

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee reviews the annual and quarterly financial statements of the Company, oversees the annual audit process, the Company's internal accounting controls, the resolution of issues identified by the Company's auditors and recommends to the Board the firm of independent auditors to be nominated for appointment by the shareholders at the next annual general meeting. In addition, the Audit Committee meets annually with the external auditors of the Company.

# **Composition of Audit Committee**

The Company is required to have an Audit Committee comprised of not less than three directors, a majority of whom are not officers, control persons or employees of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company. The Company's current Audit Committee consists of T. Barry Coughlan, Pieter Bakker and Trevor Thomas, two of whom (being Pieter Bakker and Trevor Thomas) are independent. Multilateral Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees*, ("MI 52-110") provides that a member of an audit committee is "independent" if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, which could, in the view of the Company's board of directors, reasonably interfere with the exercise of the member's independent judgment.

#### Financial Literacy

MI 52-110 provides that an individual is "financially literate" if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

All of the directors of the Company are financially literate as that term is defined.

## **Audit Committee Charter**

The Company has adopted an Audit Committee Charter.

## **Audit Committee Oversight**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Audit Committeehas not made any recommendations to nominate or compensate an external auditor which were not adopted by the board of directors of the Company.

### Reliance on Certain Exemptions

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company has not relied on:

- (a) the exemption in section 2.4 (De Minimis Non-audit Services) of MI 52-110; or
- (b) an exemption from MI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (Exemptions).

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Board of Directors has adopted a pre-approval policy requiring that the Audit Committee pre-approve the audit

and non-audit services performed by the independent auditor in order to assure that the provision of such services do not impair the auditor's independence. Exemption The Company is a "venture issuer" as defined in MI 52-110 and is relying on the exemption in section 6.1 of MI 52-110 relating to Parts 3 (Composition of Audit Committee) and 5 (Reporting Obligations).