



## **QMC QUANTUM MINERALS CORP.**

### **MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

All information as at June 27, 2022, except where indicated.

**This Management Information Circular (“Circular”) is provided in connection with the solicitation of proxies (“Proxies”) by management of QMC Quantum Minerals Corp. (the “Company”) from the holders of common shares of the Company (“Common Shares”) in respect of the Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders of the Company (the “Meeting”) to be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the time and place and for the purposes set out in the accompanying notice of meeting (the “Notice of Meeting”).**

### **PERSONS MAKING THIS SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

While it is expected that the solicitation will be made primarily by mail, proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and employees of the Company. All costs of this solicitation will be borne by the Company.

In light of the ongoing public health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the health and safety of our shareholders, employees, advisors and other stakeholders, we strongly encourage Shareholders to vote in advance of the Meeting by proxy instead of attending the Meeting in person. We ask that anyone considering attending the Meeting in person review the most current advice of the British Columbia Ministry of Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

### **COMPLETION AND VOTING OF PROXIES**

#### **Voting**

Voting at the Meeting will be by a show of hands, each registered shareholder and each Proxyholder (representing a registered or non-registered shareholder) having one vote, unless a poll is required or requested, whereupon each such shareholder and Proxyholder is entitled to one vote for each share held or represented, respectively. To approve a motion proposed at the Meeting a majority of greater than 50% of the votes cast will be required (an “ordinary resolution”) unless the motion requires a “special resolution” in which case a majority of 66⅔% of the votes cast will be required.

#### **Appointment of Proxyholders**

**A shareholder has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a shareholder) to represent the shareholder at the Meeting other than the persons named in the Proxy as Proxyholders. To exercise this right, the shareholder must insert the name of the shareholder’s nominee in the space provided or complete another Proxy.**

The persons named in the accompanying Proxy as Proxyholders are our directors or officers.

A shareholder completing the enclosed Proxy may indicate the manner in which the persons named in the Proxy are to vote with respect to any matter by marking an “X” in the appropriate space. On any poll required (for the reason described above) or requested, those persons will vote or withhold from voting

the shares in respect of which they are appointed in accordance with the directions, if any, given in the Proxy, provided such directions are certain.

If a shareholder wishes to confer a discretionary authority with respect to any matter, then the space should be left blank. **In such instance, the Proxyholder, if nominated by management, intends to vote the shares represented by the Proxy in favour of the motion.**

**The enclosed Proxy, when properly signed, confers discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to other matters which may be properly brought before the Meeting.** At the time of printing this Information Circular, our management is not aware that any such amendments, variations or other matters are to be presented for action at the Meeting. If, however, other matters which are not now known to the management should properly come before the Meeting, the Proxies hereby solicited will be exercised on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the nominees.

The Proxy must be dated and signed by the shareholder or the shareholder's attorney authorized in writing. In the case of a corporation, the Proxy must be dated and duly executed under its corporate seal or signed by a duly authorized officer or attorney for the corporation.

**The completed Proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it was signed or a notary certified copy thereof, must be deposited with our transfer agent in accordance with the instructions and before the time set out in the Proxy. Proxies received after such time may be accepted or rejected by the Chair of the Meeting in the Chair's discretion. Non-registered shareholders that are OBOs (as defined below under "Non-registered Shareholders") must deliver their completed Proxies in accordance with the instructions given by their financial institution or other intermediary that forwarded the Proxy to them.**

#### **Registered Shareholders**

Only shareholders registered as shareholders in our shareholder registry maintained by our registrar and transfer agent or duly appointed Proxyholders (except as discussed below under "Non-registered Shareholders") will be recognized to make motions or vote at the Meeting.

#### **Non-registered Shareholders**

**Many Shareholders are "non-registered" shareholders because the shares of the Company they own are not registered in their names but are instead registered in the name of the brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which they purchased the shares.** More particularly, a person is not a registered Shareholder in respect of shares which are held on behalf of that person (the "Non-Registered Holder") but which are registered either: (a) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") that the Non-Registered Holder deals with in respect of the shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSP's, RRIF's, RESP's, TFSA's and similar plans); or (b) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited) of which the Intermediary is a participant.

There are two kinds of Non-Registered Holders: those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own (called '**OBOs**' for Objecting Beneficial Owners) and those who do not object to the issuers of the securities they own knowing who they are (called '**NOBOs**' for Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners). Subject to the provision of National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of Reporting Issuers* ("NI 54-101"), issuers can request and obtain a list of their NOBOs from intermediaries via their transfer agents and use the NOBO list for distribution of proxy-related materials directly to NOBOs. We are not using the notice and access provisions of NI 54-101 this year.

Under the provisions of NI 54-101, we will be directly delivering proxy-related materials to our NOBOs who have not waived the right to receive them. As a result, NOBOs can expect to receive a Voting Instruction Form (“VIF”), together with the Notice of Meeting, this Information Circular and related documents from our transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. (“Computershare”). These VIF’s are to be completed and returned to Computershare in the envelope provided, or by facsimile, or voted using the telephone or internet alternatives included on the VIF. In this regard, Computershare is required to follow the voting instructions properly received from NOBOs.

Computershare will tabulate the results of the VIF’s received from NOBOs and will provide appropriate instructions at the Meeting with respect to the Common Shares represented by the VIF’s they receive. **NOBOs should carefully follow the instructions of Computershare, including those regarding when and where to complete the VIF’s that are to be returned to Computershare.**

Should a NOBO wish to vote at the Meeting in person, the NOBO must insert the names of the NOBO (or the name of the person that the NOBO wants to attend and vote on the NOBO’s behalf) in the space provided on the VIF and return it to Computershare. If Computershare or the Company receives a written request that the NOBO or its nominee be appointed as proxy holder, if management is holding a proxy with respect to common shares beneficially owned by such NOBO, we will arrange, without expense to the NOBO, to appoint the NOBO or its nominee as proxy holder in respect of those common shares. Under NI 54-101, unless corporate law does not allow it, if the NOBO or its nominee is appointed as proxy holder by the Company in this manner, the NOBO or its nominee, as applicable, must be given the authority to attend, vote and otherwise act for and on behalf of management in respect of all matters that come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. If we receive such instructions at least one business day before the deadline for submission of proxies, we are required to deposit the proxy within that deadline, in order to appoint the NOBO or its nominee as proxy holder. **If a NOBO requests that the NOBO or its nominee be appointed as proxy holder, the NOBO or its appointed nominee, as applicable, will need to attend the meeting in person in order for the NOBOs vote to be counted.**

**NOBOs that wish to change their vote must, in sufficient time in advance of the Meeting, contact Computershare to arrange to change their vote.**

These securityholder materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities. If you are a non-registered owner and we (or our agent) have sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding on your behalf.

By choosing to send these materials to you directly, we (and not the intermediary holding on your behalf) have assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you, and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the request for voting instructions. We do not intend to pay the costs of intermediaries forwarding the securityholder materials to OBOs so OBOs will only receive the securityholder materials where the intermediary has assumed such costs.

In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, we have distributed copies of the Notice of Meeting, this Information Circular, the form of proxy and related documents (collectively, the “Meeting Materials”) to the clearing agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to OBOs. Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs unless in the case of certain proxy-related materials the OBO has waived the right to receive them. Very often, Intermediaries will use service companies to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs. With those Meeting Materials, Intermediaries or their service companies should provide OBOs of Common Shares with a “request for voting instruction form” which, when properly completed and signed by such OBO and **returned to the Intermediary or its service company,**

will constitute voting instructions which the Intermediary must follow. The purpose of this procedure is to permit OBOs of Common Shares to direct the voting of the Common Shares that they beneficially own.

Should an OBO of Common Shares wish to vote at the Meeting in person, insert the OBO's name (or the name of the person the OBO wants to attend and vote on the OBO's behalf) in the space provided for that purpose on the request for voting instructions form and return it to the OBO's intermediary or send your intermediary another written request that the OBO or its nominee be appointed as proxy holder. The intermediary is required under NI 54-101 to arrange, without expense to the OBO, to appoint the OBO or its nominee as proxy holder in respect of the OBO's common shares. Under NI 54-101, unless corporate law does not allow it, if the intermediary makes an appointment in this manner, the OBO or its nominee, as applicable, must be given authority to attend, vote and otherwise act for and on behalf of the intermediary (who is the registered shareholder) in respect of all matters that come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. An intermediary who receives such instructions at least one business day before the deadline for submission of proxies is required to deposit the proxy within that deadline, in order to appoint the OBO or its nominee as proxy holder. **If an OBO requests that the intermediary appoint the OBO or its nominee as proxy holder, the OBO or its appointed nominee, as applicable, will need to attend the meeting in person in order for the OBOs vote to be counted.**

**OBOs should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the completed request for voting instructions is to be delivered. Only registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. OBOs of Common Shares who wish to change their vote must in sufficient time in advance of the Meeting, arrange for their respective intermediaries to change their vote and if necessary revoke their proxy in accordance with the revocation procedures set out above.**

Shareholders with questions respecting the voting of shares held through a stockbroker or other financial intermediary should contact that stockbroker or other intermediary for assistance.

#### **REVOCAION OF PROXIES**

Shareholders have the power to revoke Proxies previously given by them. Revocation can be effected by an instrument in writing (which includes a Proxy bearing a later date) signed by a shareholder or the shareholder's attorney authorized in writing and in the case of a corporation, duly executed under its corporate seal or signed by a duly authorized officer or attorney for the corporation, and either delivered to our registered office at Suite 440, 755 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6Z 1X6 or to Computershare Investor Services Inc., at 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Canada, M5J 2Y1, or by fax at 1-866-249-7775 in Canada and the United States and 416-263-9524 outside of Canada and the US, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or deposited with the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting.

#### **EXERCISE OF DISCRETION**

If the instructions in a Proxy are certain, the shares represented thereby will be voted on any poll by the persons named in the Proxy, and, where a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon has been specified in the Proxy, the shares represented thereby will, on a poll, be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the specifications so made.

**Where no choice has been specified by the shareholder, and the management proxyholders have been appointed, such shares will, on a poll, be voted in accordance with the notes to the form of Proxy.**

The enclosed Proxy, when properly completed and delivered and not revoked, confers discretionary authority upon the persons appointed Proxyholder thereunder to vote with respect to any amendments or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting.

## **INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON**

Except as disclosed herein, no Person has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors or the appointment of auditors. For the purpose of this paragraph, "Person" shall include each person or company: (a) who has been a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the commencement of the Company's last financial year; (b) who is a proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company; and (c) who is an associate or affiliate of a person or company included in subparagraphs (a) or (b).

## **INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

As at the date of this Information Circular, no executive officer, director, employee or former executive officer, director or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is indebted to the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, nor are any of these individuals indebted to another entity which indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries.

## **INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

Except as disclosed herein, since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, no informed person of the Company, nominee for director or any associate or affiliate of an informed person or nominee, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

An "informed person" means: (a) a director or executive officer of the Company; (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of the Company; (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of the Company or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and (d) the Company itself, if and for so long as it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its shares.

## **NOTICE & ACCESS**

The Company is utilizing the "notice and access" process under National Instrument 54-101, and National Instrument 51-102, *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, for distribution of this Information Circular and other meeting materials to registered and non-registered shareholders.

Notice and Access allows issuers to post electronic versions of meeting materials, including circulars, annual financial statements and management discussion and analysis online, via SEDAR and one other website, rather than mailing paper copies of such meeting materials to shareholders. The Company anticipates that utilizing the Notice and Access process will substantially reduce both postage and printing costs and will promote environmental responsibility by decreasing the large volume of paper documents generated by printing proxy-related materials.

The Company has posted the Information Circular, the Company's financial statements and management discussion & analysis for the years ended August 31, 2021 and August 31, 2020 online at <https://sedar.com> under the Company's profile and at <https://qmcminerals.com>.

## VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

Our authorized common share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at the date hereof, we have issued and outstanding 86,860,824 fully paid and non-assessable common shares, each share carrying the right to one vote.

Any shareholder of record at the close of business on June 27, 2022 is entitled to vote in person or by proxy at the Meeting. The quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is two persons who are, or who represent by proxy, shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued shares entitled to be voted at the meeting.

To the best of the knowledge of our directors and senior officers, there are no Persons who, or corporations which, beneficially own, control or directs, directly or indirectly, shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to all of our outstanding shares other than Balraj Mann, our President and CEO, who holds a total of 9,553,669 common shares of the Company (11%).

### PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

#### 1. Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of the Company for the financial years ended August 31, 2021 and August 31, 2020 (the "Financial Statements"), together with the Auditors' Report thereon, will be presented to the shareholders at the Meeting.

As the Company's Board of Directors has approved the financial statements of the Company, the auditor's reports thereon, and the MD&A, no Shareholders' vote needs to be taken thereon at the Meeting.

The Financial Statements, together with the Auditors' Report thereon, have been mailed to those shareholders that have requested them and are available online at <https://sedar.com> under the Company's profile as well as on the Company's website at <https://qmminerals.com>

#### 2. Number of Directors

Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to approve an ordinary resolution to fix the number of directors elected for the ensuing year at three (3), subject to such increases as may be permitted by the articles of the Company and the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia).

**Unless the Shareholder has specifically instructed in the enclosed form of proxy that the Common Shares represented by such proxy are to be withheld or voted otherwise, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote FOR the number of directors being set at three (3) for the ensuing year.**

#### 3. Election of Directors

The board of directors of the Company presently consists of three (3) directors. The term of office of each of the present directors expires at the Meeting. **The persons named below will be presented for election at the Meeting as management's nominees.** Management does not contemplate that any of these nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

Each director elected will hold office until our next annual general meeting or until his or her successor is elected or appointed, unless his or her office is earlier vacated in accordance with our Articles or with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) ("Business Corporations Act").

At the Meeting, we will ask shareholders to vote for the election of the three nominees proposed by us as directors. Each holder of Common Shares will be entitled to cast their votes for or withhold their votes

from the election of each director.

### **Nominees**

The following table provides information on the nominees proposed for election as directors, the Province or State and Country in which each is ordinarily resident and the period during which each has served as a director. The table also details the principal occupation of each nominee during the last five years as well as the nominees' current equity ownership consisting of common shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or controlled or directed.

Name, position and jurisdiction of residence	Principal Occupation or employment during the past five years	Director since	Number of securities beneficially owned, controlled or directed, directly or indirectly
Balraj Mann <sup>(1)</sup> Chief Executive Officer, President and Director British Columbia, Canada	CEO, President and a director of QMC Quantum Minerals Corp. since 2008, CEO, President and a Director of First Hydrogen Corp. since 2007; CPA with over 37 years of experience in Corporate Finance, acquisitions, and financial reporting, serving as a director and advisor for both public and private companies	August 15, 2008	9,553,669 common shares <sup>(2)</sup>
Alicia Milne <sup>(1)</sup> Director British Columbia, Canada	Corporate and securities consultant; President of Queensland Gold Hills Corp. since June 2020 and Director since 2018; Director of First Hydrogen Corp. since November 2017.	October 10, 2014	337,833 common shares
Bruce Goad Proposed Director British Columbia, Canada	Geologist; Consultant geologist with over 40 years of experience in mineral exploration projects in Canada, China, Argentina, Asia & Africa.	<i>Proposed</i>	Nil

(1) Member of the Audit Committee.

(2) Of these shares, 6,871,611 are held directly by Mr. Mann and 2,682,058 are held indirectly through NMS Ventures.

To the best of management's knowledge, other than described herein, no proposed director is, or has been within the last ten years, a director or executive officer of any company that:

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

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director has, within the ten years before the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to

bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

None of our directors has been subject to (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, or (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

**Unless the Shareholder has specifically instructed in the enclosed form of proxy that the Common Shares represented by such proxy are to be withheld or voted otherwise, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote FOR the election of each of the proposed nominees set forth below as directors of the Company.**

#### **4. Appointment and Remuneration of Auditor**

Shareholders will be asked to approve the appointment of Sam S. Mah, Chartered Professional Accountant, as our auditor to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the shareholders at remuneration to be fixed by the directors.

Sam S. Mah, Chartered Professional Accountant, has been our auditor since 2011.

**Unless the Shareholder has specifically instructed in the enclosed form of proxy that the Common Shares represented by such proxy are to be withheld or voted otherwise, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote FOR the appointment of Sam S. Mah, Chartered Professional Accountant as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the next annual meeting of Shareholders or until a successor is appointed and to authorize the Board to fix the remuneration of the auditors.**

#### **5. Approval of Long-Term Incentive Plan**

The Company maintains a Stock Option Plan, which was last approved by Shareholders at a meeting held on December 30, 2020.

Pursuant to the policies of the TSX-V, all security-based compensation plans that reserve for issuance up to 10% (instead of a fixed number) of a listed corporation's shares need to be approved by its shareholders on an annual basis. The rules of the TSX-V require that security-based compensation plans be approved by an ordinary resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast by holders of Common Shares present or represented by proxy at the Meeting. At the Meeting, the shareholders of the Company will be asked to vote to approve the adoption of the Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"). The full text of the LTIP can be found attached as Schedule "B" to the Circular.

The purpose of the LTIP is to promote the long-term success of the Company and the creation of Shareholder value by: (a) encouraging the attraction and retention of eligible persons under the LTIP; (b) encouraging such eligible persons to focus on critical long-term objectives; and (c) promoting greater alignment of the interests of such eligible persons with the interests of the Company. To this end, this LTIP provides for the grant of restricted share units ("RSUs"), performance share units ("PSUs"), deferred share units ("DSUs") and stock options ("Options") (together with RSUs, PSUs, DSUs and Options, the "Awards") to eligible persons as further described in the LTIP.

It is intended this LTIP will supersede the existing Stock Option Plan to allow for increased flexibility towards granting Awards and to reflect updated TSX-V Policy 4.4 requirements. The LTIP was approved by the Board on June 27, 2022 and is subject to the acceptance of the TSX-V.



Some of the key provisions of the LTIP are as follows:

- (a) The aggregate maximum number of Common Shares available for issuance from treasury under the LTIP at any given time shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares as at the date of grant of the Awards under the LTIP, subject to adjustment or increase of such number pursuant to the terms of the LTIP. Any Common Shares subject to an Option which has been granted under the LTIP and which has been cancelled, repurchased, expired or terminated in accordance with the terms of the LTIP without having been exercised will again be available under the LTIP;
- (b) Unless disinterested shareholder approval is obtained, pursuant to the rules and policies of the TSX-V, the aggregate number of Common Shares for which Awards under the LTIP may be granted to any one participant under the LTIP in any twelve (12) month period shall not exceed five (5%) percent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated as of the grant date;
- (c) The aggregate number of Awards granted to any one consultant in a twelve (12) month period under the LTIP shall not exceed two (2%) percent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated as of the grant date;
- (d) In respect of Options, so long as it may be required by the rules and policies of the TSX-V the total number of Options issuable to entities performing investor relations activities shall not exceed two (2%) percent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares in any twelve (12) month period;
- (e) The only Award that may be granted to persons retained to perform investor relations activities are Options.
- (f) Unless disinterested Shareholder approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares for which Awards may be granted or issued to insiders of the Company (as a group) shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company at any point in time;
- (g) Unless disinterested Shareholder approval is obtained, the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares for which Awards may be granted or issued to insiders of the Company (as a group) in any twelve (12) month period under the LTIP, shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated as of the grant date;
- (h) All Options granted to entities retained to perform investor relations activities will vest and become exercisable in stages over a period of not less than twelve (12) months, with no more than one-quarter (1/4) of such Options vesting and becoming exercisable in any three (3) month period;
- (i) The exercise price of Awards, if applicable, shall be determined by the Board at the time each Awards is granted, provided that such price shall not be less than (i) if the Common Shares are listed on the TSX-V, the last closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX-V; or (ii) if the Common Shares are not listed on the TSX-V, in accordance with the rules of the stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed at the time of the grant; or (iii) if the Common Shares are not listed on any stock exchange, the minimum exercise price as determined by the Board, and which in no case may be less than the discounted market price permitted by the TSX-V;
- (j) The aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Awards granted to insiders of the Company at any given time, or within a 12-month period, shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Common Shares then outstanding, unless disinterested shareholder approval is obtained. The aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant

to Awards granted to any one person or entity within any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the total number of Common Shares then outstanding unless disinterested shareholder approval is obtained;

- (k) Subject to the LTIP, the Board may determine when any Award will become exercisable and whether the Award will vest in instalments or pursuant to a vesting schedule, subject to the provision that no Award, except for Options, may vest before the date that is one year following the date the Award is granted or issued;
- (l) The maximum term of any Option cannot exceed ten years from the date of the grant;
- (m) In lieu of the exercise price of each Common Share underlying an Option being paid in cash, the Option holder, except persons performing investor relation activities, may elect with the written permission of the Board and as permitted by the policies of the TSX-V or other stock exchange on which the Common Shares may be listed, for a broker-assisted cashless exercise in accordance with the terms of the LTIP;
- (n) In lieu of the exercise price of each Common Share underlying an Option being paid in cash, the Option may be exercised, except Options granted to persons performing investor relations activities, at the discretion of the Option holder and only with the written permission of the Board and as permitted by the policies of the TSX-V or other stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed, by a net exercise whereby the Option holder will receive only the number of Common Shares underlying the Option that is the equal to the quotient obtained by dividing: (a) the product of the number of Options being exercised multiplied by the difference between the VWAP of the underlying Common Shares and the exercise price of the subject Options by, (b) the VWAP of the underlying Common Shares.
- (o) If a Participant's employment or service is terminated, the Awards granted or issued to such participant under the LTIP is subject certain termination and expiry provisions as further described in the LTIP, depending on whether the Participant was terminated for cause, without cause or as a result of disability or death, and in no case shall the Award expire in a period greater than 12 months from the Termination or Cessation Date (as both terms are defined in the LTIP), as may be applicable; and
- (p) In the event of a change of control (as defined in the LTIP), pursuant to which an Eligible Person ceases to be an Eligible Person, all Awards outstanding shall be immediately exercisable, however, no vesting prescribed by the TSX-V, or other stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed shall be removed without prior written approval of the TSX-V or other such stock exchange.

For further details on the LTIP, please see "*Executive Compensation – Compensation Securities*"

### **Shareholder Approval for the LTIP**

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to vote on the following resolution, with or without variation:

1. The LTIP be and is hereby ratified, affirmed and approved until the next annual general meeting of the Company;
2. The form of the LTIP may be amended in order to satisfy the requirements or requests of any regulatory authorities or stock exchange without requiring further approval of the shareholders of the Company;
3. Any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf

of the Company to execute or cause to be executed and to deliver or cause to be delivered all such documents, and to do or cause to be done all such acts and things, as such director or officer may deem necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing resolution.”

***The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR the LTIP Resolution. Unless the Shareholder has specifically instructed in the form of proxy or voting instruction form that the Common Shares represented by such proxy or voting instruction form are to be voted against the LTIP Resolution, the persons named in the proxy or voting instruction form will vote FOR the LTIP Resolution.***

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Unless otherwise noted, the following information is for the Company’s last completed financial years ended August 31, 2021 and August 31, 2020.

### Named Executive Officers

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

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

The NEOs of the Company as at August 31, 2021 were Balraj Mann, our Chief Executive Officer & President and Edward Low, our Chief Financial Officer.

### Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The following table sets out details of all payments, grants, awards, gifts and benefits paid or awarded to each director and NEO during the two most recently completed financial years:

TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES							
Name and Position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Value of all other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Balraj Mann CEO, President & CFO Director	2021	240,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	240,000
	2020	240,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	240,000
Edward Low CFO	2021	30,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	30,000
	2020	33,500 <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	33,500
Alicia Milne Director	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES							
Name and Position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Value of all other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Anna Trinh Director <sup>(4)</sup>	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anthony Zelen Former Director <sup>(5)</sup>	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(1) "Perquisites" include perquisites provided to an NEO or director that are not generally available to all employees and that, in aggregate, are: year if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is greater than \$150,000 but less than \$500,000, or (c) \$50,000 if the NEO or director's total salary for the financial year is \$500,000 or greater.

(2) Mr. Mann is paid through his consulting company, NMS Ventures Inc.

(3) Mr. Low is paid through his consulting company, AE Financial Management Ltd.

(4) Ms. Trinh was appointed as a director of the Company on August 3, 2021

(5) Mr. Zelen resigned as a director of the Company on August 3, 2021.

The NEOs and Directors did not receive perquisites or personal benefits worth in aggregate 10% or more of his total salary, or any post-retirement benefits (including insurance). There are no employment, consulting or management agreements under which compensation is paid to a director or named executive officer.

### Compensation Securities

The following table sets out for each NEO and Director of the Company all compensation securities granted or issued to each in the most recently completed financial year for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company:

COMPENSATION SECURITIES							
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities and percentage of class <sup>(1)</sup>	Date of Issue or Grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security on date of grant (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end (\$)	Expiry date
Balraj Mann CEO & President Director	-	Nil					
Edward Low CFO	-	Nil					
Alicia Milne Director	-	Nil					
Anna Trinh Director	Stock option	150,000 stock options (2.9%) 150,000 underlying common shares (0.2%) <sup>(2)</sup>	08/03/21	0.31	0.30	0.28	08/03/26
Anthony Zelen Former Director	-	Nil					

(1) The percentage of class is based on the total number of options and common shares outstanding as at August 31, 2021: 86,860,824 common shares and 5,112,500 stock options.

- (2) Ms. Trinh was issued 150,000 stock options on August 3, 2021, exercisable into 150,000 common shares of the Company. The stock options vest in their entirety on the grant date. As at the year ended August 31, 2021, Ms. Trinh had a total of 150,000 stock options, exercisable into 150,000 common shares of the Company.

### **Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs**

No director or NEO exercised any compensation securities, being solely comprised of stock options, during the year ended August 31, 2021.

### **Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans**

The Company currently has a Stock Option Plan (the “**Stock Option Plan**”) in place. For further particulars on the Stock Option Plan, please see "Approval of Long-Term Incentive Plan" at page 8.

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

There are no employment, consulting or management agreements in place.

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

The Board has not created or appointed a compensation committee given the Company’s current size and stage of development. All tasks related to developing and monitoring the Company’s approach to the compensation of the Company’s NEOs and directors are performed by the members of the Board.

The compensation of the NEOs, directors and the Company’s employees or consultants, if any, is reviewed, recommended and approved by the Board without reference to any specific formula or criteria. NEOs that are also directors of the Company are involved in discussion relating to compensation, and disclose their interest in and abstain from voting on compensation decisions relating to them, as applicable, in accordance with the applicable corporate legislation.

The overall objective of the Company’s compensation strategy is to offer short, medium and long-term compensation components to ensure that the Company has in place programs to attract, retain and develop management of the highest calibre and has in place a process to provide for the orderly succession of management, including receipt on an annual basis of any recommendations of the chief executive officer, if any, in this regard.

The Company currently has a short-term compensation component in place, which includes the accrual and/or payment of management fees to certain NEOs, and a long-term compensation component in place, which may include the grant of restricted share units, performance share units, deferred share units, stock options and stock appreciation rights under the LTIP Plan. The Company intends to further develop these compensation components. Although it has not to date, the Board may in the future consider, on an annual basis, an award of bonuses to key executives and senior management. The amount and award of such bonuses is expected to be discretionary, depending on, among other factors, the financial performance of the Company and the position of the executive. The Board considers that the payment of such discretionary annual cash bonuses may satisfy the medium-term compensation component.

The objectives of the Company’s compensation policies and procedures are to align the interests of the Company’s employees with the interests of the shareholders. Therefore, a significant portion of total compensation granted by the Company, being the grant of stock options, is based upon overall corporate performance. The Company relies on Board discussion without a formal agenda for objectives, criteria and analysis, when determining executive compensation. There are currently no formal performance goals or similar conditions that must be satisfied in connection with the payment of executive compensation.

The following table sets out, as at August 31, 2021, information regarding outstanding options, warrants and rights granted by the Corporation under its equity compensation plans.

### Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	5,112,500	\$0.24	3,573,582
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Total</b>	5,112,500		3,573,582

(1) The Company had a total of 86,860,824 common shares issued and outstanding at the year ended August 31, 2021.

### DISCLOSURE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that the Company identifies and implements effective corporate governance practices, which are both in the interest of its shareholders and contributes to effective and efficient decision making.

The Company's approach to significant issues of corporate governance is designed to ensure that the business and affairs of the Company are effectively managed to enhance shareholder value. Management has been able to draw assistance from individual directors as well as seek advice from the Board of Directors as a whole, when circumstances require.

In accordance with National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* (the "**Disclosure Instrument**") and National Policy 58-201 – Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "**Guidelines**") the Company is required to disclose, on an annual basis, its approach to corporate governance. In addition, the Company is subject to National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"), which prescribes certain requirements in relation to audit committees and defines the meaning of independence with respect to directors. These reflect current regulatory guidelines of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

The Company has established its own corporate governance practices in light of these guidelines, as set forth below. In certain cases, the Company's practices will comply with the guidelines; however, the Board considers that some of the guidelines are not suitable for the Company at its current stage of development and therefore these guidelines have not been adopted. The Company is a capital pool company that has not completed a qualifying transaction and has limited financial resources. As a result, the Company's corporate governance practices have not been extensively developed. The Board will continue to review with management the corporate governance practices of the Company to ensure that they are sound practices for effective and efficient decision making.

#### Board of Directors and Directorships

The Board of Directors is responsible for the governance of the Company. It establishes the overall policies and standards of the Company. The Board of Directors meets on a regularly scheduled basis. In addition to these meetings the directors are kept informed of operations through regular reports and analyses by, and discussions with, management.

The Board of Directors of the Company is currently comprised of three directors, all of whom are proposed

to be nominated for election as set out in the table on page 6 of this Circular. National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* (“**NI 52-110**”) defines an “independent” director as one who has no direct or indirect “material relationship” with the Company. A “material relationship” is defined as a relationship that could, in the view of the Company’s Board of Directors, reasonably be expected to interfere with the exercise of a director’s independent judgement. NI 52-110 also sets out certain situations where a director will automatically be considered to have a material relationship with the Company.

Applying the definition set out in NI 52-110, two of the three members of the Board are independent: Alicia Milne and Anna Trinh.

The Board meets quarterly, as necessary when operations warrant, and following an annual meeting of shareholders of the Company. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board requires management of the Company to prepare and submit budgets and programs for approval of the Board. These budgets and programs, and any updates, are to be reviewed at the Board’s quarterly meetings.

In addition to their positions on the Board, the following directors also serve as directors of the reporting issuers or reporting issuer equivalent(s):

Name of Director	Reporting Issuer(s) or Equivalent(s)
Balraj Mann	First Hydrogen Corp.
Alicia Milne	First Hydrogen Corp. Queensland Gold Hills Corp. Saville Resources Inc.

### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

Upon election or appointment of new directors, the Company will provide new directors with an information package of the Company, including, among other things, its policies, procedures and disclosures. Generally, the Company expects that the board members have a familiarity with the business of mineral exploration and development. Professional advisors may be invited to attend Board meetings, as needed. The Company also relies on the relatively straightforward nature of its business and the established qualifications and expertise of its board members.

### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has adopted a written Code of Conduct (the “**Code**”), which is available under the Company’s profile on SEDAR. The entire Company is encouraged to report violations of the Code in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Code. In addition to responding to any complaints or violations reported directly to the Board members, the Board is expected to make periodic inquiries of the Company’s management as to issues related to compliance with Code requirements. In addition, in the course of the regular business and operation updates provided by management to the Board members, there are opportunities to discuss any Code compliance issues. As required under the British Columbia *Business Corporations Act* (“**BCBCA**”) and the Company’s articles:

- a director or senior officer who holds any office or possesses any property, right or interest that could result, directly or indirectly, in the creation of a duty or interest that materially conflicts with that individual’s duty or interest as a director or executive officer of the Company must promptly disclose the nature and extent of that conflict; and
- a director who holds a disclosable interest (as that term is used in the BCBCA) in a contract or transaction into which the Company has entered or proposes to enter may not vote on any directors’ resolution to approve the contract or transaction, other than as permitted by the BCBCA and the Company’s articles.

Generally, as a matter of practice, directors or senior officers who have disclosed a material interest in any transaction or agreement that the Board is considering will not take part in any Board discussion respecting that contract or transaction, unless permitted by the BCBCA and the Company’s articles. If on occasion such directors do participate in the discussions, they will abstain from voting on any matters relating to matters in which they have disclosed a material interest.

### **Nomination of Directors & Assessments**

Potential candidates for appointment to the Board will be considered by the entire Board of Directors of the Company. The Board has no specific procedures for regularly assessing the effectiveness and contribution of the Board, its committees or individual directors. As the business of the Company is relatively straightforward, it is expected that a significant lack of performance on the part of a committee or individual director would become readily apparent, and could be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. With respect to the Board as a whole, the Board will monitor its performance on an ongoing basis and as part of that process, consider the overall performance of the Company and input from its shareholders. The Board as a whole is responsible for assessing its effectiveness, its members and each committee in consultation with the chair of the Board and the chair of each committee.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

NI 52-110 requires that certain information regarding the Audit Committee of an issuer be included in the management information circular sent to shareholders in connection with the issuer’s annual meeting and that the Audit Committee to meet certain requirements.

#### **Overview**

The overall purpose of the Audit Committee is to ensure that the Company’s management has designed and implemented an effective system of internal financial controls, to review and report on integrity of the consolidated financial statements of the Company and to review the Company’s compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, taxation matters and disclosure of material facts. The Board of Directors has adopted a Charter for the Audit Committee that sets out the Audit Committee’s mandate, organization, powers and responsibilities, a copy of which is attached as Schedule “A” to this Circular.

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

The Audit Committee is currently comprised of Balraj Mann, Anna Trinh and Alicia Milne. Each member of the Audit Committee is considered to be “financially literate” with Anna Trinh and Alicia Milne being “independent” within the meaning of sections 1.4 and 1.5 of NI 52-110. The members of the Audit Committee, along with their relevant education and experience, are set out in the following table:

<b>Director</b>	<b>Relevant Education and Experience</b>
Balraj Mann	Mr. Mann is a Chartered Professional Accountant and a Chartered Accountant and has been a director and officer of numerous public and private companies over the years.
Anna Trinh	Lawyer with over 15 years of business and securities law experience. Previously, Ms. Trinh was CFO and in-house counsel to a publicly traded medical device company with responsibility for regulatory and other compliance filings and general corporate finance and governance matters. She currently serves as chief compliance officer for a private company that provides infrastructure and liquidity for digital assets.
Alicia Milne	Has been a director and officer of numerous public and private companies.

The Audit Committee has established policies and procedures that are intended to control the services that are provided by the Company’s auditors and to monitor their continuing independence. Under these



policies, no services may be undertaken by the auditors unless the engagement is specifically approved by the Audit Committee or the services are included within a category which has been pre-approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will not approve engagements relating to, or pre-approve categories of, non-audit services to be provided by the auditors: (i) if such services are of a type the performance of which would cause the auditors to cease to be independent within the meaning of applicable securities law; and (ii) without consideration, among other things, of whether the auditors are best situated to provide the required services and whether the required services are consistent with their role as auditor.

## Complaints

The Audit Committee has established a “Whistleblower Policy” which outlines procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees regarding the Company’s compliance with all applicable government laws, rules and regulations, corporate reporting and disclosure, accounting practices, accounting controls, auditing practices and other matter relating to fraud against shareholders (the “Accounting Concerns”), without fear of retaliation of any kind. If an applicable individual has any concerns about any of the Accounting Concerns which they consider to be questionable, incorrect, misleading or fraudulent, the applicable individual is urged to come forward with any such information, complaints or concerns, without regard to the position of the person or persons responsible for the subject matter of the relevant complaint or concern.

## Audit Committee Oversight

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

## Reliance on Exemptions in NI 52-110 regarding *De Minimis* Non-audit Services or on a Regulatory Order Generally

In respect of the Company’s most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on the exemption in section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*) of NI 52-110 or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted by a securities regulator under Part 8 (*Exemptions*) of NI 52-110. In respect of the most recently completed financial year, the Company is relying on the exemption set out in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 with respect to compliance with the requirements of Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

## Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described in the Audit Committee Charter.

## External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

The following table discloses the fees billed to the Company by its external auditor during the two last financial years.

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
August 31, 2021	\$20,000	Nil	\$1,000	Nil
August 31, 2020	\$12,000	Nil	\$1,000	Nil

(1) The aggregate fees billed by the Company's auditor for audit fees.

(2) The aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not disclosed in the “Audit Fees” column.

- (3) The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the Company's auditor for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning.
- (4) All other fees billed by the auditor for products and services not included in the foregoing categories.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

While there is no other business other than that business mentioned in the Notice of Meeting to be presented for action by the shareholders at the Meeting, **it is intended that the Proxies hereby solicited will be exercised upon any other matters and proposals that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof, in accordance with the discretion of the persons authorized to act thereunder.**

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company may be found under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Financial information about the Company may be found in the Company's financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for its most recently completed financial year and may be viewed on the SEDAR website at the location noted above.

Shareholders may contact the Company by mail at Suite 440, 755 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6Z 1X6, by facsimile at 604-668-1320 and by telephone at 604-601-2018 to request copies of the Company's financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

#### **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Balraj Mann  
Chief Executive Officer and President

**Schedule "A"**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

**Purpose**

The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors of QMC Quantum Minerals Corp. ("QMC") to assist the Board in monitoring:

- (1) the integrity of the financial statements of QMC,
- (2) the independent auditor's qualifications and independence,
- (3) the performance of QMC's internal audit function and independent auditors, and
- (4) the compliance by QMC with legal and regulatory requirements.

**Committee Membership**

The Audit Committee shall consist of three members, each of whom must be a member of the Board. A majority of the members of the Audit Committee shall be independent as determined in accordance with section 1.4 of National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees*. All members of the Audit Committee shall be financially literate. For the purposes of this Charter, an individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by QMC's financial statements.

The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board. Audit Committee members may be replaced by the Board.

**Meetings**

The Audit Committee shall meet as often as it determines, but not less frequently than quarterly, unless otherwise determined by the Board. Meetings may be with representatives of the independent auditors, and appropriate members of management, all either individually or collectively as may be required by the Audit Committee. The independent auditors will have direct access to the Audit Committee at their own initiative. The Audit Committee will report periodically the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

**Audit Committee Authority and Responsibilities**

Responsibilities and powers of the Audit Committee include:

- Annual review and revision of this Charter as necessary with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- Determining, as a committee of the Board of Directors, the selection, the appointment, evaluation, fees and, if necessary, the replacement of the independent auditors, subject to the approval of the shareholders of QMC.
- Approving the appropriate audit engagement fees and the funding for payment of the independent auditors' compensation and any advisors retained by the Audit Committee.
- Ensuring that the auditor's report directly to the Audit Committee and are made accountable to the Audit Committee and the Board, as representatives of the shareholders to whom the auditors are ultimately responsible.
- Confirming the independence of the auditors, which will require receipt from the auditors of a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the auditors and QMC and any other factors that might affect the independence of the auditors and reviewing and discussing with the auditors any significant relationships and other factors identified in the statement. Reporting to the Board of Directors its conclusions on the

independence of the auditors and the basis for these conclusions.

- Ensuring that the independent auditors are prohibited from providing the following non-audit services and determining which other non-audit services the independent auditors are prohibited from providing:
  - bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of QMC;
  - financial information systems design and implementation;
  - appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribution-in-kind reports;
  - actuarial services;
  - internal audit outsourcing services;
  - management functions or human resources;
  - broker or dealer, investment adviser or investment banking services;
  - legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit; and
  - any other services which the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and Canadian Public Accountability Board determine to be impermissible.
- Meeting with the auditors and financial management of QMC to review the scope of the proposed audit for the current year, and the audit procedures to be used.
- Reviewing with management and the independent auditors:
  - QMC's annual financial statements and related footnotes, management's discussion and analysis and the annual information form, for the purpose of recommending approval by the Board of Directors prior to its release, and ensuring that:
    - management has reviewed the audited financial statements with the Audit Committee, including significant judgments affecting the financial statements;
    - the members of the Audit Committee have discussed among themselves, without management or the independent auditors present, the information disclosed to the Audit Committee;
    - the Audit Committee has received the assurance of both financial management and the independent auditors that QMC's audited financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting standards ("GAAP") in all material respects.;
  - Any significant changes required in the independent auditors' audit plan and any serious issues with management regarding the audit; and
  - Other matters related to the conduct of the audit that are to be communicated to the Audit Committee under generally accepted auditing standards.
- Reviewing with the independent auditors and management the adequacy and effectiveness of the financial and accounting controls of QMC.
- Establishing procedures: (i) for receiving, handling and retaining of complaints received by QMC regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters, and (ii) for employees to submit confidential anonymous concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- Reviewing with the independent auditors any audit problems or difficulties and management's response and

resolving disagreements between management and the auditors.

- Making inquiries of management and the independent auditors to identify significant business, political, financial and control risks and exposures and assess the steps management has taken to minimize such risk to QMC.
- Assessing the overall process for identifying principal business, political, financial and control risks and providing its views on the effectiveness of this process to the Board.
- Ensuring that the disclosure of the process followed by the Board of Directors and its committees, in the oversight of QMC's management of principal business risks, is complete and fairly presented.
- Reviewing of confirmation of compliance with QMC's policies on internal controls, conflicts of interests, ethics, foreign corrupt practice, etc.
- Reviewing with financial management and, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate, the independent auditors' interim financial information for the purpose of recommending approval by the Board of Directors prior to its release.
- At least annually obtaining and reviewing a report prepared by the independent auditors describing (i) the auditors' internal quality-control procedures; and (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the auditors, or by any inquiry of investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues.
- Setting clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent auditors.
- Ensuring the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit as required by law. Consider whether, in order to assure continuing auditor independence, it is appropriate to adopt a policy of rotating the independent auditing firm on a regular basis.
- Engaging independent counsel and other advisors if the Audit Committee determines such advisors are necessary to assist the Audit Committee in carrying out its duties.
- Reporting annually to the shareholders in QMC's Management Information Circular prepared for the annual and general meeting of shareholders on the carrying out of its responsibilities under this charter and on other matters as required by applicable securities regulatory authorities.
- Discussing with management and the independent auditor any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any published reports which raise material issues regarding QMC's financial statements or accounting policies.

## QMC QUANTUM MINERALS CORP.

### LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

#### ARTICLE 1

#### ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE AND DURATION

- 1.1 **Establishment of the Plan.** The following is the **Long-Term Incentive Plan** ("LTIP") of **QMC Quantum Minerals Corp.** (the "**Company**") pursuant to which share based compensation Awards (as defined below) may be granted to eligible Participants (as defined below). The name of the plan is the QMC Quantum Minerals Corp. Long Term Incentive Plan (the "**Plan**").

The Plan permits the grant of Options, Restricted Share Units, Deferred Share Units and Performance Share Units (as such terms are defined below). The Plan was approved by the Board (as defined below) on June 27, 2022 and is being put forth before the shareholders of the Company for approval on August 10, 2022, and will be effective upon receipt of shareholder and Exchange approvals (the "**Effective Date**") until the date it is terminated by the Board in accordance with the Plan.

- 1.2 **Purposes of the Plan.** 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.
- 1.3 **Successor Plans.** The Plan shall in respect of Options (as defined below) serve as the successor to the Company's stock option plan dated effective December 29, 2017 (the "**Predecessor Option Plan**") and no further Options shall be granted under the Predecessor Option Plan from and after the Effective Date of the Plan.

#### ARTICLE 2

#### DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 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.
- (a) "**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.
- (b) "**Award**" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Deferred Share Units, Restricted Share Units or Performance Share Units, in each case subject to the terms of the Plan.
- (c) "**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, subject to such modifications or additions as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine appropriate. An Award Agreement need not be identical to other Award Agreements either in form or substance.

- (d) **“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.
- (e) **“Board”** or **“Board of Directors”** means the Board of Directors of the Company as may be constituted from time to time.
- (f) **“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.
- (g) **“Change of Control”** means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:
  - (i) 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 Voting Securities, or securities convertible into, exercisable for or carrying the right to purchase more than 50% of the Voting Securities on a post-conversion basis, assuming only the conversion or exercise of securities beneficially owned by the acquiror; or

- (v) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that a Change of Control as defined herein has occurred or is imminent.
- (h) **“Committee”** means the Board of Directors or if so delegated in whole or in part by the Board, any duly authorized committee of the Board appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.
- (i) **“Company”** means First Hydrogen Corp.
- (j) **“Consultant”** has the meaning set out in Policy 4.4 of the Exchange or such replacement definition for so long as the Shares are listed on the Exchange, and if the Shares are not so listed, shall have the meaning, if any, that applies to a listing of the Shares on such other exchange as the Shares are then listed on.
- (k) **“Deferred Share Unit”** means an Award denominated in units that provides the holder thereof with a right to receive Shares upon settlement of the Award, granted under and subject to the terms of the Plan.
- (l) **“Director”** means any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (m) **“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.
- (n) **“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.
- (o) **“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.
- (p) **“Exchange”** means the TSX Venture Exchange, or any other stock exchange on which the Shares of the Company are listed.
- (q) **“Exchange Policies”** mean the policies of the Exchange, including those set forth in the Corporate Finance Manual of the Exchange.
- (r) **“FMV”** means, unless otherwise required by any applicable provision of any regulations thereunder or by any applicable accounting standard for the Company’s desired accounting for Awards or by the rules of the Exchange, a price that is determined by the Committee, provided that such price cannot be less than the last closing price of the Shares on the Exchange less any discount permitted by the rules or policies of the Exchange.



- (s) “**Insider**” shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Exchange Policies.
- (t) “**ITA**” means the Income Tax Act (Canada).
- (u) “**Non-Employee Director**” means a Director who is not an Employee.
- (v) “**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.
- (w) “**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.
- (x) “**Option Price**” means the price at which a Share may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to an Option, as determined by the Committee.
- (y) “**Outstanding Issue**” means the number of Shares that are issued and outstanding, on a non-diluted basis.
- (z) “**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 or the Predecessor Option Plan.
- (aa) “**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.
- (bb) “**Performance Share Unit**” 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.
- (cc) “**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.
- (dd) “**Person**” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Exchange Policies.
- (ee) “**Reserve**” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under Article 4.1 herein.
- (ff) “**Restricted Share Unit**” means an Award denominated in units subject to a Period of Restriction, with a right to receive Shares upon settlement of the Award, granted under Article 7 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan.

- (gg) **“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.
- (hh) **“Shares”** means common shares of the Company.
- (ii) **“Share Units”** means Deferred Share Units, Performance Share Units and Restricted Share Units, including any Dividend Equivalent granted with respect to a Deferred Share Unit, Performance Share Unit and/or Restricted Share Unit.
- (jj) **“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.
- (kk) **“VWAP”** means the volume weighted average trading price of the Shares listed on the Exchange calculated by dividing the total value by the total volume of such securities traded for the five trading days immediately preceding the exercise of the subject Stock Option. Where appropriate, the Exchange may exclude internal crosses and certain other special terms trades from the calculation.
- (ll) **“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 3 ADMINISTRATION**

- 3.1 **General.** The Committee shall be responsible for administering the Plan. The Committee may employ legal counsel, 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.

- 3.2 **Authority of the Committee.** The Committee shall have full and exclusive discretionary power to determine the terms and provisions of Award Agreements, 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, 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.
- 3.3 **Delegation.** 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 4**

##### **SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN AND MAXIMUM AWARDS**

- 4.1 **Maximum Number of Shares Subject to the Plan.** Subject to adjustment pursuant to provisions of Section 4.5 hereof, the maximum number of Shares issuable at any time pursuant to outstanding Awards under this Plan shall be equal to 10% of the Outstanding Issue, as measured as at the date of any Award grant, or such other number as may be approved by the Exchange and the shareholders of the Company from time to time.
- No Award that can be settled in Shares issued from treasury may be granted if such grant would have the effect of causing the total number of Shares subject to such Award to exceed the above noted total numbers of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the settlement of Awards.
- 4.2 **Evergreen Plan.** The Plan is an "evergreen" plan, as Shares of the Company covered by Awards which have been exercised or settled, as applicable, and Awards which expire or are forfeited, surrendered, cancelled or otherwise terminated or lapse for any reason without having been exercised, will be available for subsequent grant under the Plan.
- 4.3 **Award Grants to Individuals.** The aggregate 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 Issue, 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 Exchange. The aggregate number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Consultant (as defined by the Exchange) within any 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the Outstanding Issue, calculated on the date an Award is granted to the Consultant. The aggregate number of Shares for which Options may be issued to any Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities (as defined by the Exchange) within any 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the Outstanding Issue, calculated on the date an Option is granted to such Persons.
- 4.4 **Award Grants to Insiders.** Unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the Exchange 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 Issue; 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 Issue, calculated at the date an Award is granted to any Insider.

4.5 **Adjustments in Authorized Shares.** In the event of any corporate event or 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, grant price or exercise 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 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 all regulatory requirements.

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.

4.6 **Exchange Hold Period.** Pursuant to the policies of the Exchange, any Shares issuable under this Plan and any certificate(s) representing those Shares will include a legend stipulating that the Shares issued are subject to a four-month Exchange hold period commencing from the date of the Award grant.

**ARTICLE 5  
ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION**

- 5.1 **Eligibility.** Awards under the Plan shall be granted only to bona fide Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants, as per the policies of the Exchange.
- 5.2 **Actual Participation.** 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 6  
STOCK OPTIONS**

- 6.1 **Grant of Options.** Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, Options may be granted to Participants and Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities 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 provided that only Options and not Share Units may be granted to Persons retained to Provide Investor Relations Activities.
- 6.2 **Award Agreement.** 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. The Award Agreement for the grant of Options shall be in such form or forms as the Committee may from time to time approve.
- 6.3 **Option Price.** 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.
- 6.4 **Vesting of Options.** 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 subject to Exchange Policies, and the Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine the time during which an Option shall vest and the method of vesting, or that no vesting restriction shall exist, provided that Options issued to any Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities shall vest solely subject to Exchange Policies as follows:
- (a) no more than 1/4 of the Stock Options vest no sooner than three months after the Stock Options were granted;
  - (b) no more than another 1/4 of the Stock Options vest no sooner than six months after the Stock Options were granted;
  - (c) no more than another 1/4 of the Stock Options vest no sooner than nine months after the Stock Options were granted; and
  - (d) the remainder of the Stock Options vest no sooner than 12 months after the Stock Options were granted.

- 6.5 **Duration of Options.** 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) anniversary date of its grant.
- 6.6 **Blackout Periods.** If the date on which an Option is scheduled to expire occurs during a Black Out Period applicable to such Participant, or within 10 business days after the last day of thereof, then the expiry date for such Option shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.
- 6.7 **Exercise of Options.** Options granted under this Article 6 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.
- 6.8 **Payment.** Options granted under this Article 6 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 and any Applicable Withholding Taxes upon exercise of any Option or part thereof shall be payable to the Company, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws and subject to the Committee's discretion, as follows:

- (a) in cash or by certified cheque, wire transfer, bank draft or money order or by such other means as may be specified from time to time by the Committee;
- (b) pursuant to a broker-assisted cashless exercise, whereby the Participant shall elect, on a notice of exercise, to receive a loan from a brokerage firm, which the Company has an arrangement with, to purchase the underlying Shares. Upon the sale by the brokerage firm of an equivalent number of Shares received from the exercise of the Options to repay the loan made to the Participant, the Participant shall elect to receive either the balance of the Shares following the sale or the cash proceeds from the balance of the Shares; or
- (c) pursuant to a net exercise, whereby the Participant shall elect on a notice of exercise to receive an amount equal to the number of underlying Shares listed on the Exchange that is the equal to the quotient obtained by dividing:
  - (i) the product of the number of Options being exercised multiplied by the difference between the VWAP of the underlying Shares so listed and the exercise price of the subject Options; by
  - (ii) the VWAP of the underlying Shares so listed;

provided, however, that Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities shall not be permitted to exercise an Option using the net exercise method described in this Section 6.8(c).

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).

Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise of an Option unless the exercise of such Option and the issuance and delivery of such Shares pursuant thereto shall comply with all relevant provisions of applicable Canadian and U.S. securities law, including, without limitation, the 1933 Act, the United States Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, applicable U.S. state laws, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the requirements of any stock exchange or consolidated stock price reporting system on which prices for the Shares are quoted at any given time. As a condition to the exercise of an Option, the Company may require the person exercising such Option to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required by law.

6.9 **Death, Disability, Retirement and Termination or Resignation of Employment.** If the Award Agreement does not specify the effect of a termination, cessation 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 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised within 12 months 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, 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:** If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan for any reason, other than as set out in 6.9(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 60 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.

6.10 **Nontransferability of Options.** An Option granted under this Article 6 may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by bequeath or by the laws of descent and distribution, subject to the requirements of the Exchange or as otherwise allowed by the Exchange.

## **ARTICLE 7 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS**

- 7.1 **Grant of Restricted Share Units.** 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.
- 7.2 **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, and the settlement date for Restricted Share Units, 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 allowed by the policies of the Exchange. 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 time-based restrictions on vesting and, restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of the Exchange.
- 7.3 **Vesting of Restricted Share Units.** 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 at the discretion of the Committee, and subject to the policies of the Exchange. If required by the policies of the Exchange and subject to early vesting in connection with the death of a Participant or a Change of Control, no Restricted Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of grant or issue.
- 7.4 **Black Out Periods.** 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 Black Out 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 **Non-transferability 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 **Dividends and Other Distributions.** 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 **Death, Disability, Retirement and Termination or Resignation of Employment.** 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 a number of Shares (issued from treasury) equal to the number of Restricted Share Units being settled, or (ii) 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.

## **ARTICLE 8 DEFERRED SHARES UNITS**

- 8.1 **Grant of Deferred Share Units.** 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 **Deferred Share Unit Agreement.** 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 Exchange, or holding requirements or sale restrictions placed on the Shares by the Company upon vesting of such Deferred Share Units. If required by the policies of the Exchange and subject to early vesting in connection with the death of a Participant or a Change of Control, no Deferred Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of grant or issue.
- 8.3 **Non-transferability of Deferred Share Units.** 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 **Black Out Periods.** 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 Black Out 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 **Dividends and Other Distributions.** 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 Exchange. However, in the event that a Participant ceases to be an eligible Participant under the Plan, no Deferred Share Units issued to such Participant may be retained for a period of more than 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Deferred Share Units that have not been settled within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- 8.7 **Payment in Settlement of Deferred Share Units.** 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 a number of Shares (issued from treasury) equal to the number of Deferred Share Units being settled, or (ii) 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 **Grant of Performance Share Units.** 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 **Value of Performance Share Units.** 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 **Earning of Performance Share Units.** 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. If required by the policies of the Exchange and subject to early vesting in connection with the death of a Participant or a Change of Control, no Performance Share Units may vest before the date that is one year following the date of grant or issue.

- 9.4 **Form and Timing of Payment of Performance Share Units.** Payment of earned 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 a number of Shares issued from treasury equal to the number of earned Performance Share Units at the end of the applicable Performance Period. 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 be made later than the earlier of: (i) 3 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 **Dividends and Other Distributions.** 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 Exchange. However, in the event that a Participant ceases to be an eligible Participant under the Plan, no Performance Share Units issued to such Participant may be retained for a period of more than 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Performance Share Units that have not been settled within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- 9.7 **Non-transferability of Performance Share Units.** 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 **Beneficiary.** 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 **Discretion of the Committee.** 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 **Employment.** 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 **Participation.** 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 **Rights as a Shareholder.** 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 **Change of Control and Termination of Employment.** Subject to section 12.2 and the terms and provisions of any Award Agreement, 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 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 Exchange is either obtained or not required.

- 12.2 **Discretion to Board.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, in the event 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 exercisable shall be exercised 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.
- 12.3 **Non-Occurrence of Change of Control.** 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 **Agreement with Purchaser in a Change of Control.** 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 Exchange, 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.
- 13.2 **Reduction of Option Price or Grant Price and Extension of Options.** Disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the Exchange shall be obtained for: (i) any reduction in the Option Price; and (ii) the extension of the term of an Option; in either case if the Participant is an Insider of the Company at the time of the proposed amendment.

### **ARTICLE 14 WITHHOLDING**

- 14.1 **Withholding.** 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 **Acknowledgement.** 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**

- 15.1 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 **Delivery of Title.** 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 **Investment Representations.** 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 **Uncertificated Shares.** 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 non-certificated basis to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the rules of the Exchange.
- 16.4 **No Fractional Shares.** 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 **No Constraint on Corporate Action.** 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 **Compliance with Canadian Securities Laws.** 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.
- 16.8 **Compliance with U.S. Securities Laws.** 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 **Gender and Number.** 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 **Severability.** 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 **Requirements of Law.** 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 **Governing Law.** The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein 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.