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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders of QC Copper and Gold Inc. (the "**Company**") will be held at Suite 1805, 55 University Avenue, Toronto, ON M5J 2H7 on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (EST) for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive the audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2023 and 2022, together with the auditors' report thereon;
- 2. to fix the number of directors at seven (7) for the ensuing year;
- 3. to elect directors for the ensuing year as described in the information circular accompanying this Notice (the "**Information Circular**");
- 4. to re-appoint McGovern Hurley LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as the Company's auditors for the ensuing fiscal year at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors; and
- 5. to transact such further or other business as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

The specific details of the foregoing matters to be put before the Meeting are set forth in the Information Circular. The audited consolidated financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**") for the Company for the financial year ended October 31, 2023 have been provided to those shareholders who have previously requested to receive them. Otherwise, they are available upon request to the Company or they can be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

The Board of Directors of the Company has by resolution fixed the close of business on June 4, 2024 as the record date for the Meeting, being the date for the determination of the registered holders of common shares of the Company entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof.

As described in the "notice and access" notification mailed to shareholders of the Company, the Company has opted to deliver its Meeting materials to shareholders by posting them on its website at <u>https://qccopper.com</u> and under the Company's profile on the Canadian System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval+ ("**SEDAR**") at www.sedar+.ca. The use of this alternative means of delivery is more environmentally friendly and more economical as it reduces the Company's paper and printing use and thus reduces the Company's printing and mailing costs. The Meeting materials will be available on the Company's website for one full year. Upon request, the Company will promptly provide a copy of any such document free of charge to a securityholder of the Company.

Shareholders who wish to receive paper copies of the Meeting materials prior to the Meeting may request copies from the Company by calling 416.644.1567 or by sending an email to info@oregroup.ca no later than July 16, 2024.

Completed forms of proxy must be deposited at the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, not later than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the time of the Meeting, unless the chairman of the Meeting elects to exercise his discretion to accept proxies received subsequently.

Non-registered shareholders who receive these materials through their broker or other intermediary are requested to follow the instructions for voting provided by their broker or intermediary, which may include the completion and delivery of a voting instruction form.

The Company is offering its shareholders the option to listen and participate at the Meeting by conference call at:

Conference call participation: North America Toll-Free: 1 877 234 4610 Local (Toronto): 416 883 8981 Participant Conference Access code: 4872953 #

Shareholders will not be able to vote through the conference call; however, there will be a question and answer session following the termination of the formal business of the Meeting during which shareholders attending the conference call can ask questions

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, this 4th day of June, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

"Stephen Stewart"

Stephen Stewart Chief Executive Officer

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following is a glossary of certain defined terms used frequently throughout this Information Circular. Words importing the singular, where the context requires, include the plural and vice versa and words importing any gender include all genders. Certain additional terms are defined within the body of this Information Circular and in such cases will have the meanings ascribed thereto.

"\$" means Canadian Dollars;

"Affiliate" means a company that is affiliated with another company as described below:

A company is an "Affiliate" of another company if:

- a) one of them is the subsidiary of the other, or
- b) each of them is controlled by the same Person.

A company is "controlled" by a Person if:

- a) voting securities of the company are held, other than by way of security only, by or for the benefit of that Person, and
- b) the voting securities, if voted, entitle the Person to elect a majority of the directors of the company.

A Person beneficially owns securities that are beneficially owned by:

- a) a company controlled by that Person, or
- b) an Affiliate of that Person or an Affiliate of any company controlled by that Person. shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the policies of the Exchange;

"Associate" when used to indicate a relationship with a Person, means

- a) an issuer of which the Person beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, voting securities entitling him to more than 10% of the voting rights attached to outstanding securities of the issuer,
- b) any partner of the Person,
- c) any trust or estate in which the Person has a substantial beneficial interest or in respect of which a Person serves as trustee or in a similar capacity,
- d) in the case of a Person, who is an individual:
 - o that Person's spouse or child, or
 - o any relative of the Person or of his spouse who has the same residence as that Person;

but

 e) where the Exchange determines that two Persons shall, or shall not, be deemed to be associates with respect to a Member firm, Member corporation or holding company of a Member corporation, then such determination shall be determinative of their relationships in the application of Rule D with respect to that Member firm, Member corporation or holding company;

"BCBCA" means the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia);

"Board" means the board of directors of the Company;

"Common Shares" means the common shares in the capital of the Company;

"Company" means QC Copper and Gold Inc.;

"**Compensation Securities**" includes stock options, convertible securities, exchangeable securities and similar instruments including stock appreciation rights, deferred share units and restricted stock units granted or issued by the company or one of its subsidiaries for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the company or any of its subsidiaries;

"**Control Person**" means any Person that holds or is one of a combination of Persons that holds a sufficient number of any of the securities of an issuer so as to affect materially the control of that issuer, or that holds more than 20% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer except where there is evidence showing that the holder of those securities does not materially affect the control of the issuer;

"Exchange" means the TSX Venture Exchange;

"Information Circular" means this management information circular dated June 4, 2024 in respect of the Meeting;

"Insider" if used in relation to the Company, means:

- a) a director or senior officer of the Company;
- b) a director or senior officer of the Company that is an insider or subsidiary of the Company;
- c) a Person that beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, Voting Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Voting Shares of the Company; or
- d) the Company itself if it holds any of its own securities;

"**Meeting**" means the annual general meeting of the Shareholders to be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024 and all adjournments thereof;

"**Meeting Materials**" means the Notice of Meeting, this Information Circular, the form of proxy for the Meeting and other Meeting materials, if applicable;

"Named Executive Officer" or "NEO" means each of the following individuals:

- a) a "**CEO**", being an individual who acted as chief executive officer of the Company, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;
- b) a "**CFO**" being an individual who acted as chief financial officer of the Company, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;
- c) each of the three most highly compensated executive officers of the Company, including any of its subsidiaries, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year and whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 as determined in accordance with applicable securities laws; and
- each individual who would be a NEO under paragraph (c) above but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company, nor acting in a similar capacity at the end of the most recently completed financial year;

"NOBOs" means non-objecting beneficial holders;

"OBOs" means objecting beneficial holders;

"**Person**" means either a company, a corporation, incorporated association or organization, body corporate, partnership, trust, association or other entity other than an individual, or an individual;

"Record Date" means June 4, 2024;

"**Registered Shareholder**" means a shareholder of the Company in respect of which the Common Shares held by such shareholder are registered in the shareholder's name;

"Shareholders" means the holders of the Common Shares; and

"**Underlying Securities**" means any securities issuable on conversion, exchange or exercise of Compensation Securities.

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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

(As at June 4, 2024 except as indicated)

QC COPPER AND GOLD INC. (the "**Company**") is providing this information circular (the "**Information Circular**") and a form of proxy in connection with management's solicitation of proxies for use at the annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the Company to be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m (EST) and at any adjournments thereof. The Company will conduct its solicitation by mail and officers and employees of the Company may, without receiving special compensation, also telephone or make other personal contact. The Company will pay the cost of solicitation.

NOTICE-AND-ACCESS

The Company has elected to use the notice and access provisions ("**Notice and Access Provisions**") for the Meeting pursuant to National Instrument 54-101 - *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("**NI 54-101**") with respect to the mailing to its non-registered (beneficial) shareholders. The Notice and Access Provisions allow the Company to post proxy-related materials both on SEDAR and a non-SEDAR website, rather than delivering the materials by mail. Shareholders will receive a Notice of Meeting and a form of proxy or voting instruction form and may choose to receive a printed paper copy of the Information Circular or other Meeting Materials, free of charge to the Shareholder.

The Company is not using procedures known as 'stratification' in relation to the Notice and Access Provisions. Stratification occurs when a reporting issuer using the Notice and Access Provisions provides a paper copy of the Information Circular to some, but not all, Shareholders with the Notice of Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXYHOLDER

The purpose of a proxy is to designate persons who will vote the proxy on a shareholder's behalf in accordance with the instructions given by the shareholder in the proxy. The persons whose names are printed in the enclosed form of proxy are officers or directors of the Company (the "**Management Proxyholders**").

A shareholder has the right to appoint a person other than a Management Proxyholder, to represent the shareholder at the Meeting by striking out the names of the Management Proxyholders and by inserting the desired person's name in the blank space provided or by executing a proxy in a form similar to the enclosed form. A proxyholder need not be a shareholder.

VOTING BY PROXY

Only Registered Shareholders or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Shares represented by a properly executed proxy will be voted or be withheld from voting on each matter referred to in the Notice of Meeting in accordance with the instructions of the shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and if the shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the shares will be voted accordingly.

If a shareholder does not specify a choice and the shareholder has appointed one of the Management Proxyholders as proxyholder, the Management Proxyholder will vote in favour of the

matters specified in the Notice of Meeting and in favour of all other matters proposed by management at the Meeting.

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Conference call participation: North America Toll-Free: 1 877 234 4610 Local (Toronto): 416 883 8981 Participant Conference Access code: 4872953 #

Shareholders will not be able to vote through the conference call; however, there will be a question and answer session following the termination of the formal business of the Meeting during which Shareholders attending the conference call can ask questions.

The enclosed form of proxy also gives discretionary authority to the person named therein as proxyholder with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of the Meeting and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

COMPLETION AND RETURN OF PROXY

Completed forms of proxy must be deposited at the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, not later than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the time of the Meeting, unless the chairman of the Meeting elects to exercise his discretion to accept proxies received subsequently.

NON-REGISTERED HOLDERS

Only Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of shares or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Most Shareholders of the Company are "non-registered" shareholders because the shares they own are not registered in their names but instead registered in the name of a nominee such as a brokerage firm through which they purchased the shares; bank, trust company, trustee or administrator of self-administered RRSP's, RRIF's, RESP's and similar plans; or clearing agency such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (a "Nominee"). If you purchased your shares through a broker, you are likely a non-registered holder.

In accordance with securities regulatory policy, the Company has distributed copies of the Meeting Materials, being the notice of meeting, this Information Circular and the proxy, to the Nominees for distribution to non-registered holders.

Nominees are required to forward the Meeting Materials to non-registered holders to seek their voting instructions in advance of the Meeting. Shares held by Nominees can only be voted in accordance with the instructions of the non-registered holder. The Nominees often have their own form of proxy, mailing procedures and provide their own return instructions. If you wish to vote by proxy, you should carefully follow the instructions from the Nominee in order that your shares are voted at the Meeting.

If you, as a non-registered holder, wish to vote at the Meeting in person, you should appoint yourself as proxyholder by writing your name in the space provided on the request for voting instructions or proxy provided by the Nominee and return the form to the Nominee in the envelope provided. Do not complete

the voting section of the form as your vote will be taken at the Meeting.

Non-registered holders who have not objected to their Nominee disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as "non-objecting beneficial owners" ("**NOBOs**"). Those non-registered holders who have objected to their Nominee disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as "objecting beneficial owners" ("**OBOs**").

In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, the Company has elected to send the Meeting Materials directly to NOBOs. If the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you (instead of through a Nominee), your name and address and information about your holdings of securities have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Nominee holding on your behalf. By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the Company (and not the Nominee holding on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions.

The Company does not intend to pay for Nominees to deliver the Meeting Materials and Form 54-101F7 – *Request for Voting Instructions Made by Intermediary* to OBOs. As a result, OBOs will not receive the Meeting Materials unless their Nominee assumes the costs of delivery.

REVOCABILITY OF PROXY

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a shareholder, his or her attorney authorized in writing or, if the shareholder is a Company, a Company under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, may revoke a proxy by instrument in writing, including a proxy bearing a later date. The instrument revoking the proxy must be deposited at the registered office of the Company, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the date of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting.

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value, of which 173,696,313 Common Shares were issued and outstanding as at June 4, 2024 (the **"Record Date"**). Persons who are Registered Shareholders at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Meeting and will be entitled to one vote for each share held. The Company has only one class of shares.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, no person beneficially owns, controls or directs, directly or indirectly, shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to all shares of the Company.

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

On April 29, 2024, the Company filed a statement of executive compensation in Form 51-102F6V - Statement of Executive Compensation - Venture Issuers, the entirety of which is reproduced below. The statement of executive compensation is available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>.

Director and NEO Compensation, Excluding Compensation Securities

The following table sets forth all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company to each NEO and director of the Corporation in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided to the NEO or a director of the Company for services provided and for services to be

provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company, for each of the Company's two (2) most recent completed financial years.

Compensation							
NEO Name and Position	Year	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission	Bonus	Committee or Meeting Fees	Value of Perquisites	Value of all other Compensation	Total Compensation
Stephen Stewart ⁽¹⁾	2023	60,000 ⁽¹⁾	4,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	64,500
CEO, Director	2022	60,000 ⁽¹⁾	Nil	5,000	Nil	Nil	65,000
Jeffrey Potwarka	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former-CFO	2022	4,667 ⁽²⁾	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4,667
Kevin Canario	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former-CFO	2022	14,583 ⁽³⁾	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	14,583
Joel Friedman	2023	39,167 ⁽⁴⁾	4,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	43,667
CFO	2022	18,930 ⁽⁴⁾	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	18,930
Charles Beaudry Vice-President and	2023	208,000 ⁽⁵⁾	12,500 Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	220,500
Director	2022	180,000 ⁽⁵⁾					180,000
Alexander Stewart	2023	36,000 ⁽⁶⁾	4,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	40,500
Director	2022	36,000 ⁽⁶⁾	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	36,000
Anthony Moreau	2023	14,200 ⁽⁷⁾	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	14,200
Director	2022	13,800 ⁽⁷⁾	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	13,800

Notes:

(1) Fees were paid to 2287957 Ontario Inc. which provides the services of Stephen Stewart in the capacity as CEO and President of the Company. 2287957 Ontario Inc. is a private company wholly-owned by Stephen Stewart.

(2) Jeffrey Potwarka was appointed CFO on June 5, 2018 and resigned effective December 14, 2021.

- (3) Fees were paid to Affinity Professional Services Inc. which provided the services of Kevin Canario in the capacity as CFO. Affinity Professional Services Inc is a private company wholly-owned by Kevin Canario. Mr. Canario was appointed Chief Financial Officer on December 15, 2021 and resigned effective May 2, 2022.
- (4) Fees were paid to 1000214479 Ontario Inc. which provides the services of Joel Friedman in the capacity as CFO of the Company. 1000214479 Ontario Inc. is a private company controlled and beneficially-owned by Joel Friedman. Mr. Friedman was appointed Chief Financial Officer on May 3, 2022.

(5) Fees were paid to Merrygold Investments Ltd. for geological consulting and the services of Charles Beaudry in the capacity of Vice-President Exploration.

(6) Fees were paid to Moray Resources Inc. and MinerX Inc. which provide the services of Alexander Stewart in the capacity as director of the Company. Moray Resources Inc. and MinerX Inc. are private companies wholly-owned by Alexander Stewart.

(7) Fees were paid to 2778454 Ontario Ltd. for corporate development and the services of Anthony Moreau.

Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

Except as disclosed below, no Compensation Securities were granted or issued to NEOs or Directors during the most recently completed financial year ended October 31, 2023:

	Compensation Securities								
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and percentage of class	Date of issue or grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price	Closing price of security or underlying security on date of grant	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end	Expiry date		
				(\$)	(\$)	(\$)			
Alexander Stewart Director	Stock options	125,000 (<0.1%)	03-Aug-23	\$0.18	\$0.165	\$0.125	03-Aug-28		
Stephen Stewart									
CEO and Director	Stock options	1,000,000 (0.6%)	03-Aug-23	\$0.18	\$0.165	\$0.125	03-Aug-28		
Charles Beaudry VP Exploration and Director	Stock options	1,000,000 (0.6%)	03-Aug-23	\$0.18	\$0.165	\$0.125	03-Aug-28		
Anthony Moreau Director	Stock options	125,000 (<0.1%)	03-Aug-23	\$0.18	\$0.165	\$0.125	03-Aug-28		
Joel Friedman	Stock options	550,000 (0.3%)	03-Aug-23	\$0.18	\$0.165	\$0.125	03-Aug-28		
Philippe Cloutier Director	Stock options	125,000 (<0.1%)	03-Aug-23	\$0.18	\$0.165	\$0.125	03-Aug-28		
Simon Kidston Director	Stock options	125,000 (<0.1%)	03-Aug-23	\$0.18	\$0.165	\$0.125	03-Aug-28		

Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs

Except as disclosed below, no Compensation Securities were exercised by NEOs or Directors during the most recently completed financial year ended October 31, 2023.

	Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs								
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of underlying securities exercised	Exercised price per security (\$)	Date of exercise (\$)	Closing price of security on date of exercise (\$)	Difference between exercise price and closing price on date of exercise (\$)	Total value on exercise date (\$)		
Stephen Stewart CEO and Director	Stock options	2,000,000	\$0.05	2023-05-31	\$0.16	\$0.11	220,000		
Charles Beaudry VP Exploration and Director	Stock options	400,000	\$0.05	2023-06-05	\$0.155	\$0.105	42,000		
Alexander Stewart Director	Stock options	2,000,000	\$0.05	2023-05-30	\$0.16	\$0.11	220,000		
Anthony Moreau Director	Stock options	400,000	\$0.05	2026-06-02	\$0.16	\$0.11	44,000		

Stock option plans and other incentive plans

The Company does not have any incentive plans, pursuant to which compensation that depends on achieving certain performance goals or similar conditions within a specified period is awarded, earned, paid or payable to the NEOs.

The Company's Stock Option Plan has been and will be used to provide share purchase options which are granted in consideration of the level of responsibility of the executive as well as his or her impact or contribution to the longer-term operating performance of the Company. In determining the number of options to be granted to the executive officers, the Board takes into account the number of options, if any, previously granted to each executive officer, and the exercise price of any outstanding options to ensure that such grants are in accordance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, and closely align the interests of the executive officers with the interests of shareholders.

The Board of Directors as a whole has the responsibility to administer the compensation policies related to the executive management of the Company, including option-based awards.

Employment, consulting and management agreements

The Company does not have any employment, consulting or management agreements or arrangements with any of the Company's current NEOs or directors aside from the external management agreements described above.

Oversight and Description of Director and Name Executive Officer Compensation

The Company's compensation philosophy for its NEOs is designed to attract well qualified individuals in what is essentially an international market by paying competitive base management fees plus short and long-term incentive compensation in the form of stock options or other suitable long-term incentives. In making its determinations regarding the various elements of executive compensation, the Board has access to and relies on published studies of compensation paid in comparable businesses.

The duties and responsibilities of the President and CEO are typical of those of a business entity of the Company's size in a similar business and include direct reporting responsibility to the Board, overseeing the activities of all other executive and management consultants, representing the Company, providing leadership and responsibility for achieving corporate goals and implementing corporate policies and initiatives.

Elements of Compensation

The Company's executive compensation policy consists of an annual base fee and long-term incentives in the form of stock options granted under the Company's Stock Option Plan.

The base salaries paid to officers of the Company are intended to provide fixed levels of competitive pay that reflect each officer's primary duties and responsibilities and the level of skill and experience required to successfully perform their role. The Company intends to pay base fees to officers that are competitive with those for similar positions in the mining industry to attract and retain executive talent in the market in which the Company competes for talent. Base fees of officers are reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

The incentive component of the Company's compensation program is the potential long-term reward provided through the grant of stock options. The Company's Stock Option Plan is intended to attract, retain and motivate officers and Directors of the Company in key positions, and to align the interests of those individuals with those of the Company's shareholders. The Stock Option Plan provides such individuals with an opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company's value growth through the exercise of stock options. Options are granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors, which considers factors such as how other junior exploration companies grant options and the potential value that each optionee is contributing to the Company. The number of options granted to an individual is based on such considerations. Stock options are granted at an exercise price of not less than the prevailing market price of the Company's common shares at the time of the grant, and for a term of exercise not exceeding ten years.

The Company has not currently identified specific performance goals or benchmarks as such relate to executive compensation, but from time to time does review compensation practices of companies of similar size and stage of development to ensure the compensation paid is competitive within the Company's industry. The stage of the Company's development and the small size of its specialized management team allow frequent communication and constant management decisions in the interest of developing shareholder value as a primary goal.

Compensation Policies and Risk Management

The Board of Directors considers the implications of the risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices when determining rewards for its officers. Commenced in 2014, the Board of Directors intends to review at least once annually the risks, if any, associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices at such time.

Executive compensation is comprised of short-term compensation in the form of a base fee and long-term ownership through the Company's Stock Option Plan. This structure ensures that a significant portion of executive compensation (stock options) is both long-term and "at risk" and, accordingly, is directly linked to the achievement of business results and the creation of long term shareholder value. As the benefits of such compensation, if any, are not realized by officers until a significant period of time has passed, the ability of officers to take inappropriate or excessive risks that are beneficial to their compensation at the expense of the Company and the shareholders is extremely limited. Furthermore, the short-term component of executive compensation (base salary) represents a relatively small part of the total compensation. As a result, it is unlikely an officer would take inappropriate or excessive risks at the expense of the Company or the shareholders that would be beneficial to their short-term compensation when their long-term compensation might be put at risk from their actions.

Due to the small size of the Company and the current level of the Company's activity, the Board of Directors is able to closely monitor and consider any risks which may be associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices. Risks, if any, may be identified and mitigated through regular Board meetings during which financial and other information of the Company are reviewed. No risks have been identified arising from the Company's compensation policies and practices that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Hedging of Economic Risks in the Company's Securities

The Company has not adopted a policy prohibiting Directors or officers from purchasing financial instruments that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of the Company's securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by Directors or officers. However, the Company is not aware of any Directors or officers having entered into this type of transaction.

Pension disclosure

The Company does not have a pension plan that provides for payments or benefits to the Named Executive Officers at, following, or in connection with retirement.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

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

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted- average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	11,450,000	\$0.21	23,289,262
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	N/A	N/A
Total	11,450,000	\$0.21	23,289,262

INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As at the Record Date, there was no indebtedness outstanding of any current or former director, executive officer or employee of the Company or its subsidiaries which is owing to the Company or its subsidiaries or to another entity which is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or its subsidiaries, entered into in connection with a purchase of securities or otherwise.

No individual who is, or at any time during the most recently completed financial year was, a director or executive officer of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company and no Associate of such persons:

- (i) is or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, indebted to the Company or its subsidiaries; or
- (ii) is indebted to another entity, which indebtedness is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year has been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or its subsidiaries,

in relation to a securities purchase program or other program.

INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Except as set out herein, no person who has been a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company's last financial year, no proposed nominee of management of the Company for election as a director of the Company and no associate or Affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No informed person or proposed director of the Company and no Associate or Affiliate of the foregoing persons has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which in either such case has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or its subsidiaries.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No management functions of the Company are performed to any substantial degree by a person other than the directors or executive officers of the Company.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Charter

The Company's audit committee charter is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

Composition of the Audit Committee

The members of the audit committee are Anthony Moreau, Michael Mansfield and Simon Kidston.

Pursuant to Exchange Policy 3.1 and National Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"), all members of the audit committee, being Anthony Moreau, Michael Mansfield and Simon Kidston, are not Officers, employees or Control Persons of the Company or any of its Associates or Affiliates, as such terms are defined in Exchange Policy 3.1.

Relevant Education and Experience

Anthony Moreau, B. Com., CFA is Chairman of the Company's audit committee. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst, currently CEO of American Eagle Gold Corp. and has previously worked for IAMGOLD Corporation, a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and New York Stock Exchange, comprising different roles within the organization, most recently Business Development and Innovation. Thus he has an excellent understanding of financial reporting and a well-qualified member of the Company's audit committee.

Simon Kidston is a member of the Company's audit committee. He has over 25 years of global experience in finance with groups such as Macquarie Bank, HSBC and Helmsec Global Capital. Simon is a co-founder and Executive Director of Genex Power, and has responsibility for project finance and business development. He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Griffith University, a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr. Kidtson's extensive experience in finance makes him a well qualitied member of the Company's audit committee.

Michael Mansfield, CPA, CA, CFA, is a member of the audit committee. Mr. Mansfield has 20+ years' experience as investment advisor specializing in the Canadian venture market working both on the private and public investors and companies. Michael has a track record of successfully taking over a hundred of companies public through the completion of qualifying transactions by capital pool companies and secondary financings. Michael graduated from the University of Calgary in 1989, articled with KPMG and obtained his CA designation in 1993 and CFA designation in 1998.

Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the audit committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board.

Reliance on Certain Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The audit committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described above under the heading "*External Auditors*" in the audit committee charter attached hereto as Schedule "A".

External Auditors Service Fees (By Category)

The aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditors for the last two fiscal years for audit and other fees are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees ⁽¹⁾	Audit Related Fees ⁽²⁾	Tax Fees ⁽³⁾	All Other Fees ⁽⁴⁾
2023	\$58,000	\$Nil	\$13,800	\$Nil
2022	\$56,700	\$Nil	\$12,285	\$Nil

(1) "Audit Fees" include the aggregate fees billed in each financial year for audit fees.

(2) "Audit Related Fees" include the aggregate fees in each financial year for assurance and related services to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements not already disclosed under "Audit Fees".

(3) "Tax Fees" are the aggregate fees billed by the auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

(4) "All Other Fees" include aggregate fees billed for products or services not already reported in the above table.

Exemption in Section 6.1 of NI 52-110

The Company is relying on the exemption in Section 6.1 of NI 52-110 from the requirement of Parts 3 (Composition of the Audit Committee) and Part 5 (Reporting Obligations).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

National Policy 58-201 establishes corporate governance guidelines which apply to all public companies. The Company has reviewed its own corporate governance practices in light of these guidelines. In certain cases, the Company's practices comply with the guidelines, however, the Board considers that some of the guidelines are not suitable for the Company at its current stage of development and therefore these guidelines have not been adopted. National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance*

Practices mandates disclosure of corporate governance practices which is set out below, to the extent known at this time.

Board of Directors

As at the Record Date, the Board consists of seven directors, four of whom are independent based upon the tests for independence set forth in NI 52-110. Anthony Moreau, Simon Kidston, Michael Mansfield and Philippe Cloutier are independent. Stephen Stewart is not independent as he is the CEO of the Company, Charles Beaudry is not independent as he is the VP Exploration of the Company and Alexander Stewart is not independent as an immediate family member, as such term is defined in NI 52-110, is an executive officer of the Company.

Participation of Directors in Other Reporting Issuers

The participation of the directors in other reporting issuers is described in the table provided under "*Election of Directors*" in this Information Circular.

Orientation and Continuing Education

While the Company does not have formal orientation and training programs, new Board members will be provided with:

- 1. information respecting the functioning of the Board, committees and copies of the Company's corporate governance policies;
- 2. access to recent, publicly filed documents the Company, technical reports and the Company's internal financial information;
- 3. access to management and technical experts and consultants; and
- 4. a summary of significant corporate and securities responsibilities.

Board members are encouraged to communicate with management, auditors and technical consultants; to keep themselves current with industry trends and developments and changes in legislation with management's assistance; and to attend related industry seminars and visit the Company's operations. Board members have full access to the Company's records.

Ethical Business Conduct

The Board views good corporate governance as an integral component to the success of the Company and to meet responsibilities to Shareholders. The Board has adopted a code of conduct and has instructed its management and employees to abide by the code of conduct.

Nomination of Directors

The Board has responsibility for identifying potential Board candidates. The Board assesses potential Board candidates to fill perceived needs on the Board for required skills, expertise, independence and other

factors. Members of the Board and representatives of the resource exploration industry are consulted for possible candidates.

Compensation of Directors and the CEO

As at the Record Date, the Company's independent Directors are Anthony Moreau, Philippe Cloutier, Michael Mansfield and Simon Kidston. The independent directors have the responsibility for determining compensation for the Directors and senior management.

To determine compensation payable, the independent Directors review compensation paid for Directors and CEOs of companies of similar size and stage of development in mineral exploration and determine an appropriate compensation reflecting the need to provide incentive and compensation for the time and effort expended by the Directors and senior management while taking into account the financial and other resources of the Company. In setting the compensation, the independent Directors annually reviews the performance of the CEO and senior management in light of the Company's objectives.

Other Board Committees

As the directors are actively involved in the operations of the Company and the size of the Company's operations does not warrant a larger Board, the Board has determined that additional committees are not necessary at this stage of the Company's development.

Assessments

The Board does not consider that formal assessments would be useful at this stage of the Company's development. The Board conducts informal annual assessments of the Board's effectiveness, the individual directors and each of its committees. To assist in its review, the Board conducts informal surveys of its directors.

PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

To the knowledge of the Board, the matters to be brought before the Meeting are those matters set forth in the accompanying Notice of Meeting, including the proposed change of business as summarized below:

1. REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of the Company has approved all of the information in the audited financial statements of the Company for the years ended October 31, 2023 and 2022, and the report of the auditor thereon.

2. FIX NUMBER OF DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED AT THE MEETING

Shareholders of the Company will be asked to consider and, if thought appropriate, to approve and adopt an ordinary resolution fixing the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting. In order to be effective, an ordinary resolution requires the approval of a majority of the votes cast by shareholders who vote in respect of the resolution.

At the Meeting, it will be proposed that seven (7) directors be elected to hold office until the next annual general meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed. **Unless otherwise directed**, it is the intention of the Management Proxyholders, if named as proxy, to vote in favour of the ordinary resolution fixing the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at seven (7).

3. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Company currently has seven (7) directors and all of these directors are being nominated for re-election at the Meeting. The following table sets forth the name of each of the persons proposed to be nominated for election as a director, all positions and offices in the Company presently held by such nominee, the nominee's municipality of residence, principal occupation at the present and during the preceding five years, the period during which the nominee has served as a director, and the number and percentage of Common Shares of the Company that the nominee has advised are beneficially owned by the nominee, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, as of the date of this Information Circular.

Unless otherwise directed, it is the intention of the Management Proxyholders, if named as proxy, to vote for the election of the persons named in the following table to the Board of Directors. Each director elected will hold office until the next annual general meeting of shareholders or until his successor is duly elected, unless his office is earlier vacated in accordance with the by-laws of the Company or the provisions of the BCBCA to which the Company is subject.

Name, Jurisdiction of Residence and Position	Principal Occupation or employment and, if not a previously elected Director, occupation during the past 5 years	Previous Service as a Director	Number of common shares beneficially owned, controlled or directed, directly or indirectly ⁽⁵⁾
Stephen Stewart Toronto, ON Canada Chief Executive Officer and Director	CEO of the Company; President of 2287957 Ontario Inc. from January 2010 to present; CEO of Orefinders Resources from February 2015 to present; Chairman of Mistango River Resources Inc. from October 22, 2019 to present; Chairman and director of Baseload Energy Corp. from June 2020 to present; Chairman of Metal Energy Corp. from June 2020 to present; and, Chairman and director of American Eagle Gold Corp.	May 29, 2018	6,540,830 ⁽²⁾
Alexander Stewart Toronto, ON Canada Director	Director of the Company.; President of Moray Resources Inc.; Executive Chairman and Director of Mistango River Resources Inc.; Director of Orefinders Resources Inc.; Director of Baselode Energy Corp. and Director of American Eagle Gold Corp.	February 1, 2018	3,015,124 ⁽³⁾
Anthony Moreau ⁽¹⁾ Toronto, ON Canada Director	CEO of American Eagle Gold Corp.	May 29, 2018	Nil
Charles Beaudry Toronto, ON Canada Director	VP Exploration of the Company.	May 29, 2018	428,464 ⁽⁴⁾

Name, Jurisdiction of Residence and Position	Principal Occupation or employment and, if not a previously elected Director, occupation during the past 5 years	Previous Service as a Director	Number of common shares beneficially owned, controlled or directed, directly or indirectly ⁽⁵⁾
Phillippe Cloutier Val d'Or, QC, Director	President, CEO and director of Cartier Resources Inc. since 2007.	March 8, 2021	85,000
Simon Kidston ⁽¹⁾ Sydney, Australia Director	Executive Director of Genex Power Limited since 2013.	August 10, 2022	Nil
Michael Mansfield ⁽¹⁾ Toronto, ON Canada Director	Financial Consulting (2021 to present); Senior Investment Advisor & Portfolio Manager, Industrial Alliance Securities Inc. (2017 – 2021).	October 13, 2023	380,000

(1) Member of the audit committee.

(2) 1,125,981 shares are held indirectly in the name of 2287957 Ontario Inc., a private company wholly-owned by Stephen Stewart.

(3) 268,720 shares are held indirectly in the name of Moray Resources Inc., a private company wholly-owned by Alexander Stewart.

(4) 146,500 shares are held by Merrygold Investments Inc. a corporation wholly owned and controlled by Charles Beaudry.

No proposed director is to be elected under any arrangement or understanding between the proposed director and any other person or company, except the directors and executive officers of the Company acting solely in such capacity.

Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties and Sanctions

To the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director:

- (a) is, as at the date of the Information Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of the Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer ("**CEO**") or chief financial officer ("**CFO**") of any company (including the Company) that:
 - was the subject, while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company, of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
 - (ii) was subject to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, CEO or CFO but which resulted from an event that occurred while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, CEO or CFO of such company; or

- (b) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of the Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (c) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director; or
- (d) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (e) has been subject to any 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.

The following table sets out the directors and officers of the Company that are, or have been within the last five years, directors, officers or promoters of other issuers that are or were reporting issuers in any Canadian jurisdiction:

Name of Director	Name of Other Reporting Issuer	Market	Position	From	То
Alexander Stewart	Mistango River Resources Inc.	CSE	Director	Oct-19	Current
	American Eagle Gold Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-18	Current
	Metal Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Nov-21	Current
	Orecap Invest Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-18	Current
	Baselode Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-20	Oct-21
Stephen Stewart	Mistango River Resources Inc.	CSE	Director	Oct-19	Current
	American Eagle Gold Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-18	Current
	Awale Resources Inc.	TSX-V	Director	May-23	Current
	Baselode Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-20	Current
	Orecap Invest Corp.	TSX-V	CEO and Director	Feb-15	Current
	Metal Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Nov-21	Current
Anthony Moreau	American Eagle Gold Corp.	TSX-V	CEO and Director	Jun-18	Current
	Mistango River Resources Inc.	CSE	Director	Oct-23	Current
	Orecap Invest Corp.	TSX-V	Director	May-18	Current

Name of Director	Name of Other Reporting Issuer	Market	Position	From	То
Charles Beaudry	Mistango River Resources Inc.	CSE	Director	May-19	Current
	Awale Resources Inc.	TSX-V	Director	Jul-23	Current
	Metal Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Nov-21	Current
	Orecap Invest Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-17	Current
	Baselode Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-20	Current
Joel Friedman	Mistango River Resources Inc.	CSE	CFO	May-22	Current
	American Eagle Gold Corp.	TSX-V	CFO	May-22	Current
	Metal Energy Corp.	TSX-V	CFO	May-22	Current
	Baselode Energy Corp.	TSX-V	CFO	May-22	Current
	Orecap Invest Corp.	TSX-V	CFO	May-22	Current
	Khiron Life Sciences Corp.	TSX-V	CFO	Oct-20	Sep-21
Philippe Cloutier	Cartier Resources Inc.	TSX-V	President, CEO, Director	May-07	Current
	Imperial Mining Group Ltd.	TSX-V	Director	Dec-17	Feb-24
Michael	Revival Gold	TSX-V	Director	Jun-17	Current
Mansfield	Mistango River Resources Inc.	CSE	Director	May-22	Current
	American Eagle Gold Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Oct-23	Current
	Metal Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Sep-23	Current
	Baselode Energy Corp.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-20	Current
Simon	Genex Power Limited	ASX	Director	Aug-13	Current
Kidston	Lithium Plus Minerals Limited	ASX	Director	Sep-21	Current
	Q Mines Limited	ASX	Director	Jan-23	Current
Guy	Sirios Resources Inc.	TSX-V	Director	Dec-22	Current
Le Bel	Aquila Resources Inc.	TSX	CEO	Jan-21	Dec-21
	Kintavar Exploration Inc.	TSX-V	Director	Jun-20	Current
	Pembridge Resources Plc	LSE	Director	Aug-17	Jun-23
	Golden Queen Mining Consolidated Ltd.	NEX	CEO, CFO, Director	May-13	Mar-20

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The Shareholders will be asked to vote for the reappointment of McGovern Hurley LLP, Chartered Accountants, of Toronto, Ontario, to hold office until the next annual general meeting of Shareholders.

McGovern Hurley LLP have been the auditors for the Company since March 2018. Unless otherwise directed, it is the intention of the Management Proxyholders, if named as proxy, to vote in favour of the appointment of McGovern Hurley LLP to hold office for the ensuring year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is on SEDAR at www.sedarplus.ca. Shareholders may contact the Company at Suite 1805 – 55 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2H7, to request copies of the Company's financial statements and MD&A.

Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and MD&A for its most recently completed financial year which are filed on SEDAR.

OTHER MATTERS

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

DATED this June 4, 2024.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Stephen Stewart"

Stephen Stewart Chief Executive Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Audit Committee's Charter

I. Mandate

The primary function of the audit committee (the **"Committee"**) is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by QC Copper and Gold Inc. (the **"Company"**) to regulatory authorities and shareholders, the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting, and the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Consistent with this function, the Committee will encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting and internal control system and review the Company's financial statements.
- Review and appraise the performance of the Company's external auditors.
- Provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the Board of Directors.

II. Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of three directors as determined by the Board of Directors, the majority of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee.

At least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Committee that are not financially literate will work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices. For the purposes of the Company's Charter, the definition of "financially literate" is the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can presumably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual shareholders' meeting. Unless a Chair is elected by the full Board of Directors, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

III. Meetings

The Committee shall meet a least twice annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Committee will meet at least annually with the Chief Financial Officer and the external auditors in separate sessions.

IV. Responsibilities and Duties

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Committee shall:

Documents/Reports Review

- 1. Review and update this Charter annually.
- 2. Review the Company's financial statements, MD&A and any annual and interim earnings, press releases before the Company publicly discloses this information and any reports or other financial information (including quarterly financial statements), which are submitted to any governmental body, or to the public, including any certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditors.

External Auditors

- 3. Review annually the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the Board of Directors and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- 4. Obtain annually, a formal written statement of external auditors setting forth all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, consistent with Independence Standards Board Standard 1.
- 5. Review and discuss with the external auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors.
- 6. Take, or recommend that the full Board of Directors take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors.
- 7. Recommend to the Board of Directors the selection and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval.
- 8. At each meeting, consult with the external auditors, without the presence of management, about the quality of the Company's accounting principles, internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- 9. Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Company.
- 10. Review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year-end financial statements and intended template for such statements.
- 11. Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services, provided by the Company's external auditors. The pre-approval requirement is waived with respect to the provision of non-audit services if:
 - i. the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Company constitutes not more than five percent of the total amount of revenues paid by the Company to its external auditors during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided;
 - ii. such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
 - iii. such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee by the Company and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee who are members of the Board of Directors to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

Provided the pre-approval of the non-audit services is presented to the Committee's first scheduled meeting following such approval such authority may be delegated by the Committee to one or more independent members of the Committee.

Financial Reporting Processes

- 12. In consultation with the external auditors, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external.
- 13. Consider the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- 14. Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- 15. Review significant judgments made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditors as to appropriateness of such judgments.
- 16. Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with management and the external auditors any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- 17. Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- 18. Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- 19. Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- 20. Review certification process.
- 21. Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

Risk Management

- 22. To review, at least annually, and more frequently if necessary, the Company's policies for risk assessment and risk management (the identification, monitoring, and mitigation of risks).
- 23. To inquire of management and the independent auditor about significant business, political, financial and control risks or exposure to such risk.
- 24. To request the external auditor's opinion of management's assessment of significant risks facing the Company and how effectively they are being managed or controlled.
- 25. To assess the effectiveness of the over-all process for identifying principal business risks and report thereon to the Board.

<u>Other</u>

26. Review any related-party transactions.

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