

# ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP.

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 16, 2024** 

AND

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

DATED AUGUST 12, 2024

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General and Special Meeting (the "Meeting") of the holders (the "Shareholders") of common shares (the "Shares") of Argyle Resources Corp. (the "Company" or "We") will be held at the offices of Gowlings WLG (Canada) LLP at Suite 2300, Bentall 5, 550 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2B5 on September 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. (PST) for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive and consider the audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2024 together with the report of the auditors thereon;
- 2. to determine and set the number of directors for the ensuing year at five (5) and to elect the directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
- 3. to appoint A. Chan and Company LLP as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to fix the auditors remuneration;
- 4. to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution to approve the adoption of the Company's 2024 omnibus equity incentive plan (the "Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan"), the full text of which resolutions is set out in the accompanying Management Information Circular of the Company under the heading "Business to be Transacted at the Meeting Approval of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan";
- 5. to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, a resolution of the disinterested Shareholders approving the grant of up to 1,500,000 stock options to key individuals, the full text of which resolutions is set out in the accompanying Management Information Circular of the Company under the heading "Business to be Transacted at the Meeting Disinterested Shareholder Approval of Stock Option Grant;"
- 6. to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, a resolution of the disinterested Shareholders approving the grant of up to 200,000 restricted share units to a key consultant, the full text of which resolutions is set out in the accompanying Management Information Circular of the Company under the heading "Business to be Transacted at the Meeting Disinterested Shareholder Approval of Restricted Share Unit Grant;" and
- 7. to transact such further or other business as may properly come before the Meeting or, if the Meeting is adjourned or postponed, any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The nature of the business to be transacted at the Meeting is described in further detail in the accompanying Management Information Circular.

The record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting is August 12, 2024 (the "**Record Date**"). Shareholders whose names have been entered in the register of Shares at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting.

A Shareholder may attend the Meeting in person or may be represented by proxy. Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof in person are requested to date, sign and return the accompanying form of proxy for use at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. To be effective, the enclosed form of proxy must be deposited with the Company's registrar and transfer agent,

Odyssey Trust Company, in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed form of proxy no later than 11:00 a.m. (PST) on September 12, 2024 or at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

If you are a non-registered Shareholder (for example, if you hold Shares of the Company in an account with an intermediary), you should follow the voting procedures described in the form of proxy or voting instruction form provided by your intermediary or call your intermediary for information as to how you can vote your Shares. Note that the deadlines set by your intermediary for submitting your form of proxy or voting instruction form may be earlier than the dates described above.

Late instruments of proxy may be accepted or rejected by the Chair of the Meeting in his or her discretion and the Chair is under no obligation to accept or reject any particular late instrument of proxy.

DATED as of August 12, 2024.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Argyle Resources Corp.

"Jeffrey James Stevens"

Jeffrey James Stevens Chief Executive Officer and Director

#### ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP.

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

Containing information as at the Record Date, August 12, 2024 (unless otherwise noted)

#### **SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

This management information circular (the "Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by management of Argyle Resources Corp. (the "Company", "We", "Our") for use at the Annual General and Special Meeting (the "Meeting") of the holders (the "Shareholders") of common shares (the "Shares") to be held at 11:00 a.m. on September 16, 2024 at the offices of Gowlings WLG (Canada) LLP at Suite 2300, Bentall 5, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2B5 and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth in the enclosed notice of annual general and special meeting of Shareholders (the "Notice of Meeting").

Proxies will be solicited primarily by mail but may also be solicited personally, by telephone or by facsimile by the directors, officers or employees of the Company. The costs of solicitation will be borne by the Company.

Except where otherwise indicated, information contained in this Circular is given as of August 12, 2024.

#### **Appointment of Proxyholders and Revocation of Proxies**

The instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing and must be executed by you or your attorney authorized in writing or, if you are a Company, under corporate seal or by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the Company.

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are representatives of management of the Company. As a Shareholder, you have the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Shareholder), other than the persons designated in the accompanying form of proxy, to represent you at the Meeting. Such right may be exercised by inserting the name of such person in the blank space provided in the form of proxy or by completing another proper form of proxy.

A Shareholder wishing to be represented by proxy at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof must deposit his, her or its executed form of proxy with the Company's transfer agent and registrar, Odyssey Trust Company, in accordance with the instructions on the accompanying form of proxy, no later than 11:00 a.m. (PST) on September 12, 2024, or at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting at which the proxy is to be used. After such time, the Chair of the Meeting may accept or reject a form of proxy delivered to him or her in his or her discretion but is under no obligation to accept or reject any particular late form of proxy. A proxy should be executed by the Shareholder or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a Company, under corporate seal or by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the Company.

In addition to any other manner permitted by law, a proxy may be revoked, before it is exercised, by an instrument in writing executed in the same manner as a proxy and deposited to the attention of the Secretary of the Company at the registered office of the Company at any time up to 5:00 p.m. (PST) on the last business day before the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof at which the proxy is to be used, or with the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and thereupon the proxy is revoked. The document used to revoke a proxy must be in writing and completed and signed by the Shareholder or his or her attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a Company, under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.

A registered Shareholder attending the Meeting has the right to vote in person and, if the Shareholder does so, his, her or its proxy is nullified with respect to the matters such Shareholder votes upon and any subsequent matters thereafter to be voted upon at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Under normal conditions, confidentiality of voting is maintained by virtue of the fact that the Company's transfer agent tabulates proxies and votes. However, such confidentiality may be lost as to any proxy or ballot if a question arises as to its validity or revocation or any other like matter. Loss of confidentiality may also occur if the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") decides that disclosure is in the interests of the Company or its Shareholders.

## **Exercise of Discretion by Proxyholders**

The Shares represented by proxies in favour of management nominees will be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and, if a Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, the Shares represented by proxy shall be voted accordingly.

If a specification is not made with respect to any matter, the proxy will confer discretionary authority and will be VOTED FOR EACH OF THE RESOLUTIONS DESCRIBED BELOW.

The enclosed form of proxy further confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein to vote with respect to any amendments or variations to the matters identified in the enclosed Notice of Meeting and with respect to any other matters which may properly come before the Meeting in such manner as such person, in his or her judgment, may determine. At the date of this Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

#### Advice to Non-Registered Shareholders

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many Shareholders as a substantial number of Shareholders do not hold their Shares in their own name and are considered non-registered beneficial Shareholders. Only registered holders of Shares or the persons they appoint as their proxyholder are permitted to vote at the Meeting. However, in many cases, Shares beneficially owned by a person (a "Non-Registered Holder") are registered either: (i) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") (including, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers, brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs, TFSAs and similar plans) that the Non-Registered Holder deals with in respect of the Shares; or (ii) in the name of a clearing agency (such as the Canadian Depository for Securities Limited) of which the Intermediary is a participant. Non-Registered Holders should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. In accordance with the requirements of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company will have distributed copies of the meeting materials, including the form of proxy/voting instruction form and the Circular (collectively, the "Meeting Materials") to the clearing agencies and Non-Registered Holders, or Intermediaries for onward distribution to Non-Registered Holders, as applicable. If you are a Non-Registered Holder, your Intermediary will be the entity legally entitled to vote your Shares at the Meeting. Shares held by an Intermediary can only be voted upon the instructions of the Non-Registered Holder. Without specific instructions, Intermediaries are prohibited from voting Shares.

Applicable regulatory policy requires Intermediaries to seek voting instructions from Non-Registered Holders in advance of the Meeting. Often, the form of proxy supplied to a Non-Registered Holder by its Intermediary is identical to the form of proxy provided to registered Shareholders; however, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered Shareholder how to vote on behalf of the Non-Registered Holder. The majority of Intermediaries delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"). Broadridge typically mails a scannable voting instruction form in lieu of the form of proxy. The Non-Registered Holder is requested to complete and return the voting instruction form to Broadridge by mail or facsimile.

Alternatively, the Non-Registered Holder may call a toll-free telephone number or access the Internet to provide instructions regarding the voting of Shares held by the Non-Registered Holder. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Shares to be represented at the Meeting. A Non-Registered Holder receiving a voting instruction form cannot use that voting instruction form to vote Shares directly at the Meeting, as the voting instruction form must be returned as directed by Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have such Shares voted.

Non-Registered Holders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their Shares are communicated in a timely manner and in accordance with the instructions provided by their Intermediary or Broadridge, as applicable. Every Intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients, which should be carefully followed by Non-Registered Holders in order to ensure that their Shares are voted at the Meeting.

Although a Non-Registered Holder may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purpose of voting Shares registered in the name of their Intermediary, a Non-Registered Holder may attend the Meeting as proxyholder for the Intermediary and vote the Shares in that capacity. Non-Registered Holders who wish to attend the Meeting and indirectly vote their Shares as a proxyholder, should enter their own names in the blank space on the form of proxy or voting instruction form provided to them by their Intermediary and/or Broadridge, as applicable, and return the same in accordance with the instructions provided by their Intermediary and/or Broadridge, as applicable, well in advance of the Meeting.

In any case, the purpose of the above noted procedures is to permit Non-Registered Holders to direct the voting of the Shares which they beneficially own. Non-Registered Holders should carefully follow the instructions and procedures of their Intermediary or Broadridge, as applicable, including those regarding when and where the form of proxy or voting instruction form is to be delivered.

Non-Registered Holders who have not objected to their Intermediary disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as "NOBOs". Non-Registered Holders who have objected to their Intermediary disclosing the ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as "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 copies of the Meeting Materials to the Intermediaries for onward distribution to NOBOs. In accordance with NI 54-101, the Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to forward Meeting Materials to OBOs and an OBO will not receive Meeting Materials unless such OBO's Intermediary assumes the cost of delivery.

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

#### RECORD DATE

Persons registered on the records of the Company at the close of business on August 12, 2024 (the "**Record Date**") are entitled to vote at the Meeting. The failure of any Shareholder to receive a copy of the Notice of Meeting does not deprive the Shareholder of the right to vote at the Meeting. Only persons who are Shareholders as of the Record Date are entitled to vote their Shares at the Meeting.

## **QUOROM**

Two Shareholders, present in person or represented by proxy, holding at least 5% of the Shares entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting, will constitute a quorum at the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. The Company's registers of Shareholders as of the Record Date have been used to deliver to Shareholders the Meeting Materials as well as to determine who is eligible to vote at the Meeting.

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

No person who has been a director or an executive officer of the Company at any time since the beginning of its last completed financial year, proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any such director, executive officer or proposed nominee, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, except as disclosed in this Circular.

#### VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

#### **Voting Securities**

The voting securities of the Company consist of an unlimited number of Shares, of which 27,535,598 are issued and outstanding as at the date hereof. The Shares are listed for trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE") under the symbol "ARGL".

#### **Principal Holders of Voting Securities**

To the knowledge of the directors and officers of the Company, no person beneficially owns, or exercises control or direction over, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the Shares.

#### BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THE MEETING

### 1. Receipt of Financial Statements

The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended February 29, 2024, together with the report of the auditors thereon, copies of which accompany this Circular, will be presented to Shareholders at the Meeting. Receipt at the Meeting of the financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended February 29, 2024 and the auditors' report thereon will not constitute approval or disapproval of any matters referred to therein.

#### 2. Election of Directors

The Company proposes to fix the number of directors of the Company at five (5) and to nominate the persons listed below for election as directors. Each director will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company or until his or her successor is duly elected or appointed in accordance with the Articles of the Company and the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

Shareholders can vote for all of the proposed directors set forth herein, vote for some of them and withhold for others, or withhold for all of them.

Unless a Shareholder directs that his, her or its Shares are to be withheld from voting in connection with the election of directors, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote FOR the election of the nominees whose names are set forth herein.

Management of the Company does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director, but if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, it is intended that discretionary authority shall be exercised by the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy to vote the proxy for the election of any other person(s) in place of any nominee(s) unable to serve.

The following table sets out the name and place of residence of each of the persons nominated for election as a director of the Company, the date on which each of them first became a director of the Company (as applicable), each person's

principal occupation(s) during the previous five (5) year period, and the number and percentage of Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised by each of them. The Company has an Audit Committee, the members of which are also identified below.

Name and Place of Residence	Position with the Company and Date First Appointed to the Board	Principal Occupation(s) for Previous Five Years	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned, Controlled or Directed <sup>(1)</sup>
Jeffrey James Stevens ON, Canada	Chief Executive Officer and Director April 19, 2024	In the past five years, Mr. Stevens has served as a CEO and director of Psyched Wellness Ltd. (from April 2020 to the present), as a director of Victory Opportunities 1 Corp. (from March 2022 to the present), as a director of Global UAV Technologies Ltd. (from May 2020 to the present), as President of Datametrex AI Ltd. (from June 2017 to March 2020), as an officer of Graph Blockchain (from February 2019 to January 2020), as a director of Level Jump (from November 2020 to December 2021), and as a director of New Wave Holdings (from December 2018 to February 2020).	1,200,000 4.36%
Marianne Richer- Laflèche <i>QC, Canada</i>	Director August 12, 2024	In the past five years, Ms. Richer-Laflèche has served as a lawyer at BCF LLP, Montréal office (from Sept 2021 to the present). Prior to that Ms. Richer-Laflèche worked as a commercial and corporate lawyer at Blake, Cassels & Graydon, LLP (from July 2019 to September 2021).	Nil
Robert Krause <sup>(2)</sup> BC, Canada	Director June 14, 2023	In the past five years, Mr. Robert Krause has served as a geologist/consultant for 0695809 B.C. Ltd., served as President for New Destiny Mining Corp. (from July 2019 to January 2020), is presently serving as a director for Neotech Metals Corp. (from April 2022 to present) and served as a director for Ammpower Corp. (formerly, Soldera Mining Corp.) (from January 2021 to January 2022)	Nil
Trevor Nawalkowski <sup>(2)</sup> AB, Canada	Director January 8, 2024	In the past five years, Mr. Nawalkowski has served as president of Shing Digital Inc. (October 2020 to the present),	Nil

		director of sales, Prairies of		
		Cision Canada Inc. (March 2016		
		to May 2020), and director of		
		Eureka Lithium Corp. (January		
		2020 to the present), Bayridge		
1		Resources Corp. (from June		
		2023 to the present), and Archer		
		Exploration Corp. (November		
		2020 to December 2020)		
		In the past five years, Mr. Gill's		
Amanpreet Gill <sup>(2)</sup>	Director	principal occupation was as an	Nil	
BC, Canada	June 25, 2024	associate at BMO Nesbitt Burns	1811	
		(from May 2022 – March 2024).		

#### Notes:

- (1) Percentages represent the portion of Shares owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, by each individual. As of the date of this Circular there are 27,535,598 Shares issued and outstanding.
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

### **Biographies of Directors**

Jeffrey James Stevens, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Mr. Stevens is a seasoned capital markets and deal structuring professional. He has taken multiple companies public via RTO's on various Canadian stock exchanges and has advised on numerous M&A opportunities. He has held both, senior officer and director roles with public companies in various industries. Mr. Stevens is currently CEO of Psyched Wellness Corp., a Canadian health supplements company dedicated to the production and distribution of artisanal, medicinal mushrooms and associated packaged consumer goods in the United States. In addition to Mr. Stevens's experience as an operator, he also brings 20 + years of professional experience in the Canadian Capital Markets. Throughout his career, he was the head of two Sales and Trading desks and was instrumental in building the Canadian operations for a US-based Investment Bank in Toronto. Jeff's experience was largely focused on capital raising for micro-cap and small-cap companies in Canada. His client base included Institutional Money Managers, Hedge Funds, Mutual Funds, and Family Offices in Canada, the US and Europe.

#### Marianne Richer-Lefleche, Director

Ms. Richer-Laflèche is a lawyer at BCF LLP, Montréal office, where she specializes in mergers and acquisitions, investment funds, corporate governance and commercial contract drafting. Prior to joining BCF, Ms. Richer-Laflèche worked at another major Canadian law firm, where she was seconded on two occasions to clients in the financial services and consulting engineering sectors.

Ms. Richer-Laflèche is a graduate of Université Laval and is currently completing a Master degree at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences. She has acted as director and corporate secretary for several organizations, including the *Fondation du Collège Jésus-Marie de Sillery* and Prima Danse and is currently a member of the board of directors of the *École des entrepreneurs du Québec*, Abipa Canada and Quebec Innovative Material Corporation.

Robert Krause, Director (Chairman of the Board)

Mr. Krause has a Bachelor of Science (Geology major) from the University of British Columbia. He has been a consulting geologist since 1985. In the 1990s he was project geologist for Milagro Minerals Inc., which was acquired by a senior producer after discovering a greater than one million ounce gold equivalent deposit in Honduras. Mr. Krause is President of his own geology consulting company and served as Vice-President of Exploration for Pacific

Cascade Minerals Inc. From 2003 to 2009 he was senior geologist for Auracle Resources Ltd. He also has acted as a director and audit committee member for various public companies. Through his various roles, Mr. Krause is familiar with generating and implementing budgets and managing financial reporting. He has acted as a director for numerous public mining companies.

Trevor Nawalkowski, Director

Mr. Nawalkowski is a business consultant and entrepreneur, specializing in corporate business process and procedure for public and private companies. His roles have included corporate governance oversight, corporate secretary/legal review, business development and senior management in oil and gas, automation systems, digital communications and more. In addition, he has 12+ years of management experience in the Investor and Public relations procedure and process business.

#### Amanpreet Gill, Director

Mr. Gill has over a decade of experience in the finance industry and has established a strong foundation in financial markets. Mr. Gill has spent the majority of his career at Scotiabank, which is a Canadian multinational bank that offers a wide range of financial services to individuals, businesses, and institutions. Scotiabank is one of the largest banks in Canada with a net assets of approximately \$600 billion CAD and operates in over 50 countries worldwide. Subsequently, Aman worked with BMO Nesbitt Burns, which is a wealth management division of the Bank of Montreal (BMO) that provides investment advisory and financial services to high-net-worth individuals, families, and institutions. BMO Nesbitt Burns has approximately \$200 billion CAD in assets under management. Mr. Gill specialized in wealth management on a team that managed over \$100mm, further enhancing his skills in investment strategies and capital markets. Mr. Gill assisted with a robust portfolio for high net worth Individuals as well as for indigenous groups, multinational companies and family offices. Mr. Gill holds a Bachelors in Business, which has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of financial principles and market dynamics. Aman is a seasoned professional in the finance industry with a deep understanding of the capital markets.

#### Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties and Sanctions

Except as set out below, to the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director of the Company is, or within 10 years before the date hereof, has been a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any Company

- that: (a) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or (ii) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
  - (b) a director or executive officer of any 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. For the purposes of this paragraph, "order" means a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant Company access to any exemption under securities legislation, in each case that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

On December 11, 2015, the British Columbia Securities Commission issued a cease trade order to Greatbanks Resources Ltd., a company for which Mr. Jeffrey James Stevens served as a director, for failing to file annual audited financial statements and the accompanying management's discussion and analysis for the year ended July 31, 2015.

The cease trade order was revoked on March 21, 2016. Mr. Stevens resigned as director from Greatbanks Resources Ltd. on April 25, 2017.

On December 20, 2023, the British Columbia Securities Commission issued a Halt Trade Order on Neotech Metals Corp., a company for which Mr. Krause was a director, under section 89(1) of the Act as the Executive Director considered that there were unexplained and unusual fluctuations in the volume of trading in, or market price of, Neotech Metals Corp. securities traded on the Exchange, from December 15, 2023 to December 20, 2023 until the end of January 8, 2024. On January 9, 2024, the Neotech Metals Corp. common shares recommenced.

To the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director of the Company has, within the 10 years before the date hereof, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

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

#### 3. Appointment of Auditor

A. Chan and Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants are the current auditors of the Company and have been the auditors of the Company since October 04, 2023.

Shareholders of the Company will be asked at the Meeting to appoint A. Chan and Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as the Company's auditors to hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting of Shareholders, and to authorize the Board to fix the auditors' remuneration.

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR the appointment of A. Chan and Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors of the Company and to authorize the Board to fix their remuneration. Unless the Shareholder directs that his, her or its Shares are to be withheld from voting, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote FOR the appointment of A. Chan and Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors of the Company.

## 4. Approval of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution to approve the adoption by the Company of its Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan"), substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" to this Circular, in accordance with the applicable policies of the CSE. The Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the board on August 12, 2024. The full text of the resolutions in respect of the approval of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (the "Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution") is set forth below under the heading "Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution."

The Board believes it is in the best interests of the Company to approve the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, which provides the Board with the ability and flexibility to make broader and different forms of equity awards as part of its strategy to maintain a competitive compensation structure for its directors, officers, employees and consultants and other eligible service providers providing ongoing services to the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Participants").

The below is a summary of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan attached as Schedule "B" to this Circular. Any capitalized term not otherwise defined in this summary has the meaning ascribed to it in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

#### Administration

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

### Number of Shares Reserved

The number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options granted under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan will not, in the aggregate, exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on a rolling basis. In addition, the maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs issued under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan shall not exceed, in the aggregate, 2,753,599, being 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company at the time the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the Board. At all times when the Company is listed on the CSE, the Company must seek Shareholder approval of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan in accordance with CSE Policy 6.5(4).

As of the date hereof, there are no Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options already granted and outstanding pursuant to the existing Equity Incentive Plan.

#### Limitations on Grants to Certain Persons

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

## **Options**

Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the expiry date of each Option. Subject to a limited extension if an Option expires during a Blackout Period (as defined in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan), Options may be exercised for a period of up to ten years after the grant date, provided that: (i) upon a Participant's termination for Cause (as defined in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan), all Options, whether vested or not as at the Termination Date will automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited; (ii) upon the death of a Participant, all unvested Options as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; (iii) in the case of the Disability (as defined in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan) of a Participant, all Options shall remain and continue to vest (and are exercisable) in accordance with the terms of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised (whether vested or not) within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date; (iv) in the case of the retirement of a Participant, the Board shall have discretion, with respect to such Options, to determine whether to accelerate the vesting of such Options, cancel such Options with or without payment and determine how long, if at all, such Options may remain outstanding following the Termination Date, provided,

however, that in no event shall such Options be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date; (v) subject to paragraph (vi) below, in all other cases where a Participant ceases to be eligible under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, including a termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation, unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested Options shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited as of the Termination Date, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; and (vi) notwithstanding paragraphs (i)-(v), in connection with the resignation of a Participants holding options to purchase Common Shares granted to the directors and officers of the Company under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, such options shall be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date.

The exercise price of the Options will be determined by the Board at the time any Option is granted. In no event will such exercise price be lower than the greater of \$0.05 and the closing market price of the Common Shares on the trading day prior to the date of the grant less any discount permitted by the rules or policies of the CSE at the time the Option is granted. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, Options shall vest equally over a four year period such that ½ of the Options shall vest on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the date that the Options were granted.

#### Restricted Share Units

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

The number of RSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each RSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of vesting for each RSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the FMV of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of RSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Common Shares. In the event settlement is made by payment in cash, such payment shall be made by the earlier of (i)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, RSUs shall vest equally over a three year period such that  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the RSUs shall vest on the first, second and third anniversary dates of the date that the RSUs were granted.

## Share Appreciation Rights

SARs may be issued together with Options or as standalone awards. Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount representing the difference between the fair market value of the underlying Common Shares on the date of exercise over the grant price of the SAR. The grant price may

not be less than the greater of \$0.05 and the closing market price of the Common Shares on the trading day prior to the date of grant. At the discretion of the Board, the payment upon the exercise of a SAR may be in cash, Common Shares of equivalent value, in some combination thereof, or in any other form approved by the Board in its sole discretion. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each SAR. Subject to a limited extension if a SAR expires during a Blackout Period, SARs will not be exercisable later than the tenth anniversary date of its grant. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of SARs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

#### **Deferred Share Units**

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

#### Performance Share Units

The number and terms (including applicable performance criteria) of PSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each PSU shall have an initial value equal to the FMV of a Common Share on the date of grant. The Board shall set performance criteria for a Performance Period in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine, in the manner determined by the Board and set forth in the Award Agreement, the value and/or number of each PSU that will be paid to the Participant .Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each PSU, provided that in no event will delivery of Common Shares or payment of any cash amounts be made later than the earlier of (i)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months after the close of the year in which the performance conditions or restrictions are satisfied or lapse, and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of PSUs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

## Change of Control

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

#### Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution

To be approved, the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution must be passed by a majority of the votes cast thereon at the Meeting. Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to consider and, if thought advisable, pass, the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution in the following form:

#### "BE IT RESOLED THAT:

- 1. the adoption of the omnibus equity incentive plan (the "Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan"), substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B" to the management information circular of Argyle Resources Corp. (the "Company") dated August 12, 2024, be and is hereby approved, in accordance with the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange and subject to further approval by the Shareholder no later than September 16, 2027;
- 2. the total number of common shares of the Company which may be reserved and available for grant and issuance pursuant to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and all other Security Based Compensation Arrangements (as defined in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan) of the Company shall not exceed:
  - (a) with respect to Options (as defined in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan), 10% of the total issued and outstanding common shares of the Company on a rolling basis; and
  - (b) with respect to common shares of the Company that may be reserved and available for grant and issuance pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs (as defined in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan) and/or Other Share-Based Compensation Awards (as defined in the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan), 2,753,559 Shares, being 10% of the total issued and outstanding common shares of the Company at the date the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the Board;
- 3. all unallocated options, rights and other entitlements available for issuance under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, are hereby authorized and approved;
- 4. any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed to execute and to deliver, under corporate seal or otherwise, all such documents and instruments and to do all such acts as in the opinion of such director or officer may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution."

In the event that the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution is not passed by a majority of the votes cast by Shareholders present or represented by proxy at the Meeting, the Company shall not issue any further Awards under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan until it has obtained the requisite shareholder approval.

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution. Unless a Shareholder directs that his, her or its Shares are to be voted against the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote FOR the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan Resolution.

## 5. Disinterested Shareholder Approval of Stock Option Grant

The Board wishes to grant Options under the Company's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to the following persons (the "Recipients") as follows (the "Option Grants"):

Recipient	Position at Company	Number of Options	Vesting
Jeffrey James Stevens	CEO and Director	250,000	25% on August 12, 2024; 25% on November 12, 2024;

			25% on February 12, 2025; and 25% on May 12, 2025
S4 Management Group Inc. (a Company controlled by Jeffrey James Stevens)	CEO and Director	250,000	25% on August 12, 2024; 25% on November 12, 2024; 25% on February 12, 2025; and 25% on May 12, 2025
Amanpreet Gill	Director	250,000	25% on August 12, 2024; 25% on November 12, 2024; 25% on February 12, 2025; and 25% on May 12, 2025
0695809 BC Ltd. (a Company controlled by Robert Krause)	Director	250,000	25% on August 12, 2024; 25% on November 12, 2024; 25% on February 12, 2025; and 25% on May 12, 2025
Trevor Nawalkowski	Director	250,000	25% on August 12, 2024; 25% on November 12, 2024; 25% on February 12, 2025; and 25% on May 12, 2025
Marianne Richer- Laflèche	Director	250,000	25% on August 12, 2024; 25% on November 12, 2024; 25% on February 12, 2025; and 25% on May 12, 2025

- (1) The Options are granted effective August 12, 2024 and will be exercisable after shareholder approval into Shares ("Option Shares") at an exercise price of \$0.92 per Option Share for a period of five (5) years.
- (2) The Options will be governed in accordance with the terms set forth in the Company's Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

#### Stock Option Grant Resolution

Pursuant to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan the Board seeks disinterested shareholder approval of the grants. The resolutions approving the Option Grants will only pass if approval by the majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting, excluding votes attaching to the Shares held by the recipients, or any of their associates or affiliates.

The Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to consider and approve, with or without variation, the following ordinary resolution approving the Option Grants:

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

- 1. The Board be authorized to grant the Recipients a total of up to 1,500,000 Options, as that term is defined in the Company's 2024 omnibus equity incentive plan (the "Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan"), under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan;
- 2. Any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed, acting for, in the name and on behalf of Company, to execute or cause to be executed, and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other documents and to do or to cause to be done all such other acts and things as in such person's opinion may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the intent of these resolutions and the matters authorized hereby, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such document or the doing of such act or thing; and

3. The directors of the Company are hereby authorized and granted with absolute discretion to determine whether or not to proceed with the foregoing resolution, without further approval, ratification or confirmation by the Shareholders."

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR the Stock Option Grant Resolution. Unless a Shareholder directs that his, her or its Shares are to be voted against the Stock Option Grant Resolution, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote FOR the Stock Option Grant Resolution.

### 6. Disinterested Shareholder Approval of Restricted Share Unit Grant

The Board wishes to grant a key consultant of the Company, up to 200,000 RSUs of the Company, under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, (the "RSU Grant").

#### Restricted Share Unit Grant Resolution

Pursuant to the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, the Board seeks disinterested shareholder approval of this grant. The resolution approving the RSU Grant will only pass if approval by the majority of votes cast by the Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting, excluding votes attaching to the Shares held by the consultant, or any of his associates or affiliates.

The Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to consider and approve, with or without variation, the following ordinary resolution approving the RSU Grant:

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

- 1. the Board be authorized to grant a key consultant a total of up to 200,000 RSUs, as that term is defined in the Company's 2024 omnibus equity incentive plan (the "Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan"), under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan;
- 2. any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed, acting for, in the name and on behalf of Company, to execute or cause to be executed, and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other documents and to do or to cause to be done all such other acts and things as in such person's opinion may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the intent of these resolutions and the matters authorized hereby, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such document or the doing of such act or thing; and
- 3. the directors of the Company are hereby authorized and granted with absolute discretion to determine whether or not to proceed with the foregoing resolution, without further approval, ratification or confirmation by the Shareholders."

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR the Restricted Share Unit Grant Resolution. Unless a Shareholder directs that his, her or its Shares are to be voted against the Restricted Share Unit Grant Resolution, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote FOR the Restricted Share Unit Grant Resolution.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as disclosed herein or in the notes to the Company's financial statements for the financial year ended February 29, 2024 and excluding interests solely by virtue of existing or acquired securities holdings, there were no material interests, direct or indirect, of the Company's insiders, proposed nominees for election as directors, or any associate or affiliate of such insiders or nominees in any transaction of the Company since the commencement of the Company's

most recently completed financial year, or in any proposed transaction, which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

#### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Company was not a Reporting Issuer during the fiscal year ended February 29, 2024, the Company's most recently completed financial year. Accordingly, and in accordance with Form 51-106F6V *Statement of Executive Compensation* – *Venture Issuers* ("Form 51-102F6V"), the following is a discussion of all significant elements of compensation awarded to, earned by, paid to or payable to Named Executive Officers as at the fiscal year ended February 29, 2024.

For the purposes of this Statement of Executive Compensation, a "Named Executive Officer" or "NEO" means each of the following individuals:

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer ("CEO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer ("CFO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO;
- (c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000, as determined in accordance with subsection 1.3(5) of Form 51-102F6V *Statement of Executive Compensation Venture Issuers*, for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

During the Company's fiscal year ended February 29, 2024, the Company's NEOs were Johann Christian Grundling, CFO and Corporate Secretary, and Gurcharn Deol, former CEO and Director.

## Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation Discussion, Excluding Compensation Securities

At its present stage of development, the Company does not have any formal objectives, criteria and analysis for determining the compensation of its Named Executive Officers and primarily relies on the discussions and determinations of the board of directors.

With a view to minimizing its cash expenditures not directed at the exploration of the Company's properties, the Company does not intend to pay a material amount of compensation to management for the next 12 months. However, this policy will be re-evaluated periodically. The Company expects to grant incentive stock options and RSUs to the Named Executive Officers and its non-executive directors, under the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan which was

approved by the Directors on August 12, 2024 and is being placed before the Meeting for Shareholder Approval. See "Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan" above for the material terms of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

## Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs

No director or NEO exercised any compensation securities during the year ended February 29, 2024. *Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans* 

See "Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan" above for the material terms of the Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. The Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan was adopted by the Board on August 12, 2024, and is being placed before the Meeting for Shareholder approval.

### Termination and Change of Control Benefits

The Company does not have any contracts, agreements, plans or arrangements in place with any NEOs that provides for payment following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive) resignation, retirement, a change of control of the Company or a change in an NEOs responsibilities.

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

Other than as disclosed below, the Company did not have any employment, consulting or management agreements or arrangements with any of the Company's current NEOs or directors during the most recently completed financial year.

The Company and its subsidiaries have entered into, or had entered into, the following consulting or employment agreements with the NEOs:

Other than as listed below, the Company does not have any contracts, agreements, plans or arrangements in place with any NEOs that provides for payment following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive) resignation, retirement, a change of control of the Company or a change in an NEOs responsibilities.

Effective January 8, 2024, the Company entered into an employment agreement (the "CFO Employment Agreement") with Johann (Chris) Christian Grundling, pursuant to which Mr. Grundling agreed to act as CFO to the Company for a monthly fee of \$1,500. Mr. Grundling is also eligible to receive a bonus from time to time, in the Company's sole discretion. The Company may terminate the CFO Employment Agreement for cause, without any notice, payment in lieu of notice, or severance compensation. The Company may terminate the CFO Employment without cause, and without further obligation, by providing Mr. Grundling the following: (i) one (1) week of notice or salary in lieu of notice if Mr. Grundling's employment is terminated without cause during or at the end of his first three (3) months of employment; or (ii) two (2) weeks' notice or salary in lieu of notice, plus one (1) additional week of notice or salary in lieu of notice for each complete and consecutive year of employment with the Company, up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks' notice or salary in lieu of notice in total, if his employment is terminated without cause after the completion of his first three (3) months of employment.

Effective March 17, 2023, the Company entered into a consulting agreement (the "Spiral Consulting Agreement") with Spiral Investment Corp., an entity owned and controlled by Mr. Deol, pursuant to which Spiral Investment Corp. agreed to provide the services of Mr. Deol to the Company to act as Chief Executive Officer. For the services of Mr. Deol, the Company agreed to pay Spiral Investment Corp. as follows:

- (i) \$1000 per month until such time as the Company's Common Shares are listed for trading on a Canadian stock exchange;
- (ii) \$5000 per month while acting as CEO and director once the Company's Common Shares are listed for trading on a Canadian stock exchange; and

(iii) \$3000 per month if solely acting as a director of the Company once the Company's Common Shares are listed for trading on a Canadian stock exchange.

Mr. Deol is also eligible to receive a bonus, in cash or stock, from time to time, in the Company's sole discretion. The Spiral Consulting Agreement is for an initial term of two (2) year and automatically renews for successive one year periods unless terminated by the Board. Pursuant to the Spiral Consulting Agreement, the Company has agreed to reimburse Spiral Investment Corp. for all out-of-pocket expenses actually and properly incurred by Spiral Investment Corp. in connection with the provision of the services contemplated under the agreement.

The Spiral Consulting Agreement may be terminated by the Company for any reason prior to the end of the initial term or any additional terms by giving Spiral Investment Corp. twelve (12) months written notice thereof or payment in lieu (as elected by the Company.) based on its then current annual compensation.

The Company may terminate the Spiral Consulting Agreement for "**Just Cause**" (as defined below) without a notice and prior to the expiration of the then current term of the Spiral Consulting Agreement by providing Spiral Investment Corp. written notice thereof.

In the event the Company provides notice to terminate the Spiral Consulting Agreement within twelve months of a "Change of Control" (as defined below), the Company will pay to Spiral Investment Corp. a sum equal to twelve (12) months of fees based on its then current compensation. Such change of control payment is payable by the Company in either a lump sum payment or in instalments over any period, as elected by Spiral Investment Corp. Upon termination of the Spiral Consulting Agreement, whether by the passage of time or otherwise under the term of the agreement, the Spiral Investment Corp.'s vested rights and coverage, if any, and subject to the provisions of general application, under the Company's group insurance in place, from time to time, will not be diminished, cancelled or prejudiced in any way by reason thereof prior to the expiry of the notice period.

For the purpose of the Spiral Consulting Agreement, "Change of Control" means (i) the sale, lease, exchange, encumbrance or other disposition (other than licenses that do not constitute an effective disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, and the grant of security interests in the ordinary course of business) by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets; (ii) any sale, transfer or issuance (or series of sales, transfers or issuances) of shares by the Company or the holders of Common Shares that results any person becoming the direct or indirect beneficial owner of voting securities of the Company representing more than 40% of the outstanding voting securities or rights to acquire such voting securities; or (iii) any amalgamation, arrangement, reorganization or recapitalization of the Company with or into an-other person that results in the voting securities outstanding immediately prior thereto failing to represent at least 40% of the voting securities or rights to acquire such voting securities of the successor entity immediately thereafter.

For the purpose of the Spiral Consulting Agreement, "Just Cause" means any of the following events: (i) any material or persistent breach by the Consultant of the terms of this Agreement; (ii) conviction of Mr. Deol or Spiral Investment Corp. of a felony or of any crime involving moral turpitude, fraud or misrepresentation, or money or property to the Company or any affiliate of the Company; (iii) a wilful failure or refusal by Spiral Investment Corp. to satisfy its obligations to the Company under the Spiral Consulting Agreement including without limitation, specific lawful directives, reasonably consistent with the Spiral Consulting Agreement, of the Board,; (iv) any grossly negligent or wilful conduct of Spiral Investment Corp. that directly results in substantial loss or injury to the Company; however no termination is deemed to be for Just Cause under the Spiral Consulting Agreement, except for termination for a conviction under subparagraph (ii) above, or an act constituting just cause which has already occurred and which is ascertained to have caused the Company a financial loss or loss of goodwill, unless the Board first gives written notice to the Spiral Investment Corp. advising of the acts or omissions that constitute failure or refusal to perform its obligations and the failure or refusal continues after Spiral Investment Corp. has had a reasonable opportunity to correct the acts or omissions as set out in the notice.

On April 3, 2024, the Spiral Consulting Agreement was amended to change the terms of Spiral Investment Corp.'s compensation: (i) for the period from September 2023 to the end of March 2024; and (ii) to increase Spiral Investment Corp. compensation from \$1,000 per month to \$4,000 per month from April 2024 until such time as the Company's Common Shares are listed for trading on a Canadian stock exchange. On June 25, 2024 the Company terminated the Spiral Consulting Agreement effective June 25, 2024.

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

The Board assumes responsibility for reviewing and monitoring the long-range compensation strategy for the senior management of the Company. In determining executive compensation, the Board considers the Company's financial circumstances at the time decisions are made regarding executive compensation, and also the anticipated financial situation of the Company in the mid and long-term.

## Compensation Objectives and Principles

The compensation program for the senior management of the Company is designed to ensure that the level and form of compensation achieves certain objectives, including:

- (a) attracting and retaining qualified executives;
- (b) motivating the short and long-term performance of these executives; and
- (c) better aligning their interests with those of the Company's shareholders.

In compensating its senior management, the Company has employed a combination of base salary, bonus compensation and equity participation through its Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. The Company does not provide any retirement benefits for its directors or officers.

Elements of Compensation

## Base Salary

In the Board's view, paying base salaries which are reasonable in relation to the level of service expected while remaining competitive in the markets in which the Company operates is a first step to attracting and retaining qualified and effective executives. Competitive salary information on comparable companies within the Company's industry is compiled from a variety of sources, including national and international publications.

#### Bonus Incentive Compensation

The Board will consider executive bonus compensation dependent upon the Company meeting its strategic objectives and milestones and sufficient cash resources being available for the granting of bonuses.

#### **Equity Participation**

The Company believes that encouraging its executives and employees to become shareholders is the best way of aligning their interests with those of its shareholders. Equity participation is accomplished through the Company's Omnibus Equity Incentive. Awards and Options may be granted to executives and employees taking into account a number of factors, including the amount and term of options previously granted, base salary and bonuses and competitive factors. The amounts and terms of Awards and Options granted are determined by the Board.

## Compensation Risks

The Board is keenly aware of the fact that compensation practices can have unintended risk consequences. The Board will continually review the Company's compensation policies to identify any practice that might encourage an employee to expose the Company to unacceptable risk. At the present time the Board is satisfied that the cur-rent executive compensation program does not encourage the executives to expose the business to inappropriate risk. The Board takes a conservative approach to executive compensation rewarding individuals for the success of the Company once that success has been demonstrated and incenting them to continue that success through the grant of long-term incentive awards.

#### **Hedging Policy**

The Company has no policy on whether a NEO or director is permitted to purchase certain financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds which are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the NEO or director.

## Compensation Process

In establishing compensation for executive officers, the Board as a whole seeks to accomplish the following goals:

- to recruit and subsequently retain highly qualified executive officers by offering competitive compensation and benefits;
- to motivate executives to achieve important corporate and personal performance objectives and reward them when such objectives are met; and
- to align the interests of executive officers with the long-term interests of shareholders through participation in the Company's Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan.

When considering the appropriate executive compensation to be paid to our officers, the Board have regard to a number of factors including: (i) recruiting and retaining executives critical to the success of the Company and the enhancement of shareholder value; (ii) providing fair and competitive compensation; (iii) balancing the interests of management and the Company's shareholders; (iv) rewarding performance, both on an individual basis and with respect to operations generally; and (v) available financial resources.

#### RSU, DSUs, PSUs, SARs, and Option-Based Awards

Long-term incentives in the form of RSUs, DSUs, PSUs, SARs, and Options (each an "Award" together, the "Awards") are intended to align the interests of our directors and executive officers with those of the Company's shareholders and to provide a long-term incentive to reward those individuals for their contribution to the generation of shareholder value, while reducing the burden of cash compensation that would otherwise be payable by the Company.

The Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan is administered by the Board. In determining the number of Awards to be granted to the Named Executive Officers, the Board has regard to several considerations including previous grants of Awards and the overall number of outstanding Awards relative to the number of outstanding Common Shares, as well as the degree of effort, time, responsibility, ability, experience and level of commitment of the executive officer.

## Pension Plan Benefits

The Company has no pension, defined benefit or defined contribution plans in place.

## SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets out information as at the end of the Company's most recently completed financial year ended February 29, 2024, with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plan (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by Shareholders (Equity Incentive Plan)	NIL	NIL	2,030,409
Equity compensation plans not approved by Shareholders	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total:	NIL	NIL	2,030,409

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

None of the directors, executive officers, employees, proposed nominees for election as directors or their associates, or any former executive officers, directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or at any time since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year have been, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

During the period ended February 29, 2024, the Company incurred the following indebtedness to a company owned by the CEO, the company's CFO and companies owned by directors of the Company: (i) consulting fees in the amount of \$6,000; (ii) director fees of \$1,050; and (iii) \$49 owed to the CFO, for operational expenses. These amounts have been paid and are no longer outstanding.

## INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

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

## MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

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

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

### Corporate Governance

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

### **Board of Directors**

Directors are considered to be independent if they have no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A material relationship is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment.

All members of the Board are considered to be independent, except for Jeffrey James Stevens as he is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

The Board facilitates its independent supervision over Management by having regular Board meetings and by establishing and implementing prudent corporate governance policies and procedures.

## Other Directorships

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

Name of Director	Other Reporting Issuer	Name of Exchange or Market
Jeffrey James Stevens	Psyched Wellness Ltd.	CSE: PSYC
	Victory Opportunities 1 Corp.	TSXV: VOC.P
	Global UAV Technologies Ltd.	CSE: UAV
Trevor Nawalkowski	Eureka Lithium Corp.	CSE: ERKA
	Bayridge Resources Corp.	CSE: BYRG
Robert Krause	NeoTech Metals Corp.	CSE: NTMC
Marianne Richer-Laflèche	Quebec Innovative Materials Corporation	CSE: QIMC

### Orientation and Continuing Education

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

### Nomination of Directors

The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of view and experience. The Board does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole. However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

#### **Compensation**

The Board is responsible for determining compensation for the directors of the Company to ensure it reflects the responsibilities and risks of being a director of a public company.

#### Other Board Committees

The Board has no committees other than the Audit Committee.

#### **Board Assessments**

Due to the minimal size of the Board, no formal policy has been established to monitor the effectiveness of the directors, the Board, and its committees.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

#### Audit Committee Disclosure

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

The Audit Committee's role is to act in an objective, independent capacity as a liaison between the auditors, management and the Board and to ensure the auditors have a facility to consider and discuss governance and audit issues with parties not directly responsible for operation

#### The Audit Committee's Charter

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

## Composition of the Audit Committee

The Company's Audit Committee is composed of the following:

Name	Independence <sup>(1)</sup>	Financial Literacy <sup>(2)</sup>
Amanpreet Gill (Chair)	Independent	Yes
Robert Krause	Independent	Yes
Trevor Nawalkowski	Independent	Yes

#### **Notes:**

- (1) A member of an audit committee is independent if, in addition to meeting other regulatory requirements, the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment pursuant to NI 52-110.
- (2) An individual is financially literate if they have the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

#### Relevant Education and Experience

Each member of the Company's Audit Committee has adequate education and experience that is relevant to his performance as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, the requisite education and experience that have provided the member with:

- (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and the ability to assess the general application of such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and provisions;
- (b) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements, or experience actively supervising individuals engaged in such activities; and
- (c) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

Below is a summary of the experience of each member of the Audit Committee.

Amanpreet Gill, Director – Mr. Gill has over a decade of experience in the finance industry and has established a strong foundation in financial markets. Mr. Gill has spent the majority of his career at Scotiabank, which is a Canadian multinational bank that offers a wide range of financial services to individuals, businesses, and institutions. Mr. Gill holds a Bachelors in Business, which has equipped him with a comprehensive understanding of financial principles and market dynamics. Such roles have provided Mr. Gill with significant experience that is relevant to his performance as an Audit Committee member.

Trevor Nawalkowski, Director – Mr. Nawalkowski is a business consultant and entrepreneur, specializing in corporate business processes and procedure for public and private companies. His roles have included, among other things, corporate governance oversight, corporate secretary/legal review, business development and senior management. Mr. Nawalkowski has a thorough understanding of accounting principles, the evaluation of financial statements, and internal controls and procedures, in the context of both public and private companies.

Robert Krause, Director – Mr. Krause has a Bachelor of Science (Geology major) from the University of British Columbia. Mr. Krause is President of his own geology consulting company and served as Vice-President of Exploration for Pacific Cascade Minerals Inc. From 2003 to 2009 he was senior geologist for Auracle Resources Ltd. He also has acted as a director and audit committee member for various public companies. Through his various roles, Mr. Krause is familiar with generating and implementing budgets and managing financial reporting.

See "Election of Directors" for further details of each audit committee member's relevant education and experience.

## Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial period, has a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not been adopted by the Board.

## Reliance on Certain Exemptions

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial period, the Company has not relied on the exemptions contained in Section 2.4, 6.1.1(4), 6.1.1(5), 6.1.1(6), or Part 8 of NI 52-110.

### Pre-approval Policies and Procedures

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

#### External Auditor Service Fees

The following table sets out the audit fees incurred by the Company since incorporation for the audit fees are as follows:

Period	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>Audit Related Fees</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
Period from				
incorporation to	\$22,000	NIL	NIL	NIL
February 29, 2024				

#### **Notes:**

- (1) "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of the Company's financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- (2) "Audit-Related Fees" include services that are traditionally performed by the auditor. These audit-related services include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- (3) "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees".

  This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
- (4) "All Other Fees" include all other non-audit services.

## Exemption

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

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>. Copies of the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and corresponding management's discussion and analysis for the financial year ended February 29, 2024 are available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Shareholders of the Company may request copies of such financial statements and management's discussion and analysis by contacting the Company at its head office located at 540 5 Ave SW, Suite 1410, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0M2, Canada

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## **BOARD APPROVAL**

The contents and the sending of this Circular to the Shareholders of the Company have been approved by the Board on August 12, 2024.

**DATED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP.

"Jeffrey James Stevens"

Jeffrey James Stevens Chief Executive Officer and Director

## ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP.

Schedule "A" to the Management Information Circular

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

[see attached]

# ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP. CHARTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### 1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 The audit committee ("Committee") of the board of directors ("Board") of Argyle Resources Corp. ("Corporation") shall consist of three or more directors. A majority of the members of the Committee must not be executive officers, employees or control persons of the Corporation or of an affiliate of the Corporation.
- 1.2 Each member of the Committee must be financially literate, as this term is defined under National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* ("**Instrument**").
- 1.3 The Board shall appoint members to the Committee. The members of the Committee shall be appointed for one-year terms after each annual securityholders' meeting and shall serve until a successor is duly appointed by the Board or until the member's earlier death, resignation, disqualification or removal. The Board may remove any member from the Committee at any time with or without cause. The Board shall fill Committee member vacancies by appointing a member from the Board. If a vacancy on the Committee exists, the remaining members shall exercise all the Committee's powers so long as a quorum exists.
- 1.4 New Committee members shall be provided with an orientation program to educate them on the Corporation, their roles and responsibilities on the Committee and the Corporation's financial reporting and accounting practices. Committee members shall also receive training as necessary, to increase their understanding of financial, accounting, auditing and industry issues applicable to the Corporation.
- 1.5 The Committee shall appoint the chair from one of its members ("Chair"). The Chair must be a non-executive Director. Subject to Section 1.4, the Committee shall determine the Chair's term of office.
- 1.6 A quorum for decisions of the Committee shall be two members.

## 2. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 2.1 The Committee shall meet at least quarterly at such times and places as determined by the Committee. The Committee is governed by the same rules regarding meetings (including the procedure used to call meetings, and conducting meetings electronically, in person or by telephone), notice of meetings and waiver of notice by committee members, written resolutions in lieu of a meeting and voting at meetings that apply to the Board.
- 2.2 Notice of the time and place of a Committee meeting shall be given by the Committee to the Corporation's external auditor ("Auditor") in the same manner notice is provided to Committee members. The Committee shall provide the Auditor with all meeting materials in advance of the meeting.
- 2.3 On request of the Auditor, the Chair shall convene a meeting of the Committee to consider any matter that the Auditor believes should be brought to the attention of the directors or shareholders of the Corporation.
- 2.4 The Chair shall seek input from Committee members, the Corporation's management, the Auditor and Board members when setting each Committee meeting's agenda.
- 2.5 Any written material to be provided to Committee members for a meeting must be distributed in advance of the meeting to give Committee members time to review and understand the information.
- 2.6 The chief executive officer of the Corporation ("CEO") and chief financial officer of the Corporation ("CFO") and any other member of senior management may, if invited by the Chair, attend, give presentations relating to their responsibilities and otherwise participate at Committee meetings. Other Board members may also, if invited by the Chair, attend and participate at Committee meetings.

- 2.7 The Committee may appoint a Committee member or any other attendee to be the secretary of a meeting. The Chair shall circulate minutes of all Committee meetings to the Corporation's Board members and its Auditor. The Committee shall report its decisions and recommendations to the Board promptly after each Committee meeting.
- 2.8 The Committee may meet for a private session, excluding management, non-independent directors or other third parties, following each Committee meeting or as otherwise determined by the Committee.

## 3. PURPOSE, ROLE AND AUTHORITY

- 3.1 The purpose of the Committee is to oversee the Corporation's accounting and financial reporting processes and the preparation and auditing of the Corporation's financial statements.
- 3.2 The Committee is authorized by the Board to investigate any matter set out in this Charter or otherwise delegated to the Committee by the Board.

#### 4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The Committee has the duties and responsibilities set out in Sections 5 to 14 of this Charter, as may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

#### 5. EXTERNAL AUDITOR - APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL

#### The Committee shall:

- 5.1 Consider and recommend to the Board, to put forward for shareholder approval at the annual meeting, an Auditor that will be appointed or reappointed to prepare or issue an auditor's report and perform audit, review, attest or other services for the Corporation in compliance with the Instrument and, if necessary, recommend to the Board the Auditor's removal.
- Recommend to the Board the Auditor's compensation and otherwise setting the terms of the Auditor's engagement (including reviewing and negotiating the Auditor's engagement letter).
- 5.3 Review and monitor the independence of the Auditor.
- 5.4 At least once per fiscal year, review the qualifications and performance of the Auditor and the Auditor's lead partners and consider and decide if the Corporation should adopt or maintain a policy of rotating the accounting firm serving as the Corporation's Auditor.

#### 6. AUDITOR OVERSIGHT - AUDIT SERVICES

#### The Committee shall:

- Require the Auditor to report directly to the Committee.
- 6.2 Be directly responsible for overseeing the work of the Auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing the Auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the Auditor regarding financial reporting.
- 6.3 Discuss with the Auditor: (a) before an audit commences, the nature and scope of the audit, the Auditor's responsibilities in relation to the audit, the overall audit strategy, the timing of the audit, the processes used by the Auditor to identify risks and reporting such risks to the Committee; and (b) any other matters relevant to the audit.
- Review and discuss with the Auditor all critical accounting policies and practices to be used in the audit, all alternative treatments of financial information that have been discussed with management, the ramifications of the use of such alternative treatments and the treatment preferred by the Auditor.

- 6.5 Review any major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentation with the Auditor and the Corporation's management, including any significant changes in the Corporation's selection or application of accounting principles; any significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Corporation's financial statements, including the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives and off-balance sheet structures on the Corporation's financial statements.
- Review and discuss with the Auditor and management any problems or difficulties encountered during the audit, including restrictions on the scope of activities or access to information, and any significant disagreements between the Auditor and management in relation to financial reporting. The Committee may meet with the Auditor and management (together or separately) to discuss and resolve such disagreements.
- Review all material communications between management and the Auditor, including reviewing the Auditor's management letter and management's response.
- 6.8 Create, review and approve the Corporation's policies respecting the Corporation's hiring of any (former or current) Auditor's past or present employees or past or present partners.
- 6.9 Oversee any other matters relating to the Auditor and the performance of audit services on the Corporation's behalf.

#### 7. AUDITOR OVERSIGHT - NON-AUDIT SERVICES

#### The Committee shall:

- 7.1 Pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided by the Auditor to the Corporation or its subsidiaries in accordance with the Instrument.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding Section 7.1, the Committee may delegate the pre-approval of non-audit services to a member or certain members of the Committee. These member or members shall notify the Committee at each Committee meeting of the non-audit services they approved since the last Committee meeting.

### 8. INTERNAL CONTROLS

#### The Committee shall:

- 8.1 Monitor and review the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal audit function, including ensuring that any internal auditors ("Internal Auditors") have adequate monetary and other resources to complete their work and appropriate standing within the Corporation and, if the Corporation has no Internal Auditors, consider, on an annual basis, whether the Corporation requires Internal Auditors and make related recommendations to the Board.
- 8.2 Require the Internal Auditors to report directly to the Committee.
- 8.3 Oversee an effective system of internal controls and procedures for the Corporation relating to the financial reporting process and disclosure of the financial results, including accounting, internal accounting controls, and auditing matters ("Internal Controls").
- 8.4 Review with management and the Internal Auditors (with each privately or together) the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's Internal Controls, including any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of the Internal Controls and determine if any special steps must be adopted by the Auditor during its audit in light of any such deficiencies or weaknesses.
- 8.5 Review management's roles, responsibilities and performance in relation to the Internal Controls.
- 8.6 Review, discuss and investigate: (a) any alleged fraud involving the Corporation's management or employees in relation to the Internal Controls, including management's response to any allegations of fraud; (b)

- implement corrective and disciplinary action in cases of proven fraud; and (c) determine if any special steps must be adopted by the Auditor during its audit in light of any proven fraud or any allegations of fraud.
- 8.7 Establish and monitor the procedures for: (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints that the Corporation receives relating to its Internal Controls; (b) the confidential, anonymous submission of employees' concerns relating to questionable accounting or auditing matters engaged in by the Corporation; and (c) the independent investigation of the matters set out in Section 8.7(a) and Section 8.7(b), including appropriate follow up actions.
- 8.8 Review and discuss with the CEO and CFO, or those officers who perform the duties similar to a CEO or CFO, the steps taken to complete the required certifications of the annual and interim filings with applicable securities commissions.

#### 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### The Committee shall:

- 9.1 Review and discuss with the Auditor and management the Corporation's annual audited financial statements and the accompanying Auditor's report and management discussion and analysis ("MD&A"). The Committee's review of the annual audited financial statements will include a review of the notes contained in the financial statements, in particular the notes on: (a) significant accounting policies, including any changes made to them and the effect this may have on the Corporation; (b) significant estimates and assumptions; (c) significant adjustments resulting from an audit; (d) the going concern assumption; (e) compliance with accounting standards; (f) investigations and litigation undertaken by regulatory authorities; (g) the impact of unusual transactions; and (h) off-balance sheet and contingent asset and liabilities, and related disclosures.
- 9.2 Assess (a) the quality of the accounting principles applied to the financial statements; (b) the clarity of disclosure in the financial statements; and (c) whether the audited annual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with international financial reporting standards ("IFRS"), the Corporation's financial condition, operational results and cash flows.
- 9.3 Upon satisfactory completion of its review, recommend the annual audited financial statements, Auditor's report and annual MD&A for Board approval.
- 9.4 Review the interim financial statements and related MD&A with the Auditor and management, and if satisfied that the interim financial statements meet the criteria set out in Section 9.2 to recommend to the Board that it approve the interim financial statements and accompanying MD&A.

## 10. DISCLOSURE OF OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### The Committee shall:

- 10.1 Review and discuss with management the design, implementation and maintenance of effective procedures relating to the Committee's prior review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements ("Disclosure Procedures"); ensure that the Disclosure Procedures put in place are followed by the Corporation's management and employees; and periodically assess the adequacy of the Disclosure Procedures.
- 10.2 Review the Corporation's profit and loss press releases and other related press releases before they are released to the public, including the Corporation's annual information form, earnings press releases and any other public disclosure documents required by applicable securities commissions; and review the nature of any financial information and ratings information provided to agencies and analysts in accordance with the Corporation's disclosure policy.
- 10.3 Monitor and review the Corporation's policy on confidentiality and disclosure on a yearly basis.

## 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Committee shall:

- 11.1 Review and discuss with management and the Internal Auditors (each privately or together) policies and guidelines to govern the processes by which management assesses and manages the Corporation's risks, including the Corporation's major financial risk exposures and fraud, and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures.
- 11.2 Review the periodic reports delivered to the Committee by the Internal Auditors; and oversee the processes by which major Corporation risks are reviewed by either the Committee, another Board committee or the full Board.

## 12. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

12.1 The Committee shall review with legal counsel any legal matters, including inquiries received from regulators and governmental agencies, that may have a significant effect on the Corporation's financial statements, cash flows or operations; review and oversee any policies, procedures and programs designed by the Corporation to promote legal compliance.

#### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

13.1 The Committee shall review all proposed related party transactions, other than those reviewed by a special committee of disinterested directors in accordance with Canadian corporate or securities laws.

#### 14. OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

14.1 The Committee shall complete any other duties and responsibilities delegated by the Board to the Committee from time to time.

#### 15. MEETINGS WITH THE AUDITOR

15.1 Notwithstanding anything set out in this Charter to the contrary, the Committee may meet privately with the Auditor or Internal Auditors as frequently as the Committee deems appropriate, but not less than quarterly, for the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities and to discuss any concerns of the Committee or Auditor in relation to the matters covered by the Committee's Charter, including the effectiveness of the Corporation's financial recording procedures and systems and management's cooperation and responsiveness to matters arising from the audit and non-audit services performed by the Auditor.

#### 16. MEETINGS WITH MANAGEMENT

16.1 The Committee may meet privately with management and the Corporation's Internal Auditors (together or separately) as frequently as the Committee deems appropriate for the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities, but not less than quarterly, to discuss any concerns of the Committee, management or the Internal Auditors.

## 17. OUTSIDE ADVISORS

17.1 The Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to retain and obtain the advice and assistance of independent outside counsel and such other advisors as it deems necessary to fulfil its duties and responsibilities under this Charter. The Committee shall set the compensation and oversee the work of any outside counsel and other advisors to be paid by the Corporation.

#### 18. REPORTING

18.1 The Committee shall report to the Board on all matters set out in this Charter and other matters assigned to the Committee by the Board, including: (a) the Auditor's independence; (b) the Auditor's performance and the Committee's recommendation to reappoint or terminate the Auditor; (c) the Internal Auditors'

performance; (d) the adequacy of the Internal Controls; (e) the Committee's review of the Corporation's annual and interim financial statements, and any IFRS reconciliation, including any issues respecting the quality and integrity of financial statements, along with the MD&A; (f) the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory matters and such matters affect the financial statements; and (g) the Corporation's risk management programs and any risks identified in accordance with this program.

#### 19. CHARTER REVIEW

19.1 The Committee shall review this Charter at least annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval. This Charter shall be posted on the Corporation's investor relations website.

#### 20. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

20.1 The Committee shall conduct an annual evaluation of the performance of its duties and responsibilities under this Charter and shall present the results of the evaluation to the Board. The Committee shall conduct this evaluation in such manner as it deems appropriate.

## 21. APPLICATION OF CHARTER

21.1 This Charter is a broad policy statement and is intended to be part of the Committee's flexible governance framework. While this Charter should comply with all applicable laws, regulations and listing requirements and the Corporation's articles and by-laws, this Charter does not create any legally binding obligations on the Committee, the Board or the Corporation.

Last approved by the Board: January 25, 2024.

## ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP.

Schedule "**B**" to the Management Information Circular

# **OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

[see attached]

#### ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP.

**2024 OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN** 

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#### ARGYLE RESOURCES CORP.

#### 2024 OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

## ARTICLE 1 ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE AND DURATION

1.1 <u>Establishment of the Plan</u>. The following is the omnibus equity incentive compensation plan of Argyle Resources Corp. (the "**Company**") pursuant to which stock based compensation Awards (as defined below) may be granted to eligible Participants (as defined below). The name of the plan is the 2024 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan (the "**Plan**").

The Plan permits the grant of Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Share Units, Deferred Share Units and Performance Share Units (as such terms are defined below). The Plan was adopted by the Board (as defined below) on August 12, 2024 (the "Effective Date") and approved by the shareholders of the Company on

1.2 <u>Purpose of the Plan</u>. The purposes of the Plan are to: (i) provide the Company with a mechanism to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants, (ii) align the interests of Participants with that of other shareholders of the Company generally, and (iii) enable and encourage Participants to participate in the long-term growth of the Company through the acquisition of Shares (as defined below) as long-term investments.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Whenever used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, and when such meaning is intended, such term shall be capitalized.

"Affiliate" means any corporation, partnership or other entity (i) in which the Company, directly or indirectly, has majority ownership interest or (ii) which the Company controls. For the purposes of this definition, the Company is deemed to "control" such corporation, partnership or other entity if the Company possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such corporation, partnership or other entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and includes a corporation which is considered to be a subsidiary for purposes of consolidation under International Financial Reporting Standards.

"Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Deferred Share Units, Restricted Share Units or Performance Share Units, in each case subject to the terms of the Plan.

"Award Agreement" means either (i) a written agreement entered into by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to Awards granted under the Plan; or (ii) a written statement issued by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to a Participant describing the terms and provisions of such Award. All Award Agreements shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of the Plan. An Award Agreement need not be identical to other Award Agreements either in form or substance.

"ASA" means the Securities Act (Alberta), as may be amended from time to time.

"Blackout Period" means a period of time during which the Participant cannot sell Shares, due to applicable law or policies of the Company in respect of insider trading.

"Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company as may be constituted from time to time.

"Cause" means (i) if the Participant has a written agreement pursuant to which he or she offers his or her services to the Company and the term "cause" is defined in such agreement, "cause" as defined in such agreement; or otherwise (ii) (A) the inability of the Participant to perform his or her duties due to a legal impediment such as an injunction, restraining order or other type of judicial judgment, decree or order entered against the Participant; (B) the failure of the Participant to follow the Company's reasonable instructions with respect to the performance of his or her duties; (C) any material breach by the Participant of his or her obligations under any code of ethics, any other code of business conduct or any lawful policies or procedures of the Company; (D) excessive absenteeism, flagrant neglect of duties, serious misconduct, or conviction of crime or fraud; and (E) any other act or omission of the Participant which would in law permit an employer to, without notice or payment in lieu of notice, terminate the employment of an employee.

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

- a consolidation, merger, amalgamation, arrangement or other reorganization or acquisition involving the Company as a result of which the holders of Shares prior to the completion of the transaction hold or beneficially own, directly or indirectly, less than 50% of the outstanding Voting Securities of the successor corporation after completion of the transaction;
- (ii) the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries to any other person or entity, other than a disposition to a wholly-owned subsidiary in the course of a reorganization of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries;
- (iii) a resolution is adopted to wind-up, dissolve or liquidate the Company;

- (iv) an acquisition by any person, entity or group of persons or entities acting jointly or in concert of beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the Shares; or
- (v) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that a Change of Control as defined herein has occurred or is imminent.

"Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor thereto.

"Committee" means the Board of Directors or if so delegated in whole or in part by the Board, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, or any other duly authorized committee of the Board appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.

"Company" means Argyle Resources Corp.

"Consultant" means, in relation to the Company, an individual (other than an Employee or a Director of the Company) or company that: (a) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or to an Affiliate of the Company, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities; (b) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or an Affiliate and the individual or the company, as the case may be; (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 an Affiliate of the Company; and (d) has a relationship with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Company.

"CSE" means the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE) and at any time the Shares are not listed and posted for trading on the CSE, shall be deemed to mean such other stock exchange or trading platform upon which the Shares trade and which has been designated by the Committee.

"Deferred Share Unit" or "DSU" means an Award denominated in units that provides the holder thereof with a right to receive Shares or cash or a combination thereof upon settlement of the Award, granted under and subject to the terms of the Plan.

"Director" means any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Disability" means the disability of the Participant which would entitle the Participant to receive disability benefits pursuant to the long-term disability plan of the Company (if one exists) then covering the Participant, provided that the Board may, in its sole discretion, determine that, notwithstanding the provisions of any such long-term disability plan, the Participant is permanently disabled for the purposes of the Plan.

"Dividend Equivalent" means a right with respect to an Award to receive cash, Shares or other property equal in value and form to dividends declared by the Board and paid with respect to outstanding Shares. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement, and if specifically provided for in the Award Agreement shall be subject to such terms and conditions set forth in the Award Agreement as the Committee shall determine.

"Employee" means any employee or officer of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company. Directors who are not otherwise employed by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall not be considered Employees under the Plan.

**"FMV"** means, unless otherwise required by any applicable provision of the Code or any regulations thereunder or by any applicable accounting standard for the Company's desired accounting for Awards or by the rules of the CSE, a price that is determined by the Committee, provided that as long as the Company is listed on the CSE such price cannot be less than the greater of \$0.05, and the closing market price of the underlying securities on the trading day prior to the date of grant of the Award subject to the rules or policies of the CSE.

"Freestanding SAR" means a SAR that is not a Tandem SAR, as described herein.

"Good Reason" a resignation or Retirement following a Change of Control shall be considered to be for good reason if any of the following occur without the consent of the Participant:

- (i) A substantial and detrimental alteration of his or her position or title or in the nature or status of his or her responsibilities from those in effect immediately prior to the Change of Control,
- (ii) A reduction of 10% or more of his or her base salary or target bonus and cancellation of applicable compensation plans and the failure to replace those plans with substantially comparable plans;
- (iii) The failure to continue to provide employment benefits and perquisites comparable to those enjoyed immediately prior to the Change of Control; or
- (iv) The Participant being relocated to an office or location that is 50 kilometers or more from the current location where he or she is employed.

"Grant Price" means the price against which the amount payable is determined upon exercise of a SAR.

"Insider" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 1(aa) of the ASA.

"ITA" means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

"Non-Employee Director" means a Director who is not an Employee.

"Notice Period" means any period of contractual notice or reasonable notice that the Company or an Affiliate of the Company may be required at law, by contract or otherwise agrees to

provide to a Participant upon termination of employment, whether or not the Company or Affiliate elects to pay severance *in lieu* of providing notice to the Participant, provided that where a Participant's employment contract provides for an increased severance or termination payment in the event of termination following a Change of Control, the Notice Period for the purposes of the Plan shall be the Notice Period under such contract applicable to a termination which does not follow a Change of Control.

"**Option**" means the conditional right to purchase Shares at a stated Option Price for a specified period of time subject to the terms of the Plan.

"Option Price" means the price at which a Share may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to an Option, as determined by the Committee and in accordance with section 5.3 herein.

"Participant" means an Employee, Non-Employee Director or Consultant who has been selected to receive an Award, or who has an outstanding Award granted under the Plan.

"Performance Period" means the period of time during which the assigned performance criteria must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award.

"Performance Share Unit" or "PSU" means an Award granted under Article 9 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan, denominated in units, the value of which at the time it is payable is determined as a function of the extent to which corresponding performance criteria have been achieved.

"Period of Restriction" means the period when an Award of Restricted Share Units is subject to forfeiture based on the passage of time, the achievement of performance criteria, and/or upon the occurrence of other events as determined by the Committee, in its discretion.

"Person" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 1(mm) of the ASA.

"Restricted Share Unit" or "RSU" means an Award denominated in units subject to a Period of Restriction, with a right to receive Shares or cash or a combination thereof upon settlement of the Award, granted under Article 7 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan.

"Retirement" or "Retire" means a Participant's permanent withdrawal from employment or office with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company on terms and conditions accepted and determined by the Board.

"Share Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means the conditional right to receive the difference between the FMV of a Share on the date of exercise over the Grant Price, pursuant to the terms of Article 6 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan.

"Shares" means common shares of the Company.

"Tandem SAR" means a SAR that the Committee specifies is granted in connection with a related Option pursuant to Article 6 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan, the exercise of which shall require forfeiture of the right to purchase a Share under the related Option (and when a Share is purchased under the Option, the Tandem SAR shall similarly be cancelled) or a SAR that is granted in tandem with an Option but the exercise of such Option does not cancel the SAR, but rather results in the exercise of the related SAR. Regardless of whether an Option is granted coincident with a SAR, a SAR is not a Tandem SAR unless so specified by the Committee at the time of grant.

"Termination Date" means the date on which a Participant ceases to be eligible to participate under the Plan as a result of a termination of employment, officer position, board service or consulting arrangement with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company for any reason, including death, Retirement, resignation or termination with or without Cause. For the purposes of the Plan, a Participant's employment, officer position, board service or consulting arrangement with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall be considered to have terminated effective on the last day of the Participant's actual and active employment, officer position or board or consulting service with the Company or the Affiliate whether such day is selected by agreement with the individual, unilaterally by the Company or the Affiliate and whether with or without advance notice to the Participant. For the avoidance of doubt, no period of notice or pay in lieu of notice that is given or that ought to have been given under applicable law in respect of such termination of employment that follows or is in respect of a period after the Participant's last day of actual and active employment shall be considered as extending the Participant's period of employment for the purposes of determining his or her entitlement under the Plan.

"U.S. Participants" means those Participants that are United States taxpayers.

"Voting Securities" shall mean any securities of the Company ordinarily carrying the right to vote at elections of directors and any securities immediately convertible into or exchangeable for such securities.

### ARTICLE 2 ADMINISTRATION

2.1 <u>General</u>. The Committee shall be responsible for administering the Plan. The Committee may employ attorneys, consultants, accountants, agents and other individuals, any of whom may be an Employee, and the Committee, the Company, and its officers and Directors shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions or valuations of any such persons. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the Participants, the Company, and all other interested parties. No member of the Committee will be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan or Awards granted hereunder. Each member of the Committee shall be entitled to indemnification by the Company with respect to any such determination or action in the manner provided for by the Company and its subsidiaries.

- 2.2 <u>Authority of the Committee</u>. The Committee shall have full and exclusive discretionary power to interpret the terms and the intent of the Plan and any Award Agreement or other agreement ancillary to or in connection with the Plan, to determine eligibility for Awards, and to adopt such rules, regulations and guidelines for administering the Plan as the Committee may deem necessary or proper. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, selecting Award recipients, establishing all Award terms and conditions, including grant, exercise price, issue price and vesting terms, whether Awards payout in cash or Shares where applicable, determining any performance goals applicable to Awards and whether such performance goals have been achieved, and, subject to Article 13, adopting modifications and amendments to the Plan or any Award Agreement, including, without limitation, any that are necessary or appropriate to comply with the laws or compensation practices of the jurisdictions in which the Company and its Affiliates operate.
- 2.3 <u>Delegation</u>. The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members any of the Committee's administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable; provided, however, that any such delegation must be permitted under applicable corporate law.

# ARTICLE 3 SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN AND MAXIMUM AWARDS

- 3.1 <u>Maximum Number of Shares Available for Awards</u>. The maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to Options issued under the Plan shall be equal to 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares on a rolling basis. In addition, the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs issued under the Plan shall not exceed 2,753,559 in the aggregate, representing 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares as of the Effective Date of this Plan. To the extent that an Award lapses or the rights of its Participant terminate or are paid out in cash (except in the case of Options which cannot be paid out in cash), any Shares subject to such Award shall again be available for the grant of an Award.
- 3.2 Award Grants to Individuals. The maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding Shares, calculated on the date an Award is granted to the Participant, unless the Company obtains disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE. The maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any Consultant or persons (in the aggregate) retained to provide Investor Relations Activities (as defined by the CSE) in any 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the outstanding Shares, calculated on the date an Award is granted to the Consultant or any such person, as applicable.
- 3.3 Award Grants to Insiders. Unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained: (i) the maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to Insiders (as a group) at any point in time shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Shares; and (ii) the aggregate number of Awards granted to Insiders (as a group), within any 12-month period, shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Shares, calculated at the date an Award is granted to any Insider.

Adjustments in Authorized Shares. In the event of any corporate event or 3.4 transaction (collectively, a "Corporate Reorganization") (including, but not limited to, a change in the Shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, arrangement, amalgamation, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, stock dividend, extraordinary dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off or other distribution of stock or property of the Company, combination of securities, exchange of securities, dividend in kind, or other like change in capital structure or distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to shareholders of the Company, or any similar corporate event or transaction, the Committee shall make or provide for such adjustments or substitutions, as applicable, in the number and kind of Shares that may be issued under the Plan, the number and kind of Shares subject to outstanding Awards, the Option Price or Grant Price applicable to outstanding Awards, the limit on issuing Awards other than Options granted with an Option Price equal to at least the FMV of a Share on the date of grant or Share Appreciation Rights with a Grant Price equal to at least the FMV of a Share on the date of grant, and any other value determinations applicable to outstanding Awards or to the Plan, as are equitably necessary to prevent dilution or enlargement of Participants' rights under the Plan that otherwise would result from such corporate event or transaction. In connection with a Corporate Reorganization, the Committee shall have the discretion to permit a holder of Options to purchase (at the times, for the consideration, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement) and the holder will then accept on the exercise of such Option, in lieu of the Shares that such holder would otherwise have been entitled to purchase, the kind and amount of shares or other securities or property that such holder would have been entitled to receive as a result of the Corporate Reorganization if, on the effective date thereof, that holder had owned all Shares that were subject to the Option. Such adjustments shall be made automatically, without the necessity of Committee action, on the customary arithmetical basis in the case of any stock split, including a stock split effected by means of a stock dividend, and in the case of any other dividend paid in Shares.

The Committee shall also make appropriate adjustments in the terms of any Awards under the Plan as are equitably necessary to reflect such Corporate Reorganization and may modify any other terms of outstanding Awards, including modifications of performance criteria and changes in the length of Performance Periods. The determination of the Committee as to the foregoing adjustments, if any, shall be conclusive and binding on Participants under the Plan, provided that any such adjustments must comply with Section 409A of the Code with respect to any U.S. Participants.

Subject to the provisions of Article 11 and any applicable law or regulatory requirement, without affecting the number of Shares reserved or available hereunder, the Committee may authorize the issuance, assumption, substitution or conversion of Awards under the Plan in connection with any Corporate Reorganization, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate. Additionally, the Committee may amend the Plan, or adopt supplements to the Plan, in such manner as it deems appropriate to provide for such issuance, assumption, substitution or conversion as provided in the previous sentence.

## ARTICLE 4 ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

- 4.1 <u>Eligibility</u>. Awards under the Plan shall be granted only to *bona fide* Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants.
- 4.2 <u>Actual Participation</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee may, from time to time, in its sole discretion select from among eligible Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants, those to whom Awards shall be granted under the Plan, and shall determine in its discretion the nature, terms, conditions and amount of each Award.

# ARTICLE 5 STOCK OPTIONS

- 5.1 <u>Grant of Options</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, Options may be granted to Participants in such number, and upon such terms, and at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion.
- 5.2 <u>Award Agreement</u>. Each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Option Price, the duration of the Option, the number of Shares to which the Option pertains, the conditions, if any, upon which an Option shall become vested and exercisable, and any such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.
- 5.3 <u>Option Price</u>. The Option Price for each grant of an Option under the Plan shall be determined by the Committee and shall be specified in the Award Agreement. The Option Price for an Option shall be not less than the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant.
- 5.4 <u>Vesting of Options</u>. Unless otherwise specified in an Award Agreement, and subject to any provisions of the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement relating to acceleration of vesting of Options, Options shall vest equally over a four year period such that 1/4 of the Options shall vest on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the date that the Options were granted.
- 5.5 <u>Duration of Options</u>. Each Option granted to a Participant shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, that, subject to section 6.6, no Option shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) anniversary date of its grant.
- 5.6 <u>Blackout Periods</u>. If the date on which an Option is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Blackout Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such Option shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.
- 5.7 <u>Exercise of Options</u>. Options granted under this Article 5 shall be exercisable at such times and on the occurrence of such events, and be subject to such restrictions and

conditions, as the Committee shall in each instance approve, which need not be the same for each grant or for each Participant.

5.8 <u>Payment</u>. Options granted under this Article 5 shall be exercised by the delivery of a notice of exercise to the Company or an agent designated by the Company in a form specified or accepted by the Committee, or by complying with any alternative procedures which may be authorized by the Committee, setting forth the number of Shares with respect to which the Option is to be exercised, accompanied by full payment of the Option Price.

The Option Price upon exercise of any Option shall be payable to the Company in full in cash, certified cheque or wire transfer.

As soon as practicable after receipt of a notification of exercise and full payment of the Option Price, the Shares in respect of which the Option has been exercised shall be issued as fully-paid and non-assessable common shares of the Company. As of the business day the Company receives such notice and such payment, the Participant (or the person claiming through a Participant, as the case may be) shall be entitled to be entered on the share register of the Company as the holder of the number of Shares in respect of which the Option was exercised and to receive as promptly as possible thereafter, but in any event, on or before the 15th day of the third month of the year following the year in which the Option was exercised, a certificate or evidence of book entry representing the said number of Shares. The Company shall cause to be delivered to or to the direction of the Participant Share certificates or evidence of book entry Shares in an appropriate amount based upon the number of Shares purchased under the Option(s).

#### 5.9 <u>Death, Disability, Retirement and Termination or Resignation of Employment.</u>

If the Award Agreement does not specify the effect of a termination or resignation of employment then the following default rules will apply:

- (a) Death: If a Participant dies while an Employee, Director of, or Consultant to, the Company or an Affiliate of the Company:
  - (i) all unvested Options as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest; and
  - (ii) all vested Options (including those that vested pursuant to (i) above) shall continue to be subject to the Plan and exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised within 90 days after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- (b) Disability: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their Disability then all Options remain and continue to vest (and are exercisable) in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12

- months after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised (whether vested or not) within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- (c) Retirement: If a Participant Retires then the Board shall have the discretion, with respect to such Participant's Options, to determine: (i) whether to accelerate vesting of any or all of such Options, (ii) whether any of such Options shall be cancelled, with or without payment, and (iii) how long, if at all, such Options may remain outstanding following the Termination Date; provided, however, that in no event shall such Options be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date.
- (d) Termination for Cause: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their termination for Cause, then all Options, whether vested or not, as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited.
- (e) Termination without Cause or Voluntary Resignation: Subject to section 5.9(f) below, if a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan for any reason, other than as set out in sections 5.9(a)-(d), then, unless otherwise determined by the Board in its sole discretion, as of the Termination Date:
  - (i) all unvested Options shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited, and
  - (ii) all vested Options shall continue to be subject to the Plan and exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised within 90 days after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- (f) Existing Options. Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, in connection with the resignation of the Participants holding unexercised Options, the unexercised Options shall be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any unexercised Options that have not been exercised within 90 days after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- 5.10 <u>Nontransferability of Options</u>. An Option granted under this Article 5 may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Further, all Options granted to a Participant under this Article 5 shall be exercisable during such Participant's lifetime only by such Participant.

## ARTICLE 6 SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS

6.1 <u>Grant of SARs</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, SARs may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time and upon such terms as shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion. The Committee may grant Freestanding SARs, Tandem SARs, or any combination of these forms of SARs.

The Grant Price for each grant of a Freestanding SAR shall be determined by the Committee and shall be specified in the Award Agreement. The Grant Price may be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant, or set at a premium to the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant, or be indexed to the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant, with the index determined by the Committee, in its discretion, provided that the Grant Price may never be less than the FMV of the Shares on the date of Grant. The Grant Price of Tandem SARs shall be equal to the Option Price of the related Option.

- 6.2 <u>SAR Agreement</u>. Each SAR Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Grant Price, the term of the SAR, and any such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.
- 6.3 <u>Term of SAR</u>. The term of a SAR granted under the Plan shall be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, and subject to section 6.4, no SAR shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary date of its grant.
- 6.4 <u>Blackout Periods</u>. If the date on which a SAR is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Blackout Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such SAR shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.
- 6.5 <u>Exercise of Freestanding SARs</u>. Freestanding SARs may be exercised upon whatever terms and conditions the Committee, in its sole discretion, imposes.
- 6.6 Exercise of Tandem SARs. With respect to Participants who are not subject to taxation under the ITA, Tandem SARs may be exercised for all or part of the Shares subject to the related Option upon the surrender of the right to exercise the equivalent portion of the related Option, if applicable. With respect to Participants subject to taxation under the ITA, prior to exercising a Tandem SAR the Participant must elect to receive the Tandem SAR in consideration for the disposition of that Participant's right to receive Shares under the Option. A Tandem SAR may be exercised only with respect to the Shares for which its related Option is then exercisable.
- 6.7 <u>Payment of SAR Amount</u>. Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount representing the difference between the FMV of the underlying Shares on the date of exercise over the Grant Price. At the discretion of the Committee, the payment upon SAR exercise may be in cash, Shares of

equivalent value (based on the FMV of the Shares on the date of exercise of the SAR, as defined in the Award Agreement or otherwise defined by the Committee thereafter), in some combination thereof, or in any other form approved by the Committee at its sole discretion. Payment shall be made no earlier than the date of exercise nor later than 2½ months after the close of the year in which the SAR is exercised. The Committee's determination regarding the form of SAR payout shall be set forth or reserved for later determination in the Award Agreement for the grant of the SAR.

- 6.8 <u>Termination of Employment</u>. Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to exercise the SAR following termination of the Participant's employment or other relationship with the Company or its Affiliates. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, need not be uniform among all SARs issued pursuant to the Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination, provided that such provisions shall comply with the rules of the CSE.
- 6.9 <u>Nontransferability of SARs</u>. A SAR granted under the Plan may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Further, all SARs granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during such Participant's lifetime only by such Participant.

## ARTICLE 7 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

- 7.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Restricted Share Units to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.
- Restricted Share Unit Agreement. Each Restricted Share Unit grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Period(s) of Restriction, the number of Restricted Share Units granted, the settlement date for Restricted Share Units, whether such Restricted Share Unit is settled in cash, Shares or a combination thereof or if the form of payment is reserved for later determination by the Committee, and any such other provisions as the Committee shall determine, provided that unless otherwise determined by the Committee or as set out in any Award Agreement, no Restricted Share Unit shall vest later than three years after the date of grant. The Committee shall impose, in the Award Agreement at the time of grant, such other conditions and/or restrictions on any Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to the Plan as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance criteria, time-based restrictions on vesting following the attainment of the performance criteria, time-based restrictions, restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of the CSE.
- 7.3 <u>Vesting of Restricted Share Units</u>. Unless otherwise specified in an Award Agreement, and subject to any provisions of the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement relating to acceleration of vesting of Restricted Share Units, Restricted Share Units shall vest equally over a three year period such that 1/3 of the Restricted Share Units granted in an Award shall vest on the first, second and third anniversary dates of the date that the Award was granted, and provided that no Restricted Share Unit granted shall vest and be payable after December 31 of

the third calendar year following the year of service for which the Restricted Share Unit was granted.

- 7.4 <u>Black Out Periods</u>. If the date on which a Restricted Share Unit is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Blackout Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such Award shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.
- 7.5 Nontransferability of Restricted Share Units. The Restricted Share Units granted herein may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the date of settlement through delivery or other payment, or upon earlier satisfaction of any other conditions, as specified by the Committee in its sole discretion and set forth in the Award Agreement at the time of grant or thereafter by the Committee. All rights with respect to the Restricted Share Units granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be available during such Participant's lifetime only to such Participant.
- 7.6 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Participants holding Restricted Share Units granted hereunder may, if the Committee so determines, be credited with dividends paid with respect to the underlying Shares or Dividend Equivalents while they are so held in a manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement. The Committee may apply any restrictions to the dividends or Dividend Equivalents that the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine the form of payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents, including cash, Shares or Restricted Share Units.
  - 7.7 <u>Death, Disability, Retirement and Termination or Resignation of Employment.</u>

If the Award Agreement does not specify the effect of a termination or resignation of employment then the following default rules will apply:

- (a) Death: If a Participant dies while an Employee, Director of, or Consultant to, the Company or an Affiliate:
  - (i) all unvested Restricted Share Units as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest; and
  - (ii) all vested Restricted Share Units (including those that vested pursuant to (i) above) shall be paid to the Participant's estate in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Award Agreement.
- (b) Disability: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their Disability, then all Restricted Share Units remain and continue

to vest in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Restricted Share Units that have not vested within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.

- (c) Retirement: If a Participant Retires then the Board shall have the discretion, with respect to such Participant's Restricted Share Units, to determine: (i) whether to accelerate vesting of any or all of such Restricted Share Units, (ii) whether any of such Restricted Share Units shall be cancelled, with or without payment, and (iii) how long, if at all, such Restricted Share Units may remain outstanding following the Termination Date; provided, however, that in no event shall such Restricted Share Units remain outstanding for more than 12 months after the Termination Date. Notwithstanding the above, for U.S. Participants, the treatment of Restricted Share Units upon retirement shall be provided for in the Award Agreement.
- (d) Termination for Cause: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their termination for Cause, then all Restricted Share Units, whether vested or not, as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately be forfeited.
- (e) Termination without Cause or Voluntary Resignation: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan for any reason, other than as set out in sections 7.7(a)-(d), then, unless otherwise determined by the Board in its sole discretion, as of the Termination Date:
  - (i) all unvested Restricted Share Units shall automatically and immediately be forfeited, and
  - (ii) all vested Restricted Share Units shall be paid to the Participants in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Award Agreement.
- 7.8 Payment in Settlement of Restricted Share Units. When and if Restricted Share Units become payable, the Participant issued such Restricted Share Units shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in settlement of such Restricted Share Units: (i) in cash, in an amount equal to the product of the FMV of a Share on the applicable settlement date multiplied by the number of Restricted Share Units being settled, (ii) in a number of Shares (issued from treasury) equal to the number of Restricted Share Units being settled, (iii) in some combination thereof, or (iv) in any other form, all as determined by the Committee at its sole discretion. The Committee's determination regarding the form of payout shall be set forth or reserved for later determination in the Award Agreement for the grant of the Restricted Share Units. In the event settlement is made by payment in cash, such payment shall be made by the earlier of (i) 2½ months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date.

### ARTICLE 8 DEFERRED SHARES UNITS

- 8.1 <u>Grant of Deferred Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Deferred Share Units to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.
- 8.2 <u>Deferred Share Unit Agreement</u>. Each Deferred Share Unit grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the number of Deferred Share Units granted, the settlement date for Deferred Share Units, and any other provisions as the Committee shall determine, including, but not limited to a requirement that Participants pay a stipulated purchase price for each Deferred Share Unit, restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance criteria, time-based restrictions, restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of the CSE, or holding requirements or sale restrictions placed on the Shares by the Company upon vesting of such Deferred Share Units.
- 8.3 <u>Nontransferability of Deferred Share Units</u>. The Deferred Share Units granted herein may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated. All rights with respect to the Deferred Share Units granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be available during such Participant's lifetime only to such Participant.
- 8.4 <u>Black Out Periods</u>. If the date on which a Deferred Share Unit is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Blackout Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such Award shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.
- 8.5 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. Participants holding Deferred Share Units granted hereunder may, if the Committee so determines, be credited with dividends paid with respect to the underlying Shares or Dividend Equivalents while they are so held in a manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement. The Committee may apply any restrictions to the dividends or Dividend Equivalents that the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine the form of payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents, including cash, Shares or Deferred Share Units.
- 8.6 Termination of Employment, Consultancy or Directorship. Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to retain Deferred Share Units following termination of the Participant's employment or other relationship with the Company or its Affiliates. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, need not be uniform among all Deferred Share Units issued pursuant to the Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination, provided that provisions shall comply with applicable rules of the CSE.
- 8.7 <u>Payment in Settlement of Deferred Share Units</u>. When and if Deferred Share Units become payable, the Participant issued such Deferred Share Units shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in settlement of such Deferred Share Units: (i) in cash, in an amount equal to the product of the FMV of a Share on the applicable settlement date less the stipulated

purchase price for the Deferred Share Units being settled, if any, multiplied by the number of Deferred Share Units being settled, (ii) in a number of Shares (issued from treasury) equal to the number of Deferred Share Units being settled, (iii) in some combination thereof, or (iv) in any other form, all as determined by the Committee at its sole discretion. The Committee's determination regarding the form of payout shall be set forth or reserved for later determination in the Award Agreement for the grant of the Deferred Share Units.

### ARTICLE 9 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

- 9.1 <u>Grant of Performance Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Performance Share Units to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.
- 9.2 <u>Value of Performance Share Units</u>. Each Performance Share Unit shall have an initial value equal to the FMV of a Share on the date of grant. The Committee shall set performance criteria for a Performance Period in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine, in the manner determined by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement, the value and/or number of each Performance Share Unit that will be paid to the Participant.
- 9.3 <u>Earning of Performance Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, after the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of Performance Share Units shall be entitled to receive payout on the value and number of Performance Share Units, determined as a function of the extent to which the corresponding performance criteria have been achieved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall have the ability to require the Participant to hold any Shares received pursuant to such Award for a specified period of time.
- Performance Share Units shall be as determined by the Committee and as set forth in the Award Agreement. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Performance Share Units in the form of: (i) cash equal to the value of the Shares underlying the earned Performance Share Units at the end of the applicable Performance Period, (ii) a number of Shares issued from treasury equal to the number of earned Performance Share Units at the end of the applicable Performance Period, or (iii) in a combination thereof. Any Shares may be granted subject to any restrictions deemed appropriate by the Committee. The determination of the Committee with respect to the form of payout of such Awards shall be set forth in the Award Agreement for the grant of the Award or reserved for later determination. In no event will delivery of such Shares or payment of any cash amounts be made later than the earlier of (i) 2½ months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date.

- 9.5 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. Participants holding Performance Share Units granted hereunder may, if the Committee so determines, be credited with dividends paid with respect to the underlying Shares or Dividend Equivalents while they are so held in a manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement. The Committee may apply any restrictions to the dividends or Dividend Equivalents that the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine the form of payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents, including cash, Shares or Performance Share Units.
- 9.6 Termination of Employment, Consultancy or Directorship. Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to retain Performance Share Units following termination of the Participant's employment or other relationship with the Company or its Affiliates. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, need not be uniform among all Performance Share Units issued pursuant to the Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination, provided that the provisions shall comply with applicable rules of the CSE.
- 9.7 <u>Non-transferability of Performance Share Units</u>. Performance Share Units may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Further, a Participant's rights under the Plan shall inure during such Participant's lifetime only to such Participant.

# ARTICLE 10 BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

- 10.1 <u>Beneficiary</u>. A Participant's "beneficiary" is the person or persons entitled to receive payments or other benefits or exercise rights that are available under the Plan in the event of the Participant's death. A Participant may designate a beneficiary or change a previous beneficiary designation at such times as prescribed by the Committee and by using such forms and following such procedures approved or accepted by the Committee for that purpose. If no beneficiary designated by the Participant is eligible to receive payments or other benefits or exercise rights that are available under the Plan at the Participant's death, the beneficiary shall be the Participant's estate.
- 10.2 <u>Discretion of the Committee</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Committee may, in its discretion, after notifying the affected Participants, modify the foregoing requirements, institute additional requirements for beneficiary designations, or suspend the existing beneficiary designations of living Participants or the process of determining beneficiaries under this Article 10, or both, in favor of another method of determining beneficiaries.

## ARTICLE 11 RIGHTS OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

11.1 <u>Employment</u>. Nothing in the Plan or an Award Agreement shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to terminate any Participant's employment, consulting or other service relationship with the Company or the Affiliate at any time, nor confer upon any Participant any right to continue in the capacity in which he or she is employed or otherwise serves the Company or the Affiliate.

Neither an Award nor any benefits arising under the Plan shall constitute part of an employment or service contract with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company, and, accordingly, subject to the terms of the Plan, the Plan may be terminated or modified at any time in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Committee or the Board without giving rise to liability on the part of the Company or its Affiliates for severance payments or otherwise, except as provided in the Plan.

For purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise provided by the Committee, a transfer of employment of a Participant between the Company and an Affiliate or among Affiliates of the Company, shall not be deemed a termination of employment. The Committee may provide, in a Participant's Award Agreement or otherwise, the conditions under which a transfer of employment to an entity that is spun off from the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall not be deemed a termination of employment for purposes of an Award.

- 11.2 <u>Participation</u>. No Employee or other Person eligible to participate in the Plan shall have the right to be selected to receive an Award. No person selected to receive an Award shall have the right to be selected to receive a future Award, or, if selected to receive a future Award, the right to receive such future Award on terms and conditions identical or in proportion in any way to any prior Award.
- 11.3 <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>. A Participant shall have none of the rights of a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Participant becomes the holder of such Shares.

#### ARTICLE 12 CHANGE OF CONTROL

12.1 <u>Change of Control and Termination of Employment</u>. Subject to section 12.2, if there is a Change of Control, any Awards held by a Participant shall automatically vest following such Change of Control, on the Termination Date, if the Participant is an Employee, officer or a Director and their employment, or officer or Director position is terminated or they resign for Good Reason within 12 months following the Change of Control, provided that no acceleration of Awards shall occur in the case of a Participant that was retained to provide Investor Relations Activities unless the approval of the CSE is either obtained or not required.

- of an actual or potential Change of Control, the Board may, in its sole discretion, without the necessity or requirement for the agreement of any Participant: (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit (including, but not limited to those set out in (iii) and (iv) below), the vesting date of any Awards; (ii) permit the conditional redemption or exercise of any Awards, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of any Awards, including for greater certainty by (1) permitting Participants to exercise or redeem any Awards to assist the Participants to participate in the actual or potential Change of Control, or (2) providing that any Awards exercised or vested shall be exercisable or redeemed for, in lieu of Shares, such property (including shares of another entity or cash) that shareholders of the Company will receive in the Change of Control; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of a Change of Control, on such terms as it sees fit, the Awards not exercised or redeemed prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control. With respect to U.S. Participant, the treatment of Awards upon a Change of Control shall be provided for in the Award Agreement.
- 12.3 <u>Non-Occurrence of Change of Control</u>. In the event that any Awards are conditionally exercised pursuant to section 12.2 above and the Change of Control does not occur, the Board may, in its sole discretion, determine that any (i) Awards so exercised shall be reinstated as the type of Award prior to such exercise, and (ii) Shares issued be cancelled and any exercise or similar price received by the Company shall be returned to the Participant.
- 12.4 <u>Agreement with Purchaser in a Change of Control</u>. In connection with a Change of Control, the Board may be permitted to condition any acceleration of vesting on the Participant entering into an employment, confidentiality or other agreement with the purchaser as the Board deems appropriate.

# ARTICLE 13 AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 13.1 Amendment and Termination. The Board may, at any time, suspend or terminate the Plan. Subject to compliance with any applicable law, including the rules of the CSE, the Board may also, at any time, amend or revise the terms of the Plan and any Award Agreement. No such amendment of the Plan or Award Agreement may be made if such amendment would materially and adversely impair any rights arising from any Awards previously granted to a Participant under the Plan without the consent of the Participant or the representatives of his or her estate, as applicable. Any amendment that would cause an Award held by a Participant that is a U.S. taxpayer to fail to comply with Section 409A of the Code shall be null and void with respect to such Participant.
- 13.2 <u>Reduction of Option Price or Grant Price</u>. Disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE shall be obtained for any reduction in the Option Price of an Option or the Grant Price of a SAR if the Participant is an Insider of the Company at the time of the proposed amendment.

### ARTICLE 14 WITHHOLDING

- 14.1 <u>Withholding</u>. The Company or any of its Affiliates shall have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company or the Affiliate, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, provincial and local taxes or domestic or foreign taxes required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising from or as a result of the Plan or any Award hereunder. The Committee may provide for Participants to satisfy withholding requirements by having the Company withhold and sell Shares or the Participant making such other arrangements, including the sale of Shares, in either case on such conditions as the Committee specifies.
- 14.2 <u>Acknowledgement</u>. Participant acknowledges and agrees that the ultimate liability for all taxes legally payable by Participant is and remains Participant's responsibility and may exceed the amount actually withheld by the Company. Participant further acknowledges that the Company: (a) makes no representations or undertakings regarding the treatment of any taxes in connection with any aspect of the Plan; and (b) does not commit to and is under no obligation to structure the terms of the Plan to reduce or eliminate Participant's liability for taxes or achieve any particular tax result. Further, if Participant has become subject to tax in more than one jurisdiction, Participant acknowledges that the Company may be required to withhold or account for taxes in more than one jurisdiction.

# ARTICLE 15 SUCCESSORS

Any obligations of the Company or its Affiliates under the Plan with respect to Awards granted hereunder shall be binding on any successor to the Company or its Affiliates, respectively, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the businesses and/or assets of the Company or the Affiliate, as applicable.

## ARTICLE 16 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 16.1 <u>Delivery of Title</u>. The Company shall have no obligation to issue or deliver evidence of title for Shares issued under the Plan prior to:
  - (a) Obtaining any approvals from governmental agencies that the Company determines are necessary or advisable; and
  - (b) Completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any applicable law or ruling of any governmental body that the Company determines to be necessary or advisable.

- 16.2 <u>Investment Representations</u>. The Committee may require each Participant receiving Shares pursuant to an Award under the Plan to represent and warrant in writing that the Participant is acquiring the Shares for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares.
- 16.3 <u>Uncertificated Shares</u>. To the extent that the Plan provides for issuance of certificates to reflect the transfer of Shares, the transfer of such Shares may be effected on a noncertificated basis to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the rules of the CSE.
- 16.4 <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award Agreement. In such an instance, unless the Committee determines otherwise, fractional Shares and any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.
- 16.5 Other Compensation and Benefit Plans. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to limit the right of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to establish other compensation or benefit plans, programs, policies or arrangements. Except as may be otherwise specifically stated in any other benefit plan, policy, program or arrangement, no Award shall be treated as compensation for purposes of calculating a Participant's rights under any such other plan, policy, program or arrangement.
- 16.6 <u>No Constraint on Corporate Action</u>. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed (i) to limit, impair or otherwise affect the Company's or its Affiliates' right or power to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations or changes in its capital or business structure, or to merge or consolidate, or dissolve, liquidate, sell or transfer all or any part of its business or assets, or (ii) to limit the right or power of the Company or its Affiliates to take any action which such entity deems to be necessary or appropriate.
- 16.7 <u>Compliance with Canadian Securities Laws</u>. All Awards and the issuance of Shares underlying such Awards issued pursuant to the Plan will be issued pursuant to an exemption from the prospectus requirements of Canadian securities laws where applicable. In addition to any applicable resale restrictions under Canadian securities laws, where Awards are granted pursuant to section 2.24 of National Instrument 45-106, the Awards and any Shares issued on the exercise of such Awards must be legended with a four month hold period commencing on the date the Awards were granted, unless written approval is obtained from the CSE.
- 16.8 <u>Compliance with U.S. Securities Laws</u>. All Awards and the issuance of Shares underlying such Awards issued pursuant to the Plan will be issued pursuant to the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended or an exemption from such registration requirements. If the Awards or Shares are not so registered and no such registration exemption is available, the Company shall not be required to issue any Shares otherwise issuable hereunder.

### ARTICLE 17 LEGAL CONSTRUCTION

- 17.1 <u>Gender and Number</u>. Except where otherwise indicated by the context, any masculine term used herein also shall include the feminine, the plural shall include the singular, and the singular shall include the plural.
- 17.2 <u>Severability</u>. In the event any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.
- 17.3 <u>Requirements of Law</u>. The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or securities exchanges as may be required. The Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall receive the consideration required by law for the issuance of Awards under the Plan.

The inability of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company or the Affiliate to be necessary for the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company or the Affiliate of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

17.4 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

#### 17.5 Compliance with Section 409A of the Code.

- (a) To the extent the Plan is applicable to a particular Participant subject to the Code, it is intended that the Plan and any Awards made hereunder shall not provide for the payment of "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code or shall be structured in a manner and have such terms and conditions that would not cause such a Participant to be subject to taxes and interest pursuant to Section 409A of the Code. The Plan and any Awards made hereunder shall be administrated and interpreted in a manner consistent with this intent.
- (b) To the extent that any amount or benefit in favour of a Participant who is subject to the Code would constitute "deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code would otherwise be payable or distributable under the Plan or any Award Agreement by reason of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the Participant's disability or separation from service, such amount or

benefit will not be payable or distributable to the Participant by reason of such circumstance unless: (i) the circumstances giving rise to such Change of Control, disability or separation from service meet the description or definition of "change in control event," "disability," or "separation from service," as the case may be, in Section 409A of the Code and applicable proposed or final Treasury regulations thereunder, and (ii) the payment or distribution of such amount or benefit would otherwise comply with Section 409A of the Code and not subject the Participant to taxes and interest pursuant to Section 409A of the Code. This provision does not prohibit the vesting of any Award or the vesting of any right to eventual payment or distribution of any amount or benefit under the Plan or any Award Agreement.

(c) The Committee shall use its reasonable discretion to determine the extent to which the provisions of this section 17.5 will apply to a Participant who is subject to taxation under the ITA.