

NOTICE OF ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR



MEETING DATE: JUNE 22, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

1969 Upper Water Street, Suite 1300 McInnes Cooper Tower - Purdy's Wharf Halifax, NS Canada B3J 3R7 May 19, 2023



NOTICE OF ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Metropolitan Place 99 Wyse Road, Suite 1480 Dartmouth NS Canada B3A 4S5

The annual and special meeting ("**Meeting**") of the shareholders ("**Shareholders**") of Erdene Resource Development Corporation ("**Corporation**") will be held at 1969 Upper Water Street, Suite 1300, McInnes Cooper Tower – Purdy's Wharf, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Atlantic Time) for the following purposes:

- (i) to receive the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2022, copies of which were mailed to Shareholders;
- (ii) to elect directors of the Corporation for the forthcoming year;
- (iii) to appoint the auditor of the Corporation for the forthcoming year and to authorize the directors to fix the auditor's remuneration;
- (iv) to consider and, if deemed advisable, pass a resolution ratifying and approving the Corporation's omnibus equity incentive plan;
- (v) to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve and confirm the continuance of the Corporation's Amended and Restated Shareholder Rights Plan Agreement dated June 14, 2017; and
- (vi) to transact such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Details of the matters proposed to be put before the Meeting are set forth in the management information circular ("**Circular**") accompanying and forming part of this notice of meeting ("**Notice of Meeting**").

Only Shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 18, 2023 are entitled to receive notice of the Meeting and, except as noted in the attached Circular, to vote at the Meeting. To assure your representation at the Meeting as a **Registered Shareholder**, please complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy, whether or not you plan to personally attend. Sending your proxy will not prevent you from voting in person at the Meeting. All proxies completed by Registered Shareholders must be received by the Corporation's transfer agent, **Computershare Investor Services Inc.**, not later than June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Atlantic Time). A Registered Shareholder must return the completed proxy to Computershare Investor Services Inc., as follows:

- (a) by **mail** in the enclosed envelope;
- (b) by the **Internet** or **telephone** as described on the enclosed proxy; or
- (c) by **registered mail**, by **hand** or by **courier** to the attention of Computershare Proxy Department, 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1.

Non-Registered Shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of an intermediary should carefully follow voting instructions provided by the intermediary. A more detailed description on returning proxies by Non-Registered Shareholders can be found on page 2 of the attached Circular.

If you receive more than one proxy or voting instruction form, as the case may be, for the Meeting, it is because your shares are registered in more than one name. To ensure that all of your shares are voted, you must sign and return all proxies and voting instruction forms that you receive.

DATED at Dartmouth, in the Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia, this 19th day of May, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(signed) Peter C. Akerley President and Chief Executive Officer



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ERDENE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR As at May 19, 2023, except as indicated

INFORMATION REGARDING ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF MEETING

THIS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR IS FURNISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT OF ERDENE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ("Corporation" or "Erdene") for use at the annual and special meeting of shareholders of the Corporation ("Shareholders") to be held at 1969 Upper Water Street, Suite 1300, McInnes Cooper Tower – Purdy's Wharf, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Atlantic Time), or at any adjournment thereof ("Meeting"), for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of meeting ("Notice of Meeting").

Solicitation of Proxies

Solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail but may also be by telephone or other means of communication by the directors, officers, employees or agents of the Corporation at nominal cost. All costs of solicitation will be paid by the Corporation. The Corporation will also pay the fees and costs of intermediaries for their services in transmitting proxy-related material in accordance with National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("**NI 54-101**").

Appointment and Revocation of Proxies

General

Shareholders may be "**Registered Shareholders**" or "**Non-Registered Shareholders**". If common shares of the Corporation ("**Common Shares**") are registered in the name of an intermediary and not registered in the Shareholder's name, they are said to be owned by a "**Non-Registered Shareholder**". An intermediary is usually a bank, trust company, securities dealer or broker, or a clearing agency in which an intermediary participates. The instructions provided below set forth the different procedures for voting Common Shares at the Meeting to be followed by Registered Shareholders.

The persons named in the enclosed instrument appointing proxy are officers and directors of the Corporation. Each Shareholder has the right to appoint a person or company (who need not be a Shareholder) to attend and act for him at the Meeting other than the persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy. Shareholders who have given a proxy also have the right to revoke it insofar as it has not been exercised. The right to appoint an alternate proxyholder and the right to revoke a proxy may be exercised by following the procedures set out below under "Registered Shareholders" or "Non-Registered Shareholders", as applicable.

If any Shareholder receives more than one (1) proxy or voting instruction form, it is because that Shareholder's shares are registered in more than one form. In such cases, Shareholders should sign and submit all proxies or voting instruction forms received by them in accordance with the instructions provided.

Registered Shareholders

Registered Shareholders have two (2) methods by which they can vote their Common Shares at the Meeting, namely in person or by proxy. To assure representation at the Meeting, Registered Shareholders are encouraged to return the proxy included with this management information circular ("**Circular**"). Sending in a proxy will not prevent a Registered Shareholder from voting in person at the Meeting. The vote will be taken and counted at the Meeting. Registered Shareholders who do not plan to attend the Meeting or do not wish to vote in person can vote by proxy.

Proxies must be received by the Corporation's transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., ("Computershare") not later than June 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (Atlantic Time). A Registered Shareholder must return the completed proxy to Computershare as follows:



- (a) by **mail** in the enclosed envelope; or
- (b) by the **Internet** or **telephone** as described on the enclosed proxy; or
- (c) by **registered mail**, by **hand** or by **courier** to the attention of Computershare Proxy Department, 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1.

To exercise the right to appoint a person or company to attend and act for a Registered Shareholder at the Meeting, such Shareholder must strike out the names of the persons designated on the enclosed instrument appointing a proxy and insert the name of the alternate appointee in the blank space provided for that purpose.

To exercise the right to revoke a proxy, in addition to any other manner permitted by law, a Shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by instrument in writing, executed by the Shareholder or his attorney authorized in writing, or if the Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer or attorney thereof, and deposited: (i) at the registered office of the Corporation, 1300-1969 Upper Water Street, McInnes Cooper Tower, Purdy's Wharf, PO Box 730, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2V1, Attention: D. Suzan Frazer, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the Meeting at which the proxy is to be used, or at any adjournment thereof; or (ii) with the chair of the Meeting on the date of the Meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, and upon either of such deposits the proxy is revoked.

Non-Registered Shareholders

Non-Registered Shareholders who have not objected to their intermediary disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Corporation are referred to as "**NOBOs**". Non-Registered Shareholders who have objected to their intermediary disclosing the ownership information about themselves to the Corporation are referred to as "**OBOs**".

In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, the Corporation is sending the Notice of Meeting, this Circular, a voting instruction form ("**VIF**") or a form of proxy, as applicable (collectively, the "**Meeting Materials**") directly to the NOBOs and, indirectly, through intermediaries, to the OBOs. The Corporation will also pay the fees and costs of intermediaries for their services in delivering Meeting Materials to OBOs in accordance with NI 54-101.

Meeting Materials Received by OBOs from Intermediaries

The Corporation has distributed copies of the Meeting Materials to intermediaries for distribution to OBOs. Intermediaries are required to deliver these materials to all OBOs of the Corporation who have not waived their right to receive these materials, and to seek instructions as to how to vote Common Shares. Often, intermediaries will use a service company (such as Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.) to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs.

OBOs who receive Meeting Materials will typically be given the ability to provide voting instructions in one of two ways:

- (a) Usually, an OBO will be given a VIF which must be completed and signed by the OBO in accordance with the instructions provided by the intermediary. In this case, the mechanisms described above for Registered Shareholders cannot be used and the instructions provided by the intermediary must be followed.
- (b) Occasionally, however, an OBO may be given a proxy that has already been signed by the intermediary. This form of proxy is restricted to the number of Common Shares owned by the OBO but is otherwise not completed. This form of proxy does not need to be signed by the OBO but must be completed by the OBO and returned to Computershare in the manner described above for Registered Shareholders.

The purpose of these procedures is to allow OBOs to direct the proxy voting of the Common Shares that they own but that are not registered in their name. Should an OBO who receives either a form of proxy or a VIF wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on their behalf), the OBO should strike out the



person named in the form of proxy as the proxy holder and insert the OBOs (or such other person's) name in the blank space provided or, in the case of a VIF, follow the corresponding instructions provided by the intermediary. In either case, OBOs who received Meeting Materials from their intermediary should carefully follow the instructions provided by the intermediary.

To exercise the right to revoke a proxy, an OBO who has completed a proxy (or a VIF, as applicable) should carefully follow the instructions provided by the intermediary.

Proxies returned by intermediaries as "non-votes" because the intermediary has not received instructions from the OBO with respect to the voting of certain shares or, under applicable stock exchange or other rules, the intermediary does not have the discretion to vote those shares on one or more of the matters that come before the Meeting, will be treated as not entitled to vote on any such matter and will not be counted as having been voted in respect of any such matter. Common Shares represented by such "non-votes" will, however, be counted in determining whether there is a quorum.

Meeting Materials Received by NOBOs from the Corporation

As permitted under NI 54-101, the Corporation has used a NOBO list to send the Meeting Materials directly to the NOBOs whose names appear on that list. If you are a NOBO and the Corporation's transfer agent, Computershare, has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of Common Shares have been obtained from the intermediary holding such shares on your behalf in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements.

As a result, any NOBO of the Corporation can expect to receive a scannable VIF from Computershare. Please complete and return the VIF to Computershare in the envelope provided. In addition, telephone voting and internet voting are available, as further described in the VIF. Instructions in respect of the procedure for telephone and internet voting can be found in the VIF. Computershare will tabulate the results of the VIFs received from the Corporation's NOBOs and will provide appropriate instructions at the Meeting with respect to the shares represented by the VIFs received by Computershare.

By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the Corporation (and not the intermediary holding Common Shares on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for: (i) delivering these materials to you; and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. The intermediary holding Common Shares on your behalf has appointed you as the proxyholder of such shares, and therefore you can provide your voting instructions by completing the proxy included with this Circular in the same way as a Registered Shareholder. Please refer to the information under the heading "*Registered Shareholders*" for a description of the procedure to return a proxy, your right to appoint another person or company to attend the meeting, and your right to revoke the proxy.

Although a Non-Registered Shareholder may not vote the Common Shares registered in the name of his or her broker directly at the Meeting, a Non-Registered Shareholder may attend the Meeting as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder and vote the Common Shares in that capacity. Non-Registered Shareholders who wish to attend the Meeting and indirectly vote their Common Shares as proxyholder for the Registered Shareholder should enter their own names in the blank space on the form of proxy provided to them and return the same to their broker (or the broker's agent) in accordance with the instructions provided by such broker.

Notice-and-Access

The Corporation is not sending the Meeting Materials to Registered Shareholders or Non-Registered Shareholders using notice-and-access delivery procedures defined under NI 54-101 and National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*.



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Exercise of Proxies

Where a choice is specified, the Common Shares represented by proxy will be voted for, withheld from voting or voted against, as directed, on any poll or ballot that may be called. Where no choice is specified, the proxy will confer discretionary authority and will be voted in favour of all matters referred to on the form of proxy. The proxy also confers discretionary authority to vote for, withhold from voting, or vote against amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to other matters not specifically mentioned in the Notice of Meeting but which may properly come before the Meeting.

Management has no present knowledge of any amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting or any business that will be presented at the Meeting other than that referred to in the Notice of Meeting. However, if any other matters properly come before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed instrument appointing proxy to vote in accordance with the recommendations of management of the Corporation.

Voting Shares

The authorized capital of the Corporation consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares, of which 344,400,376 are issued and outstanding as of the date hereof.

The board of directors of the Corporation ("**Board of Directors**" or "**Board**") has fixed the record date for the Meeting as the close of business on **May 18**, **2023** ("**Record Date**"). Only Shareholders as of the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Meeting, provided that a Shareholder that produces satisfactory evidence no later than 10 days before the Meeting that such Shareholder owns Common Shares and demands that such Shareholder's name be included on the list of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting. Shareholders entitled to vote shall have one vote each on a show of hands and one vote per Common Share on a poll.

Two or more persons present in person representing at least 5% of the Common Shares entitled to be voted at the Meeting will constitute a quorum at the Meeting.

Principal Shareholders

Other than as set out below, as of the date hereof, to the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Corporation, no person or company beneficially owns, or exercises control or direction over, directly or indirectly, Common Shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Common Shares of the Corporation.

Shareholder	Number of Common Shares	Percentage of Common Shares
2176423 Ontario Ltd. (controlled by Eric Sprott)	61,225,488	17.8%

INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No person who has been a director or executive officer of the Corporation since January 1, 2022 nor any proposed nominee for election as a director, nor any associate of the foregoing, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities of the Corporation or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors.



BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THE MEETING

Presentation of Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Corporation, the auditor's report thereon and management's discussion and analysis for the financial year ended December 31, 2022, will be presented to the Shareholders at the Meeting.

Election of Directors

The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation and applicable laws provide that the size of the Board of Directors must consist of not fewer than three (3) directors and not more than ten (10) directors to be elected annually. The Corporation's by-laws provide that the size of the Board of Directors is to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Board is presently comprised of eight (8) directors. The Board has determined that, in the forthcoming year, the business of the Corporation may be best conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of eight (8) directors and has fixed the size of the Board at eight (8) effective at the close of the Meeting. The Board is authorized to appoint up to one-third (1/3) of the number of directors elected at the previous annual general meeting of Shareholders.

Each of the persons named below is currently a director of the Corporation. All of the proposed nominees are, in the opinion of management, well qualified to direct the Corporation's activities for the ensuing year and they have all confirmed their willingness to serve as directors, if elected. The term of office of each director elected will be until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders or until the position is otherwise vacated.

Unless the proxy specifically instructs the proxyholder to vote against, Common Shares represented by the proxies hereby solicited shall be voted for the election of the nominees whose names are set forth below. Management does not contemplate that any of these proposed nominees will be unable to serve as a director, but if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, the Common Shares represented by the properly executed proxies given in favour of nominees of management named in the enclosed form of proxy may be voted for another nominee at such proxyholder's discretion.



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Peter C. Akerley *President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation*



Nova Scotia, Canada

Director since: February 25, 2003

Chief Executive Officer and Non-Independent Director Mr. Akerley has 35 years of experience in mineral exploration, corporate financing, project development and management of publicly listed resource companies. He is one of the founders and principals of Erdene and has held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation since March 2003. Mr. Akerley is a geologist who has worked extensively in foreign jurisdictions throughout his career, predominately in North and South America and Asia, with a focus on Mongolia, where he has led the technical team through the confirmation of a major molybdenum and copper deposit, the discovery and definition of the Altan Nar gold deposit and the discovery of the Bayan Khundii gold project. He has extensive experience in corporate M&A, joint venture arrangements and financings, leading the Corporation through more than 20 such business arrangements since taking the Corporation public in 2004. Mr. Akerley served on the Board and Special Committee of Temex Resources Corp. advising on the sale of the company to Lake Shore Gold Corp. and was previously chairman of the TSX-V listed Morien Resources Corp., where he was involved in the sale of the Donkin Coal and Black Point Aggregate projects, converting those interests into royalties. He also pioneered the company's involvement as the founding and lead sponsor of the very successful Catapult leadership program in Nova Scotia. Mr. Akerley has a BSc (1988) from Saint Mary's University in Halifax, specializing in geology, and completed the Institute of Corporate Directors Audit Committee Effectiveness course in December 2012.

Board of Directors	6 of 6	100%
Technical Committee	1 of 1	100%
Other Public Board Membership during	g the Last Five Years	

oting Results of the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders					
	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast		
# of Votes	120,337,823	0	120,337,823		
% of Votes	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%		

Ownership and Va	lue At-Risk			
As at	Common Shares	Deferred Stock Units	Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk
May 18, 2023	3,006,849	1,776,760	4,783,609	\$1,626,427
May 19, 2022	2,846,849	1,742,052	4,588,901	\$1,766,727



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Dr. Anna G. Biolik *Corporate Director*



British Columbia, Canada

Director since: June 14, 2016

Independent Director Dr. Biolik has over 30 years of public and private sector experience and is one of the foremost Canadian experts on Central Asian business and diplomacy. From 2010 to 2012, Dr. Biolik occupied the position of Regional Director, Pacific Region, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. In 2012, Dr. Biolik retired from the federal public service. From 2014 to 2020, she worked as independent consultant and Vice-President and Chief Executive Advisor of Allam Advisory Group, a global business strategy and commercial diplomacy consulting firm. She was Canada's first resident Ambassador in Mongolia where she opened a fullfledged Canadian Embassy in 2008. Dr. Biolik previously served as Ambassador of Canada to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan as well as Consul General of Canada in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. She also served as Senior Advisor for international relations and parliamentary affairs to the Governor General of Canada, as European Marketing Manager for Canada Post, as Senior Manager at Investment Partnerships Canada and as Director of the International Business Opportunities Centre. Dr. Biolik has extensive expertise in international commerce and has worked closely with Canadian companies in emerging markets. From 2013 to 2019, Dr. Biolik served also as external member of the Program and Research Council at Royal Roads University in Victoria, BC. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Montreal and is fluent in English, French, Russian and Polish.

Board and Commit	tee Attendance during 2022			
Board of Directors			100%	
Corporate Governance	ee 1 of 1	100%		
Audit and Risk Management Committee4 of 4100%				
Other Public Board	Membership during the La	st Five Year	S	
None				
Voting Results of th	e 2022 Annual Meeting of S	hareholders		
Voting Results of th	0	<mark>bhareholders</mark> Withheld	Total Votes Cast	
Voting Results of th # of Votes	0			

Ownership and Va	lue At-Risk			
As at	Common Shares	Deferred Stock Units	Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk
May 18, 2023	146,462	467,779	614,241	\$208,842
May 19, 2022	131,462	345,243	476,705	\$183,531



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John P. Byrne President, Petroleum Corporation of Canada Exploration Ltd. President, Petroleum Corporation of Canada Limited



Mr. Byrne has more than 40 years of investment banking and corporate finance experience. He is President of Petroleum Corporation of Canada Exploration Limited ("Petrex"), an oil and gas exploration and development company, and has held that position since 1976. Petrex helped establish and finance Enerplus Energy Services Limited for which Mr. Byrne served as Vice-Chairman (1986-2000). He also served in senior executive roles with Levesque Beaubien Geoffrion Inc. (now National Bank Financial), A.E. Ames & Company Ltd./Dominion Securities Ames Ltd. and The First Boston Corporation. Mr. Byrne graduated from McGill University with a BA and from the University of Toronto Law School with an LLB. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst. Mr. Byrne is also currently a director of Morien Resources Corp. (TSX-V).

Ontario, Canada				
	Board and Committee	e Attendance duri	ng 2022	
Director since:	Board of Directors		4 of	6 67%
August 25, 2004	Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee			1 100%
	_Audit and Risk Managem	ent Committee	4 of	4 100%
Independent	Other Public Board M	lembership durin	g the Last Five Ye	ears
Director	Morien Resources Corp. ((TSX-V)		
	Voting Results of the 2	2022 Annual Meet	ting of Shareholde	ers
		Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast
	# of Votes	120,037,823	300,000	120,337,823
	% of Votes	99.75%	0.25%	100.00%

Ownership and Va	Ownership and Value At-Risk					
As at	Common Shares	Deferred Stock Units	Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk		
May 18, 2023	7,373,290	674,919	8,048,209	\$2,736,391		
May 19, 2022	7,373,290	602,605	7,975,895	\$3,070,720		



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T. Layton Croft *President, CEO and Director, Carolina Rush Corporation (TSX-V)*



North Carolina, USA

Director since: July 2, 2015

Independent Director and Chair of the Board Mr. Croft is an executive and entrepreneur with 29 years of global experience across increasingly senior roles, from non-profit to mid-tier to mega-cap to micro-cap. He has expertise in building and leading successful enterprises, project delivery, complex stakeholder management, public-private partnership, strategic communications, corporate governance and ESG. His deep Mongolia expertise dates back to 1994, when his three years of service as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer included two years living and working in Bayankhongor Province in Southwest Mongolia. He lived and worked full-time in Mongolia for a total 15 years, and he also lived and worked in South Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Singapore. He has held executive and advisory roles with Oyu Tolgoi LLC, Ivanhoe Mines, Rio Tinto, Peabody Energy and Duke Energy. He has been an independent director of Erdene since June 2015, and chairman of the board since June 2019. He is a member of the Erdene board's Audit and Risk Committee and Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee. Since April 2017, Layton has been President, CEO and Director of Carolina Rush Corporation (formerly Pancontinental Resources Corp.), a Canadian junior mining company (TSXV: RUSH) focused on exploring the Southeast USA, home of North America's first gold rush. Since January 2022, Layton has been an independent director of Voltage Metals Corp., a Canadian junior mining company (CSE: VOLT) exploring for nickel in Ontario. Layton holds a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an MA from the School for International Training in Vermont, and an MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Massachusetts. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Board and Com	mittee Attendance of	luring 2022		
Board of Directors			6 of 6	100%
Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee			1 of 1	100%
Audit and Risk Ma	nagement Committee		4 of 4	100%
Compensation Com	nmittee		1 of 1	100%
Other Public Bo	ard Membership du	iring the Last Five	e Years	
Carolina Rush Corp	ooration (TSX-V)			
Voltage Metals Con	poration (CSE)			
Voting Results of	f the 2022 Annual N	Jeeting of Shareh	olders	
	Votes For	Votes Withheld	То	tal Votes Cast
# of Votes	120,037,823	300,000		120,337,823
% of Votes	99.75%	0.25%		100.00%

Ownership and Va	lue At-Risk			
As at	Common Shares	Deferred Stock Units	Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk
May 18, 2023	1,228,478	471,832	1,700,310	\$578,105
May 19, 2022	1,228,478	406,090	1,634,568	\$629,309



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Kenneth W. MacDonald President, Fisher Transport Limited

Co.	Mr. MacDonald was ap MacDonald served as E Additionally, Mr. MacD to May 2019. From Sept of Fisher Transport Lim President of Finance for MacDonald, a chartered major accounting firms. public and private corpor Mary's University in 197 in 1980.	xecutive Vice Preside onald served as Chief I ember 1992, Mr. MacI ited, a specialized tran Kaoclay Resources Inc professional accountan From 1985 to Septem orations in the resource	nt of Erdene, a position Financial Officer of Erd Donald has also been the sport company. In addi c. from 1996 to June 200 tt, was a senior manager ber 1992, he was vice p e sector. Mr. MacDona	h he held from 2016. ene from March 2003 e President and owner tion, he was the Vice 06. Prior to 1985, Mr. with one of Canada's president finance with ld graduated from St.	
Nova Scotia,	Board and Commit	tee Attendance duri	ng 2022		
Canada	Board of Directors		6 of 6	100%	
Director since:	Compensation Commit	tee	1 of 1	100%	
June 20, 2019	Other Public Board	Other Public Board Membership during the Last Five Years			
,	None				
Independent					
Director	Voting Results of th		ting of Shareholders		
		Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast	
	# of Votes	120,037,823	300,000	120,337,823	

Ownership and Val	lue At-Kisk				
As at	As at Common Shares		Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk	
May 18, 2023	2,102,781	278,930	2,381,711	\$809,782	
May 19, 2022	2,102,781	226,338	2,329,119	\$896,711	



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Cameron McRae *Executive Director of Tarva Investment & Advisory Chairman of Kincora Copper Limited*



New South Wales, Australia

Director since: March 14, 2018

Independent Director Mr. McRae was appointed director of the Board in March 2018. Mr. McRae is a seasoned CEO, having led mining organizations through the full mining development cycle in four countries and across three continents. Cameron served a 28-year career with Rio Tinto, and in Mongolia was President of Oyu Tolgoi LLC and Rio Tinto's country director for Mongolia. In that role he led the construction and start-up of the US\$6 billion Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold mine, ahead of schedule, which at peak of construction had over 15,000 people employed on site. Cameron has led successful greenfield and brownfield construction projects, overarching business transformations and business improvement projects, and at the corporate level has deep commercial/M&A experience. Prior to Oyu Tolgoi, Cameron was CEO of Richards Bay Minerals in South Africa (2008-10), Managing Director of Murowa Diamonds in Zimbabwe (2006-07) and Project Director for the Hail Creek Coking Coal Expansion project in Australia. Prior to 2004, Cameron held commercial and project leadership roles, both at Corporate and Business Unit levels. In 1995, he was a key team member responsible for the A\$29 billion merger of CRA and RTZ into the dual listed Rio Tinto (which was the world's largest merger at the time). Mr. McRae is the co-founder of DTP Partners, a broad-based consultancy firm and is Chairman of Kincora Copper Limited (KCC on the TSX-V and ASX). Cameron is an advisor to the Business Council of Mongolia (previously Vice Chairman), is a trustee of the Arts Council of Mongolia. Cameron was schooled in Australia and Africa and holds a commercial degree and an MBA (Monash Mount Eliza, 1991).

Board and Comm	nittee Attendance d	uring 2022		
Board of Directors		6 0	f 6 1009	6
Technical Committe	ee	1 0	f 1 1009	6
Other Public Boa	ard Membership du	ring the Last Five Y	ears	
Kincora Copper Lin	nited (TSX-V and ASX	K)		
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Voting Results of	f the 2022 Annual N	Ieeting of Sharehold	ers	
	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes	Cast
# of Votes	120,326,301	11,522	120.3	
	120,320,301	11,322	120,5	37,823

Ownership and Value At-Risk										
As at	Common Shares	Deferred Stock Units	Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk						
May 18, 2023	744,778	211,462	956,240	\$325,122						
May 19, 2022	578,111	178,593	756,704	\$291,331						



David V. Mosher *Corporate Director*



Nova Scotia, Canada

Director since: June 14, 2016

Independent Director Mr. Mosher is a mining executive with over thirty-five years of international experience. From 1992 to 2008, David was President and CEO of High River Gold Mines Ltd., a TSX listed company involved in the exploration, development and production of gold in Canada, Africa and Russia. In that role, he negotiated the acquisition of two producing Russian gold mines, completed mining investment agreements with the government of Burkina Faso, raised over \$300 million to support the company's growth, and supervised the development of two open pit gold mines (the Taparko gold mine in Burkina Faso and the Berezitovy gold mine in Russia). He has served on many boards including Cambior Inc. and earlier in his career was project manager for Pancontinental Mining Limited, where he and his team discovered and outlined the largest uranium deposit in the world at that time (the Jabiluka deposits in northern Australia). Over the past decade, Mr. Mosher has been active in the restructuring and refinancing of a number of junior resource companies, both private and public, and currently serves as a director of several mining and exploration companies, including Carolina Rush Corporation (TSX-V) and Pelangio Exploration Inc. (TSX-V). Mr. Mosher received his B.Sc. degree in geology from Acadia University.

Board and Committee Attendance during 2022								
Board of Directors6 of 6100%								
Compensation Commi	ttee	1 of 1	100%					
Other Public Board	l Membership durin	g the Last Five Year	rs					
Harvest Gold Corporat	ion (TSX-V)							
Carolina Rush Corpora	ation (TSX-V)							
Pelangio Exploration I	nc. (TSX-V)							
Roscan Minerals Corp	oration (NEX)							
Voting Results of th	ne 2022 Annual Mee	ting of Shareholders	5					
	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast					
# of Votes	120,337,823	0	120,337,823					
% of Votes	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%					

Ownership and Value At-Risk									
As at	Common Shares	Deferred Stock Units	Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk					
May 18, 2023	812,067	500,657	1,312,724	\$446,326					
May 19, 2022	812,067	393,232	1,205,299	\$464,040					



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Hedley Widdup Investment Manager of Lion Selection



Melbourne, Australia Mr. Widdup is a geologist, with almost 21 years experience in mining, geology and mining investment. Hedley was part of the mine geology teams at the Mt Keith Nickel Mine (WA), Olympic Dam Copper-Uranium Mine (SA), Black Star Open cut zinc project, which is a part of the Mt Isa Mining complex (Qld), and St Ives Gold Mine (WA). He joined the investment team at Lion Selection Group in 2007 and has worked across the investment and investor relations functions. Lion Selection Group is a development-oriented mining fund based in Melbourne, Australia, and has held a shareholding in Erdene for a number of years. Hedley was educated in Australia, receiving a Degree in Geology with first class honours from the University of Melbourne (2000) before completing a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance (2011). He is a shareholder and executive director of Lion Manager Pty Ltd the entity which provides investment services to Lion Selection Group. Mr. Widdup also serves as a director of Plutonic Limited, an unlisted company located in Australia.

Director since:	Board and Committee Attendance during 2022							
September 30,	Board of Directors		5 c	of 6 83%				
2019	Technical Committee 1 of 1							
	Other Public Board Membership during the Last Five Years							
Independent	EganStreet Resources (ASX)							
Director	Kasbah Resources Limited (ASX)							
	Voting Results of the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders							
		Votes For	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast				
	# of Votes	120,313,323	24,500	120,337,823				
	% of Votes	99.98%	0.02%	100.00%				

Ownership and Value At-Risk									
As at	Common Shares	Deferred Stock Units	Total Shares/Units	Total Value At-Risk					
May 18, 2023	Nil	160,019	160,019	\$54,406					
May 19, 2022	Nil	127,150	127,150	\$48,953					

Information relating to the Directors Nominated for Election:

- 1. The information as to the number of Common Shares beneficially owned as at May 18, 2023, and May 19, 2022, not being within the knowledge of Erdene, has been furnished by the respective nominees.
- 2. The value at-risk is presented on the basis of market value. The market value of Common Shares and DSUs is based on a value of \$0.34 with respect to Common Shares and DSUs held at May 18, 2023, and \$0.385 in respect of Common Shares and DSUs held at May 19, 2022, being the closing price of the Common Shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") on such dates.



Majority Voting Policy

The Corporation has adopted a majority voting policy (the "**Policy**"). The Policy requires that any nominee for director who receives a greater number of votes "withheld" than "for" his or her election shall promptly tender their resignation to the chair of the Board of Directors following the meeting. The Policy applies only to uncontested elections, meaning elections where the number of nominees for director is equal to the number of directors to be elected.

Due to amendments to the *Canada Business Corporations Act* which came into effect on August 31, 2022, votes will be cast either "for" or "against" the election of directors at the Meeting and in future uncontested elections. As a result, the Policy will no longer be applicable to the election of directors of the Corporation.

Corporate Cease Trade Orders and Bankruptcies

No proposed director of the Corporation is, or within ten years prior to the date of this Circular has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Corporation) that:

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

No proposed director of the Corporation:

- (i) is, as at the date of this Circular, or within ten years prior to the date of this Circular has been, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (ii) has, within ten years prior to the date of this 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.

Penalties and Sanctions

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



Appointment of Auditor

KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, has been the auditor of the Corporation since its incorporation. Management recommends the re-appointment of KPMG LLP. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to vote for the appointment of KPMG LLP as auditor of the Corporation until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders, at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board.

It is intended that all proxies received will be voted in favour of the appointment of KPMG LLP as auditor of the Corporation unless a proxy contains instructions to withhold the same from voting. Greater than 50% of the votes of Shareholders present in person or by proxy are required to approve the appointment of KPMG LLP as auditor of the Corporation.

Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

The Board has, subject to Shareholder approval and final approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange ("**TSX**"), adopted an omnibus equity incentive plan (the "**Omnibus Plan**") for the benefit of the Corporation's directors, employees and consultants, and directors, employees and consultants of subsidiaries of the Corporation designated for the purposes of the Omnibus Plan (collectively, "**Participants**"). If adopted, the Omnibus Plan will replace the Option Plan and DSU Plan (collectively, the "**Legacy Plans**") described in this Circular. If the Omnibus Plan is adopted by the Shareholders, no further awards will be granted under the Legacy Plans. However, the Legacy Plans will continue to be authorized for the sole purposes of facilitating the vesting, exercise and settlement of existing awards granted under the Legacy Plans. Once the existing awards granted under the Legacy Plans are exercised or terminated, the Legacy Plans will terminate and be of no further force or effect.

In the event the Omnibus Plan is not duly approved by Shareholders at the Meeting, the Legacy Plans will remain in effect and the Corporation may continue to grant awards under the Legacy Plans in accordance with their terms until Shareholders approve a replacement plan or plans.

Background & Purpose

Following a review by the Board, the Board concluded that it was advisable to replace the Legacy Plans with the Omnibus Plan and, on May 17, 2023, the Board passed a resolution to adopt the Omnibus Plan, subject to, and effective upon, the approval of Shareholders. The Omnibus Plan provides flexibility to the Corporation to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of options ("**Options**"), restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), performance share units ("**PSUs**") and deferred share units ("**DSUs**"), as described in further detail below. Provided that the Omnibus Plan is approved by the Shareholders at the Meeting, all future grants of equity-based awards will be made pursuant to, or as otherwise permitted by, the Omnibus Plan, and no further equity-based awards will be made pursuant to the Legacy Plans as of the date of the Meeting. The Legacy Plans will remain in effect only in respect of outstanding equity-based awards granted under the Legacy Plans are exercised, settled or terminated, the Legacy Plans will terminate and be of no further force or effect.

The purpose of the Omnibus Plan is to, among other things, provide the Corporation with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, employees and consultants of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those directors, employees and consultants as may be granted awards under the Omnibus Plan from time to time for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Corporation and to enable and encourage such directors, employees and consultants to acquire Common Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Corporation.

Key Terms of the Omnibus Plan

A summary of the key terms of the Omnibus Plan is set out below, which is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Omnibus Plan. A copy of the Omnibus Plan is attached to this Circular as Schedule "A".

Shares Subject to the Omnibus Plan

The Omnibus Plan is a rolling plan which, subject to the adjustment provisions provided for therein (including a subdivision or consolidation of Common Shares), provides that the aggregate maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued upon the exercise or settlement of awards granted under the Omnibus Plan, together with awards



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outstanding under the Legacy Plans, shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Corporation at any time.

Insider Participation Limit and Limits on Awards to Non-Executive Directors

The Omnibus Plan also provides that the aggregate number of Common Shares (a) issuable to insiders at any time (under all of the Corporation's security-based compensation arrangements, including the Legacy Plans) cannot exceed 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares and (b) issued to insiders within any one year period (under all of the Corporation's security-based compensation arrangements, including the Legacy Plans) cannot exceed 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares.

Furthermore, the Omnibus Plan provides that the Corporation shall not make a grant of an award to a director who is not also an employee or consultant ("**Non-Executive Directors**") if, after giving effect to such grant, within any one financial year of the Corporation, (i) the aggregate fair value on the date of grant of all Options granted to such Non-Executive Director exceeds CAD\$100,000, or (ii) the aggregate fair value on the date of grant of all awards (including, for greater certainty, the fair value of Options) granted to such Non-Executive Director under all of the Corporation's security based compensation arrangements exceeds CAD\$150,000; however, such limits do not apply to (a) awards taken in lieu of any cash fees, and (b) a one-time initial grant to a Non-Executive Director upon such Non-Executive Director joining the Board.

Any Common Shares issued by the Corporation through the assumption or substitution of outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards from an acquired company shall not reduce the number of Common Shares available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of awards granted under the Omnibus Plan.

Administration of the Omnibus Plan

The Plan Administrator (as defined in the Omnibus Plan) is determined by the Board, and is initially the Board. The Omnibus Plan may in the future be administered by the Board itself or delegated to a committee of the Board, and it is expected that administration of the Omnibus Plan will be delegated to the Compensation Committee. The Plan Administrator determines which directors, consultants and employees are eligible to receive awards under the Omnibus Plan, the time or times at which awards may be granted, the conditions under which awards may be granted or forfeited to the Corporation, the number of Common Shares to be covered by any award, the exercise price of any award, whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Common Shares issuable pursuant to grants of any award, and the nature of any such restrictions or limitations, any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, and any waiver of termination regarding any award, all based on such factors as the Plan Administrator may determine.

In addition, the Plan Administrator interprets the Omnibus Plan and may adopt guidelines and other rules and regulations relating to the Omnibus Plan, and make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the Omnibus Plan.

Eligibility

All directors, employees and consultants are eligible to participate in the Omnibus Plan. The extent to which any such person is entitled to receive a grant of an award pursuant to the Omnibus Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.

Types of Awards

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

Options

An Option entitles a holder thereof to purchase a prescribed number of Common Shares from treasury at an exercise price set at the time of the grant. Such grant may be settled in Shares, cash or combination thereof in the discretion of



the Plan Administrator. If settled in cash, such payment will be equal to the In-the-Money Amount (as defined below). The Plan Administrator will establish the exercise price at the time each Option is granted, which exercise price must in all cases be not less than the volume weighted average trading price of a Common Share on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant (the "**Market Price**"). Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in the Omnibus Plan, each Option expires on its respective expiry date. The Plan Administrator will have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options. Once an Option becomes vested, it shall remain vested and shall be exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option, unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator may provide at the time of granting an Option that the exercise of that Option is subject to restrictions, in addition to those specified in the Omnibus Plan, such as vesting conditions relating to the attainment of specified performance goals. While the Omnibus Plan does not stipulate a specific term for awards granted thereunder, an Option may not expire beyond 5 years from its date of grant, except where Shareholder approval is received or where an expiry date would have fallen within a blackout period of the Corporation.

Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular award agreement, an exercise notice must be accompanied by payment of the exercise price. Subject to the policies of the TSX, if permitted by the Plan Administrator, a Participant may, in lieu of exercising an Option pursuant to an exercise notice, elect to surrender such Option to the Corporation (a "**Cashless Exercise**") in consideration for an amount from the Corporation equal to (i) the Market Price of the Common Shares issuable on the exercise of such Option (or portion thereof) as of the date such Option (or portion thereof) is exercised, less (ii) the aggregate exercise price of the Option (or portion thereof) surrendered (the "**In-the-Money Amount**") by written notice to the Corporation indicating the number of Options such Participant wishes to exercise using the Cashless Exercise, and such other information that the Corporation may require. Subject to the provisions of the Omnibus Plan, the Corporation will satisfy payment of the In-the-Money Amount by delivering to the Participant such number of Common Shares as is determined by dividing the In-the-Money Amount by the Market Price of a Common Share as of the date of exercise.

Restricted Share Units

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

The number of RSUs (including fractional RSUs) granted at any particular time under the Omnibus Plan will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of any bonus or similar payment that is to be paid in RSUs, as determined by the Plan Administrator, by (b) the greater of (i) the Market Price of a Common Share on the date of grant and (ii) such amount as determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion. The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to the extent it is applicable.

Upon settlement, Participants will redeem each vested RSU for the following at the election and approval of the Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Common Share in respect of each vested RSU, (b) a cash payment, or (c) a combination of Common Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Corporation shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Common Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the Omnibus Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Common Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU, any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.

Performance Share Units

A PSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Common Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation which entitles the holder to receive one Common Share (or the value thereof) for each PSU after specific performance-based vesting criteria determined by the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, have been satisfied.



The performance goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any PSUs granted, the effect of termination of a Participant's service and the amount of any payment to be made pursuant to any PSU will be determined by the Plan Administrator, all as set forth in the applicable award agreement. The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of the Omnibus Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant PSUs to any Participant in respect of a bonus or similar payment in respect of services rendered by the applicable Participant in a taxation year (the "**PSU Service Year**").

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to the extent it is applicable. Upon settlement, Participants will redeem each vested PSU for the following at the election and approval of the Plan Administrator: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Common Share in respect of each vested PSU, (b) a cash payment, or (c) a combination of Common Shares and cash. Any such cash payments made by the Corporation to a Participant shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Common Share as at the settlement date. Subject to the provisions of the Omnibus Plan and except as otherwise provided in an award agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Common Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU, any later than the final business day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

Deferred Share Units

A DSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Common Share credited by means of a bookkeeping entry in the books of the Corporation which entitles the holder to receive one Common Share (or the value thereof) for each DSU on a future date. The Board may fix from time to time a portion of the total compensation (including annual retainer and meeting fees) paid by the Corporation to a director in a financial year for service on the Board or any committee of the Board (the "**Director Fees**") that is to be payable in the form of DSUs. In addition, each director is given, subject to the provisions of the Omnibus Plan, the right to elect to receive a portion of the cash Director Fees owing to them in the form of DSUs. The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted at any particular time in respect of Director Fees will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of Director Fees that are to be paid in DSUs by (b) the Market Price of a Common Share on the date of grant. The Plan Administrator may also from time to time, subject to the Omnibus Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant DSUs to any Participant on a discretionary basis.

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of DSUs granted to any Participant by the Plan Administrator on a discretionary basis, and all other DSUs (including those awarded as a portion of (or in lieu of cash) Director Fees) shall vest immediately upon grant. Upon settlement, at the election of the Plan Administrator, Participants will redeem each vested DSU for: (a) one fully paid and non-assessable Common Share issued from treasury in respect of each vested DSU, (b) a cash payment on the date of settlement, or (c) a combination of Common Shares and cash. Any cash payments made under the Omnibus Plan by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of DSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Common Share as at the settlement date. DSUs shall be settled effective as of the Participant's termination date or such later date as is selected by the Participant with the approval of the Plan Administrator, but not later than the last business day of the first calendar year after the year in which the termination date occurs.

Dividend Equivalents

Except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, an award of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs shall be credited with dividend equivalents in the form of additional RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Common Shares. Dividend equivalents shall vest in proportion to, and settle in the same manner as, the awards to which they relate. Such dividend equivalents shall be computed by dividing: (a) the amount obtained by multiplying the amount of the dividend declared and paid per Common Share by the number of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, held by the Participant on the record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price as of the dividend payment date, with fractions computed to two decimal places.



Blackout Periods

In the event that an award expires at a time when a blackout period is in effect, the expiry of such award will be extended to the date that is 10 business days after the date the blackout period terminates.

Termination of Employment or Services

The following table describes the impact of certain events upon a Participant under the Omnibus Plan, including termination for cause, resignation, termination without cause, disability, death or retirement, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator:

Termination for Cause/Resignation (not including directors)	Any Option or other award held by the Participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled as of the Termination Date (as defined in the Omnibus Plan), whether vested or unvested, shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date.
Termination without Cause (not including directors)	All unvested Options or other awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Options may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (a) the expiry date of such Option; and (b) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date, following which any unexercised Option will be immediately forfeited and cancelled. In the case of a vested award other than an Option, such award will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by the Omnibus Plan.
Disability	Any award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of such Participant's Termination Date shall vest on such date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (a) the expiry date of such Option; and (b) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any vested award other than an Option will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by the Omnibus Plan.
Death	Any award that is held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such Participant shall vest on such date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (a) the expiry date of such Option, and (b) the first anniversary of the date of the death of such Participant, following which any unexercised Option will be immediately forfeited and cancelled. In the case of a vested award other than an Option, such award will be settled with the Participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) within 90 days after the date of the Participant's death or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by the Omnibus Plan.
Retirement	Any (i) outstanding award that vests or becomes exercisable based solely on the Participant remaining in the service of the Corporation or its subsidiary shall vest on the Participant's Termination Date, and (ii) outstanding award that vests based on the achievement of performance goals that has not previously become vested shall continue to be eligible to vest based upon the actual achievement of such Performance Goals. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (a) the expiry date of such Option; and (b) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date, following which any unexercised Option will be immediately forfeited and cancelled. In the case of a vested award described in (i) above (other than an Option), such award will be settled within 90 days after the Participant's Retirement or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by the Omnibus Plan. In the case of a vested award described in (ii) above (other than an Option), such award described in (ii) above (other than an Option), such award described in (ii) above (other than an Option), such award will be settled at the same time the award would otherwise have been settled had the Participant remained in active service with the Corporation or its subsidiary.
Director Termination other	Where a Participant that is a director ceases to hold office for any reason other than as a result of death, disability or retirement: (i) all unvested awards shall be immediately



than Death, Disability or Retirement	forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date; (ii) any vested Options may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (a) the expiry date of such Option; and (b) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date, following which any unexercised Option will be immediately forfeited and cancelled; and (iii) all vested awards other than Options will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by
	the Omnibus Plan.

Change in Control

Under the Omnibus Plan, except as may be set forth in an award agreement with the approval of the Plan Administrator:

- (a) In connection with a Change of Control (as defined below), the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of any Participant, take such steps as it deems necessary or desirable, including to cause (i) the conversion or exchange of any outstanding awards into, or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent value, as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion, in any entity participating in or resulting from such Change in Control; (ii) outstanding awards to vest and become exercisable, realizable, or payable, or restrictions applicable to an award to lapse, in whole or in part, prior to or upon consummation of such Change in Control, and, to the extent the Plan Administrator determines, terminate upon or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such Change in Control; (iii) the termination of an award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such award or realization of the Participant's rights as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction; (iv) the replacement of such award with other rights or property selected by the Board in its sole discretion where such replacement would not adversely affect the holder; or (v) any combination of the foregoing.
- (b) If within 12 months following the completion of a transaction resulting in a Change in Control (as defined below), a Participant's employment, consultancy or directorship is terminated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause (as defined in the Omnibus Plan), without any action by the Plan Administrator:
 - (i) any unvested awards held by the Participant at their termination date shall immediately vest; and
 - (ii) any vested awards may be exercised, surrendered, or settled by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the expiry date of such award; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Participant's termination date.
- (c) Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Common Shares will cease trading on the TSX, the Corporation may terminate the awards, in whole or in part, granted under the Omnibus Plan at the time of and subject to the completion of the Change in Control transaction by paying to each Participant at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction an amount for each award equal to the fair market value of the award held by such Participant as determined by the Plan Administrator, acting reasonably, provided that any vested awards granted to U.S. taxpayers will be settled within 90 days of the Change in Control.

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



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Non-Transferability of Awards

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

Amendments to the Omnibus Plan

The Plan Administrator may also from time to time, without notice and without approval of the Shareholders, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Omnibus Plan or any awards granted pursuant thereto as it, in its discretion, determines appropriate, provided that (a) no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the Omnibus Plan or any award granted pursuant thereto may materially impair any rights of a Participant or materially increase any obligations of a Participant under the Omnibus Plan without the consent of such participant, unless the Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable securities laws or stock exchange requirements, and (b) any amendment that would cause an award held by a U.S. taxpayer to be subject to the income inclusion under Section 409A of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Notwithstanding the above, and subject to the rules of the TSX, the approval of Shareholders is required to effect any of the following amendments to the Omnibus Plan:

- (a) increasing the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Omnibus Plan, except pursuant to the provisions in the Omnibus Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (b) increasing or removing the limits on the percentage of Common Shares issuable or issued to insiders;
- (c) reducing the exercise price of an award of Options held by an insider except pursuant to the provisions in the Omnibus Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (d) extending the term of an award of Options held by an insider beyond the original expiry date; and
- (e) amending the amendment provision of the Omnibus Plan.

Except as described above, amendments to the Omnibus Plan will not require Shareholder approval. Such amendments include (but are not limited to): (a) amending the general vesting provisions of an award, (b) amending the provisions for early termination of awards in connection with a termination of employment or service, (c) adding covenants of the Corporation for the protection of the Participants, (d) amendments with respect to international Participants, (e) amendments that are desirable as a result of changes in law in any jurisdiction where a Participant resides, (f) amendments curing or correcting any ambiguity or defect or inconsistent provision or clerical omission or mistake or manifest error, and (g) any other amendment, fundamental or otherwise, not requiring Shareholder approval under applicable laws or the rules or policies of the TSX.

Anti-Hedging Policy

Participants are restricted from purchasing financial instruments such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of awards granted to them.



Approval of the Omnibus Plan

The TSX has conditionally approved the Omnibus Plan, subject to approval of the Shareholders. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve a resolution approving the Omnibus Plan substantially in the form attached as Schedule "B", adopting the Omnibus Plan.

It is intended that all proxies received will be voted in favour of the resolution to approve the Omnibus Plan, unless a proxy contains instructions to vote against the resolution. Greater than 50% of the votes cast by Shareholders present in person or by proxy is required to approve the Omnibus Plan.

Approval of Continuance of the Shareholder Rights Plan

The Corporation entered into an amended and restated shareholder rights plan agreement with Computershare Investor Services Inc., as rights agent (the "**Rights Agent**"), dated as of June 14, 2017 (the "**Rights Plan**"). The Rights Plan amended and restated the amended and restated shareholder rights plan agreement dated June 19, 2014, which in turn amended and restated the shareholder rights plan agreement dated March 14, 2008, as amended on June 23, 2011. At the Meeting, the Corporation will be seeking the approval of Shareholders to continue the operation of the Rights Plan.

The primary objectives of the Rights Plan are to: (i) ensure, to the extent possible, that all holders of Common Shares and the Board have adequate time to consider and evaluate any unsolicited bid for the Common Shares; (ii) provide the Board with adequate time to identify, develop and negotiate value enhancing alternatives, if considered appropriate, to any such unsolicited bid; (iii) encourage the fair treatment of the Shareholders in connection with any take-over bid made for the Common Shares; (iv) generally, to assist the Board in enhancing Shareholder value; and (v) ensure consistency with the Canadian take-over regime.

The Rights Plan encourages a potential acquiror to proceed with their bid in accordance with Canadian take-over bid rules, which require that the bid satisfy certain minimum standards intended to promote fairness, or have the approval of the Board. Under the Rights Plan, those bids that meet certain requirements intended to protect the interests of all Shareholders are deemed to be "Permitted Bids". Permitted Bids must be made by way of a take-over bid circular prepared in compliance with applicable securities laws and, among other conditions, must remain open for the minimum period set out in the Rights Plan. In the event a take-over bid does not meet the Permitted Bid requirements or a person otherwise acquires 20% or more of the outstanding Common Shares, subject to certain exemptions, the rights will entitle Shareholders, other than any Shareholder acquiring the Common Shares, to purchase additional Common Shares at a substantial discount to the market value at the time. As a result, the investment of the Shareholder or Shareholders making the acquisition will be greatly diluted if a substantial portion of the rights are exercised.

The continuation of the Rights Plan for the next three years is not being proposed to prevent take-over bids that treat Shareholders fairly, or in response to, or in anticipation of, any pending, threatened or proposed acquisition or takeover bid that is known to management of the Corporation.

This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Rights Plan. A copy of the Rights Plan may be obtained from the Corporation's public disclosure documents found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com or by request from the Corporation at Suite 1480, 99 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, B3A 4S5, telephone (902) 423-6419 or info@erdene.com.

Shareholder Approval of Continuance of Rights Plan

The Rights Plan will terminate following the Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Rights Plan, unless the continuance of the Rights Plan is approved by Shareholders at the Meeting. Continuance of the Rights Plan has been conditionally approved by the TSX, subject to Shareholder approval and other standard conditions.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, pass the following resolution confirming the continuance of the Rights Plan ("Shareholder Rights Plan Resolution"):

BE IT RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution, that:



1. the continuation of the Corporation's shareholder rights plan pursuant to an amended and restated shareholder rights plan agreement dated June 14, 2017 as described in the Circular (the "**Rights Plan**") between the Corporation and Computershare Investor Services Inc., and the continuance of the rights issued pursuant to the Rights Plan, be and the same are hereby re-approved, ratified and confirmed;

2. any officer of the Corporation be and is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, finalize, execute and deliver any and all such further agreements, documents, authorizations, elections or other instruments and to do all such further acts and things as such officer in his sole discretion may determine in order to complete and give effect to the foregoing resolution and the transactions contemplated by the Rights Plan, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by such officer's execution and delivery of any such agreement, document, authorization, election or other instrument or the taking of any such action.

The Board recommends that the Shareholders approve and confirm the continuance of the Rights Plan. It is intended that all proxies received will be voted in favour of the Shareholder Rights Plan Resolution, unless a proxy contains instructions to vote against such resolution. Greater than 50% of the votes of Shareholders present in person or by proxy are required to approve the Shareholder Rights Plan Resolution. If the Shareholder Rights Plan Resolution is not approved, the Rights Plan will terminate and the rights issued under it will be void.



EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion & Analysis

Named Executive Officers

Applicable securities regulations require that the Corporation give details of the compensation paid to the Corporation's "named executive officers" who are defined as follows:

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

As at December 31, 2022, the end of the most recently completed financial year of the Corporation, the named executive officers of the Corporation were the four most highly compensated individuals, namely, the President and Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**"), the Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**"), as well as the Vice-President Exploration, and the Vice-President Projects (collectively, the "**Named Management**").

Role of Compensation Committee

The compensation committee of the Corporation ("**Compensation Committee**") has been assigned the responsibility of reviewing the remuneration package for the CEO and for senior executives and to recommend changes, if any, to the Board. In making its recommendations, the Compensation Committee considers each individual's performance and remuneration and incentives paid to senior executives of comparable companies. The Compensation Committee also seeks the views of the CEO when reviewing compensation for other executive officers because of his day-to-day involvement with these officers. It is also the responsibility of the Compensation Committee to review any proposals concerning the Corporation's incentive stock option plan (the "**Option Plan**") or any other equity compensation plans including grant proposals for approval by the Board.

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Kenneth MacDonald (Chair), David Mosher and Hedley Widdup, all of whom are independent within the meaning of National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*. All members of the Compensation Committee have more than 25 years of experience in their respective field, and, during that time, each has been closely involved with implementing and reviewing compensation policies at their respective organizations. Each of the Compensation Committee members have held senior roles with public and/or private companies directly related to the mining industry.

Comparative Market Data

When making compensation recommendations in relation to the remuneration of the Named Management, the Compensation Committee looks at the compensation of the Named Management relative to the compensation paid to similarly situated executives at companies that the Compensation Committee considers to be peers of the Corporation. A benchmark group (the "Peer Group") is determined by screening and selecting publicly-traded companies in the same general industry (exploration and development companies) and on the basis of comparable size of operations and market capitalization.

In 2020, the Corporation's Peer Group was comprised of Ascot Resources Ltd., Bluestones Resources Inc., Filo Mining Corp., Gold Standard Ventures Corp., Kincora Copper Ltd., Liberty Gold Corp., Marathon Gold Corp., Midas Gold Corp., Nighthawk Gold Corp., Orezone Gold Corp., Pure Gold Mining Inc., Steppe Gold Ltd., Wallbridge Mining Company Ltd and Xanadu Mines Ltd. The 2021 Peer Group consisted of Ascot Resources Ltd., Bluestones Resources Inc., Entrée Resources Ltd., Gold Standard Ventures Corp., Kincora Copper Ltd., Liberty Gold Corp., Marathon Gold



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Corp., Orezone Gold Corp., Pure Gold Mining Inc., Sabina Gold & Silver Corp., Steppe Gold Ltd., Wallbridge Mining Company Ltd and Xanadu Mines Ltd. The 2022 Peer Group consisted of Ascot Resources Ltd., Bluestones Resources Inc., Entrée Resources Ltd., Gold Standard Ventures Corp., Kincora Copper Ltd., Liberty Gold Corp., Marathon Gold Corp., Orezone Gold Corp., Pure Gold Mining Inc., Sabina Gold & Silver Corp., Steppe Gold Ltd., Wallbridge Mining Company Ltd and Xanadu Mines Ltd.

Although backward-looking peer benchmarking is, and will continue to be, a determining factor in total compensation, other factors such as market conditions and availability of financing are also taken into consideration.

Currency

All references to "\$" or "dollars" set forth in this Circular are in Canadian dollars, except where otherwise indicated.

Objectives of the Compensation Program

Erdene's executive compensation program is designed to attract, retain and motivate top executive talent to achieve the Corporation's business goals and objectives with appropriate risk-taking while acting ethically. The primary goals of the Corporation's compensation program are to:

- (i) provide total compensation that is competitive in the context of Erdene's peers and the mineral exploration industry in general;
- (ii) attract, retain and motivate executives who are critical to the success and financial performance of the Corporation;
- (iii) reward achievements with a variable pay component, based on the attainment of individual and the Corporation's operational and financial objectives;
- (iv) align management's interests with the long-term interests of Shareholders;
- (v) ensure that the total compensation package takes into account the Corporation's present stage of development and its available financial resources.



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Elements of Executive Compensation Program

The Corporation's executive compensation program is structured with a clear focus on pay-for-performance, aligned with the interests of Shareholders. Erdene's compensation is comprised of six components: (i) base salary; (ii) annual cash bonuses; (iii) stock options and other share-based compensation; (iv) benefits; and (v) perquisites. The elements of compensation are described in more detail below.

Components	Element	Form	Period	Program Objectives and Details
FIXED	Base Salary	Cash	Annual	Reflects the executive's level of responsibility, experience, market competitiveness, and the executive's overall performance.
	Short-term Incentive	Cash	Annual	Linked to the achievement of predetermined financial and operational performance objectives.
	Long-term Incentive	Stock Options	Longer-term	Encourages and rewards executives for increasing total shareholder value.
VARIABLE	Long-term Incentive	Deferred Stock Units and other share-based awards	Longer-term	Encourages and rewards executives for increasing total shareholder value.
	Benefits	Corporate benefits plan	Annual or Longer-Term	Provide health, dental, disability and insurance coverage.
	Perquisites	Cash	Annual	A limited number of personal benefits, including professional fees and hardship allowances.

The Board, on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, considers each of these components of compensation when assessing the total compensation package for Named Management. The Board relies heavily on the recommendations of the Compensation Committee and any independent consultants that it may retain from time to time for setting salary, bonus and option levels, to ensure the Corporation's compensation levels and practices continue to remain competitive and appropriate.

Base Salary

Salaries of the Named Management are based on a comparison with competitive positions, taking into account the size and sector, as well as the level of activity, of the group. Individual circumstances, including the scope and geographic location of the Named Management's position, the Named Management's relevant competencies or experience and retention risk, are also considered. The financial performance of the Corporation is also a factor as is the individual performance of the Named Management. The base salary for each of the Named Management is reviewed by the Compensation Committee each year in consultation with the CEO. Base salaries may be adjusted based on any change in their role within the Corporation, performance of the individual, performance of the Corporation or general changes in market salary levels. Named Management can elect to receive all or a portion of their salary in the form of deferred stock units (see the discussion below under "*Share-based Awards (Deferred Stock Units)*"). Named Management who elect to receive DSUs in lieu of salary receive a share-based award of additional DSUs equal to 20% of such elected amount.



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Performance Bonus

In 2017, the Board adopted a bonus plan, effective for the 2016 financial year, for the CEO, CFO and any executive officer whose contract of employment specifies that their compensation will be reviewed by the Board (each, a "**Senior Executive**"). Currently, there are two Senior Executives, the CEO and the CFO covered by this plan. Under the plan, each Senior Executive is responsible for the preparation and submission of their individual objectives to the CEO early in the first quarter of the financial year. The CEO initially reviews the goals of each Senior Executive' goals are to be submitted to the Compensation Committee during the first quarter for review and, if appropriate, a recommendation is submitted to the Board for final approval.

Individual performance in relation to these goals is used to calculate each Senior Executive's bonus amount under the Corporation's bonus plan, with 75% of the Senior Executive's calculated bonus amount based on success in achieving these goals. The remaining 25% of each Senior Executive's performance bonus amount is tied to the Common Share price performance relative to the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index. The maximum bonus amounts, weighting of the performance objectives, and goal categories for the Senior Executives are set out below.

		Performance			Individual Performance Weighting				% Totals		
Name and Position	Maximum Bonus Percentage of Annual Salary	Share Price Weighting	Individual Performance Weighting	Team Development	Finance, acquisition or M&A Deal Development and Execution	Operations, Permitting, Regulatory, Government Affairs	Exploration successes and Resource/ Reserve	Budgets, Timelines, Regulatory Compliance and financial Control	Internal Communications	Health, Safety, Environment and Community	
Chief Executive Officer	60%	25%	75%	20%	20%	15%	20%	5%	15%	5%	100%
VP and CFO	40%	25%	75%	20%	30%	10%	0%	20%	15%	5%	100%

Erdene Senior Executive Bonus Plan Annual Performance Evaluation Criteria

The CEO will review the performance goals and assess each Senior Executive's performance (other than his own performance). Based upon the results of these reviews, the CEO will recommend to the Compensation Committee performance ratings as well as performance bonus payments for the Senior Executives, other than himself. The Chair of the Compensation Committee will assess the performance of the CEO and will make a recommendation on performance rating and bonus payment for the CEO to the Compensation Committee.

In calculating Senior Executives' bonus entitlement under the Common Share price performance component, the percentage change in the daily average market capitalization of the Corporation from the previous year will be compared to the percentage change in the daily average balance of the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index from the previous year. If they are equal to each other, the Senior Executive will receive one-half of the 25%. This amount will increase by 1% for each five percentage points that the percentage change in the daily average balance of the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index until the Corporation exceeds the percentage change in the daily average balance of the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index until the maximum of 25% is reached. The S&P/TSX Global Gold Index was chosen as a benchmark performance measure as it consists of a broad based representation of the performance of mining companies with diversified assets.

Ultimately, any payment under the bonus plan is at the Board's discretion. Before approving the payment of a bonus, the Board will consider general market and industry conditions, including the recommendations and independent compensation analyses performed from time to time by independent consultants, as well as the Corporation's financial position.

In addition to the Senior Executive bonus plan, the Compensation Committee will continue to consider and, where appropriate, recommend the payment of discretionary cash bonuses to Named Management from time to time. In



2020, the CEO and the CFO received bonus entitlements of approximately 42% and 27% of their annual base salary, respectively, and in 2021, the CEO and the CFO received bonus entitlements of approximately 52% and 24% of their annual base salary, respectively. In 2022, the CEO and the CFO received bonus entitlements of approximately 55% and 37% of their annual base salary, respectively, reflecting the attainment of the majority of the individual performance goals. See the notes to the table under the heading "*Executive Compensation – Summary Compensation Table*".

Option-based Awards

The strategic use of incentive stock options is a cornerstone of the Corporation's compensation plan. The purpose of the Option Plan is to advance the interests of the Corporation by encouraging directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Corporation to acquire Common Shares, thereby increasing their proprietary interest in the Corporation, encouraging them to remain associated with the Corporation, rewarding significant performance achievements and furnishing them with additional incentive in their efforts on behalf of the Corporation in the conduct of their affairs. The Option Plan continues to be an important tool for attracting, motivating and retaining qualified employees, which is critical to the Corporation's success. For more information on the Option Plan, see "Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans – Incentive Stock Option Plan".

All grants of stock options to the Named Management are reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors. In evaluating option grants to the Named Management, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors evaluate a number of factors including, but not limited to: (i) the number of options already held by such Named Management; (ii) a fair balance between the number of options held by the Named Management concerned and the other executives of the Corporation, in light of their responsibilities and objectives; and (iii) the value of the options as a component in the Named Management's overall compensation package.

Share-based Awards (Deferred Stock Units)

In 2012, the Corporation implemented a deferred stock unit plan ("**DSU Plan**"), as subsequently amended, which permits directors and employees to elect to receive all or a portion of their base salary in deferred stock units ("**DSUs**").

In addition, the Compensation Committee has the authority to make discretionary awards of DSUs pursuant to the DSU Plan. Discretionary awards will be made on a basis consistent with the process for grants of stock options under the Option Plan, as described above under "*Option-based Awards*".

For more information on the DSU Plan, see "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans – Deferred Stock Unit Plan".

Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

At the Meeting, Shareholders are being asked to adopt the Omnibus Plan to replace the Legacy Plans. The Omnibus Plan provides flexibility to the Corporation to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of Options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs. If the Omnibus Plan is approved by the Shareholders at the Meeting, all future grants of equity-based awards will be made pursuant to, or as otherwise permitted by, the Omnibus Plan, and no further equity-based awards will be made pursuant to the Legacy Plans. The Legacy Plans will remain in effect only in respect of outstanding awards granted pursuant to the Legacy Plans. Once the existing awards granted under the Legacy Plans are exercised or terminated, the Legacy Plans will terminate.

It is currently anticipated that awards under the Omnibus Plan will be administered in substantially the same manner as awards under the Legacy Plans. See "Business to be Transacted at the Meeting – Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan" for more information on the Omnibus Plan.

Benefits

The CEO, CFO and other Named Management participate in a corporate benefits program. The benefits program includes medical, dental and life insurance, in line with organizations of a similar size, and are not a material portion of the overall compensation of the Named Management.



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Perquisites

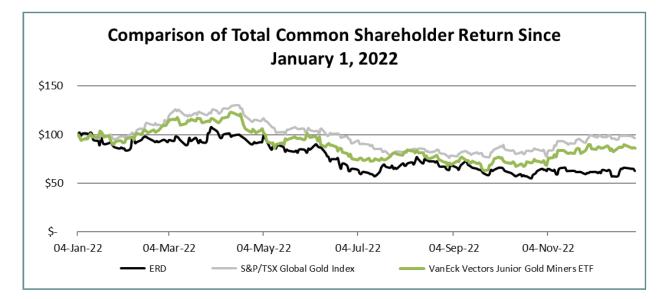
The Corporation provides a limited number of perquisites to its Named Management which vary by title but do not account for a material portion of the overall compensation of the Named Management, with the exception of Mr. Jon Lyons, Vice-President Projects, who receives benefits related to his residency in Mongolia. For example, the Corporation offers paid parking and memberships in industry-related organizations. The Corporation awards these perquisites as tools for attraction, retention and motivation.

Other Factors for Understanding Compensation

Except for the anti-hedging policy contained in the Omnibus Plan, the Corporation does not currently have a policy prohibiting Named Management or directors of the Corporation from purchasing financial instruments, including for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the Named Management or director. However, none of the Named Management or directors of the Corporation has purchased such financial instruments.

Performance Graphs

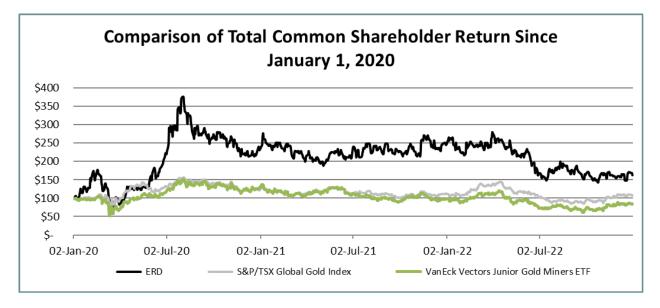
The following graphs present the Corporation's cumulative total Shareholder returns for the past one-, three- and fiveyear periods, in comparison to the cumulative total Shareholders returns generated by the same investment in the most comparable indices – the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index and the VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF.



The Common Shares depreciated 37% from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. In comparison, the value of the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index decreased by 3% and the VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF decreased by 14% over the same period.

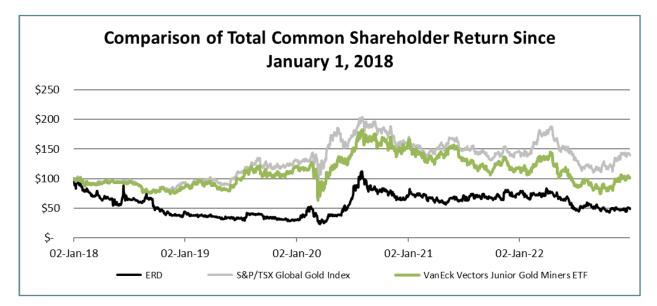
The following graph depicts the Corporation's cumulative total Shareholder return from January 1, 2020, assuming a \$100 investment in the Common Shares on such date, to December 31, 2022, compared to the return on an equal investment amount in the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index and the VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF.





On average, the Common Shares appreciated 21% per year from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022, for total appreciation of 63%. In comparison, the value of the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index increased by 2% per year over the same period, for a total increase of 7%. The VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF decreased by 5% per year over the same period, for a total decrease of 16%.

The following graph depicts the Corporation's cumulative total Shareholder return by quarter from January 1, 2018, assuming a \$100 investment in the Common Shares on such date, to December 31, 2022, compared to the return on an equal investment amount in the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index and the VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF.



On average, the Common Shares depreciated 10% per year from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022, for total depreciation of 52%. In comparison, the value of the S&P/TSX Global Gold Index increased by 8% per year over the same period, for a total increase of 40%. The VanEck Vectors Junior Gold Miners ETF increased by 0% per year over the same period, for a total increase of 1%.

As noted above, a number of factors and performance elements are taken into account when determining compensation for the Named Management. Although total cumulative Shareholder return is one performance measure that is reviewed in determining compensation, and Common Share price performance as compared to the S&P/TSX Global



Gold Index accounts for 25% of each Senior Executive's calculated bonus amount, there are many other factors taken into account in executive compensation deliberations and bonus calculations. As a result, a direct correlation between total cumulative Shareholder return over a given period and executive compensation levels is not anticipated.

Assessment of Risks Associated with the Corporation's Compensation Policies and Practices

The Compensation Committee has assessed the Corporation's compensation plans and programs for its executive officers to ensure alignment with the Corporation's business plan and to evaluate the potential risks associated with those plans and programs. The Compensation Committee has concluded that the compensation policies and practices do not create any risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

The Compensation Committee considers the risks associated with executive compensation and corporate incentive plans when designing and reviewing such plans and programs which have generally been implemented by or at the direction of the Compensation Committee.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table details Named Management compensation for the years ended December 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Name and principal position	Year	Salary ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Option-based awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Share-based awards ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Annual incentive plans ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	All other compensation ⁽⁵⁾ (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Deter C. Alexalers, Duraidant &	2022	357,490	83,500	3,471	197,835	Nil	642,296
Peter C. Akerley, President & - CEO ⁽⁷⁾ -	2021	331,301	78,000	6,626	175,000	Nil	590,927
	2020	308,013	124,200	5,033	132,520	Nil	569,766
Robert L. Jenkins,	2022	214,435	50,100	8,577	79,115	Nil	352,227
Vice-President & CFO	2021	198,725	48,750	27,033	50,000	Nil	324,478
	2020	184,757	69,750	4,033	50,290	Nil	308,830
Michael X. Gillis,	2022	198,540	26,200	25,000	25,000	Nil	274,740
Vice-President Exploration	2021	188,168	29,000	25,000	25,000	Nil	267,168
	2020	179,207	39,000	25,000	25,000	Nil	268,207
Jon M.L. Lyons ⁽⁶⁾	2022	264,961	32,750	35,000	35,000	110,548	478,259
Vice-President Projects	2021	208,275	36,250	35,000	35,000	84,803	399,328
	2020	175,826	48,750	25,000	30,000	81,477	361,053

Notes:

- (1) Salary includes the value of DSUs received at the election of the Named Management in lieu of cash compensation. DSUs are valued at the five-day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of the common shares at the grant date. In 2020, Mr. Akerley and Mr. Jenkins elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$25,167 and \$20,166, respectively. In 2021, Mr. Akerley and Mr. Jenkins elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$33,130 and \$35,014, respectively. In 2022, Mr. Akerley and Mr. Jenkins elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$17,354 and \$42,887, respectively.
- (2) This column shows the total compensation value of stock options granted to the Named Management in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Option based awards are valued using the Black-Scholes method in accordance with the Corporation's accounting policies and using the following key assumptions: For 2020: No dividends are to be paid, risk-free interest rate of 0.3%, expected volatility of 70%, and an expected life of 3.7 years. For 2021: No dividends are to be paid, risk-free interest rate of 0.7%, expected volatility of 63%, and an expected life of 3.6 years. For 2022: No dividends are to be paid, risk-free interest rate of 3.0%, expected volatility of 63%, and an expected life of 3.6 years. For 2022: No dividends are to be paid, risk-free interest rate of 3.0%, expected volatility of 63%, and an expected life of 3.6 years. The average fair value of the options issued, on the date granted, was \$0.21 per option in 2020, \$0.17 per option in 2021 and \$0.15 per option in 2022, 470,000 options were exercised by named management in 2020, 100,000 options were exercised in 2021 and 0 options were exercised in 2022.
- (3) Excludes salary earned by Named Management who elect to take DSUs in lieu of cash but includes the share-based award issued for making such an election. In 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Compensation Committee made discretionary awards of DSUs pursuant to the DSU Plan.
- (4) Cash bonuses were paid to Mr. Akerley and Mr. Jenkins in accordance with the Corporation's Senior Executive Bonus Plan in 2020, 2021 and 2022. See "Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion & Analysis Performance Bonus". Also in 2020, 2021 and 2022 discretionary cash bonuses were paid to Mr. Gillis and Mr. Lyons.
- (5) Includes perquisites and benefits for Named Management that exceed 10% of base salary or \$50,000. Mr. Lyons receives hardship benefits from the Corporation to offset costs associated with residency in Mongolia. All other perquisites and benefits received by Named Management are not a material component of total compensation.

(6) Mr. Lyons was appointed Vice-President Projects in 2021. Prior to this date, Mr. Lyons served as Vice-President Regulatory and Strategy of the Corporation.

(7) Mr. Akerley does not receive any compensation for his role as a director of the Corporation.



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Share-Based and Option Based Awards

Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table details outstanding option-based and share-based awards to Named Management as at December 31, 2022.

	Option-based Awards				Share-based Awards			
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in- the-money options (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share- based awards not paid out or distributed (\$) ⁽²⁾	
Peter C. Akerley	500,000	0.31	August 9, 2027					
President & CEO	400,000	0.37	June 23, 2026		N/A	N/A	506,377	
	400,000	0.49	August 27, 2025	32,000				
	100,000	0.22	May 13, 2025	52,000				
	300,000	0.20	June 20, 2024					
	1,000,000	0.40	June 14, 2023					
Robert L. Jenkins,	300,000	0.31	August 9, 2027					
Vice-President & CFO	250,000	0.37	June 23, 2026					
	250,000	0.49	August 27, 2025	15,000	N/A	N/A	214,831	
	150,000	0.20	June 20, 2024					
	150,000	0.27	October 15, 2023					
Michael X. Gillis	200,000	0.31	August 9, 2027					
Vice-President	200,000	0.37	June 23, 2026					
Exploration	200,000	0.49	August 27, 2025	12,750	N/A	N/A	151,418	
	150,000	0.20	June 20, 2024					
	150,000	0.40	June 14, 2023					
Jon M. L. Lyons Vice-	250,000	0.31	August 9, 2027					
President Projects	250,000	0.37	June 23, 2026					
	250,000	0.49	August 27, 2025	8,500	N/A	N/A	107,499	
	100,000	0.20	June 20, 2024					
	100,000	0.40	June 14, 2023					

Notes:

(1) The value of unexercised in-the-money options is the difference between the 2022 year-end closing price on the TSX for Common Shares, which was \$0.285, and the exercise price of the options.

(2) The market value of vested DSUs is determined by multiplying the number of outstanding DSUs as at December 31, 2022 by the 2022 yearend closing price on the TSX for Common Shares, which was \$0.285.

(3) During the financial year ended December 31, 2020, 470,000 options were exercised by Named Management, 100,000 in 2021 and nil in 2022.

(4) All options and share-based awards vested upon grant.

Value Vested or Earned During 2022

Name	Option-Based Awards – Value Vested during 2022 (\$)	Share-Based Awards – Value Vested during 2022 (\$)	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation – Value earned during 2022 (\$)
Peter C. Akerley President & CEO	Nil ⁽¹⁾	20,825 ⁽²⁾	Nil
Robert L. Jenkins, Vice-President & CFO	Nil ⁽¹⁾	51,464 ⁽²⁾	Nil
Michael X. Gillis Vice-President Exploration	Nil ⁽¹⁾	25,000 ⁽²⁾	Nil
Jon M. L. Lyons Vice-President Projects	Nil ⁽¹⁾	35,000 ⁽²⁾	Nil

Notes:

(1) On August 9, 2022, an aggregate of 1,250,000 options were granted to the Named Management and vested immediately, having an exercise price of \$0.31. The market price of the Common Shares on August 9, 2022, was \$0.31, based on the 5-day volume weighted average price.

(2) The value vested is based on the market price of the Common Shares on the vesting date (the date of grant). In 2022, an aggregate of 413,967 DSUs were granted to Mr. Akerley, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Gillis and Mr. Lyons and vested immediately. In 2022, Mr. Akerley and Mr. Jenkins elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$17,354 (48,205 DSUs) and \$42,887 (135,478 DSUs), respectively. The 5-day volume weighted average market price of the Common Shares on the grant date was \$0.32.



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Termination and Change of Control Benefits

The Corporation has not entered into any compensatory plan, contract or arrangement where a Named Management is entitled to receive compensation in the event of resignation, retirement or any other termination, a change of control of the Corporation or a change in the Named Management's responsibilities following a change of control, except as disclosed below.

Under the terms of the employment agreements with Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Gillis and Mr. Lyons, on termination of their employment by the Corporation without cause, they are entitled to one month's notice for every year of employment with the Corporation or, in lieu of notice, the greater of three (3) month's base salary and one (1) month's base salary for every year of employment with the Corporation. If Mr. Akerley's employment is terminated by the Corporation without cause, he will receive an amount equal to the amount of the salary and bonuses paid to him in the 12-month period preceding the termination and the Corporation shall continue his group insurance benefits, if any, for 6 months after the date of termination. Additionally, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Gillis and Mr. Lyons have entered retention agreements with the Corporation that entitle these individuals to a bonus payable upon the Bayan Khundii Gold Project achieving commercial production, provided they remain employed by the Corporation, calculated as 100% of their base salary in 2019. In the event that the employment of Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Gillis or Mr. Lyons is terminated without cause before the Bayan Khundii Gold Project attains commercial production, these individuals will be entitled to a pro rata portion of the retention bonus.

In addition, under the terms of the employment agreements with Mr. Akerley and Mr. Jenkins, in the event of a change of control of the Corporation, each may terminate their respective agreements with the Corporation. If they do so, the Corporation is required to pay a lump sum severance payment equal to the amount of the salary and bonuses paid in the 24-month period preceding the termination in the case of Mr. Akerley and in the 18 months preceding the termination in the case of Mr. Akerley and in the 18 months preceding the termination in the case of Mr.

If Mr. Akerley's employment is terminated by the Corporation as a result of death or disability, he shall receive an amount equal to the salary and bonuses paid to him in the 12-month period preceding the termination.

If the employment of any of the Named Management is terminated for cause, the Corporation is required to pay each of them their then current salary accrued pursuant to their respective employment agreements.

If the Named Management's employment had been terminated effective December 31, 2022, it is the Corporation's interpretation that the following amounts would have been payable as of the effective date of the termination, in addition to the salary accrued to the termination date:

Name	Type of Termination										
	Resig	Resignation		Termination without Cause		Termination with Cause		Death/Disability		Change of Control	
	Cash	DSU ⁽³⁾	Cash	DSU ⁽³⁾	Cash	DSU ⁽³⁾	Cash	DSU ⁽³⁾	Cash	DSU ⁽³⁾	
Peter C. Akerley ⁽¹⁾	Nil	506,377	555,325	506,377	Accrued Current Annual Salary	506,377	555,325	506,377	1,061,626	506,377	
Robert L. Jenkins	Nil	214,831	128,730	214,831	Accrued Current Annual Salary	214,831	Nil	214,831	417,913	214,831	
Michael X. Gillis	Nil	151,418	314,355	151,418	Accrued Current Annual Salary	151,418	Nil	151,418	Nil	151,418	
Jon M.L. Lyons ⁽²⁾	Nil	114,146	157,109	107,499	Accrued Current Annual Salary	107,499	Nil	107,499	Nil	107,499	

Notes:



- (1) In the event of termination without cause or upon a change of control, the Corporation shall continue Mr. Akerley's group insurance benefits, if any, for 6 months after the date of termination; provided that if the Corporation is unable to continue any such benefits by reason of their termination of employment, the Corporation is not required to pay Mr. Akerley amounts in lieu thereof.
- (2) Mr. Lyons' employment contract had an initial term running through to April 30, 2023. This contract contains automatic renewal terms and Mr. Lyons remains an employee of the Corporation as at the date of this Circular. Mr. Lyons is also entitled to a moving allowance on termination of the contract.
- (3) At the option of the Corporation, DSUs may be redeemed for Common Shares in lieu of cash.

Director Compensation

The following table sets forth amounts of compensation provided to members of the Board of Directors other than Named Management for the financial year ended December 31, 2022:

	(1)	Share-based awards ⁽²⁾		_ Option-based	All other	
Name	Fees earned ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Value of DSUs (\$)	# of DSUs	awards ⁽³⁾ (\$)	compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Dr. Anna G. Biolik	22,000	14,400	45,259	20,875	Nil	57,275
John P. Byrne	22,000	12,000	37,778	20,875	Nil	54,875
T. Layton Croft	46,000	20,000	62,963	20,875	Nil	86,875
Kenneth MacDonald ⁽⁴⁾	21,000	11,000	34,630	20,875	Nil	52,875
Cameron McRae	16,000	10,000	31,481	20,875	Nil	46,875
David V. Mosher	18,000	13,600	42,963	20,875	Nil	52,475
Hedley Widdup	15,000	10,000	31,481	20,875	Nil	45,875

Notes:

(1) Fees earned are comprised of board retainers and meeting honoraria. Fees earned includes the value of DSUs received at the election of a director in lieu of cash compensation. DSUs are valued at the five-day volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of the common shares at the grant date. Dr. Biolik elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$22,000. Mr. Byrne elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$10,000. Mr. MacDonald elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$5,000. Mr. Mosher elected to receive DSUs in lieu of cash compensation with a value of \$18,000.

(2) Excludes "fees earned" by a director that the director has elected to take as DSUs but includes the share-based award for making such an election. DSUs vest immediately at the date of grant and the value of the DSUs is calculated based on the 5-day VWAP on the grant date. DSUs shall be redeemed by the Corporation, in Common Shares or cash, at the option of the Corporation, when the holder resigns or retires or otherwise leaves the Corporation. The total value and number of DSUs granted to a Director is disclosed in the Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During 2022 table on page 29.

(3) All options had a 5-year term and were fully vested at the date of grant. The Corporation values stock-based incentives using the Black-Scholes method using the following assumptions: no dividend yield, risk-free interest of 2.85%, expected volatility of 58.9% and an expected life of 5 years. Options to acquire Common Shares are issued with an exercise price equal to the market price at the date the options are granted. The fair value of the options was \$0.167 per option for options granted in 2022. 0 options were exercised by directors in 2022.

(4) Fees earned includes honoraria of \$2,000 for attendance and observership at meetings of Committees of the Board.

From January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, non-management directors who are not executive officers were entitled to an honorarium of \$10,000 of DSUs per annum (\$2,500 of DSUs per quarter) and a \$10,000 cash retainer per annum (\$2,500 cash retainer per quarter), as well as \$1,000 per meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board was entitled to an honorarium of \$20,000 of DSUs per annum (\$5,000 of DSUs per quarter) and a \$20,000 cash retainer per annum (\$5,000 cash retainer per quarter), as well as \$2,000 per meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board of Directors, while Committee chairs were entitled to receive \$2,000 per meeting. Directors have the option of receiving all or a portion of the cash retainer and meeting fees in DSUs. Board members who are approved by the Board to observe meetings of Committees of which they are not a member may be paid an honorarium commensurate with Committee members for their attendance at such meetings. The aggregate amount of cash paid to directors in 2022 based upon their meeting attendance was \$125,000. Directors are also reimbursed for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred for attendance at directors' meetings. Directors who elect to receive DSUs in lieu of fees receive a share-based award of additional DSUs equal to 20% of such elected amount.



From time to time the Compensation Committee of the Board completes a peer comparison of board compensation and makes a recommendation to the Board. The Board makes a decision as to the compensation to be paid to nonmanagement directors, who are not executive officers, based on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee.

Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table presents details of all outstanding option-based awards and outstanding share-based awards to members of the Board of Directors other than Named Management as at December 31, 2022.

		Option-b	ased Awards ⁽³⁾		Share-based Awards ⁽³⁾		S ⁽³⁾
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share-based wards that have not vested (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed (\$) ⁽²⁾
Dr. Anna G. Biolik	125,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000	0.31 0.37 0.49 0.20 0.40	August 9, 2027 June 23,2026 August 27, 2025 June 20, 2024 June 14, 2023	8,500	N/A	N/A	125,163
John P. Byrne	$\begin{array}{c} 125,000\\ 125,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ \end{array}$	0.31 0.37 0.49 0.22 0.20 0.40	August 9, 2027 June 23,2026 August 27, 2025 May 13, 2025 June 20, 2024 June 14, 2023	15,000	N/A	N/A	187,998
T. Layton Croft	125,000 100,000 100,000 150,000 100,000	0.40 0.31 0.37 0.49 0.20 0.40	August 9, 2027 June 23,2026 August 27, 2025 June 20, 2024 June 14, 2023	12,750	N/A	N/A	130,514
Kenneth MacDonald	125,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000	0.31 0.37 0.49 0.20 0.40	August 9, 2027 June 23,2026 August 27, 2025 June 20, 2024 June 14, 2023	8,500	N/A	N/A	76,328
Cameron McRae	$125,000 \\ 100,000 \\ 100,000 \\ 150,000 \\ 100,000 \\ 100,000 \\ 100,000$	0.31 0.37 0.49 0.20 0.40 0.40	August 9, 2027 June 23,2026 August 27, 2025 June 20, 2024 June 14, 2023 March 13, 2023	12,750	N/A	N/A	58,288
David V. Mosher	$\begin{array}{c} 100,000\\ 125,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ 100,000\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 0.31 \\ 0.37 \\ 0.49 \\ 0.22 \\ 0.20 \\ 0.40 \end{array}$	August 9, 2027 June 23,2026 August 27, 2025 May 13, 2025 June 20, 2024 June 14, 2023	15,000	N/A	N/A	136,433
Hedley Widdup	125,000 100,000 100,000 200,000 100,000	0.40 0.31 0.37 0.49 0.22 0.18	August 9, 2027 June 23,2026 August 27, 2025 May 13, 2025 November 29, 2024	23,500	N/A	N/A	43,626

Notes:

(1) The value of unexercised in-the-money options is the difference between the 2022 year-end closing price on the TSX for Common Shares, which was \$0.285, and the exercise price of the options.

(2) The market value of vested DSUs is determined by multiplying the number of outstanding DSUs as at December 31, 2022 by the 2022 yearend closing price on the TSX for Common Shares, which was \$0.285.

(3) All options and DSUs fully vested on grant.

(4) At December 31, 2022, an aggregate of 439,168 DSUs were held by Dr. Biolik, an aggregate of 659,641 DSUs were held by Mr. Byrne, an aggregate of 457,943 DSUs were held by Mr. Croft, an aggregate of 267,819 DSUs were held by Mr. MacDonald, an aggregate of 204,518 DSUs were held by Mr. McRae, an aggregate of 478,713 DSUs were held by Mr. Mosher and an aggregate of 153,075 DSUs were held by Mr. Widdup.



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Value Vested or Earned During 2022	Value	V	'ested	or	Earned	During	g 2022
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Name	Option-Based Awards – Value Vested during 2022 (\$)	Share-Based Awards – Value Vested during 2022 (\$)	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation – Value earned during 2022 (\$)
Dr. Anna G. Biolik	Nil ⁽¹⁾	36,400 ⁽²⁾	Nil
John P. Byrne	Nil ⁽¹⁾	22,000 ⁽²⁾	Nil
T. Layton Croft	Nil ⁽¹⁾	21,000 ⁽²⁾	Nil
Kenneth MacDonald	Nil ⁽¹⁾	16,000 ⁽²⁾	Nil
Cameron McRae	Nil ⁽¹⁾	10,000 ⁽²⁾	Nil
David V. Mosher	Nil ⁽¹⁾	31,600 ⁽²⁾	Nil
Hedley Widdup	Nil ⁽¹⁾	10,000 ⁽²⁾	Nil

Notes:

(1) On August 9, 2022, an aggregate of 875,000 options were granted to directors and vested immediately, having an exercise price of \$0.31. The market price of the Common Shares on August 9, 2022, based on a 5-day volume weighted average price, was \$0.31.

(2) The value vested is based on the market price of the Common Shares on the vesting date (the date of grant). In 2022, 114,147 DSUs were granted to Dr. Biolik, 69,258 DSUs were granted to Mr. Byrne, 62,964 DSUs were granted to Mr. Croft, 50,370 DSUs were granted to Mr. MacDonald, 31,481 DSUs were granted to Mr. McRae and Mr. Widdup and 100,370 DSUs were granted to Mr. Mosher, and all vested immediately. The 5-day volume weighted average market price of the Common Shares on the grant date was \$0.32.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, 0 options were exercised by members of the Board of Directors.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

Equity Compensation Plans

The Corporation currently has in place the Option Plan and the DSU Plan, and is seeking the approval of Shareholders for the new Omnibus Plan at the Meeting. The following table sets out information as of December 31, 2022, the Corporation's most recently completed financial year, with regard to outstanding options exercisable into Common Shares under the Option Plan and outstanding DSUs under the DSU Plan.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Incentive stock option plan approved by securityholders ⁽⁵⁾	17,555,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$0.36	16,875,038 ⁽³⁾
DSU plan approved by securityholders	7,287,272 ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	N/A	212,728 ⁽⁶⁾
Total	24,842,272	N/A	17,087,766

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Notes:

 This number reflects options outstanding under the Option Plan and represents 5.1% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of December 31, 2022.

(2) This number reflects DSUs outstanding under the DSU Plan and represents 2.1% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of December 31, 2022.

(3) This number equals 10% of the total issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Corporation on December 31, 2022, which was 344,300,376 less the number of Common Shares reported under column (a) above and represents 4.9% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of December 31, 2022.

(4) As of December 31, 2022, up to 7,500,000 DSUs may be outstanding from time to time under the DSU Plan, which represents 2.2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of December 31, 2022. See "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans – Deferred Stock Unit Plan".

(5) The number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Option Plan is a rolling maximum number equal to 10% of the outstanding Common Shares at any point in time.

(6) This number equals 7,500,000 less the number of securities reported under column (a) above and represents 0.1% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of December 31, 2022.



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Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

At the Meeting, Shareholders are being asked to adopt the Omnibus Plan to replace the Legacy Plans. The Omnibus Plan provides for equity-based incentive awards in the form of Options, RSUs, PSUs and DSUs. If the Omnibus Plan is approved by the Shareholders at the Meeting, all future grants of equity-based awards will be made pursuant to, or as otherwise permitted by, the Omnibus Plan, and no further equity-based awards will be made pursuant to the Legacy Plans. The Legacy Plans will remain in effect only in respect of outstanding awards granted pursuant to the Legacy Plans. See "Business to be Transacted at the Meeting – Approval of Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan" for more information on the Omnibus Plan.

Incentive Stock Option Plan

Introduction

At the annual and special meeting of Shareholders held on May 10, 2007, the Shareholders adopted a 10% "rolling" stock option plan (the "**Option Plan**"). The Option Plan replaced the stock option plan approved by Shareholders on November 18, 2003, and re-affirmed on June 24, 2004 and June 25, 2005, as required by the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, the stock exchange upon which the Common Shares were listed at the time. The Option Plan was amended by the Board on December 16, 2010, to deal with employer tax withholding and remittance requirements for stock option benefits. The Board further amended the Option Plan on May 15, 2019 to update the definition of insider for the purposes of the Option Plan for consistency with the TSX Company Manual. Pursuant to the Option Plan, the Board is authorized to make such amendments without obtaining Shareholder approval as noted in the summary below. Shareholders approved all unallocated options issuable under the Option Plan at the annual and special meetings held on May 20, 2010, June 27, 2013, June 14, 2016, and June 20, 2019, as required by the rules of the TSX. The purpose of the Option Plan is to attract and retain directors, officers, employees and service providers to the Corporation and its affiliates and to motivate them to advance the interests of the Corporation by affording them with the opportunity to acquire an equity interest in the Corporation through options.

The following information is intended as a summary of the Option Plan and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Option Plan in the form attached as Appendix A to the Corporation's management information circular dated April 9, 2007, as subsequently amended by the Board as described above.

"Rolling" Maximum Reserve

The Option Plan provides that the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise of options is a rolling maximum number that shall not be greater than 10% of the outstanding Common Shares at any point in time.

Other Terms

The Option Plan authorizes the Board (or a Committee of the Board, if so authorized by the Board) to grant options to acquire Common Shares in favour of "**Eligible Persons**". Eligible Persons are directors, officers, employees, consultants, management company employees or any other service providers of the Corporation or its affiliates.

The aggregate number of Common Shares issued to insiders of the Corporation, as defined by the TSX, within any one-year period under the Option Plan, together with any other security-based compensation arrangement cannot exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares. In addition, the aggregate number of Common Shares issuable to insiders of the Corporation at any time under the Option Plan together with any other security-based compensation arrangement cannot arrangement cannot exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

The date of grant, the number of Common Shares, the vesting period and any other terms and conditions of options granted pursuant to the Option Plan are determined by the Board, subject to the express provisions of the Option Plan.

Unless otherwise specified by the Board at the time an option is granted under the Option Plan:

(a) the exercise price of the option will be the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the grant;



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- (b) the term of the option will be 10 years from the date of the grant (which is the maximum allowable term under the Option Plan), unless the expiry of the term falls during a black-out (or within ten days from the end of blackout) from trading in the securities of the Corporation imposed on certain persons including the optionee pursuant to any policies of the Corporation, and where such black-out applies, the expiry of the term of the option shall automatically be extended to 10 business days following the end of the black-out;
- (c) the option will vest immediately upon grant; and
- (d) if before the expiry of the option, the optionee ceases to be an Eligible Person for any reason other than termination by the Corporation for cause, the option will terminate within ninety days of the date the optionee ceases to be an Eligible Person; provided however, in the event of the death of the optionee, the option continues to be exercisable for a period up to twelve months from the date of such event. If the optionee ceases to be an Eligible Person by reason of termination by the Corporation for cause, the option will terminate immediately upon the optionee ceasing to be an Eligible Person.

In the event an offer is made for the Common Shares which would result in the offeror exercising control of the Corporation within the meaning of applicable securities laws, any options then outstanding may be exercised so as to allow the optionee to tender the Common Shares received upon such an exercise to the offer; provided however, if the offer is not completed or the Common Shares tendered to the offeror are not taken up and paid for by the offeror, then such Common Shares must be returned to the Corporation by the optionee and the terms of the option applicable prior to the offer will again apply to the options.

The options are non-assignable and non-transferable and there is no ability under the Option Plan to transform an option granted under the Option Plan into a stock appreciation right.

The Board may, in its discretion, but subject to applicable law, authorize the Corporation to make loans to Eligible Persons to assist them in exercising their options. The terms and conditions of such loans are determined by the Board, and must include interest at prevailing market rates, a term not in excess of one year, and security in favour of the Corporation represented by that number of Common Shares received on exercise which equals the loaned amount divided by the market price of the Common Shares on the date of such exercise, or equivalent security, which security may be granted on a non-recourse basis.

The Option Plan contains a formal amendment procedure which sets forth a list of amendments that can be made to the Option Plan by the Board without requiring the approval of Shareholders unless specifically required by the TSX. These amendments include, without limitation:

- (a) altering, extending or accelerating option vesting terms and conditions;
- (b) amending the termination provisions of an option;
- (c) accelerating the expiry date of an option;
- (d) determining adjustments pursuant to the provisions of the Option Plan concerning corporate changes;
- (e) amending the definitions contained in the Option Plan;
- (f) amending or modifying the mechanics of exercising options;
- (g) adding, amending or removing any provisions for financial assistance provided by the Corporation to purchase Common Shares under the Option Plan;
- (h) amending provisions relating to the administration of the Option Plan;



- (i) making "housekeeping" amendments, such as those necessary to cure errors or ambiguities contained in the Option Plan;
- (j) effecting amendments necessary to comply with the provisions of applicable laws; and
- (k) suspending or terminating the Option Plan.

The Option Plan specifically provides that the following amendments, among others, require shareholder approval:

- (a) increasing the number of Common Shares issuable under the Option Plan, except by operation of the "rolling" maximum reserve;
- (b) amending the Option Plan, which amendment could result in the aggregate number of Common Shares issued to insiders within any one-year period or issuable to insiders at any time under the Option Plan, together with any other security-based compensation arrangement, exceeding 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares;
- (c) extending the period of time during which options may be exercised;
- (d) reducing the option price;
- (e) amending the class of Eligible Persons which would have the potential of broadening or increasing participation in the Option Plan by insiders;
- (f) amending the formal amendment procedures; and
- (g) making any amendments required to be approved by the Shareholders under applicable law.

The Corporation's DSU Plan impacts the number of options that the Corporation may issue pursuant to the Option Plan. For example, the maximum number of Common Shares issuable to insiders (as that term is defined by the TSX) pursuant to the DSU Plan, together with any Common Shares issuable pursuant to any other security-based compensation arrangement of the Corporation, may not exceed 10% of the total issued and outstanding Common Shares at any time. See "Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans – Deferred Stock Unit Plan – Maximum Number of DSUs and Shares Issuable ".

Deferred Stock Unit Plan

At the special meeting of Shareholders held on October 26, 2012, the Shareholders adopted the DSU Plan, which was subsequently amended at the annual and special meetings of the Shareholders on June 4, 2015, June 20, 2019 and June 25, 2020. At the special meeting of Shareholders held on June 20, 2019, the Shareholders approved a resolution amending the DSU Plan so that the maximum number of DSUs that may be outstanding under the DSU Plan from time to time was fixed at 5,000,000, the effect of which was to change the DSU Plan into an "evergreen" plan such that any DSUs redeemed, surrendered, forfeited or cancelled again became available for future grant. An increase in the maximum number of DSUs that may be outstanding under the DSU Plan to 7,500,000 was approved by the Shareholders at the annual and special meeting held on June 25, 2020. The Board also amended the DSU Plan on May 15, 2019 to remove the requirement for participants to elect to receive compensation in the form of DSUs in 10% increments and other housekeeping amendments, which amendments the Board has authority under the DSU Plan to make without obtaining Shareholder approval as noted in the summary below. The purpose of the DSU Plan is to assist the Corporation in attracting and retaining talented employees and directors and to promote a greater alignment of interests between the directors, employees and the Shareholders. The DSUs issued under the DSU Plan form part of the Corporation's overall director and employee compensation strategy. Since the value of DSUs increase or decrease with the price of Common Shares, DSUs reflect a philosophy of aligning the interests of directors and employees with those of the Shareholders by tying compensation to share price performance. Additionally, the Corporation may utilize DSUs to minimize cash compensation expenditures.



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Summary

The following information is intended as a summary of the DSU Plan and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the DSU Plan which is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com, as subsequently amended as described above.

Administration of Plan

The DSU Plan provides that directors and employees of the Corporation may elect to receive all or a portion of their annual compensation in DSUs. The number of DSUs received is equal to the amount of compensation elected to be received in DSUs, divided by the volume-weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 5 trading days immediately prior to the payment date ("**Market Value**"). DSUs awarded under the DSU Plan in lieu of annual compensation will vest immediately.

In addition, the Compensation Committee has the authority to make discretionary awards of DSUs to directors and employees under the DSU Plan. DSUs granted pursuant to discretionary awards will vest in accordance with the vesting schedule determined by the Compensation Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, DSUs will vest equally over 3 years, with 25% of the awarded DSUs vesting on the date of the award and an additional 25% vesting on each anniversary until fully vested. The Compensation Committee may at any time shorten the vesting period of any or all DSUs, including upon a change of control.

In the event that a dividend is paid on the Common Shares while DSUs are outstanding, each director or employee who has received DSUs will be allocated additional DSUs equal to the total amount of dividends paid on the number of shares which is equal to the number of DSUs received by such director or employee, as the case may be, divided by the Market Value of a Common Share as at the dividend payment date.

Each DSU represents the right of the director or employee to receive, after his or her death, resignation, retirement or other termination, at the option of the Corporation, either (a) a cash payment equal to the Market Value of a Common Share on the date of such termination event, multiplied by the number of DSUs then held, or (b) that number of Common Shares representing the DSUs then held by such director or employee. Under the DSU Plan, the Corporation is authorized to withhold any amounts required to be withheld or deducted under applicable taxation or other laws. If applicable, DSUs will cease vesting on the date of the termination event.

Each participant in the DSU Plan will have a DSU account to record all awards of DSUs and, if applicable, the vesting of DSUs.

Maximum Number of DSUs and Shares Issuable

As of the date of this Circular, the maximum number of DSUs outstanding under the DSU Plan from time to time, and the maximum number of Common Shares underlying the outstanding DSUs, is 7,500,000.

The DSU Plan provides that the maximum number of Common Shares issuable to insiders (as that term is defined by the TSX) pursuant to the DSU Plan, together with any Common Shares issuable pursuant to any other security-based compensation arrangement of the Corporation, will not exceed 10% of the total issued and outstanding Common Shares at any time. In addition, the maximum number of Common Shares issued to insiders under the DSU Plan, together with any Common Shares issued to insider the DSU Plan, together with any Common Shares issued to insider spursuant to any other security-based compensation arrangement of the Corporation, will not exceed 10% of the total number of outstanding Common Shares.

Transferability

Neither the DSUs nor any other rights or interests under the DSU Plan may be assigned or transferred by a participant under the DSU Plan except by a legal will or other testamentary dispositions, or according to applicable laws respecting the devolution of estates.

Amendments to the DSU Plan

The DSU Plan provides that the Board of Directors may at any time, and from time to time, and without Shareholder approval, amend any provision of the DSU Plan, subject to any regulatory or TSX requirement at the time of such amendment, including, without limitation:



- (a) for the purpose of making minor or technical modifications to any of the provisions of the DSU Plan including amendments of a "clerical" or "housekeeping" in nature;
- (b) to correct any ambiguity, defective provision, error or omission in the provisions of the DSU Plan;
- (c) amendments to the termination provisions;
- (d) amendments necessary or advisable because of any change in applicable securities laws;
- (e) amendments regarding the administration of this DSU Plan;
- (f) amendments necessary or advisable if any participant is resident outside of Canada; and
- (g) any other amendment, fundamental or otherwise, not requiring Shareholder approval under applicable laws or the rules of the TSX;

provided however, that:

- (h) no such amendment of the DSU Plan may be made without the consent of each affected participant in the DSU Plan if such amendment would adversely affect the rights of such affected participant(s) under the DSU Plan;
- (i) no amendment shall be made unless it is such that the DSU Plan continuously meets the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the Regulations to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or any successor provision thereto; and
- (j) Shareholder approval shall be obtained in accordance with the requirements of the TSX for any amendment:
 - a. to increase the maximum number of DSUs that may be issued under the DSU Plan; or
 - b. to the amendment provision of the DSU Plan.

In the event of the suspension of the DSU Plan, no further DSUs shall be awarded or credited under the DSU Plan. Any DSUs that remain outstanding in a participant's account at that time shall continue to be dealt with in accordance with the terms of the DSU Plan. The DSU Plan shall terminate when all payments owing pursuant to the DSU Plan have been made and all DSUs have been cancelled in all participants' account.

Annual Burn Rate

The following table sets out the annual burn rate of options granted under the Option Plan and DSUs granted under the DSU Plan for the last three fiscal years. The annual burn rate is the number of securities granted under the applicable plan during the applicable fiscal year divided by the weighted average number of securities outstanding for the applicable fiscal year.

Plans	Burn Rate			
	2020	2021	2022	
Option Plan	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%	
DSU Plan	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	



INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

None of the current or former directors, executive officers or employees of the Corporation, proposed nominee for director, or associates or affiliates of a director or executive officer of the Corporation or proposed nominee for director, have been indebted to the Corporation or its subsidiaries at any time since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Corporation, other than "routine indebtedness" as that term is defined in applicable securities legislation.

INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

None of the current or proposed directors or executive officers of the Corporation, or any person or company who beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Corporation or a combination of both carrying more than 10 percent of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Corporation, or associates or affiliates of any of these persons, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since January 1, 2022, or in any proposed transaction which, in either case, has materially affected or would materially affect the Corporation or its subsidiaries.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Corporation is required to include disclosure of its corporate governance practices in this Circular in accordance with National Instrument 58-101, *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("**Instrument**"). The Instrument has been adopted by the securities commissions or similar regulatory authorities across Canada ("**Canadian Securities Administrators**").

The Board of Directors endorses the efforts of the Canadian Securities Administrators in continuing the evolution of good corporate governance practices. The Board is committed to adhering to the highest standards in all aspects of its activities.

The corporate governance practices described below are subject to change as the Corporation evolves. The Board shall remain sensitive to corporate governance issues and shall continuously seek to set up the necessary measures, control mechanisms and structures to ensure an effective discharge of its responsibilities without creating additional overhead costs and reducing the return on Shareholders' equity.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is currently comprised of eight directors and is proposed to be comprised of eight directors, a majority of whom are "independent" within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. An independent director is defined to be a director who has no direct or indirect relationship with the Corporation which could, in the view of the Board of Directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgement.

The independent directors nominated for re-election at the Meeting are John P. Byrne, Dr. Anna G. Biolik, T. Layton Croft, Kenneth W. MacDonald, Cameron McRae, David V. Mosher and Hedley Widdup. Peter C. Akerley is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and is therefore not considered independent.

The Corporation has taken steps to ensure that adequate structures and processes are in place to permit the Board of Directors to function independently of management. The current Chair of the Board, Layton Croft, is an independent director. The primary responsibility of the Chair of the Board is to provide leadership to the Board to enhance Board effectiveness. The Board has ultimate accountability for supervising management. Critical to satisfying this objective is fostering effective relationships between the Board, management, Shareholders and other stakeholders. The Chair of the Board, as the presiding member, is responsible for overseeing and ensuring that these relationships continue to be effective, efficient and in furtherance of the best interests of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors meets at least once each calendar quarter and following the annual meeting of Shareholders. Between the scheduled meetings, the Board of Directors meets as required. The frequency of the meetings and the nature of the meeting agendas are dependent on the nature of the business and affairs which the Corporation faces from time to time. The independent directors are given the opportunity to meet separately at the end of each meeting



of the Board of Directors, but do not hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non-independent directors and members of management are not in attendance. Having considered the current size of the Board of Directors, the majority of independent directors on the Board of Directors and the experience of the independent directors with other reporting issuers, the Board of Directors believes that separate meetings of the independent directors provide sufficient leadership for the independent directors.

Management also communicates informally with the directors on a regular basis and solicits advice from members or advisors on matters falling within their special knowledge, experience or expertise. In addition, each of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee are comprised only of independent directors.

Director	Name of Other Reporting Issuer
John P. Byrne	Morien Resources Corp. (TSX-V)
T. Layton Croft	Carolina Rush Corp. (TSX-V) Voltage Metals Corp. (CSE)
Cameron McRae	Kincora Copper Limited (TSX-V)
David V. Mosher	Carolina Rush Corp. (TSX-V) Pelangio Exploration Inc. (TSX-V)

The following directors of the Corporation are also directors of other reporting issuers:

There were six formal Board meetings in 2022. The attendance record of each of the directors at such meetings is as follows:

Director	Number of Meetings Attended/Number of Board Meetings in the Year When the Individual Was a Director
Peter C. Akerley	6/6
Dr. Anna G. Biolik	6/6
John P. Byrne	4/6
T. Layton Croft	6/6
Kenneth MacDonald	6/6
Cameron McRae	6/6
David V. Mosher	6/6
Hedley Widdup	5/6

In addition, certain of the decisions of the Board of Directors since January 1, 2022, were passed by way of written consent following discussions among the directors and management.

Board Mandate

The Board of Directors is responsible for the stewardship of the Corporation through the supervision of the business and management of the Corporation. This mandate is accomplished directly and through five committees:

- (a) the Audit and Risk Management Committee
- (b) the Compensation Committee;
- (c) the Pre-Clearance Committee;
- (d) the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee; and
- (e) the Technical Committee.

The Board of Directors remains committed to ensuring the long-term viability and profitability of the Corporation, as well as the well-being of its employees and of the communities in which it operates. The strategic planning and



business objectives developed by management are submitted to and reviewed by the full Board of Directors, both on a formal annual basis and on an on-going basis through regular interim reports from management. The Board of Directors also works with management to identify principal risks, to select and assess senior management and to review significant operational and financial matters. The Board of Directors reviews and approves the annual audited financial statements, the annual report, the annual budget and changes thereto, management proxy information circulars, material press releases, annual management discussion and analysis, decisions as to material acquisitions not within the budget and the grant of stock options. The Board of Directors does not have a written mandate.

Position Descriptions

The Board of Directors has five committees as noted above. The position descriptions for the chairs of each Board committee are contained in the charters for the committee. The chair of each of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, Compensation Committee and Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee is required to ensure that the committee meets regularly and performs its duties as set forth in the charter, and reports to the Board of Directors on the activities of the committee. The Pre-Clearance Committee and the Technical Committee meet as required.

Given the relatively small size of the Corporation, the Board of Directors does not believe that it is necessary at this time to formalize a position description for the chair of the Board of Directors. Given the relatively small size of the Corporation, the Board believes that to date, the role and responsibilities have been appropriately communicated through Board meetings and in the form of communications between the Board and Layton Croft, the Chair of the Board.

The Board has not developed a written position description for the CEO. However, the CEO is primarily responsible for the overall management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. The CEO recommends to the Board the strategic and operational priorities of the Corporation and provides leadership to the management team. The CEO is directly responsible to the Board for all of the Corporation's activities.

Orientation and Continuing Education

Given the size and relative stability of the Board of Directors, there is no formal program for the orientation and education of new recruits to the Board of Directors. The Corporation does, however, ensure that all new directors receive a complete package with background as to the Corporation's business and outlining the securities law obligations and restrictions on members of the Board of Directors and the Corporation, as well as a copy of all of the Corporation's policies.

Continuing education helps Directors keep up to date on changing governance issues and requirements and legislation or regulations in their field of experience. The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of ongoing education for the Board of Directors and the need for each director to take personal responsibility for this process. To facilitate ongoing education, the Board of Directors may from time to time, as required:

- request that directors determine their training and education needs;
- arrange visits to the Corporation's projects or operations;
- arrange funding for the attendance by directors at seminars or conferences of interest and relevant to their position; and
- encourage participation or facilitate presentations by members of management or outside experts on matters of particular importance or emerging significance.

Ethical Business Conduct

In March 2007, the Board of Directors adopted a formal Code of Business Conduct and Ethics ("**Code**") and expects each of its directors, officers and employees to adhere to the standards set forth in the Code, which was designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote (i) honest and ethical conduct, (ii) confidentiality of corporate information, (iii) avoidance of conflicts of interest, (iv) protection and proper use of corporate assets, (v) compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations, (vi) prompt internal reporting to appropriate persons of violations of the Code, (vii) accountability for adherence to the Code, and (viii) the Corporation's culture of honesty and accountability.



The Board of Directors does not intend to monitor compliance with the Code; however, a copy of the Code is provided to each director, officer and employee and such person is required to sign an acknowledgement form under which they agree to adhere to the standards set forth in the Code. A copy of the Code is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. The Code specifically addresses, among other things, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, compliance with laws, the reporting of unethical behaviour and the reporting of accounting irregularities. Any submission received by the Audit and Risk Management Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Code must be reviewed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee. The Audit and Risk Management Committee will then determine whether an investigation is appropriate. The Committee and/or management will promptly investigate such submission and record the results in writing. All submissions must be treated confidentially to every extent possible, and the Audit and Risk Management Committee and any outside counsel must not reveal the identity of any person who makes the submission and asks that his or her identity remain confidential. The Code specifically provides that any submission may be made without fear of dismissal, disciplinary action or retaliation of any kind.

The Board of Directors believes that the Corporation's size also facilitates informal review of and discussions with its officers and employees to promote ethical business conduct and to monitor compliance with the Code.

In addition, the Pre-Clearance Committee is responsible for pre-clearing trades in the Corporation's securities by the officers and directors of the Corporation, and members of their families who reside with them, in accordance with the Corporation's Pre-Clearance Policy.

Certain of the Corporation's directors serve as directors or officers of other reporting issuers or have significant shareholdings in other companies. To the extent that such other companies may participate in business ventures in which the Corporation may participate, the directors may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation. In the event that such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Board, a director who has such a conflict will abstain from voting for or against the approval of such participation or such terms and such director will not participate in negotiating and concluding terms of any proposed transaction. In addition, any director or officer who may have an interest in a transaction or agreement with the Corporation is required to disclose such interest and abstain from discussions and voting in respect to same if the interest is material or if required to do so by corporate or securities law.

Nomination of Directors

The Board does not have a standalone nomination committee. Instead, Board nominees are identified by the Board from time to time and on an as-needed basis. In accordance with its mandate, the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee reviews the qualifications of candidates for the Board of Directors and makes its recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the slate of candidates for directors to be nominated for election by Shareholders at the annual general meeting of Shareholders. As noted above, the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee is comprised of three independent directors, namely, Dr. Anna Biolik, John P. Byrne, and T. Layton Croft.

Diversity Policy for the Board and Executive Officers

The Board adopted a diversity policy in 2015 (the "**Diversity Policy**") which sets forth the Corporation's approach to achieving and maintaining diversity on the Board and in executive officer positions. While the Corporation believes that nominations to the Board of Directors and appointments to executive officer positions should be based on merit, the objectives of the Diversity Policy are to recognize that diversity will support balanced debate which, in turn, will enhance decision making. The Corporation recognizes "diversity" as any dimension that can be used to differentiate groups and people from one another including gender, ethnicity, disability and geographical backgrounds.

In accordance with the Diversity Policy, the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee will strive for inclusion of diverse groups, knowledge and viewpoints on the Board and in executive officer positions, including the representation of individuals who self-identify as women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities (the "**Designated Groups**"). In conjunction with its consideration of the qualifications and experience of potential directors and executive officers, the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee will consider the level of diversity on the Board when reviewing and recommending candidates for election or reelection to the Board and will consider the level of diversity in executive officer positions when the Board makes executive officer appointments. The Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee will be responsible for



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overseeing the preparation and adoption of criteria regarding composition of the Board and to develop recruitment protocols for directors to achieve the objectives of the Diversity Policy.

Board succession has been an area of focus since 2015 and is an area of continued evolution to ensure that the Board represents the breadth of experience, expertise and diversity necessary to oversee the Corporation's activities. The Corporation's goal of operational excellence, as a Board, is to strike a balance between fresh perspectives and institutional continuity to effectively meet the evolving needs of the Corporation from both a strategic and risk oversight perspective. Since 2015, the Corporation added six new directors as it planned for retirements. While only one of the six is a member of the Designated Group, the new Board members have years of mining experience as well as strong financial backgrounds. In addition, in December 2020, the Board established an advisory committee which has a mandate to, among other things, support the Corporation in achieving its vision of becoming a leader in the Mongolian mining industry. Dr. Undraa Agvaanluvsan, a resident of Mongolia who is a world-renowned scientist familiar with the mining industry, was appointed as the founding member of the advisory committee. One of her responsibilities is to assist the Corporation in identifying and recruiting two additional qualified people to serve on the committee.

The Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee periodically assesses the effectiveness of the nomination and appointment process and the effectiveness and implementation of the Diversity Policy by discussion of these items at committee meetings on an as-needed basis using information provided by management. The Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee reports updates regarding these items to the Board as appropriate.

The Board has not adopted targets regarding members of Designated Groups on the Board or in executive officer positions at this time. Due to the small size of the Board and the management team, and the early stage of the Corporation's operations, the Board believes that the qualifications and experience of proposed new directors or executive officers should remain the primary consideration in the selection process.

As of the date hereof, the Corporation has eight (8) directors, all of whom are nominated for re-election, and five (5) members of senior management. One of the Corporation's eight directors is a woman (12%), and one of five members of senior management (20%) is a woman. None of the Corporation's directors (0%) and one member of senior management (20%) identify as being a member of any other Designated Group.

Director Term Limits

The Board does not have in place term limits for directors and has not adopted any other mechanisms for Board renewal at this time. Due to the small size of the Board and the stage of the Corporation's operations, the Board believes that the annual assessment conducted by the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee is an effective framework for ensuring appropriate Board composition. Periodically, but at least once every 5 years, the Board shall consider the need for a renewal program intended to achieve what the Board believes to be a then desirable distribution of skills, age, gender and other distinctions and, if deemed necessary or desirable, embark upon a program to effect concomitant changes in Board composition.

Compensation Committee

The mandate of the Compensation Committee is to review the performance, compensation and succession planning of the executive officers of the Corporation and to ensure the proper administration of the Option Plan. The Compensation Committee, in conjunction with the CEO, recommends to the Board of Directors the level of compensation to Board members based on a review of comparable public company businesses. This committee is also responsible to review and recommend all executive benefits plans and executive prerequisites for approval by the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee generally meets twice a year.

The Compensation Committee presently consists of three directors, Messrs. MacDonald, Mosher and Widdup, all of whom are independent as that term is defined in National Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**").



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Audit and Risk Management Committee

Information concerning the Corporation's Audit and Risk Management Committee is provided in the Corporation's annual information form ("**AIF**") for the year ended December 31, 2022, under the section entitled "Audit & Risk Management Committee". A copy of the AIF may be obtained from the Corporation's public disclosure documents found on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee generally meets four times a year. The Audit and Risk Management Committee presently consists of four directors, Messrs. Byrne, Croft and MacDonald, and Dr. Biolik, all of whom are independent as that term is defined in NI 52-110.

Pre-Clearance Committee

The Pre-Clearance Committee is responsible for pre-clearing trades in the Corporation's securities by the officers and directors of the Corporation, and members of their families who reside with them, in accordance with the Corporation's Pre-Clearance Policy.

The Pre-Clearance Committee responds to requests for approval to trade. The Pre-Clearance Committee is presently comprised of Messrs. Akerley and Jenkins.

Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee

The Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee oversees all regulatory disclosure requirements and the Corporation's disclosure practices, including its Insider Trading Policy. This Committee is responsible to ensure that appropriate systems, processes and controls for disclosure are in place and to review all news releases and core disclosure documents before their release or filing.

The Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee generally meets once a year. The Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee presently consists of three directors, being Messrs. Byrne and Croft and Dr. Biolik, all of whom are independent as that term is defined in NI 52-110.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee assists management in reviewing technical matters relating to exploration, development, permitting, resources and reserves on mineral properties, as well as other technical and operational aspects of mining activities before they are submitted to the Board of Directors. The Technical Committee presently consists of three directors, being Messrs. McRae, Akerley and Widdup (Chair), who individually have extensive experience in mining and minerals exploration. This committee meets as required.

Other Board Committees

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, create new committees or establish ad hoc committees to address special business issues.

Assessments

The Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee is responsible to oversee the development and implementation of a process for assessing the effectiveness of the Board, its size and composition and its committees. The assessment process is initiated annually by the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee, which reports to the full Board, which then deals with any issues raised. In addition, without convening a special meeting for this purpose, the Board and each of the committees of the Board periodically performs an assessment exercise addressing its effectiveness, with input from Management. Also, every director is entitled to bring any matter to the Corporate Governance and Disclosure Policy Committee or to the Board of Directors.

PROPOSALS BY SHAREHOLDERS

Pursuant to the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, resolutions intended to be presented by Shareholders for action at the next annual meeting must comply with the provisions of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and be deposited at the Corporation's head office not later than Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in order to be included in the management information circular relating to the next annual meeting.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Corporation is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Financial information is provided in the Corporation's comparative annual financial statements and management discussion & analysis ("**MD&A**") for its most recently completed financial year. To request copies of the Corporation's financial statements and MD&A, Shareholders should contact Darryn Broderick at Erdene Resource Development Corporation, Suite 1480, 99 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, B3A 4S5, Telephone (902) 423-6419, Email: info@erdene.com. The financial statements and MD&A are also available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

APPROVAL OF CIRCULAR

The contents and the sending of this Circular have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 19th day of May, 2023.

(signed) Peter C. Akerley President and Chief Executive Officer



Schedule A Omnibus Plan

(see attached)



OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN May 17, 2023



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Erdene Resource Development Corporation

Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan

ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to provide the Corporation with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified Directors, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its subsidiaries, to reward such of those Directors, Employees and Consultants as may be granted Awards under this Plan by the Board from time to time for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Corporation and to enable and encourage such Directors, Employees and Consultants to acquire Shares as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Corporation. This Plan does not cover existing equity-based awards granted under the Legacy Plans (as defined below). All such awards are governed under the Legacy Plans which will continue to be authorized for the sole purposes of facilitating the vesting and exercise of existing awards granted thereunder. No further equity-based awards will be granted under the Legacy Plans and once the existing awards granted under the Legacy Plans are exercised or terminated, the Legacy Plans will terminate and be of no further force or effect.

ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION

2.1 Definitions

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

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

"Award" means any Option, Restricted Share Unit, Performance Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit granted under this Plan which may be denominated or settled in Shares, cash, a combination thereof or in such other form as provided herein in the discretion of the Plan Administrator;

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

"Blackout Period" means a period when a Participant is prohibited from trading in the Corporation's securities pursuant to (i) the Corporation's written policies then applicable or (ii) a notice in writing to a Participant by a senior officer or a director of the Corporation.

"Board" means the board of directors of the Corporation as it may be constituted from time to time;

"Business Day" means each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday in Halifax, Nova Scotia;

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

"Cashless Exercise" has the meaning set forth in Subsection 4.5(b);



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

- (a) "cause" (or any similar term) as such term is defined in the employment or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Employee;
- (b) in the event there is no written or other applicable employment or other agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation or "cause" (or any similar term) is not defined in such agreement, "cause" as such term is defined in the Award Agreement; or
- (c) in the event neither (a) nor (b) apply, then "cause" as such term is defined by applicable law or, if not so defined, such term shall refer to circumstances where (i) an employer may terminate an individual's employment without notice or pay in lieu thereof or other damages, or (ii) the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof may terminate the Participant's contract without notice or without pay in lieu thereof or other termination fee or damages;

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

- (a) any transaction at any time and by whatever means pursuant to which any Person or any group of two (2) or more Persons acting jointly or in concert hereafter acquires the direct or indirect "beneficial ownership" (as defined in the *Securities Act* (Nova Scotia)) of, or acquires the right to exercise Control or direction over, securities of the Corporation representing more than 50% of the votes attached to then issued and outstanding voting securities of the Corporation, including, without limitation, as a result of a take-over bid, an exchange of securities, an amalgamation of the Corporation with any other entity, an arrangement, a capital reorganization or any other business combination or reorganization;
- (b) the sale, assignment or other transfer of all or substantially all of the consolidated assets of the Corporation to a Person other than a subsidiary of the Corporation;
- (c) the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, other than in connection with the distribution of assets of the Corporation to one (1) or more Persons which were Affiliates of the Corporation prior to such event;
- (d) the occurrence of a transaction requiring approval of the Corporation's shareholders whereby the Corporation is acquired through consolidation, merger, exchange of securities, purchase of assets, amalgamation, statutory arrangement or otherwise by any other Person (other than a short form amalgamation or exchange of securities with a subsidiary of the Corporation);
- (e) individuals who comprise the Board as of the date hereof (the "Incumbent Board") for any reason cease to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board, unless the election, or nomination for election by the Corporation's shareholders, of any new director was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Incumbent Board, and in that case such new director shall be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- (f) any other event which the Board determines to constitute a change in control of the Corporation;

provided that, notwithstanding clause (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, a Change in Control shall be deemed not to have occurred if immediately following the transaction set forth in clause (a), (b), (c) or (d) above: (A) the holders of securities of the Corporation that immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction represented more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors of the Corporation hold (x) securities of the entity resulting from such transaction (including, for greater certainty, the Person succeeding to assets of the Corporation in a transaction



contemplated in clause (b) above) (the "**Surviving Entity**") that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees ("**voting power**") of the Surviving Entity, or (y) if applicable, securities of the entity that directly or indirectly has beneficial ownership of 100% of the securities eligible to elect directors or trustees of the Surviving Entity (the "**Parent Entity**") that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding securities eligible to vote for the election of directors or trustees of the Parent Entity, and (B) no Person or group of two or more Persons, acting jointly or in concert, is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the voting power of the Parent Entity (or, if there is no Parent Entity, the Surviving Entity) (any such transaction which satisfies all of the criteria specified in clauses (A) and (B) above being referred to as a "**Non-Qualifying Transaction**" and, following the Non-Qualifying Transaction, references in this definition of "Change in Control" to the "Corporation" shall mean and refer to the Parent Entity (or, if there is no Parent Entity, the Surviving Entity) and, if such entity is a company or a trust, references to the "Board" shall mean and refer to the board of directors or trustees, as applicable, of such entity).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of any Award that constitutes "deferred compensation" (within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code), the payment of which is triggered by or would be accelerated upon a Change in Control, a transaction will not be deemed a Change in Control for Awards granted to any Participant who is a U.S. Taxpayer unless the transaction qualifies as "a change in control event" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

"**Code**" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time. Any reference to a section of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any regulations promulgated thereunder;

"Committee" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2;

"**Consultant**" means any individual or entity engaged by the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation to render consulting or advisory services (including as a director or officer of any subsidiary of the Corporation), other than as an Employee or Director, and whether or not compensated for such services provided, however, that any Consultant who is in the United States or is a U.S. Person at the time such Consultant receives any offer of Award or executes any Award Agreement, except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, must be a natural person and must agree to provide bona fide services to the Corporation or a subsidiary that are not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raising transaction, and do not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Corporation's securities;

"**Continuous Service**" means that the Participant's service with the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, whether as a Director, Employee or Consultant, is not interrupted or terminated, and, for greater certainty, the Participant's Continuous Service shall not be deemed to have terminated merely because of a change in the capacity in which the Participant renders service to the Corporation or a subsidiary as a Director, Employee or Consultant, or a change in the entity for which the Participant renders such service, provided that there is no interruption or termination of the Participant's Continuous Service;

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

- (a) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a corporation, the beneficial ownership by that Person, directly or indirectly, of voting securities or other interests in such corporation entitling the holder to exercise control and direction in fact over the activities of such corporation;
- (b) when applied to the relationship between a Person and a partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture, means the contractual right to direct the affairs of the partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture; and



(c) when applied in relation to a trust, the beneficial ownership at the relevant time of more than 50% of the property settled under the trust, and

the words "**Controlled by**", "**Controlling**" and similar words have corresponding meanings; provided that a Person who controls a corporation, partnership, limited partnership or joint venture will be deemed to Control a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, trust or joint venture which is Controlled by such Person and so on;

"Corporation" means Erdene Resource Development Corporation, or any successor entity thereof;

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

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

"Director" means a director of the Corporation who is not an Employee;

"Director Fees" means the total compensation (including annual retainer and meeting fees, if any) paid by the Corporation to a Director in a financial year for service on the Board or any committee of the Board;

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

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

"Effective Date" means the effective date of this Plan, being May 17, 2023;

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

"Electing Person" means a Participant who is, on the applicable Election Date, a Director;

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

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

"Employee" means an individual who:



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

"**Exchange**" means (a) the Toronto Stock Exchange, or (b) the primary exchange on which the Shares are then listed, as determined from by the Plan Administrator, if (i) the Toronto Stock Exchange is no longer the Corporation's primary exchange, or (ii) the Shares are not listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange;

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

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

"Expiry Date" means the expiry date specified in the Award Agreement (which shall not be later than the fifth anniversary of the Date of Grant) or, if not so specified, means the fifth anniversary of the Date of Grant;

"In-the-Money Amount" has the meaning given to it in Subsection 4.5(b);

"**Insider**" means an "insider" as defined in the rules of the Exchange from time to time and, in the case of the Toronto Stock Exchange, as defined for purposes of Section 613 of the TSX Company Manual or any successor provision;

"Legacy Plans" means (a) the Corporation's incentive stock option plan approved by the shareholders of the Corporation on May 10, 2007, as amended, and (b) the Corporation's deferred stock unit plan approved by the shareholders of the Corporation on October 26, 2012, as amended, which plans will continue to be in force and authorized for the sole purpose of facilitating the vesting and exercise of existing awards granted under the Legacy Plans and which plans will terminate and be of no further force or effect once all such existing awards are exercised or terminated;

"**Market Price**" at any date in respect of the Shares shall be the volume weighted average trading price of a Share on the Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the relevant date; provided that, for so long as the Shares are listed and posted for trading on the Exchange, the Market Price shall not be less than the market price, as calculated under the policies of the Exchange; and provided, further, that with respect to an Award made to a U.S. Taxpayer, such Participant, the class of Shares and the number of Shares subject to such Award shall be identified by the Board or the Committee prior to the start of the applicable five trading day period. In the event that such Shares are not listed and posted for trading on any Exchange, the Market Price shall be the fair market value of such Shares as determined by the Board in its sole discretion and, with respect to an Award made to a U.S. Taxpayer, in accordance with Section 409A of the Code;

"Non-Executive Director" has the meaning given to it in Section 3.7;

"**Option**" means a right to purchase Shares under Article 4 of this Plan that is non-assignable and non-transferable, unless otherwise approved by the Plan Administrator;

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

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



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

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

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

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

"**Plan Administrator**" means the Board or, if the administration of this Plan has been delegated by the Board to the Committee pursuant to Section 3.2, the Committee;

"PSU Service Year" has the meaning given to it in Section 6.1;

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

"**Retirement**" means, unless otherwise defined in the Award Agreement with the approval of the Plan Administrator, the termination of the Participant's working career following at least five (5) years of Continuous Service and at or after the age of 67 or such other retirement age, with consent of the Plan Administrator, if applicable, other than on account of the Participant's termination of service by the Corporation or its subsidiary for Cause;

"RSU Service Year" has the meaning given to it in Section 5.1;

"Section 409A of the Code" or "Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Code and all regulations, guidance, compliance programs, and other interpretive authority issued thereunder;

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

"Security Based Compensation Arrangement" means a stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to Directors, officers, Employees and/or service providers of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation, including a share purchase from treasury which is financially assisted by the Corporation by way of a loan, guarantee, or otherwise, or any other Security Based Compensation Arrangement as defined by the Exchange;

"Share" means one (1) common share in the capital of the Corporation as constituted on the Effective Date or any share or shares issued in replacement of such common share in compliance with Canadian law or other applicable law, and/or one share of any additional class of common shares in the capital of the Corporation as may exist from time to time, or after an adjustment contemplated by Article 10, such other shares or securities to which the holder of an Award may be entitled as a result of such adjustment;



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

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

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

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

in each case, unless the individual continues to be a Participant in another capacity.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a U.S. Taxpayer, a Participant's "Termination Date" will be the date the Participant experiences a "separation from service" with the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

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

"U.S. Person" shall mean a "U.S. person" as such term is defined in Rule 902(k) of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act (the definition of which includes, but is not limited to, (i) any natural person resident in the United States, (ii) any partnership or corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States, (iii) any partnership or corporation organized of the United States by a U.S. Person principally for the purpose of



investing in securities not registered under the U.S. Securities Act, unless it is organized, or incorporated, and owned, by accredited investors who are not natural persons, estates or trusts, and (iv) any estate or trust of which any executor or administrator or trustee is a U.S. Person);

"U.S. Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

"U.S. Taxpayer" shall mean a Participant who, with respect to an Award, is subject to taxation under the applicable U.S. tax laws.

2.2 Interpretation

- (a) Whenever the Plan Administrator exercises discretion in the administration of this Plan, the term "discretion" means the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.
- (b) As used herein, the terms "Article", "Section", "Subsection" and "clause" mean and refer to the specified Article, Section, Subsection and clause of this Plan, respectively.
- (c) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (d) Unless otherwise specified, time periods within or following which any payment is to be made or act is to be done shall be calculated by excluding the day on which the period begins and including the day on which the period ends. In the event an action is required to be taken or a payment is required to be made on a day which is not a Business Day, such action shall be taken or such payment shall be made by the immediately succeeding Business Day.
- (e) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to Canadian currency.
- (f) The headings used herein are for convenience only and are not to affect the interpretation of this Plan.

ARTICLE 3 ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Administration

This Plan will be administered by the Plan Administrator and the Plan Administrator has sole and complete authority, in its discretion, to:

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



(B) Awards may be forfeited to the Corporation,

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

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

3.2 Delegation to Committee

- (a) The initial Plan Administrator shall be the Board.
- (b) To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may, from time to time, delegate to a committee of the Board (the "**Committee**") all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to this Plan, including the power to sub-delegate to any member(s) of the Committee or any specified officer(s) of the Corporation or its subsidiaries all or any of the powers delegated by the Board. In such event, the Committee or any sub-delegate will exercise the powers delegated to it in the manner and on the terms authorized by the delegating party. Any decision made or action taken by the Committee or any sub-delegate arising out of or in connection with the administration or interpretation of this Plan in this context is final and conclusive and binding on the Corporation and all subsidiaries of the Corporation, all Participants and all other Persons.

3.3 Determinations Binding

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

3.4 Eligibility



All Directors, Employees and Consultants are eligible to participate in the Plan, subject to Section 9.1(f). Participation in the Plan is voluntary and eligibility to participate does not confer upon any Director, Employee or Consultant any right to receive any grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. The extent to which any Director, Employee or Consultant is entitled to receive a grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan will be determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.

3.5 Plan Administrator Requirements

Any Award granted under this Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Plan Administrator shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares issuable pursuant to such Award upon any securities exchange or under any Securities Laws of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of the Exchange or any securities commission or similar securities regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Corporation is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant or exercise of such Award or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, such Award may not be accepted or exercised, as applicable, in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Plan Administrator. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all Awards shall be issued pursuant to the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, or pursuant an exemption or exclusion from such registration, requirements. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Corporation to apply for or to obtain such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval. Participants shall, to the extent applicable, cooperate with the Corporation in complying with such legislation, rules, regulations and policies.

3.6 Total Shares Subject to Awards

- (a) Subject to adjustment as provided for in Article 10 and any subsequent amendment to this Plan, the aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under this Plan shall not exceed 10% of the Corporation's total issued and outstanding Shares at the time any Award is granted, which amount includes any Shares which are issuable upon exercise of existing awards under the Legacy Plans.
- (b) To the extent any Awards (or portion(s) thereof) under this Plan, or existing awards under the Legacy Plans, terminate or are cancelled for any reason prior to exercise in full, are surrendered or forfeited by the Participant or are settled in cash, any Shares subject to such Awards (or portion(s) thereof), or such existing awards under the Legacy Plans, shall be added back to the number of Shares reserved for issuance under this Plan and will again become available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of Awards granted under this Plan.
- (c) Any Shares issued by the Corporation through the assumption or substitution of outstanding stock options or other equity-based awards from an acquired company shall not reduce the number of Shares available for issuance pursuant to the exercise of Awards granted under this Plan.

3.7 Limits on Grants of Awards

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan:

- (a) the aggregate number of Shares:
 - (i) issuable to Insiders at any time, under all of the Corporation's Security-Based Compensation Arrangements, including existing awards under the Legacy Plans, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Shares; and



 (ii) issued to Insiders within any one (1) year period, under all of the Corporation's Security Based Compensation Arrangements, including existing awards under the Legacy Plans, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Shares,

provided that the acquisition of Shares by the Corporation for cancellation shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining non-compliance with this Section 3.7 for any Awards outstanding prior to such purchase of Shares for cancellation; and

(b) within any one financial year of the Corporation, (i) the aggregate fair value on the Date of Grant of all Options granted to any one Director who is not an Employee or Consultant (a "Non-Executive Director") shall not exceed \$100,000, and (ii) the aggregate fair value on the Date of Grant of all Awards (including, for greater certainty, the fair value of Options) granted to any one Non-Executive Director under all of the Corporation's Security Based Compensation Arrangements shall not exceed \$150,000; provided that such limits shall not apply to (A) Awards taken in lieu of Cash Fees, and (B) a one-time initial grant to a Non-Executive Director upon joining the Board.

3.8 Award Agreements

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

3.9 Non-transferability of Awards

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

ARTICLE 4 OPTIONS

4.1 Granting of Options

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant Options to any Participant. The terms and conditions of each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.

4.2 Exercise Price

The Plan Administrator will establish the Exercise Price at the time each Option is granted, which Exercise Price must in all cases be not less than the Market Price on the Date of Grant.

4.3 Term of Options

Subject to any accelerated termination as set forth in this Plan, each Option expires on its Expiry Date.



4.4 Vesting and Exercisability

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the vesting terms applicable to grants of Options.
- (b) Once an Option becomes vested, it shall remain vested and shall be exercisable until expiration or termination of the Option, unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator. Each vested Option may be exercised at any time or from time to time, in whole or in part, for up to the total number of Option Shares with respect to which it is then exercisable. The Plan Administrator has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Option becomes exercisable.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of this Plan and any Award Agreement, Options shall be exercised by means of a fully completed Exercise Notice delivered to the Corporation.
- (d) The Plan Administrator may provide at the time of granting an Option that the exercise of that Option is subject to restrictions in addition to those specified in this Section 4.4, such as vesting conditions relating to the attainment of specified Performance Goals.
- (e) At the election of the Plan Administrator, Option Shares can be settled in:
 - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct;
 - (ii) a cash payment equal to the In-the-Money Amount; or
 - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.

4.5 Payment of Exercise Price

- (a) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator at the time of granting an Option and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, the Exercise Notice must be accompanied by payment of the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price must be fully paid by certified cheque, wire transfer, bank draft or money order payable to the Corporation or by such other means as might be specified from time to time by the Plan Administrator, which may include (i) through an arrangement with a broker approved by the Corporation (or through an arrangement directly with the Corporation) whereby payment of the Exercise Price is accomplished with the proceeds of the sale of Shares deliverable upon the exercise of the Option, (ii) through the cashless exercise process set out in Section 4.5(b), or (iii) such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by Securities Laws, or any combination of the foregoing methods of payment.
- (b) Unless otherwise specified by the Plan Administrator and set forth in the particular Award Agreement, if permitted by the Plan Administrator, a Participant may, in lieu of exercising an Option pursuant to an Exercise Notice, elect to surrender such Option to the Corporation (a "Cashless Exercise") in consideration for an amount from the Corporation equal to (i) the Market Price of the Shares issuable on the exercise of such Option (or portion thereof) as of the date such Option (or portion thereof) is exercised, less (ii) the aggregate Exercise Price of the Option (or portion thereof) surrendered relating to such Shares (the "In-the-Money Amount"), by written notice to the Corporation indicating the number of Options such Participant wishes to exercise using the Cashless Exercise, and such other information that the Corporation may require. Subject to Section 8.3, the Corporation shall satisfy payment of the In-the-Money Amount by delivering to the Participant that number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) as is determined by dividing the In-the-Money Amount by the Market Price of a Share as of the date of exercise.



- (c) No Shares will be issued until full payment therefor has been received by the Corporation, or arrangements for such payment have been made to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator.
- (d) If a Participant surrenders Options through a Cashless Exercise pursuant to Section 4.5(b), to the extent that such Participant would be entitled to a deduction under paragraph 110(1)(d) of the Tax Act in respect of such surrender if the election described in subsection 110(1.1) of the Tax Act were made and filed (and the other procedures described therein were undertaken) on a timely basis after such surrender, the Corporation will cause such election to be so made and filed (and such other procedures to be so undertaken).

ARTICLE 5 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

5.1 Granting of RSUs

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

5.2 RSU Account

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

5.3 Vesting of RSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer to the extent it is applicable.

5.4 Settlement of RSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the sole authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of RSUs, provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator and provided in an Award Agreement, within the 30 days following the settlement date for any RSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested RSU for the following at the election of the Plan Administrator:
 - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct;
 - (ii) a cash payment; or



- (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 5.4 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of RSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested RSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll in any pay period falling within the 30 days following the settlement date.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan but subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator and provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any RSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any RSU, under this Section 5.4 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable RSU Service Year.

ARTICLE 6 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

6.1 Granting of PSUs

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

6.2 Terms of PSUs

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

6.3 **Performance Goals**

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

6.4 PSU Account

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



6.5 Vesting of PSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of PSUs, provided that the terms comply with Section 409A with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer to the extent it is applicable.

6.6 Settlement of PSUs

- (a) The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine the settlement terms applicable to the grant of PSUs provided that with respect to a U.S. Taxpayer the terms comply with Section 409A to the extent it is applicable. Subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator and provided in an Award Agreement, within the 30 days following the settlement date for any PSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested PSU for the following at the election of the Plan Administrator:
 - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct;
 - (ii) a cash payment; or
 - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 6.6 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of PSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of PSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested PSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll in any pay period falling within the 30 days following the settlement date.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan but subject to Section 11.6(d) below and except as otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator and provided in an Award Agreement, no settlement date for any PSU shall occur, and no Share shall be issued or cash payment shall be made in respect of any PSU, under this Section 6.6 any later than the final Business Day of the third calendar year following the applicable PSU Service Year.

ARTICLE 7 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

7.1 Granting of DSUs

- (a) The Board may fix from time to time a portion of the Director Fees that is to be payable in the form of DSUs. In addition, each Electing Person is given, subject to the conditions stated herein, the right to elect in accordance with Section 7.1(b) to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7. An Electing Person who elects to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Article 7 shall receive their Elected Amount (as that term is defined below) in the form of DSUs. The "Elected Amount" shall be an amount, as elected by the Director, in accordance with applicable tax law, between 0% and 100% of any Director Fees that would otherwise be paid in cash (the "Cash Fees").
- (b) Each Electing Person who elects to receive their Elected Amount in the form of DSUs will be required to file a notice of election in the form of Schedule A hereto (the "**Election Notice**") with the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation: (i) in the case of an existing Electing Person, by the last day of the financial year of the Corporation prior to the financial year to which such election is



to apply (other than for Director Fees payable for the 2023 financial year, in which case any Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer as of the date of this Plan shall file the Election Notice by the date that is 30 days from the Effective Date with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date), or such later date as the Plan Administrator may determine; and (ii) in the case of a newly appointed Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer, within 30 days of such appointment with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date. In the case of the first year in which an Electing Person who is a U.S. Taxpayer first becomes an Electing Person under the Plan (or any plan required to be aggregated with the Plan under Section 409A), an initial Election Notice may be filed within 30 days of such appointment only with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after the end of the 30-day election period. If no election is made within the foregoing time frames, the Electing Person shall be deemed to have elected to be paid the entire amount of the Electing Person's Cash Fees in cash. Notwithstanding anything else in this Section 7.1(b), an Electing Person may not file an Election Notice at any time that such Electing Person has knowledge of a material fact or material change with respect to the Corporation that has not been generally disclosed within the meaning of Securities Laws or the rules of the Exchange.

- (c) Subject to Subsection 7.1(d), the election of an Electing Person under Subsection 7.1(b) shall be deemed to apply to all Cash Fees paid subsequent to the filing of the Election Notice. In the case of an Electing Person who is a U.S. Taxpayer, the Electing Person's election under Section 7.1(b) shall be deemed to apply to all Cash Fees that are earned after the Election Date. An Electing Person is not required to file another Election Notice for subsequent financial years.
- (d) Each Electing Person who is not a U.S. Taxpayer is entitled once per financial year to terminate his or her election to receive DSUs by filing with the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation a termination notice in the form of Schedule B. Such termination shall be effective immediately upon receipt of such notice, provided that a Blackout Period is not then in effect. Thereafter, any portion of such Electing Person's Cash Fees payable or paid in the same financial year and, subject to complying with Subsection 7.1(b), all subsequent financial years shall be paid in cash. For greater certainty, to the extent an Electing Person terminates his or her participation in the grant of DSUs pursuant to this Article 7, the Electing Person shall not be entitled to elect to receive the Elected Amount, or any other amount of such Electing Person's Cash Fees, in DSUs again until the financial year following the year in which the termination notice is delivered. An election by a U.S. Taxpayer to receive the Elected Amount in DSUs for any financial year (or portion thereof) is irrevocable for that year after the expiration of the election period for that year and any termination of the election will not take effect until the first day of the financial year following the year in which the termination year following the year in the first day of the financial year following the year in which the termination year following the year in which the termination period for that year and any termination of the election will not take effect until the first day of the financial year following the year in which the termination year following the year in which the termination notice in the form of Schedule C is delivered.
- (e) Any DSUs granted pursuant to this Article 7 prior to the delivery of a termination notice pursuant to Section 7.1(d) shall remain in the Plan following such termination and will be redeemable only in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (f) The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted at any particular time pursuant to this Article 7 will be calculated by dividing (i) the amount of Director Fees that are to be paid as DSUs (including any Elected Amount), by (ii) the Market Price of a Share on the Date of Grant, with fractions computed to two decimal places.
- (g) In addition to the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, grant DSUs to any Participant.

7.2 DSU Account and Award Agreement



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

7.3 Vesting of DSUs

The Plan Administrator shall have the authority to determine any vesting terms applicable to the grant of DSUs granted pursuant to Section 7.1(g) and all other DSUs shall vest immediately upon grant.

7.4 Settlement of DSUs

- (a) Subject to Section 9.1, DSUs shall be settled effective as of the Termination Date or such later date as is selected by the Participant with the approval of the Plan Administrator (but not later than the last Business Day of the first calendar year after the year in which the Termination Date occurs); provided, however that for a Participant who is a U.S. Taxpayer, the settlement date shall be the date determined by the Participant in accordance with the Election Notice (which date shall not be earlier than the later of the Termination Date and "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A)). On the settlement date for any DSU, the Participant shall redeem each vested DSU for the following at the election of the Plan Administrator:
 - (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury to the Participant or as the Participant may direct;
 - (ii) a cash payment; or
 - (iii) a combination of Shares and cash as contemplated by paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.
- (b) Any cash payments made under this Section 7.4 by the Corporation to a Participant in respect of DSUs to be redeemed for cash shall be calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price per Share as at the settlement date.
- (c) Payment of cash to Participants on the redemption of vested DSUs may be made through the Corporation's payroll in any pay period falling within the 30 days following the settlement date.

7.5 No Additional Amount or Benefit

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

ARTICLE 8 ADDITIONAL AWARD TERMS

8.1 Dividend Equivalents

(a) Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, an Award of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs shall include the right for such RSUs, PSUs and DSUs to be credited with dividend equivalents in the form of additional RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, respectively, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Shares. Such dividend equivalents shall be computed by dividing: (a) the amount obtained by multiplying the amount of the dividend declared and paid per Share by the number of RSUs, PSUs and DSUs, as applicable, held by the Participant on the



record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price as of the dividend payment date, with fractions computed to two decimal places. Dividend equivalents credited to a Participant's account shall vest in proportion to the RSUs, PSUs and DSUs to which they relate, and shall be settled in accordance with Sections 5.4, 6.6, and 7.4, respectively.

(b) The foregoing does not obligate the Corporation to declare or pay dividends on Shares and nothing in this Plan shall be interpreted as creating such an obligation.

8.2 Blackout Period

In the event that an Award expires at a time when a Blackout Period is in effect, the expiry of such Award will be extended to the date that is 10 Business Days after the date the Blackout Period terminates.

8.3 Withholding Taxes

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

8.4 Recoupment

Notwithstanding any other terms of this Plan, Awards may be subject to potential cancellation, recoupment, rescission, payback or other action in accordance with the terms of any clawback, recoupment or similar policy adopted by the Corporation or the relevant subsidiary of the Corporation, or as set out in the Participant's employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement, or as otherwise required by law or the rules of the Exchange. The Plan Administrator may at any time waive the application of this Section 8.4 to any Participant or category of Participants.

ARTICLE 9 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES

9.1 Termination of Employee, Consultant or Director

Subject to Section 9.2, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator:

(a) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated by reason of voluntary resignation by the Participant or termination by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation for Cause, then any Option or other Award held by the Participant that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled as of the Termination Date, whether vested or unvested, shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date;



- (b) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause (whether such termination occurs with or without any or adequate reasonable notice, or with or without any or adequate compensation in lieu of such reasonable notice), then all unvested Options or other Awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. Any vested Options may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) and (B) of the preceding sentence, the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option, such Award will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by Section 7.4(b);
- (c) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement terminates, or a Participant that is a Director ceases to hold office, on account of the Participant becoming Disabled, then any Award held by the Participant that has not vested as of the Participant's Termination Date shall vest on such date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any vested Award other than an Option will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by Section 7.4(b);
- (d) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated, or a Participant that is a Director ceases to hold office, by reason of the death of the Participant, then any Award that is held by the Participant that has not vested as of the date of the death of such Participant shall vest on such date. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the first anniversary of the date of the death of such Participant. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) and (B) of the preceding sentence, the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award other than an Option, such Award will be settled with the Participant's beneficiary or legal representative (as applicable) within 90 days after the date of the Participant's death or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by Section 7.4(b);
- (e) where a Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated, or a Participant that is a Director ceases to hold office, due to the Participant's Retirement, then (i) any outstanding Award that vests or becomes exercisable based solely on the Participant remaining in the service of the Corporation or its subsidiary shall vest on the Participant's Termination Date, and (ii) any outstanding Award that vests based on the achievement of Performance Goals and that has not previously become vested shall continue to be eligible to vest based upon the actual achievement of such Performance Goals. Any vested Option may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date. If an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) and (B) of the preceding sentence, the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period. In the case of a vested Award described in (i) above (other than an Option), such Award will be settled within 90 days after the Participant's Retirement or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by Section 7.4(b). In the case of a vested Award described in (ii) above (other than an Option), such Award will be settled at the same time the Award would otherwise have been settled had the Participant remained in active service with the Corporation or its subsidiary.



- (f) where a Participant that is a Director ceases to hold office for any reason other than the death, Disability or Retirement of the Participant: (i) all unvested Awards shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date; (ii) any vested Options may be exercised by the Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Option; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date, and if an Option remains unexercised upon the earlier of (A) and (B), the Option shall be immediately forfeited and cancelled for no consideration upon the termination of such period; and (iii) all vested Awards other than Options will be settled within 90 days after the Termination Date or, in the case of a DSU, by any later settlement date contemplated by Section 7.4(b);
- (g) a Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Options or other Awards under this Plan (including pursuant to Section 8.1) ceases as of:
 - (i) the date that the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provides the Participant with written notification that the Participant's employment, consulting agreement or arrangement is terminated, notwithstanding that such date may be prior to the Termination Date;
 - (ii) the date of the death, Disability or Retirement of the Participant; or
 - (iii) the date the Participant ceases to hold office for any other reason, in the case of a Participant that is a Director;
- (h) notwithstanding the foregoing, unless the Plan Administrator, in its discretion, otherwise determines, at any time and from time to time, but with due regard for Section 409A, Options or other Awards are not affected by a change of employment or consulting agreement or arrangement, or directorship within or among the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation, for so long as the Participant continues to be a Director, Employee or Consultant, as applicable, of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation; and
- (i) notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 9.1, in the case of an Award (other than an Option) granted to a U.S. Taxpayer that is vested or that immediately vests (in whole or in part) as a result of a Participant's termination of service, then such Award will, subject to Section 11.6(d), be settled as soon as administratively practicable following the Participant's termination of service, but in no event later than 90 days following the Participant's termination of service. In the case of an Award (other than an Option) granted to a U.S. Taxpayer that remains eligible to vest (in whole or in part) following a Participant's termination of service based upon the achievement of one or more Performance Goals, such Award will be settled at the originally scheduled settlement date for such Award.

9.2 Discretion to Permit Acceleration

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9.1, the Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, at any time prior to or following the events contemplated in such Section, or in an employment agreement, Award Agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant, permit the acceleration of vesting of any or all Awards or waive termination of any or all Awards, all in the manner and on the terms as may be authorized by the Plan Administrator.

ARTICLE 10 EVENTS AFFECTING THE CORPORATION

10.1 General



The existence of any Awards does not affect in any way the right or power of the Corporation or its shareholders to make, authorize or determine any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or any other change in the Corporation's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or consolidation involving the Corporation, to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Corporation or to determine the rights and conditions attaching thereto, to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or to effect any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise, whether or not any such action referred to in this Article 10 would have an adverse effect on this Plan or on any Award granted hereunder.

10.2 Change in Control

Except as may be set forth in an Award Agreement with the approval of the Plan Administrator:

- (a) Subject to this Section 10.2, but notwithstanding anything else in this Plan or any Award Agreement, the Plan Administrator may, subject to TSX approval, but without the consent of any Participant, take such steps as it deems necessary or desirable, including to cause (i) the conversion or exchange of any outstanding Awards into, or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent value, as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion, in any entity participating in or resulting from a Change in Control; (ii) outstanding Awards to vest and become exercisable, realizable, or payable, or restrictions applicable to an Award to lapse, in whole or in part, prior to or upon consummation of such Change in Control, and, to the extent the Plan Administrator determines, terminate upon or immediately prior to the effectiveness of such Change in Control; (iii) the termination of an Award in exchange for an amount of cash and/or property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction (and, for the avoidance of doubt, if, as of the date of the occurrence of the transaction, the Plan Administrator determines in good faith that no amount would have been attained upon the exercise or settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Corporation without payment); (iv) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the Board in its sole discretion where such replacement would not adversely affect the holder; or (v) any combination of the foregoing. In taking any of the actions permitted under this Subsection 10.2(a), the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 9.1, and except as otherwise provided in a written employment or other agreement between the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation and a Participant, if within 12 months following the completion of a transaction resulting in a Change in Control, a Participant's employment, consultancy or directorship is terminated by the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause:
 - (i) any unvested Awards held by the Participant at the Termination Date shall immediately vest; and
 - (ii) any vested Awards of Participants may, subject to Sections 5.4(d) and 6.6(d) (where applicable), be exercised, surrendered or settled by such Participant at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (A) the Expiry Date of such Award; and (B) the date that is 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any vested Awards (other than Options) granted to U.S. Taxpayers will be settled within 90 days of the Participant's "separation from service". Any Award that has not been exercised, surrendered or settled at the end of such period will be immediately forfeited and cancelled.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subsection 10.2(a) and unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator, if, as a result of a Change in Control, the Shares will cease trading on an Exchange, then the



Corporation may terminate the Awards, in whole or in part, granted under this Plan at the time of and subject to the completion of the Change in Control transaction by paying to each holder at or within a reasonable period of time following completion of such Change in Control transaction an amount for each Award equal to the fair market value of the Award held by such Participant as determined by the Plan Administrator, acting reasonably, provided that any vested Awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers will be settled within 90 days of the Change in Control.

(d) It is intended that any actions taken under this Section 10.2 will comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code with respect to Awards granted to U.S. Taxpayers.

10.3 Reorganization of Corporation's Capital

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

10.4 Other Events Affecting the Corporation

In the event of an amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or other transaction or reorganization involving the Corporation and occurring by exchange of Shares, sale or lease of assets, or otherwise that does not constitute a Change in Control and that warrants the amendment or replacement of any existing Awards in order to adjust the number or type of Shares that may be acquired, or by reference to which such Awards may be settled, on the vesting of outstanding Awards or the terms of any Award in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards, the Plan Administrator will, subject to the prior approval of the Exchange, if required, authorize such steps to be taken as it may consider to be equitable and appropriate to that end.

10.5 Immediate Acceleration of Awards

In taking any of the steps provided in Sections 10.3 and 10.4, the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly and where the Plan Administrator determines that the steps provided in Sections 10.3 and 10.4 would not preserve proportionately the rights, value and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards in the circumstances or otherwise determines that it is appropriate, the Plan Administrator may, but is not required to, permit the immediate vesting of any unvested Awards.

10.6 Issue by Corporation of Additional Shares

Except as expressly provided in this Article 10, neither the issue by the Corporation of shares of any class or securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of any class, nor the conversion, exercise or exchange of such shares or securities, affects, and no adjustment by reason thereof is to be made with respect to, the number of Shares that may be acquired as a result of a grant of Awards.

10.7 Fractions

No fractional Shares will be issued pursuant to an Award. Accordingly, if a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share pursuant to this Plan, the Participant has the right to acquire only the number of whole Shares to which the Participant is entitled and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Shares, which shall be disregarded.



ARTICLE 11 U.S. TAXPAYERS

11.1 Provisions for U.S. Taxpayers

Options granted under this Plan to U.S. Taxpayers may be non-qualified stock options or incentive stock options qualifying under Section 422 of the Code ("**ISOs**"). Each Option shall be designated in the Award Agreement as either an ISO or a non-qualified stock option. If an Award Agreement fails to designate an Option as either an ISO or non-qualified stock option, the Option will be a non-qualified stock option. The Corporation shall not be liable to any Participant or to any other Person if it is determined that an Option intended to be an ISO does not qualify as an ISO. Non-qualified stock options will be granted to a U.S. Taxpayer only if (i) such U.S. Taxpayer performs services for the Corporation or any corporation or other entity in which the Corporation has a direct or indirect controlling interest or otherwise has a significant ownership interest, as determined under Section 409A, such that the Option will constitute an option to acquire "service recipient stock" within the meaning of Section 409A, or (ii) such option otherwise is exempt from Section 409A.

11.2 ISOs

Subject to any limitations in Section 3.6, the aggregate number of Shares reserved for issuance in respect of granted ISOs shall not exceed 5,000,000 Shares, and the terms and conditions of any ISOs granted to a U.S. Taxpayer on the Date of Grant hereunder, including the eligible recipients of ISOs, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 422 of the Code, and the terms, conditions, limitations and administrative procedures established by the Plan Administrator from time to time in accordance with this Plan. At the discretion of the Plan Administrator, ISOs may only be granted to an individual who is an employee of the Corporation, or of a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation" of the Corporation, as such terms are defined in Sections 424(e) and (f) of the Code.

11.3 ISO Grants to 10% Shareholders

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, if an ISO is granted to a person who owns shares representing more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of shares of the Corporation or of a "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation", as such terms are defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code, on the Date of Grant, the term of the Option shall not exceed five years from the time of grant of such Option and the Exercise Price shall be at least 110% of the Market Price of the Shares subject to the Option.

11.4 \$100,000 Per Year Limitation for ISOs

To the extent the aggregate Market Price as at the Date of Grant of the Shares for which ISOs are exercisable for the first time by any person during any calendar year (under all plans of the Corporation and any "parent corporation" or "subsidiary corporation", as such terms are defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code) exceeds US\$100,000, such excess ISOs shall be treated as non-qualified stock options.

11.5 Disqualifying Dispositions

Each Participant awarded an ISO under this Plan shall notify the Corporation in writing immediately after the date such Participant makes a disposition or transfer of any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of such ISO if such disposition or transfer is made (a) within two years from the Date of Grant or (b) within one year after the date such Participant acquired the Shares. Such notice shall specify the date of such disposition or other transfer and the amount realized, in cash, other property, assumption of indebtedness or other consideration, by the Participant in such disposition or other transfer. The Corporation may, if determined by the Plan Administrator and in accordance with procedures established by it, retain possession of any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO as agent for the applicable Participant until the end of the later of the periods described in (a) or (b) above, subject to complying with any instructions from such Participant as to the sale of such Shares.



11.6 Section 409A of the Code

- This Plan will be construed and interpreted to be exempt from, or, where not so exempt, to comply (a) with, Section 409A of the Code to the extent required to preserve the intended tax consequences of this Plan. Any reference in this Plan to Section 409A of the Code shall also include any regulation promulgated thereunder or any other formal guidance issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to Section 409A of the Code. Each Award shall be construed and administered such that the Award either (i) qualifies for an exemption from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or (ii) satisfies the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. If an Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (A) distributions shall only be made in a manner and upon an event permitted under Section 409A of the Code, (B) payments to be made upon a termination of employment or service shall only be made upon a "separation from service" under Section 409A of the Code, (C) unless the Award specifies otherwise, each installment payment shall be treated as a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A of the Code, and (D) in no event shall a Participant, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year in which a distribution is made except in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. To the extent that an Award or payment, or the settlement or deferral thereof, is subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Award will be granted, paid, settled or deferred in a manner that will meet the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, such that the grant, payment, settlement or deferral will not be subject to the additional tax or interest applicable under Section 409A of the Code. The Corporation reserves the right to amend this Plan to the extent it reasonably determines is necessary in order to preserve the intended tax consequences of this Plan in light of Section 409A of the Code. In no event will the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries or Affiliates be liable for any tax, interest or penalties that may be imposed on a Participant under Section 409A of the Code or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A of the Code.
- (b) All terms of the Plan that are undefined or ambiguous must be interpreted in a manner that complies with Section 409A of the Code if necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code.
- (c) The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, may permit the acceleration of the time or schedule of payment of a U.S. Taxpayer's vested Awards in the Plan under circumstances that constitute permissible acceleration events under Section 409A of the Code.
- (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary, in the case of any "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code who is a U.S. Taxpayer, distributions of non-qualified deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code made in connection with a "separation from service" within the meaning set forth in Section 409A of the Code may not be made prior to the date which is six months after the date of separation from service (or, if earlier, the date of death of the U.S. Taxpayer). Any amounts subject to a delay in payment pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be paid as soon practicable following such six-month anniversary of such separation from service.

11.7 Application of Article 11 to U.S. Taxpayers

For greater certainty, the provisions of this Article 11 shall only apply to U.S. Taxpayers.

ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN

12.1 Amendment, Suspension, or Termination of the Plan



The Plan Administrator may from time to time, without notice and without approval of the shareholders of the Corporation, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Plan or any Awards granted pursuant to the Plan as it, in its discretion, determines appropriate, provided, however, that:

- (a) no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the Plan or any Awards granted hereunder may materially impair any rights of a Participant or materially increase any obligations of a Participant under the Plan without the consent of the Participant, unless the Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable Securities Laws or Exchange requirements; and
- (b) any amendment that would cause an Award held by a U.S. Taxpayer to be subject to income inclusion under Section 409A of the Code shall be null and void ab initio with respect to the U.S. Taxpayer unless the consent of the U.S. Taxpayer is obtained.

12.2 Shareholder Approval

Notwithstanding Section 12.1 and subject to any rules of the Exchange, approval of the shareholders of the Corporation shall be required for any amendment, modification or change that:

- (a) increases the percentage of Shares reserved for issuance under the Plan, except pursuant to the provisions under Article 10 which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (b) increases or removes the limits on the percentage of Shares issuable or issued to Insiders as set forth in Subsection 3.7(a);
- (c) reduces the exercise price of an Option Award held by an Insider except pursuant to the provisions in the Plan which permit the Plan Administrator to make equitable adjustments in the event of transactions affecting the Corporation or its capital;
- (d) extends the term of an Option Award held by an Insider beyond the original Expiry Date; or
- (e) amends this Article 12.

12.3 Permitted Amendments

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

- (a) making any amendments to the general vesting provisions of each Award;
- (b) making any amendments to the provisions set out in Article 9;
- (c) making any amendments to add covenants of the Corporation for the protection of Participants, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the good faith opinion that such additions will not be prejudicial to the rights or interests of the Participants;
- (d) making any amendments as contemplated by Section 13.9;
- (e) making any amendments not inconsistent with the Plan as may be necessary or desirable with respect to matters or questions which, in the good faith opinion of the Plan Administrator, it may be expedient to make, including amendments that are desirable as a result of changes in law in any



jurisdiction where a Participant resides, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the good faith opinion that such amendments and modifications will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Participants;

- (f) making such changes or corrections which, on the advice of counsel to the Corporation, are required for the purpose of curing or correcting any ambiguity or defect or inconsistent provision or clerical omission or mistake or manifest error, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be of the good faith opinion that such changes or corrections will not be prejudicial to the rights and interests of the Participants; or
- (g) making any other amendment, fundamental or otherwise, not requiring shareholder approval under applicable laws or the rules or policies of the Exchange.

ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS

13.1 Legal Requirement

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

13.2 No Other Benefit

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

13.3 Rights of Participant

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

13.4 Corporate Action

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

13.5 Conflict

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

13.6 Anti-Hedging Policy



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

13.7 Participant Information

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

13.8 Participation in the Plan

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

13.9 International Participants

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

13.10 Successors and Assigns

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

13.11 General Restrictions on Assignment

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

13.12 Severability

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

13.13 Notices

All written notices to be given by a Participant to the Corporation shall be delivered personally, or by email or mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the registered office of the Corporation, Attention: Chief Financial Officer. All notices to a Participant will be addressed to the principal address of the Participant on file with the Corporation. Either the Corporation or the Participant may designate a different address by written notice to the other. Such notices are deemed



to be received, if delivered personally or by email, on the date of delivery if such date is a Business Day or otherwise on the next succeeding Business Day, and if sent by mail, on the fifth Business Day following the date of mailing. Any notice given by either the Participant or the Corporation is not binding on the recipient thereof until received.

13.14 Effective Date

This Plan becomes effective on the Effective Date, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Corporation.

13.15 Governing Law

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

13.16 Submission to Jurisdiction

The Corporation and each Participant irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Nova Scotia in respect of any action or proceeding relating in any way to the Plan, including, without limitation, with respect to the grant of Awards and any issuance of Shares made in accordance with the Plan.



SCHEDULE A

ERDENE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")

ELECTION NOTICE

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

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

If I am a U.S. Taxpayer, I hereby further elect for any DSUs subject to this Election Notice to be settled on the later of (i) my "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A) and (ii)

I confirm that:

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

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

Date:

(Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)



SCHEDULE B

ERDENE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")

ELECTION TO TERMINATE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DSUs

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

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

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

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

Date:

(Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)

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



SCHEDULE C

ERDENE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN")

ELECTION TO TERMINATE RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DSUs (U.S. TAXPAYERS)

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

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

I understand that this election to terminate receipt of additional DSUs will not take effect until the first day of the financial year following the year in which I file this termination notice with the Corporation.

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

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

Date:

(Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)

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



SCHEDULE "B" RESOLUTION APPROVING OMNIBUS PLAN

Capitalized terms have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Management Information Circular of Erdene Resource Development Corporation ("**Corporation**") dated May 19, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED as an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Corporation that:

- 1. the omnibus equity incentive plan adopted by the Board on May 17, 2023 (the "**Omnibus Plan**"), in the form attached as Schedule "A" to the management information circular of the Corporation dated May 19, 2023, is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved, and the Corporation has the ability to grant awards under the Omnibus Plan until June 22, 2026, which is the date that is three years from the date of the meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation at which Shareholder approval of the Omnibus Plan is being sought;
- 2. the Options and Awards (as defined in the Omnibus Plan) to be issued under the Omnibus Plan, and all unallocated Options and Awards under the Omnibus Plan, be and are hereby approved;
- 3. the Board is hereby authorized to make such amendments to the Omnibus Plan from time to time, as may be required by the applicable regulatory authorities, or as may be considered appropriate by the Board, in its sole discretion, provided always that such amendments be subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities, if applicable, and in certain cases, in accordance with the terms of the Omnibus Plan, the approval of the Shareholders; and
- 4. any one director or officer of the Corporation is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Corporation or otherwise and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other deeds, documents, instruments and assurances and to do or cause to be done all such other acts as, in the opinion of such director or officer of the Corporation, may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of the foregoing resolutions.

