

## CHARTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the “Committee”) is to act as the representative of the Board of Directors in carrying out its oversight responsibilities relating to:

- The audit process;
- The financial accounting and reporting process to shareholders and regulatory bodies; and
- The system of internal financial controls.

### COMPOSITION

The Committee shall consist of three Directors, the majority of whom are “independent” within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 52-110, *Audit Committees*, for so long as the Company is a “venture issuer”, as defined therein. The Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Company. Each member of the Committee shall be financially literate, meaning that he / she must be able to read and understand financial statements. One member of the Committee must have accounting and financial expertise, meaning that he / she possesses financial or accounting credentials or has experience in finance or accounting.

### DUTIES

The Committee’s duty is to monitor and oversee the operations of Management and the external auditor. Management is responsible for establishing and following the internal controls, financial reporting processes and for compliance with applicable laws and policies. The external auditor is responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company’s financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and for issuing its report on the statements. The Committee should review and evaluate this Charter on an annual basis.

The specific duties of the Committee are as follows:

- Management Oversight:
  - Review and evaluate the Company’s processes for identifying, analyzing and managing financial risks that may prevent the Company from achieving its objectives;
  - Review and evaluate the Company’s internal controls, as established by Management;
  - Review and evaluate the status and adequacy of internal information systems and security;

- Meet with the external auditor at least one a year in the absence of Management;
  - Request the external auditor's assessment of the Company's financial and accounting personnel;
  - Review and evaluate the adequacy of the Company's procedures and practices relating to currency exchange rates; and
  - Review and evaluate the Company's banking arrangements.
- External Auditor Oversight
    - Review and evaluate the external auditor's process for identifying and responding to key audit and internal control risks;
    - Review the scope and approach of the annual audit;
    - Inform the external auditor of the Committee's expectations;
    - Recommend the appointment of the external auditor to the Board;
    - Meet with Management at least once a year in the absence of the external auditor;
    - Review the independence of the external auditor on an annual basis;
    - Review with the external auditor both the acceptability and the quality of the Company's accounting principles; and
    - Confirm with the external auditor that the external auditor is ultimately accountable to the Board of Directors and the Committee, as representatives of the shareholders.
- Financial Statement Oversight
    - Review the quarterly reports with Management;
    - Discuss with the external auditor the quality and the acceptability of the generally accepted accounting principles applied by Management;
    - Review and discuss with Management the annual audited financial statements; and
    - Recommend to the Board whether the annual audited financial statements should be accepted, filed with the securities regulatory bodies and publicly disclosed.
- "Whistleblower" Procedures
    - Provide for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters, and;
    - Provide for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matter.

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