Administrator, each Electing Person is given, subject to the conditions stated herein, the right to elect in accordance with Section 7.1(b) to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7. An Electing Person who elects to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7 shall receive their Elected Amount (as that term is defined below) in the form of DSUs. The "Elected Amount" shall be an amount, as elected by the Electing Person, in accordance with applicable tax law, between 0% and 100% of any compensation that would otherwise be paid in cash (the "Cash Fees").
- (b) Each Electing Person who elects to receive their Elected Amount in the form of DSUs will be required to file a notice of election in the form of Schedule A hereto (the "Election Notice") with the Chief Financial Officer of the Company: (i) in the case of an existing Electing Person, by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to the year to which such election is to apply (other than for compensation payable for the 2022 financial year, in which case any Electing Person shall file the Election Notice by the date that is 30 days from the effective date with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date); and (ii) in the case of a newly designated Electing Person, within 30 days of such designation with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date. If no election is made within the foregoing time frames, the Electing Person shall be deemed to have elected to be paid the entire amount of his or her Cash Fees in cash.
- (c) Subject to Subsection 7.1(d), the designation of an Electing Person under Subsection 7.1(b) shall be deemed to apply to all Cash Fees paid subsequent to the filing of the Election Notice, and such Electing Person is not required to file another Election Notice for subsequent calendar years.
- (d) Each Electing Person is entitled once per calendar year to terminate his or her election to receive DSUs by filing with the Chief Financial Officer of the Company a termination notice in the form of Schedule C. Such termination shall be effective immediately upon receipt of such notice, provided that the Company has not imposed a Blackout Period. Thereafter, any portion of such Electing Person's Cash Fees payable or paid in the same calendar year and, subject to complying with Subsection 7.1(b), all subsequent calendar years shall be paid in cash. For greater certainty, to the extent an Electing Person terminates his or her participation in the grant of DSUs pursuant to this Article 7, he or she shall not be entitled to elect to receive the Elected Amount, or any other amount of his or her Cash Fees in DSUs again until the calendar year following the year in which the termination notice is delivered.
- (e) Any DSUs granted pursuant to this Article 7 prior to the delivery of a termination notice pursuant to Section 7.1(d) shall remain in the Plan following such termination and will be redeemable only in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

- (f) The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted at any particular time pursuant to this Article 7 will be calculated by dividing (i) the amount of any compensation that is to be paid in DSUs (including any Elected Amount), by (ii) the Market Price of a Share on the Date of Grant.
- (g) In addition to the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant DSUs to any Participant.
- (h) For avoidance of doubt, all DSUs granted pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to the limits on grant prescribed herein.

# 7.2 DSU Account

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

# 7.3 Vesting of DSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of DSUs, which shall be set forth in the Award Agreement.

### 7.4 Settlement of DSUs

- (a) DSUs shall be settled on the date established in the Award Agreement; provided, however that if there is no Award Agreement or the Award Agreement does not establish a date for the settlement of the DSUs, then the settlement date shall be the date determined by the Participant; provided that, in the case of a Participant who is a Canadian Taxpayer, the settlement date shall be no earlier than the date on which the Participant ceases to be a Director and no later than the last Business Day of the immediately following calendar year. On the settlement date for any DSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested DSU for:
  - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct;
  - (ii) a cash payment; or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above,

in each case as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion.

- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 7.4 by the Company to a Participant in respect of DSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested DSUs may be made through the Company's payroll or in such other manner as determined by the Company.
- (d) No DSU holder who is resident in the United States may settle DSUs for Shares unless the Shares issuable upon settlement of the DSUs are registered under the U.S. Securities Act or are issued in compliance with an available exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

### 7.5 No Additional Amount or Benefit

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

#### ARTICLE 8 STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

# 8.1 Granting of SARs

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant SARs to any Participant in respect of services rendered by the applicable Participant in a taxation year (the "**SAR Service Year**"). The terms and conditions of each SAR grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each SAR will consist of a right to receive a Share, cash payment, or a combination thereof (as provided in Section 8.4), upon the achievement of such Performance Goals during such performance periods as the Plan Administrator shall establish.

# 8.2 Vesting of SARs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of SARs, which shall be set forth in the Award Agreement.

# 8.3 SAR Exercise Price

The exercise price per Share under each SAR (the "**SAR Exercise Price**") shall be the fair market value of the Shares, expressed in terms of money, as determined by the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, provided that such price may not be less than the SAR Fair Market Value or such other minimum price as may be permitted under the applicable rules and regulations of all regulatory authorities to which the Company is subject, including the Exchange.

### 8.4 Settlement of SARs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the sole authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of SARs. Except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, on the settlement date for any SAR, each vested SAR shall be redeemed for:
  - that number or fraction of fully paid and non-assessable Shares issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct as is equal to a fraction, the numerator of which is the Market Price minus the SAR Exercise Price and the denominator of which is the Market Price,
  - (ii) a cash payment, or
  - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.

in each case as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion.

(b) Any cash payments made under this Section 8.4 by the Company to a Participant in respect of SARs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of Shares issuable on settlement of the SARs pursuant to Section 8.4(a) in respect of SARs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date;

- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested SARs may be made through the Company's payroll in the pay period that the settlement date falls within.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan and except as otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any SAR shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any SAR, under this Section 8.4 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable SAR Service Year.
- (e) No SAR holder who is resident in the United States may settle SARs for Shares unless the Shares issuable upon settlement of the SARs are registered under the U.S. Securities Act or are issued in compliance with an available exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

#### ARTICLE 9 ADDITIONAL AWARD TERMS

# 9.1 Dividend Equivalents

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, an Award of RSUs, PSUs, DSUs and SARs shall include the right for such RSUs, PSUs, DSUs, and SARs to be credited with dividend equivalents in the form of additional RSUs, PSUs, DSUs, and SARs, respectively, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Shares. Such dividend equivalents shall be computed by dividing: (a) the amount obtained by multiplying the amount of the dividend declared and paid per Share by the number of RSUs, PSUs, DSUs, and SARs, as applicable, held by the Participant on the record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price at the close of the first Business Day immediately following the dividend record date, with fractions computed to three decimal places. Dividend equivalents credited to a Participant's account shall vest in proportion to the RSUs, PSUs, DSUs, and SARs to which they relate, and shall be settled in accordance with Subsections 5.4, 6.6, 7.4, and 8.4 respectively.
- (b) The foregoing does not obligate the Company to declare or pay dividends on Shares and nothing in this Plan shall be interpreted as creating such an obligation.
- (c) For avoidance of doubt, all additional RSUs, PSUs, DSUs, and SARs credited as dividend equivalents pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to the limits on grant prescribed herein. In the event the issuance of additional RSUs, PSUs, DSUs, and SARs credited as dividend equivalents pursuant to the Plan shall otherwise result in a breach of the terms of the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall be entitled to make a binding determination with respect to the settlement of such dividend equivalents whether by payment of cash or in any other manner as the Plan Administrator may determine, in its sole and binding discretion.

### 9.2 Blackout Period

If an Award expires during a routine or special trading Blackout Period, then, notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, unless the delayed expiration would result in negative tax consequences, the Award shall expire five Business Days after the Blackout Period is lifted by the Company; and provided that, (i) the Blackout Period must be deemed to have expired upon the general disclosure of the undisclosed Material Information, and (ii) the automatic extension of an Award will not be permitted where the Participant or the Company is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under applicable securities laws) in respect of the Company's securities.

# 9.3 Withholding Taxes

Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, the granting, vesting or settlement of each Award under this Plan is subject to the condition that if at any time the Plan Administrator determines, in its discretion, that

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

# 9.4 Recoupment

Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, Awards may be subject to potential cancellation, recoupment, rescission, payback or other action in accordance with the terms of any clawback, recoupment or similar policy adopted by the Company or the relevant subsidiary of the Company, or as set out in the Participant's employment agreement, consulting agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement, or as otherwise required by law or the rules of the Exchange. The Plan Administrator may at any time waive the application of this Section 9.4 to any Participant or category of Participants.

### ARTICLE 10 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES

# **10.1** Termination of Officer, Employee, Consultant or Director

Subject to Section 10.2, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in an employment agreement, consulting agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement:

- (a) where a Participant's employment, consulting or other agreement or arrangement is terminated or the Participant ceases to hold office or his or her position, as applicable, by reason of voluntary resignation by the Participant, termination by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company (whether such termination occurs for, or without Cause, with or without any or adequate reasonable notice, or with or without any or adequate compensation in lieu of such reasonable notice) then, subject to applicable law that cannot be waived by the Participant:
  - each Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the Termination Date is immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date for no consideration and the Participant shall not be entitled to any damages or other amounts in respect of such cancelled Awards; and
  - (ii) each Award held by a Participant that has vested may, subject to Sections 5.4(d) and 6.6(d) (where applicable), be exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. Any Award that has not been exercised, settled or surrendered at the end of such period shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration and the Participant shall not be entitled to any damages or other amounts in respect of such cancelled Awards;
- (b) where a Participant's employment, consulting or other agreement or arrangement is terminated by reason of the death of the Participant, then each Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such Participant shall vest on such date and may, subject to Sections 5.4(d), 6.6(d), and 8.4(d) (where applicable) be exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by the Participant at any time during the

period that terminates on the first anniversary of the date of the death of such Participant provided that with respect to any PSUs held by such Participant, the attainment of Performance Goals shall be assessed on the basis of actual achievement of the Performance Goals up to the date of death of such Participant, if the applicable performance period has been completed and the Company can determine if the Performance. Any Award that has not been exercised, settled or surrendered at the end of such period shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration and the Participant shall not be entitled to any damages or other amounts in respect of such cancelled Awards;

- (c) where a Participant's employment, consulting or other agreement, or arrangement terminates on account of him or her becoming Disabled, then a portion of any Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the Disability of such Participant shall vest on such date, such portion to be equal to the number of unvested Awards held by the Participant as of the date of Disability multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the date of the Disability and the denominator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the date any unvested Awards were originally scheduled to vest, and may, subject to Sections 5.4(d), 6.6(d), 7.4(a), and 8.4(d) (where applicable), be exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the first anniversary of the date such Participant became Disabled provided that with respect to any PSUs held by such Participant, the attainment of Performance Goals shall be assessed on the basis of actual achievement of the Performance Goals up to the Termination Date, if the applicable performance period has been completed and the Company can determine if the Performance Goals have been attained, failing which the Company will assume Target Performance. Any Award that remains unexercised or has not been surrendered to the Company by the Participant shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period;
- (d) where a Participant's employment, consulting or other agreement or arrangement is terminated due to Retirement, then each Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of such Retirement shall continue to vest for a period of 12 months following the date of such Retirement in accordance with its terms and, if any such Awards vest, shall be exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by the Participant in accordance with this Plan; provided that with respect to any PSUs held by such Participant, the attainment of Performance Goals shall be assessed on the basis of actual achievement of the Performance Goals up to the Termination Date, if the applicable performance period has been completed and the Company can determine if the Performance Goals have been attained, failing which the Company will assume Target Performance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, following his or her Retirement, the Participant breaches the terms of any restrictive covenant in the Participant's written or other applicable employment or other agreement with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, any Award held by the Participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration and the Participant shall not be entitled to any damages or other amounts in respect of such cancelled Awards. For avoidance of doubt. if any Awards have not: (i) vested; or (ii) been exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by the Participant in accordance with this Plan, in each case, prior to the 12 month anniversary of the date of Retirement, all such unvested and/or unexercised, unsettled or unsurrendered Awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration and the Participant shall not be entitled to any damages or other amounts in respect of such cancelled Awards;
- (e) a Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards under this Plan ceases as of the earliest of the following:
  - (i) the Termination Date; or

- (ii) the date of the death, Disability, Retirement or the date notice is given of the resignation of the Participant; and
- (f) notwithstanding Subsection 10.1(a), unless the Plan Administrator, in its discretion, otherwise determines, at any time and from time to time, Awards are not affected by a change of employment or consulting agreement or arrangement, or directorship within or among the Company or a subsidiary of the Company for so long as the Participant continues to be a Director, Officer, Employee or Consultant, as applicable, of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

### **10.2** Discretion to Permit Acceleration

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10.1, the Plan Administrator may, in its sole discretion, at any time prior to, or following the events contemplated in such Section, or in an employment agreement, consulting agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the Participant, permit the acceleration of vesting of any or all Awards or waive termination of any or all Awards, all in the manner and on the terms as may be authorized by the Plan Administrator.

# ARTICLE 11 EVENTS AFFECTING THE COMPANY

# 11.1 General

The existence of any Awards does not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its shareholders to make, authorize or determine any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or any other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or consolidation involving the Company, to create or issue any bonds, debentures, Shares or other securities of the Company or to determine the rights and conditions attaching thereto, to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or to effect any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise, whether or not any such action referred to in this Article 11 would have an adverse effect on this Plan or on any Award granted hereunder.

# 11.2 Change in Control

Except as may be set forth in an employment agreement, consulting agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and the Participant:

Notwithstanding anything else in this Plan or any Award Agreement, the Plan Administrator (a) may, without the consent of any Participant, take such steps as it deems necessary or desirable, including to cause (i) the conversion or exchange of any outstanding Awards into or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent value, as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion, in any entity participating in or resulting from a Change in Control: (ii) outstanding Awards to vest and become exercisable, realizable, or payable, or restrictions applicable to an Award to lapse, in whole or in part prior to or upon consummation of such merger or Change in Control, and, to the extent the Plan Administrator determines, terminate upon or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such merger or Change in Control; (iii) the termination of an Award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction the Plan Administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Company without payment); (iv) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the Board in its sole discretion; or (v) any combination of the foregoing. In taking any of

the actions permitted under this Section 11.2(a), the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of Options held by a Canadian Taxpayer, the Plan Administrator may not cause the Canadian Taxpayer to receive (pursuant to this Subsection (a)) any property in connection with a Change in Control other than rights to acquire shares of a corporation or units of a "mutual fund trust" (as defined in the Tax Act), of the Company or a "qualifying person" (as defined in the Tax Act) that does not deal at arm's length (for purposes of the Tax Act) with the Company, as applicable, at the time such rights are issued or granted;

- (b) Notwithstanding Section 10.1, and except as otherwise provided in a written employment or other agreement between the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and a Participant, if within 12 months following the completion of a transaction resulting in a Change in Control, a Participant's employment, consultancy or directorship is terminated by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company without Cause or the Participant resigns:
  - (i) any unvested Awards held by the Participant at the Termination Date may vest in the sole discretion of the Plan Administrator; and
  - (ii) any vested Awards of Participants may, subject to Sections 5.4(d), 6.6(d), and 8.4(d) (where applicable), be exercised, settled or surrendered to the Company by such Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date, with any Award that has not been exercised, settled or surrendered at the end of such period shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration and the Participant shall not be entitled to any damages or other amounts in respect of such cancelled Awards.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subsection 11.2(a) and unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Shares will cease trading on an Exchange, then the Company may terminate all of the Awards, other than an Option held by a Canadian Taxpayer for the purposes of the Tax Act, granted under this Plan at the time of and subject to the completion of the Change in Control transaction by paying to each holder at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction an amount for each Award equal to the fair market value of the Award held by such Participant as determined by the Plan Administrator, acting reasonably, at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction.

# 11.3 Reorganization of Company's Capital

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

### 11.4 Other Events Affecting the Company

In the event of an amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or other transaction or reorganization involving the Company and occurring by exchange of Shares, by sale or lease of assets or otherwise, that does not constitute a Change in Control and that warrants the amendment or replacement of any existing Awards in order to adjust the number and/or type of Shares that may be acquired on the vesting of outstanding Awards or by reference to which such Awards may be settled (as applicable), and/or the terms of any Award in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such

Awards, the Plan Administrator will, subject to the prior approval of the Exchange, authorize such steps to be taken as it may consider to be equitable and appropriate to that end.

# 11.5 Immediate Acceleration of Awards

In taking any of the steps provided in Sections 11.3 and 11.4, the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly and where the Plan Administrator determines that the steps provided in Sections 11.3 and 11.4 would not preserve proportionately the rights, value and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards in the circumstances or otherwise determines that it is appropriate, the Plan Administrator may, but is not required to, permit the immediate vesting of any unvested Awards.

# 11.6 Issue by Company of Additional Shares

Except as expressly provided in this Article 11, neither the issue by the Company of shares of any class or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of any class, nor the conversion or exchange of such shares or securities, affects, and no adjustment by reason thereof is to be made with respect to the number of Shares that may be acquired as a result of a grant of Awards.

# 11.7 Fractions

No fractional Shares will be issued pursuant to an Award and all fractions will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of Shares. Accordingly, if, as a result of any adjustment under this Article 11, a dividend equivalent or otherwise, a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share, the Participant has the right to acquire only the adjusted number of full Shares and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Shares, which shall be disregarded.

# ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

# 12.1 Amendment, Suspension, or Termination of the Plan

The Plan Administrator may from time to time, subject to the approval of the Exchange and/or holders of voting shares of the Company if so required in accordance with the policies of the Exchange and/or applicable laws, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Plan or any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan as it, in its discretion determines appropriate, provided, however, that no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the Plan or any Awards granted hereunder may materially impair any rights of a Participant or materially increase any obligations of a Participant under the Plan without the consent of the Participant, unless the Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable Securities Laws or Exchange requirements.

### 12.2 Shareholder Approval

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

- (a) increases the number of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares from time to time that can be reserved for issuance under the Plan, except pursuant to the provisions in the Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Company or its capital;
- (b) changes the eligible participants of the Plan;
- (c) is a matter expressly subject to approval of the holders of Shares pursuant to the applicable rules of the Exchange; or

(d) deletes or reduces the range of amendments which require approval of shareholders under this Section 12.2.

# **12.3** Permitted Amendments

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

- (a) making any amendments to the general vesting provisions of each Award;
- (b) making any amendments to the provisions set out in Article 10;
- (c) making any amendments to add covenants of the Company for the protection of Participants, as the case may be, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the good faith opinion that such additions will not be prejudicial to the rights or interests of the Participants, as the case may be;
- (d) making any amendments not inconsistent with the Plan as may be necessary or desirable with respect to matters or questions which, in the good faith opinion of the Plan Administrator, having in mind the best interests of the Participants, it may be expedient to make, including amendments that are desirable as a result of changes in law in any jurisdiction where a Participant resides, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the opinion that such amendments and modifications will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Participants and Directors; or
- (e) making such changes or corrections which, on the advice of counsel to the Company, are required for the purpose of curing or correcting any ambiguity or defect or inconsistent provision or clerical omission or mistake or manifest error, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the opinion that such changes or corrections will not be prejudicial to the rights and interests of the Participants.

#### ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS

### 13.1 Legal Requirement

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

### 13.2 No Other Benefit

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

# 13.3 Rights of Participant

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

# 13.4 Corporate Action

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

# 13.5 Conflict

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

# 13.6 Anti-Hedging Policy

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

# 13.7 Participant Information

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

### 13.8 Participation in the Plan

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

### **13.9** International Participants

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

### 13.10 Successors and Assigns

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

# 13.11 General Restrictions or Assignment

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

# 13.12 Severability

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

# 13.13 Rights to Compensation or Damages

The Plan displaces any and all common law and civil law rights the Participant may have or claim to have in respect of any Awards, including any right to damages. The foregoing shall apply, regardless of: (i) the reason for the termination of the Participant's employment, term of office or service arrangement; (ii) whether such termination is lawful or unlawful, with or without Cause; (iii) whether it is the Participant or the Company or a subsidiary of the Company that initiates the termination; and (iv) any fundamental changes, over time, to the terms and conditions applicable to the Participant's employment, term of office or service arrangement.

### 13.14 Notices

All written notices to be given by a Participant to the Company shall be delivered personally, e-mail or mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Critical Infrastructure Technologies Ltd. 176 Marine Terrace South Fremantle, WA 6162 Australia

Attention: Brenton Scott, CEO Email: brenton.s@citech.com.au

All notices to a Participant will be addressed to the principal address of the Participant on file with the Company. Either the Company or the Participant may designate a different address by written notice to the other. Such notices are deemed to be received, if delivered personally or by e-mail, on the date of delivery, and if sent by mail, on the fifth Business Day following the date of mailing. Any notice given by either the Participant or the Company is not binding on the receipent thereof until received.

# 13.15 Effective Date

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

### 13.16 Governing Law

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

# 13.17 Submission to Jurisdiction

The Company and each Participant irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction in the Province of British Columbia in respect of any action or proceeding relating in

any way to the Plan, including, without limitation, with respect to the grant of Awards and any issuance of Shares made in accordance with the Plan.

# SCHEDULE A

#### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES LTD. FIXED EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")

### **EXERCISE NOTICE**

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

The undersigned hereby irrevocably gives notice of the exercise of Options to acquire and hereby subscribes for (cross out inapplicable item):

- (a) all of the Shares; or
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Shares;

which are the subject of the Award Agreement.

The undersigned (circle one):

- (a) elects to use the "cashless" option to pay the aggregate Exercise Price of the aforesaid Shares subscribed for;
- (b) tenders herewith a certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Company in an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of the aforesaid Shares subscribed for; or
- (c) is concurrently remitting a wire transfer in an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of the aforesaid Shares subscribed for,

and directs the Company to issue the certificate evidencing said Shares in the name of the undersigned to be mailed to the undersigned at the following address:

By executing this Exercise Notice, the undersigned hereby confirms that the undersigned has read the Plan and agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Plan.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Option Holder

# SCHEDULE B

#### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES LTD. FIXED EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")

### **ELECTION NOTICE**

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

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

I confirm that:

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

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

Date:

(Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)

# SCHEDULE C

### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES LTD. FIXED EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")

# ELECTION TO TERMINATE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DSUS

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

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

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

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

Date:

(Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)

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