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**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR  
FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD  
JULY 8, 2022**

Containing information as at June 3, 2022

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**PERSONS MAKING THE SOLICITATION**

This Management Information Circular (the “**Information Circular**”) is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Azarga Metals Corp. (the “**Company**” or “**Azarga Metals**”) for use at the Annual General and Special Meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the Company’s shareholders (the “**Shareholders**”) to be held on July 8, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. (PDT), in the Company’s office located at Unit 1 – 15782 Marine Drive, White Rock, British Columbia.

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

Under the Articles of the Company, a quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting is two persons who are, or who represent by proxy, shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued shares (the “**Shares**”) entitled to be voted at the Meeting.

References to dollars (\$) in this Information Circular shall mean Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

**PART 1 - VOTING**

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**APPOINTMENT OF PROXYHOLDER**

The individuals named in the accompanying form of proxy (the “**Proxy**”) are directors and/or officers of the Company. **A SHAREHOLDER OF THE COMPANY WISHING TO APPOINT SOME OTHER PERSON (WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER) TO ATTEND AND ACT FOR THE SHAREHOLDER AND ON THE SHAREHOLDER’S BEHALF AT THE MEETING HAS THE RIGHT TO DO SO, EITHER BY INSERTING SUCH PERSON’S NAME IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF PROXY AND STRIKING OUT THE TWO PRINTED NAMES, OR BY COMPLETING ANOTHER FORM OF PROXY.**

A vote cast in accordance with the terms of a proxy will be valid notwithstanding the previous death, incapacity or bankruptcy of the Shareholder or intermediary on whose behalf the proxy was given or the revocation of the appointment, unless written notice of such death, incapacity, bankruptcy or revocation is received by the chairman of the meeting at any time before the vote is cast.

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## REVOCATION OF PROXY

A Shareholder who has given a Proxy may revoke it by an instrument in writing executed by the Shareholder or by the Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer or attorney of the corporation, and delivered to the Company's Registered Office at Unit 1 – 15782 Marine Drive, White Rock, B.C. V4B 1E6 (facsimile: +1 (604) 536-2788) at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment of it or to the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment of it. A Proxy may also be revoked in any other manner permitted by law. **Only registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a Proxy. Non-Registered Holders who wish to change their vote must, at least seven days before the Meeting, arrange for their respective intermediaries to revoke the Proxy on their behalf.**

A revocation of a Proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to the revocation.

## VALIDITY OF PROXY

A Proxy will not be valid unless it is signed by the Shareholder or intermediary or by the Shareholder's or intermediary's agent duly authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder or intermediary is a corporation, under its corporate seal and signed by an officer of the Shareholder or intermediary. The instrument empowering the agent, or a notarial copy thereof, should accompany the Proxy. The Proxy, if not dated, is deemed to be dated on the date mailed by the person making the solicitation.

## JOINT HOLDERS

A Proxy given on behalf of joint holders must be executed by all of them and may be revoked only by all of them.

If more than one of several joint holders is present at the Meeting and they do not agree as to which of them is to exercise any vote to which they are jointly entitled, they will for the purpose of voting, be deemed not to be present.

## DEPOSIT OF PROXY

**A Proxy will not be valid unless it is completed, dated and signed and delivered by hand or mail to Computershare Investor Services Inc. at Proxy Dept., 100 University Avenue 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1, or by fax to: (within North America) +1 (866) 249-7775 (outside North America) +1 (416) 263-9524, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays and holidays) prior to the Meeting or to the Chair of the Meeting prior to the commencement of the Meeting.**

## NON-REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SHARES

**Only registered Shareholders of record as of the Meeting Record Date (as hereinafter defined) 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 are instead registered in the name of the brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which they purchased the shares.** More particularly, a person is not a registered Shareholder in respect of shares which are held on behalf of such person (the “**Non-Registered Holder**”) but which are registered either: (a) in the name of an intermediary (an “**Intermediary**”) that the Non-Registered Holder deals with in respect of the shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and directors or administrators of self-administered RRSP's, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans); or (b) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (“**CDS**”) of which the Intermediary is a participant. In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 (“**NI 54-101**”) of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company has distributed

copies of the Notice of Meeting, this Information Circular and the Proxy (collectively, the “**Meeting Materials**”) to the clearing agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to Non-Registered Holders.

Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting Materials to Non-Registered Holders unless a Non-Registered Holder has waived the right to receive them. Very often, Intermediaries will use service companies to forward the Meeting Materials to Non-Registered Holders. Generally, Non-Registered Holders who have not waived the right to receive Meeting Materials, or where there is a special meeting involving abridged timing under NI 54-101, will either:

- (a) be given a Proxy which has already been signed by the Intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature), which is restricted as to the number of shares beneficially owned by the Non-Registered Holder, but which is otherwise not completed. Because the Intermediary has already signed the Proxy, this Proxy is not required to be signed by the Non-Registered Holder when submitting the Proxy. In this case, the Non-Registered Holder who wishes to submit a Proxy should otherwise properly complete the Proxy and **deliver it to Computershare Investor Services Inc.** as provided above; or
- (b) more typically, be given a voting instruction form which is not signed by the Intermediary, and which, when properly completed and signed by the Non-Registered Holder and returned to the Intermediary or its service company, will constitute voting instructions (often called a “**proxy authorization form**”) which the Intermediary must follow. Typically, the proxy authorization form will consist of a one-page pre-printed form. Sometimes, instead of the one-page pre-printed form, the proxy authorization form will consist of a regular printed Proxy accompanied by a page of instructions, which contains a removable label containing a bar code and other information. In order for the Proxy to validly constitute a proxy authorization form, the Non-Registered Holder must remove the label from the instructions and affix it to the Proxy, properly complete and sign the Proxy and return it to the Intermediary or its service company in accordance with the instructions of the Intermediary or its service company.

In either case, this procedure permits Non-Registered Holders to direct the voting of the shares, which they beneficially own. Should a Non-Registered Holder who receives one of the above forms wish to vote at the Meeting in person, the Non-Registered Holder should strike out the names of the management proxyholders and insert the Non-Registered Holder’s name in the blank space provided. **In either case, Non-Registered Holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the Proxy or proxy authorization form is to be delivered.**

The Meeting Materials are not being sent to registered or beneficial owners using the Notice and Access procedures contained in NI 54-101. The Company is sending the Meeting Materials directly to non-objecting beneficial holders (as defined in NI 54-101). The Company will not pay for intermediaries to deliver the Meeting Materials to objecting beneficial holders (as defined in NI 54-101) and objecting beneficial holders will not receive the Meeting Materials unless their intermediary assumes the cost of delivery.

#### **VOTING OF SHARES REPRESENTED BY PROXY AND EXERCISE OF DISCRETION**

Voting at the Meeting will be by a show of hands, each Shareholder having one vote, unless a ballot or poll is requested or required in accordance with the Company’s By-Laws or the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), in which case each Shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share held. **The Shares represented by a Proxy will be voted on any ballot or poll by the persons named in the Proxy, and, where a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon has been specified in the Proxy, the shares represented thereby will, on a ballot or poll, be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the specifications so made. Where no choice has been specified by the Shareholder, such**

**shares will be voted in favour of the motions proposed to be made at the Meeting as described in this Information Circular.**

A proxy in the enclosed form, when properly completed and delivered and not revoked, confers discretionary authority on the persons named proxyholders therein to vote on any amendments or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and on any other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. As of the date of this Information Circular, the management of the Company knows of no such amendment, variation or other matter which may be presented to the Meeting.

In order to approve a motion proposed at the Meeting, a majority of greater than 50% of the votes cast will be required unless the motion requires a special resolution, in which case a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by shareholders who voted on the resolution will be required.

## **PART 2 - VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES**

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The authorized voting share capital of Azarga Metals consists of an unlimited number of common shares. Each holder of common shares is entitled to one vote for each common share registered in his or her name at the close of business on June 3, 2022, the date fixed by our directors as the record date (the “**Meeting Record Date**”) for determining who is entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting.

At the close of business on June 3, 2022, there were 130,503,915 Shares outstanding. To the best knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, the only persons or corporations who beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over, shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding shares of the Company are:

<b>Beneficial Shareholder</b>	<b>Number of Shares Owned</b>	<b>Percentage of Issued and Outstanding</b>
OC Management Group Ltd.	14,674,572	11.24%

## **PART 3 - BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

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### **1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements and management discussion and analysis of Azarga Metals for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, will be placed before you at the Meeting. These financial statements may be requested by completing the enclosed Financial Statement Request Form that accompanies this Information Circular, or they may be viewed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### **2. FIX NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AT THREE AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Under the Company's Articles, the number of directors may be fixed or changed from time to time by ordinary resolution but shall not be fewer than three (3). The number of directors was last set at five and there are currently two directors and three nominees proposed by management for election as directors at the Meeting.

Directors (the “**Board**” or the “**Board of Directors**”) of Azarga Metals are elected for a term of one year. The term of office of each of the nominees proposed for election as a director will expire at the Meeting, and each of them, if elected, will serve until the close of the next annual general meeting, unless he or she resigns or otherwise vacates office before that time. The number of directors was last set at five (5) and there are three (3) nominees proposed by management for election as directors at the Meeting.

Management does not anticipate that any of these nominees will be unable to serve as a director. Each director elected will hold office until the next annual meeting of the Company, until his successor is elected or appointed or until he resigns.

In April 2019, as amended, the Company and Baker Steel Resource Trust Ltd. (“**BSRT**”) completed a secured convertible loan facility (the “**Convertible Loan**”). During the term of Convertible Loan BSRT is entitled to one nominee on the Board. BSRT nominee Trevor Steel resigned as a director of the Company in January 2022.

At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to vote on a resolution to elect as directors the nominees set out in the table below. **In the absence of contrary instructions, the persons named in the accompanying form of Proxy intend to vote the Shares represented thereby in favour of fixing the number of directors at three (3) and to elect as directors the nominees set out in the table below.**

The following table sets out the names of the nominees for election as directors, the province or state and country in which each is ordinarily resident, all offices of the Company now held by each of them, their principal occupations, the period of time for which each has been a director of the Company, and the number of common shares of the Company or any of its subsidiaries beneficially owned by each, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, as at the date of this Information Circular.

As of the date hereof, no additional director nominations for the Meeting have been received by the Company in compliance with the Company’s Advance Notice Policy adopted by the shareholders on June 13, 2014.

<b>Name, Present Position(s) with the Company and Place of Residence <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Date(s) Served as a Director Since</b>	<b>Ownership or Control Over Voting Shares Held <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Gordon Tainton <sup>(2)</sup></b> <i>President, Chief Executive Officer and Director</i> St. Prex, Switzerland	President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.	April 27, 2021	Nil
<b>Blake Steele <sup>(2)</sup></b> <i>Director</i> Hong Kong	Independent Director of publicly traded companies	December 1, 2016	4,517,368
<b>Doris Meyer</b> <i>Director Nominee</i> British Columbia, Canada	Principal of Golden Oak Corporate Services Ltd. Since 1996 providing publicly traded mineral exploration companies with corporate compliance, financial reporting and supporting administrative and accounting services. Doris has been the Corporate Secretary of the Company since January 2009.	-	152,272

**Notes:**

- (1) The information as to country of residence, principal occupation and number of shares beneficially owned by the nominees (directly or indirectly or over which control or direction is exercised) is not within the knowledge of the management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees.
- (2) Member of the Company’s Audit Committee of which Mr. Steele is the Chair. Doris Meyer will be appointed to the Audit Committee if elected.

### **CEASE TRADE ORDERS AND BANKRUPTCY**

No director or proposed director of Azarga Metals is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or was within ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including Azarga Metals), that:

- (a) 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, for a period of more than thirty (30) consecutive days, that was issued while the director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) 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, for a period of more than thirty (30) consecutive days, that was issued after the director or executive officer 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 director or proposed director of Azarga Metals, and no shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of Azarga Metals to affect materially the control of Azarga Metals:

- (a) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within the ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including Azarga Metals) 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
- (b) has, within ten (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 director, executive officer or shareholder.

No director or proposed director of Azarga Metals, and no shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of Azarga Metals to affect materially the control of Azarga Metals has been subject to:

- (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

### **3. APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR**

Davidson and Company, LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants has served as Auditor of the Company since March 21, 2017.

The Company's management recommends that shareholders vote FOR the appointment of Davidson and Company, LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as the Company's auditor for the ensuing year and grant the Board of Directors the authority to determine the remuneration to be paid to the auditor. **Unless you give other instructions, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the re-appointment of Davidson and Company, LLP to act as our auditor until the close of our next**

annual general meeting and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE 2022 STOCK OPTION PLAN

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve the adoption of a new 10% rolling incentive stock option plan (the “**2022 Option Plan**”). The 2022 Option Plan was approved by the Board on April 13, 2022 and has been conditionally accepted by the TSX Venture Exchange (the “**Exchange**”). The 2022 Option Plan shall become effective upon the receipt of approval of the Shareholders and the final acceptance of the Exchange (the “**Effective Date**”) and will replace the Company’s current Stock Option Plan (the “**Option Plan**”). All of the 11,935,000 stock options (the “**Outstanding Options**”) currently outstanding under the Option Plan will remain outstanding and in full force and effect in accordance with their terms after the Effective Date. However, following the Effective Date, no additional grants shall be made pursuant to the Option Plan, and the Option Plan will terminate on the date upon which no Outstanding Options remain outstanding.

The purpose of the 2022 Option Plan is to, among other things: (i) provide the Company with a mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries; (ii) reward directors, officers, employees and consultants that have been granted stock options (each, an “**Option**”) under the 2022 Option Plan for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Company; and (iii) enable and encourage such directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire Shares of the Company as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Company. The approval of the 2022 Option Plan by the Board is subject to approval by the Shareholders and to the final acceptance of the Exchange.

A summary of certain provisions of the 2022 Option Plan is set out below, and a full copy of the 2022 Option Plan is attached hereto as Appendix “B”. This summary is qualified in its entirety to the full copy of the 2022 Option Plan.

#### SUMMARY OF THE 2022 OPTION PLAN

##### *ELIGIBILITY*

The 2022 Option Plan allows the Company to grant Options to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Option Plan Participants**”).

##### *NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUABLE*

The aggregate number of Shares that may be issued to Option Plan Participants under the 2022 Option Plan will be that number of Shares equal to 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares on the particular date of grant of the Option, inclusive of the 11,935,000 Outstanding Options.

##### *LIMITS ON PARTICIPATION*

The 2022 Option Plan provides for the following limits on grants, for so long as the Company is subject to the requirements of the Exchange, unless disinterested Shareholder approval is obtained or unless permitted otherwise pursuant to the policies of the Exchange:

- (i) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Option Plan Participant (and where permitted pursuant to the policies of the Exchange, any company that is wholly-owned by the Option Plan Participant) under the 2022 Option Plan, together with any other security

based compensation arrangements, within a twelve (12) month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares calculated on the date of grant;

- (ii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to insiders collectively under the 2022 Option Plan, together with any other security based compensation arrangements, within a twelve (12) month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the date of grant; and
- (iii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to insiders collectively under the 2022 Option Plan, together with any other security based compensation arrangements, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares at any time.

For so long as such limitation is required by the Exchange, the maximum number of Options which may be granted within any twelve (12) month period to Option Plan Participants who perform investor relations activities must not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Shares, and such Options must vest in stages over twelve (12) months with no more than 25% vesting in any three (3) month period. In addition, the maximum number of Shares that may be granted to any one consultant under the 2022 Option Plan, together with any other security based compensation arrangements, within a twelve (12) month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the date of grant.

#### *ADMINISTRATION*

The plan administrator of the 2022 Option Plan (the “**Option Plan Administrator**”) will be the Board or a committee of the Board, if delegated. The Option Plan Administrator will, among other things, determine which directors, officers, employees or consultants are eligible to receive Options under the 2022 Option Plan; determine conditions under which Options may be granted, vested or exercised, including the expiry date, exercise price and vesting schedule of the Options; establish the form of option certificate (“**Option Certificate**”); interpret the 2022 Option Plan; and make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the 2022 Option Plan.

Subject to any required regulatory or shareholder approvals, the Option Plan Administrator may also, from time to time, without notice to or without approval of the Shareholders or the Option Plan Participants, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Options granted pursuant thereto as it, in its discretion, determines appropriate, provided that no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the 2022 Option Plan or any Option granted pursuant thereto may materially impair any rights of an Option Plan Participant or materially increase any obligations of an Option Plan Participant under the 2022 Option Plan without the consent of such Option Plan Participant, unless the Option Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable securities laws or stock exchange requirements or as otherwise permitted pursuant to the 2022 Option Plan.

All of the Options are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, vesting, exercise and forfeiture provisions determined by the Option Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, subject to such limitations provided in the 2022 Option Plan, and will be evidenced by an Option Certificate. In addition, subject to the limitations provided in the 2022 Option Plan and in accordance with applicable law, the Option Plan Administrator may accelerate the vesting of Options, cancel or modify outstanding Options and waive any condition imposed with respect to Options or Shares issued pursuant to Options.

#### *EXERCISE OF OPTIONS*

Options shall be exercisable as determined by the Option Plan Administrator at the time of grant, provided that no Option shall have a term exceeding ten (10) years so long as the Shares are listed on the Exchange.



Subject to all applicable regulatory rules, the vesting schedule for an Option, if any, shall be determined by the Option Plan Administrator. The Option Plan Administrator may elect, at any time, to accelerate the vesting schedule of an Option, and such acceleration will not be considered an amendment to such Option and will not require the consent of the Option Plan Participant in question. However, no acceleration to the vesting schedule of an Option granted to an Option Plan Participant performing investor relations services may be made without prior acceptance of the Exchange.

The exercise price of an Option shall be determined by the Option Plan Administrator and cannot be lower than the greater of: (i) the minimum price required by the Exchange; and (ii) the market value of the Shares on the applicable grant date.

An Option Plan Participant may exercise the Options in whole or in part through any one of the following forms of consideration, subject to applicable laws, prior to the expiry date of such Options, as determined by the Option Plan Administrator:

- the Option Plan Participant may send a wire transfer, certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Company in an amount equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Shares being purchased pursuant to the exercise of the Option;
- subject to approval from the Option Plan Administrator and the Shares being traded on the Exchange, a brokerage firm may be engaged to loan money to the Option Plan Participant in order for the Option Plan Participant to exercise the Options to acquire the Shares, subsequent to which the brokerage firm shall sell a sufficient number of Shares to cover the exercise price of such Options to satisfy the loan. The brokerage firm shall receive an equivalent number of Shares from the exercise of the Options, and the Option Plan Participant shall receive the balance of the Shares or cash proceeds from the balance of such Shares; and
- subject to approval from the Option Plan Administrator and the Shares being traded on the Exchange, consideration may be paid by reducing the number of Shares otherwise issuable under the Options, in lieu of a cash payment to the Company, an Option Plan Participant, excluding those providing investor relations services, only receives the number of Shares that is equal to the quotient obtained by dividing: (i) the product of the number of Options being exercised multiplied by the difference between the volume-weighted average trading price of the Shares and the exercise price of the Options, by (ii) the volume-weighted average trading price of the Shares.

If an exercise date for an Option occurs during a trading black-out period imposed by the Company to restrict trades in its securities, then, notwithstanding any other provision of the 2022 Option Plan, the Option shall be exercised no more than ten (10) business days after the trading black-out period is lifted by the Company, subject to certain exceptions.

#### *TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES AND CHANGE IN CONTROL*

The following describes the impact of certain events that may, unless otherwise determined by the Option Plan Administrator or as set forth in an Option Certificate, lead to the early expiry of Options granted under the 2022 Option Plan.

Termination by the Company for cause:	Forfeiture of all unvested Options. The Option Plan Administrator may determine that all vested Options shall be forfeited, failing which all vested Options shall be exercised in accordance with the 2022 Option Plan.
Voluntary resignation of an Option Plan Participant:	Forfeiture of all unvested Options. Exercise of vested Options in accordance with the 2022 Option Plan.
Termination by the Company other than for cause:	Acceleration of vesting of a portion of unvested Options in accordance with a prescribed formula as set out in the 2022 Option Plan. Forfeiture of the remaining unvested Options. Exercise of vested Options in accordance with the 2022 Option Plan.
Death or disability of an Option Plan Participant:	Acceleration of vesting of all unvested Options. Exercise of vested Options in accordance with the 2022 Option Plan.
Termination or voluntary resignation for good reason within twelve (12) months of a change in control:	Acceleration of vesting of all unvested Options. Exercise of vested Options in accordance with the 2022 Option Plan.

Any Options granted to an Option Plan Participant under the 2022 Option Plan shall terminate at a date no later than twelve (12) months from the date such Option Plan Participant ceases to be an Option Plan Participant.

In the event of a triggering event, which includes a change in control, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, a material alteration of the capital structure of the Company and a disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, the Option Plan Administrator may, without the consent of the Option Plan Participant, cause all or a portion of the Options granted to terminate upon the occurrence of such event.

#### *AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF THE 2022 OPTION PLAN*

Subject to any necessary regulatory approvals, the 2022 Option Plan may be suspended or terminated at any time by the Option Plan Administrator, provided that no such suspension or termination shall alter or impact any rights or obligations under an Option previously granted without the consent of the Option Plan Participant.

The following limitations apply to the 2022 Option Plan and all Options thereunder as long as such limitations are required by the Exchange:

- any adjustment to Options, other than in connection with a security consolidation or security split, is subject to prior Exchange acceptance;
- any amendment to the 2022 Option Plan is subject to prior Exchange acceptance, except for amendments to reduce the number of Shares issuable under the 2022 Option Plan, to increase the exercise price of Options or to cancel Options;
- any amendments made to the 2022 Option Plan shall require regulatory and Shareholder approval, except for amendments to: (i) fix typographical errors; and (ii) clarify existing provisions of the 2022 Option Plan and which do not have the effect of altering the scope, nature and intent of such provisions; and
- the exercise price of an Option previously granted to an insider must not be reduced, or the extension of the expiry date of an Option held by an insider may not be extended, unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval to do so in accordance with Exchange policies.

Subject to the foregoing limitations and any necessary regulatory approvals, the Option Plan Administrator may amend any existing Options or the 2022 Option Plan or the terms and conditions of any Option granted thereafter, although the Option Plan Administrator must obtain written consent of the Option Plan Participant (unless otherwise excepted out by a provision of the 2022 Option Plan) where such amendment would materially decrease the rights or benefits accruing to an Option Plan Participant or materially increase the obligations of an Option Plan Participant.

#### *COMPANY 2022 OPTION PLAN RESOLUTION*

At the Meeting, the Shareholders of the Company will be asked to consider and approve an ordinary resolution, in substantially the following form, in order to approve the 2022 Option Plan, which resolution requires approval of greater than 50% of the votes cast by the Shareholders who, being entitled to do so, vote, in person or by proxy, on the ordinary resolution at the Meeting:

“BE IT RESOLVED, AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION, THAT:

- (a) subject to final acceptance of the Exchange, the Company’s new stock option plan (the “**2022 Option Plan**”), substantially in the form attached as Appendix “B” to the management information circular of Azarga Metals Corp. (the “**Company**”) dated June 3, 2022, is hereby approved;
- (b) the directors of the Company or any committee of the board of directors of the Company are hereby authorized to grant stock options (each, an “**Option**”) pursuant to the 2022 Option Plan to those eligible to receive Options thereunder;
- (c) any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company all such documents and instruments and to do all such other acts and things as in

such director's opinion may be necessary to give effect to the matters contemplated by these resolutions; and

- (d) notwithstanding that this resolution be passed by the shareholders of the Company, the adoption of the proposed 2022 Option Plan is conditional upon receipt of final approval of the Exchange, and the directors of the Company are hereby authorized and empowered to revoke this resolution, without any further approval of the shareholders of the Company, at any time if such revocation is considered necessary or desirable to the directors."

#### *RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD*

The Board has determined that the 2022 Option Plan is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders and unanimously recommends that the Shareholders vote in favour of approving the 2022 Option Plan. **In the absence of any contrary directions, it is the intention of management to vote proxies in the accompanying form FOR the foregoing resolution.**

The Board reserves the right to amend any terms of the 2022 Option Plan or not to proceed with the 2022 Option Plan at any time prior to the Meeting if the Board determines that it would be in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders and to do so in light of any subsequent event or development occurring after the date of the Information Circular.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve a resolution approving the Company's equity incentive plan (the "**Equity Incentive Plan**"). The Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the Board on April 13, 2022 and has been conditionally accepted by the Exchange. Currently, the sole security-based compensation plan of the Company is its existing stock option plan, pursuant to which the Board may grant stock options to directors, officers, employees of and consultants to the Company and its subsidiaries. The Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company to adopt a security-based compensation plan which would provide the Company with the ability and flexibility to make broader and different forms of equity rewards as part of its need to retain a competitive compensation structure for its directors, officers, employees and consultants. The purpose of the Equity Incentive Plan is to, among other things: (i) provide the Company with a mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries; (ii) reward directors, officers, employees and consultants that have been granted Awards (as defined below) under the Equity Incentive Plan for their contributions toward the long-term goals and success of the Company; and (iii) enable and encourage such directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire Shares of the Company as long-term investments and proprietary interests in the Company. The approval of the Equity Incentive Plan by the Board is subject to approval of the Shareholders and to the final acceptance of the Exchange.

A summary of certain provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan is set out below, and a full copy of the Equity Incentive Plan is attached hereto as Appendix "C". This summary is qualified in its entirety to the full copy of the Equity Incentive Plan.

## SUMMARY OF EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

### ELIGIBILITY

The Equity Incentive Plan provides flexibility to the Company to grant equity-based incentive awards in the form of restricted share units (“**RSUs**”), performance share units (“**PSUs**”) and deferred share units (“**DSUs**”) (collectively, the “**Awards**”) to attract, retain and motivate qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries, excluding any persons who perform investor relations activities on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Equity Incentive Plan Participants**”).

### NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUABLE

The aggregate number of common shares in the capital of the Company (each, a “**Share**”) that may be issued to Equity Incentive Plan Participants under the Equity Incentive Plan may not exceed 13,050,291, subject to adjustment as provided for in the Equity Incentive Plan.

### LIMITS ON PARTICIPATION

The Equity Incentive Plan provides for the following limits on grants, for so long as the Company is subject to the requirements of the Exchange, unless disinterested Shareholder approval is obtained or unless permitted otherwise pursuant to the policies of the Exchange:

- (i) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Equity Incentive Plan Participant (and where permitted pursuant to the policies of the Exchange, any company that is wholly-owned by the Equity Incentive Plan Participant) under the Equity Incentive Plan, together with any other security based compensation arrangements, within a twelve (12) month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares calculated on the date of grant;
- (ii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to insiders collectively under the Equity Incentive Plan, together with any other security based compensation arrangements, within a twelve (12) month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the date of grant; and
- (iii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to insiders collectively under the Equity Incentive Plan, together with any other security based compensation arrangements, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares at any time.

For so long as such limitation is required by the Exchange, the maximum number of Shares that may be granted to any one consultant under the Equity Incentive Plan, together with any other security based compensation arrangements, within a twelve (12) month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the date of grant.

### ADMINISTRATION

The plan administrator of the Equity Incentive Plan (the “**Equity Incentive Plan Administrator**”) will be the Board or a committee of the Board, if delegated. The Equity Incentive Plan Administrator will, among other things, determine which directors, officers, employees or consultants are eligible to receive Awards under the Equity Incentive Plan; determine any vesting provisions or other restrictions on Awards; determine conditions under which Awards may be granted, vested or settled, including establishing performance goals; establish the form of Award agreement (“**Award Agreement**”); interpret the Equity Incentive Plan; and make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the Equity Incentive Plan.

Subject to any required regulatory or shareholder approvals, the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator may also, from time to time, without notice to or without approval of the Shareholders or the Equity Incentive Plan Participants, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Awards granted pursuant thereto as it, in its discretion, determines appropriate, provided that no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the Equity Incentive Plan or any Award granted pursuant thereto may materially impair any rights of an Equity Incentive Plan Participant or materially increase any obligations of an Equity Incentive Plan Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan without the consent of such Equity Incentive Plan Participant, unless the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator determines such adjustment is required or desirable in order to comply with any applicable securities laws or stock exchange requirements or as otherwise permitted pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan.

All of the Awards are subject to the conditions, limitations, restrictions, vesting, settlement and forfeiture provisions determined by the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, subject to such limitations provided in the Equity Incentive Plan and will be evidenced by an Award Agreement. In addition, subject to the limitations provided in the Equity Incentive Plan and in accordance with applicable law, the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator may accelerate the vesting or payment of Awards, cancel or modify outstanding Awards and waive any condition imposed with respect to Awards or Shares issued pursuant to Awards.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Equity Incentive Plan, the Plan Administrator, may, in its discretion, credit outstanding Share Units and DSUs with dividend equivalents in the form of additional Share Units and DSUs, respectively, as of each dividend payment date in respect of which normal cash dividends are paid on Shares. Dividend equivalents credited to an Equity Incentive Plan Participant's account shall vest in proportion to the Share Units and DSUs to which they relate, and shall be settled in accordance with terms of the Plan. Where the issuance of Shares pursuant to the settlement of dividend equivalents will result in the Company having insufficient Shares available for issuance or would result in the Company breaching its limits on grants of Awards, as set out above, the Company shall settle such dividend equivalents in cash.

#### *SETTLEMENT OF VESTED SHARE UNITS*

The Equity Incentive Plan provides for the grant of restricted share units (each, a **"RSU"**). A RSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share which entitles the holder to receive one Share, or cash, or a combination thereof for each vested RSU. RSUs shall, unless otherwise determined by the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator, and as specifically set out in the Award Agreement, vest, if at all, following a period of continuous employment of the Equity Incentive Plan Participant with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

The Equity Incentive Plan also provides for the grant of performance share units (each, a **"PSU"**, together with RSUs, the **"Share Units"**), which entitles the holder to receive one Share, or cash, or a combination thereof, for each vested PSU. PSUs shall, unless otherwise determined by the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator, and as specifically set out in the Award Agreement, vest, if at all, subject to the attainment of certain performance goals and satisfaction of such other conditions to vesting, if any, as many be determined by the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator.

Except where an Equity Incentive Plan Participant dies or ceases to be an Equity Incentive Plan Participant due to a change in control of the Company, no Share Unit shall vest prior to the first anniversary of its date of grant. Upon settlement of the Share Units, which shall be within sixty (60) days of the date that the applicable vesting criteria are met, deemed to have been met or waived, and in any event no later than three years following the end of the year in respect of which the Share Units are granted, holders of the Share Units will receive any, or a combination of, the following (as determined solely at the discretion of the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator):

- (i) one fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury in respect of each vested Share Unit; or
- (ii) a cash payment, which shall be determined by multiplying the number of Share Units redeemed for cash by the market value of a Share (calculated with reference to the five (5) day volume weighted average trading price, and subject to a minimum price as set out in the Equity Incentive Plan) (the “**Market Price**”) on the date of settlement.

The Company reserves the right to change its allocation of Shares and/or cash payment in respect of a Share Unit settlement at any time up until payment is actually made. If a settlement date for an Share Unit occurs during a trading black-out period imposed by the Company to restrict trades in its securities, then, notwithstanding any other provision of the Equity Incentive Plan, the Share Unit shall be settled no more than ten business days after the trading black-out period is lifted by the Company, subject to certain exceptions.

#### *SETTLEMENT OF VESTED DSUs*

The Equity Incentive Plan also provides for the grant of deferred share units (each, a “**DSU**”). A DSU is a unit equivalent in value to a Share which entitles the holder to receive one (1) Share, or cash, or a combination thereof, for each vested DSU on a future date following the Equity Incentive Plan Participant’s separation of services from the Company or its subsidiaries. Except where an Equity Incentive Plan Participant dies or ceases to be an Equity Incentive Plan Participant due to a change in control of the Company and as set out below, no DSU shall vest prior to the first anniversary of its date of grant. Upon settlement of the DSUs, which shall be no earlier than the date of the Equity Incentive Plan Participant’s termination of services to the Company or its subsidiaries and no later than one year after such date, holders of DSUs will receive any or a combination of the following (as determined solely at the discretion of the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator):

- (i) one (1) fully paid and non-assessable Share issued from treasury in respect of each vested DSU; or
- (ii) a cash payment, determined by multiplying the number of DSUs redeemed for cash by the Market Price of a Share on the date of settlement.

In addition to grants made by the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator to all Equity Incentive Plan Participants, directors of the Company may elect, subject to acceptance by the Company, in whole or in part, of such election, to receive any portion of their director's fees to be payable in DSUs.

The Company reserves the right to change its allocation of Shares and/or cash payment in respect of a DSU settlement at any time up until payment is actually made. If a settlement date for a DSU occurs during a trading black-out period imposed by the Company to restrict trades in its securities, then, notwithstanding any other provision of the Equity Incentive Plan, the DSU shall be settled no more than ten (10) business days after the trading black-out period is lifted by the Company, subject to certain exceptions.

#### *TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES AND CHANGE IN CONTROL*

The following describes the impact of certain events that may, unless otherwise determined by the Equity Incentive Plan Administrator or as set forth in an Award Agreement, lead to the early expiry of Awards granted under the Equity Incentive Plan. Termination by the Company for cause:

Forfeiture of all unvested Awards. The Plan Administrator may determine that all vested Awards shall be forfeited, failing which all vested Awards shall be settled in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Voluntary resignation of an Equity Incentive Plan Participant:

Forfeiture of all unvested Awards. Settlement of all vested Awards in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Termination by the Company other than for cause:

Acceleration of vesting of a portion of unvested Awards in accordance with a prescribed formula as set out in the Equity Incentive Plan. Forfeiture of the remaining unvested Awards. Settlement of all vested Awards in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Death or disability of an Equity Incentive Plan Participant:

Acceleration of vesting of all unvested Awards. Settlement of all vested Awards in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

Termination or voluntary resignation for good reason within twelve (12) months of a change in control:

Acceleration of vesting of all unvested Awards. Settlement of all vested Awards in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.



Any Awards granted to an Equity Incentive Plan Participant under the Equity Incentive Plan shall terminate at a date no later than twelve (12) months from the date such Equity Incentive Plan Participant ceases to be an Equity Incentive Plan Participant.

In the event of a triggering event, which includes a change in control, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, a material alteration of the capital structure of the Company and a disposition of substantially all of the Company's assets, the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of the Equity Incentive Plan Participant, cause all or a portion of the Awards granted to terminate upon the occurrence of such event, subject to any necessary approvals.

#### *AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF THE EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN*

Subject to the approval of the Exchange, where required, the Equity Plan Administrator may from time to time, without notice to or approval of the Equity Incentive Plan Participants or Shareholders, terminate the Equity Incentive Plan. Amendments made to the Equity Incentive Plan shall require regulatory and Shareholder approval, except for amendments to: (i) fix typographical errors; and (ii) clarify existing provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan and which do not have the effect of altering the scope, nature and intent of such provisions.

#### *COMPANY EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN RESOLUTION*

At the Meeting, the Shareholders of the Company will be asked to consider and approve an ordinary resolution, in substantially the following form, in order to approve the Equity Incentive Plan, which resolution requires approval of greater than 50% of the votes cast by the Shareholders who, being entitled to do so, vote, in person or by proxy, on the ordinary resolution at the Meeting:

"BE IT RESOLVED, AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION, THAT:

- (a) subject to final acceptance of the Exchange, the Company's Equity Incentive Plan (the "**Equity Incentive Plan**"), substantially in the form attached as Appendix "C" to the management information circular of Azarga Metals Corp. (the "**Company**") dated June 3, 2022, is hereby approved;
- (b) the directors of the Company or any committee of the board of directors of the Company are hereby authorized to grant restricted share units ("**RSUs**"), performance share units ("**PSUs**") and deferred share units ("**DSUs**") pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan to those eligible to receive RSUs, PSUs and DSUs thereunder;
- (c) any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company all such documents and instruments and to do all such other acts and things as in such director's opinion may be necessary to give effect to the matters contemplated by these resolutions; and
- (d) notwithstanding that this resolution be passed by the shareholders of the Company, the adoption of the proposed Equity Incentive Plan is conditional upon receipt of final approval of the Exchange, and the directors of the Company are hereby authorized and empowered to revoke this resolution, without any further approval of the shareholders of the Company, at any time if such revocation is considered necessary or desirable to the directors."

## RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD

The Board has determined that the Equity Incentive Plan is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders and unanimously recommends that the Shareholders vote in favour of approving the Equity Incentive Plan. **In the absence of any contrary directions, it is the intention of management to vote proxies in the accompanying form FOR the foregoing resolution.**

The Board reserves the right to amend any terms of the Equity Incentive Plan or not to proceed with the Equity Incentive Plan at any time prior to the Meeting if the Board determines that it would be in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders and to do so in light of any subsequent event or development occurring after the date of the Information Circular.

## PART 4 - EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Azarga Metals statement of executive compensation for the year ended September 30, 2021, a copy of which was filed on Azarga Metals profile on SEDAR on March 22, 2022, is incorporated by reference in this Information Circular. A copy of Azarga Metals statement of executive compensation for the year ended September 30, 2021, may also be obtained from Azarga Metals, free of charge, by writing to Ben Meyer, Assistant Corporate Secretary of the Company, at [ben@gocs.ca](mailto:ben@gocs.ca).

## PART 5 – SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table sets forth information in respect of securities authorized for issuance under the Company's equity compensation plans as at September 30, 2021.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued on exercise	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding securities	Number of securities available for future issuance
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders <sup>(1)</sup>	11,935,000	\$0.09	1,115,391
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	11,935,000	\$0.09	1,115,391

### Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> The Stock Option Plan is detailed under the heading Part 3, Item 4 – “Approval of the 2022 Stock Option Plan”

## PART 6 – AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE

### CHARTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has a charter that sets out its mandate and responsibilities. A copy of the charter is attached to this Information Circular as Appendix “A”.

### COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee members were Blake Steele, Alexander Molyneux and Vladimir Pakhomov until September 26, 2021, when Mr. Molyneux resigned as a director and a member of the Audit Committee.

From January 5, 2022, the Audit Committee members were Blake Steele, Vladimir Pakhomov and Gordon Tainton who reviewed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. On April 21, 2022, Vladimir Pakhomov resigned as a director and member of the Audit Committee. From April 21, 2022 to the Meeting Record Date, the members of the Audit Committee are Blake Steele and Gordon Tainton. All members of this Audit Committee are financially literate, having the ability to read and understand financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements. Blake Steele is considered independent and Gordon Tainton, by virtue of his position as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, is not considered independent. "Independent" and "financially literate" have the meaning used in NI 52-110.

## **RELEVANT EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Each of the members of the Audit Committee are financially literate and certain members are independent. Mr. Steele, the Chair of the Audit Committee is a financial expert. The relevant education and experience of such members is as follows:

**BLAKE STEELE** - Mr. Steele has approximately twelve (12) years of experience in minerals industry management including financial management roles and as a public company President and CEO and CFO. Mr. Steele is an independent director of publicly traded mineral companies and was formerly the President and CEO of Azarga Uranium Corp. Mr. Steele began his career with Deloitte & Touche, where he worked in both the audit and financial advisory practices. Mr. Steele graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Mr. Steele is a Chartered Professional Accountant and Chartered Business Valuator in Canada.

**GORDON TAINTON** - Mr. Tainton is an experienced, successful business leader who, since the early 2000's has held senior management and board positions in both public and private companies within the mining and extractive industries as well as physical commodity marketing. His project experience includes involvement with studies and development plans, trading, logistics, off-take agreements and project financing, and he has significant experience in project generation in the junior mining sector. Mr. Tainton holds a BA from Simon Fraser University.

## **RELIANCE ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS**

- In providing Audit Committee disclosure in this information circular, the Company is relying exemptions in NI 52-110.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT**

At no time was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Charter of the Audit Committee provides that the Audit Committee is required to pre-approve the retention of the independent auditor for any non-audit service and the fee for such service. The Committee may satisfy the pre-approval requirement if:

- (a) the aggregate amount of all the non-audit services that were not pre-approved constitutes no more than five (5) per cent of the total amount of revenues paid by the Company to its independent auditors during the fiscal year in which the services are provided;

- (b) the services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
- (c) the services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and are approved, prior to the completion of the audit, by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

The Committee may delegate to one or more independent members the authority to pre-approve non-audit services provided that the pre-approval of non-audit services by any member to whom authority has been delegated must be presented to the full Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

## EXTERNAL AUDITOR SERVICE FEES

Except as noted, all dollar amounts herein are in Canadian dollars. Fees, for professional services rendered by Davidson & Company LLP to the Company were:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021 (\$)	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 (\$)
<b>Audit Fees</b> <sup>[1]</sup>	40,000	40,000
<b>Audit Related Fees</b> <sup>[2]</sup>	Nil	Nil
<b>Tax Fees</b> <sup>[3]</sup>	8,000	4,500
<b>All other Fees</b> <sup>[4]</sup>	Nil	Nil

### Notes:

- (1) "Audit Fees" represent the fees for the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and September 30, 2020.
- (2) "Audit Related Fees" represent the fees for the review of the Company's interim consolidated financial statements and services normally provided by the accountant in connection with the Company's interim statutory and regulatory filings.
- (3) "Tax Fees" represent the fees for tax services consisting of tax compliance and tax planning and advice.
- (4) "All Other Fees" represent the fees for products and services not disclosed in (2), (3) or (4) above.

## PART 7 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

The following is a summary of Azarga Metals' approach to Corporate Governance Disclosure (Venture Issuers)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board supervises the CEO and the CFO. The CEO and CFO are required to act in accordance with the scope of authority provided to them by the Board.

The Company has determined that out of the existing two (2) members of the Board, Blake Steele is independent and Gordon Tainton being the President and CEO of the Company is non-independent as defined by NI 52-110.

### DIRECTORSHIPS

Certain of the directors and nominees of the Company are also directors of other reporting issuers (or equivalent) in a jurisdiction or a foreign jurisdiction as follows:

Name of Director	Directorships (other reporting issuer or equivalent in a foreign jurisdiction)
Blake Steele	Clover Leaf Capital Corp. Gold Mountain Mining Corp. Kaizen Discovery Inc.
Doris Meyer	Clover Leaf Capital Corp. Sun Peak Metals Corp.

## ORIENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Board does not have a formal process for the orientation of new Board members. Orientation is done on an informal basis. New Board members are provided with such information as is considered necessary to ensure that they are familiar with the Company's business and understand the responsibilities of the Board.

The Board does not have a formal program for the continuing education of its directors. The Company expects its directors to pursue such continuing education opportunities as may be required to ensure that they maintain the skill and knowledge necessary to fulfill their duties as members of the Board. Directors can consult with the Company's professional advisors regarding their duties and responsibilities, as well as recent developments relevant to the Company and the Board.

## ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT

As a responsible business and corporate citizen, The Company is committed to conducting its affairs with integrity, honesty, fairness and professionalism. In order to encourage and promote a culture of ethical business conduct, the Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "**Code**"), which all employees, officers and directors are expected to meet in the performance of their responsibilities. The Code provides a framework for ethical behaviour based on The Company's mandate, and on applicable laws and regulations.

The Board monitors compliance with the Code. Each director, officer and employee of the Company is provided with a copy of the Code and is required to periodically review the Code and sign an acknowledgement in the form of a Statement of Compliance.

The Code applies at all levels of the organization, from major decisions to day-to-day transactions. The Code delineates the standards governing the relations between The Company and shareholders, customers, suppliers and competitors respectively. Within this framework, employees, directors and officers are expected to exercise good judgment and be accountable for their actions.

The Board receives reports on compliance with the Code. The Board has not granted any waiver of the Code in favour of any directors, officers or employees since the Code was adopted by the Board. Accordingly, no material change report has been required or filed.

From time to time, matters may be put before the Board where a member has a conflict of interest. When such matters arise, that director declares themselves as having a conflict of interest and will abstain from participating in the discussions and any vote on that matter. Transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or executive officer has a material interest must be reviewed and approved by the Board.

in accordance with the Code. Since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year, there has been no such transaction.

A copy of the Code can be obtained upon request to the Corporate Secretary of The Company, at its office at 15782 Marine Drive, Unit 1, White Rock, B.C. V4B 1E6 or on the Company's web site at [www.azargametals.com](http://www.azargametals.com).

#### **NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS**

The identification of potential candidates for nomination as directors of the Company is primarily done by the CEO, but all directors are encouraged to participate in the identification and recruitment of new directors. Potential candidates are primarily identified through referrals by business contacts.

#### **COMPENSATION**

The quantity and quality of the Board compensation is reviewed on an annual basis. At this time, the Company does not believe its size and limited scope of operations requires a formal compensation committee.

#### **OTHER BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board does not have any standing committees other than the Audit Committee.

#### **ASSESSMENTS**

The Board is collectively responsible for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and the contribution of individual directors as it relates to the Board's mandate and the Company's goals.

The Board is also responsible for the examination of the size of the Board with a view to determining the impact of the number upon effectiveness and to undertake where appropriate, a program to reduce or enlarge the number of directors to a number which facilitates more effective decision-making.

### **PART 8 – OTHER INFORMATION**

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

No individual who is, or at any time during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, was, a director or proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, an executive officer or senior officer and no associate or affiliate of any such person, is indebted to the Company or to another entity where such indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, except for routine indebtedness.

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

Other than as disclosed in this Information Circular no Informed Person of the Company, nominee for director, or any associate or affiliate of an insider or nominee, had any material interest, direct or indirect,

in any transaction or any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

The management functions of the Company and its subsidiaries are not performed to any substantial degree by any person or company other than the directors and officers of the Company or its subsidiaries.

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

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

#### **RESTRICTED SECURITIES**

There are no actions to be taken by the Company that would involve a transaction that would have the effect of converting or subdividing, in whole or in part, existing securities into restricted securities, or creating new restricted securities.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

It is not known that any other matters will come before the Meeting other than as set forth above and in the Notice of Meeting, but if such should occur the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy intend to vote on them in accordance with their best judgment, exercising discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and other matters which may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

You may obtain additional financial information about Azarga Metals in our Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, by completing the enclosed Financial Statement Request Form, which is being mailed with this Information Circular. Copies may be obtained without charge upon request at Unit 1 – 15782 Marine Drive, White Rock, B.C. Canada V4B 1E6 - telephone +1 (604) 536-2711; facsimile +1 (604) 536-2788. You may also access our disclosure documents through the Internet on the Canadian System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or the Company's website at [www.azargametals.com](http://www.azargametals.com).

#### **BOARD APPROVAL**

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved, and its mailing has been authorized by the Directors of the Company.

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2022.

#### **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,**

*"Gordon Tainton"*

**President, Chief Executive Officer and Director**

## APPENDIX A – AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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### PURPOSE

The overall purpose of the Audit Committee (the “**Committee**”) is to ensure that: (i) the Company’s management has designed and implemented an effective system of internal financial controls, (ii) to review and report on the integrity of the consolidated financial statements of the Company, (iii) to review the Company’s compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, taxation matters and disclosure of material facts, and (iv) to monitor and oversee the independent auditors’ qualifications, independence and activities.

The responsibilities of a member of the Committee are in addition to such member’s duties as a director. Nothing in these Terms of Reference, however, is intended to or does confer on any member a higher standard of care or diligence than that which applies to the directors as a whole.

The Committee does not plan or perform audits or warrant the accuracy or completeness of the Company’s financial statements or financial disclosure or compliance with generally accepted accounting principles as these are the responsibility of management.

### COMPOSITION, PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION

1. The Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”), at its organizational meeting held in conjunction with each annual general meeting of the shareholders, shall appoint the members and the Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Board may at any time remove or replace any member of the Committee and may fill any vacancy in the Committee.
2. The Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Board all of whom shall be independent as determined in accordance with applicable securities laws, rules, regulations and guidelines (“**Securities Laws**”). In particular, each member of the Committee must be independent of management and free from any interest, business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the member’s ability to act in the best interests of the Company.
3. All Committee members shall be financially literate. For this purpose, financial literacy shall mean the ability of a member to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level 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. At least one member should have accounting or related financial expertise and should be able to analyze and interpret a full set of financial statements, including notes, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
4. If the Chair is not present at any meeting of the Committee, one of the other members of the Committee present at the meeting shall be chosen by the Committee to preside at the meeting.
5. The Secretary of the Company shall be the secretary of the Committee, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.
6. The Committee shall meet at least four times annually on such dates and at such locations as may be determined by the Chair of the Committee and may also meet at any other time or times on the call of the Chair of the Committee, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the independent auditors or any two of the other members.



7. The Committee will also meet at least quarterly with the independent auditors without management present to discuss any matters that the Committee believes should be discussed in an in-camera session.
8. The quorum for meetings shall be a majority of the members of the Committee, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and to hear each other.
9. Any two (2) Directors may request the Chair to call a meeting of the Committee and may attend at such meeting or inform the Committee of a specific matter of concern to such Directors, and may participate in such meeting to the extent permitted by the Chair of the Committee.
10. Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing or by e-mail or facsimile communication to each member of the Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting; provided, however, that a member may in any manner waive a notice of a meeting and attendance of a member at a meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting, except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called.
11. The Chief Financial Officer shall develop and set the Committee's agenda, in consultation with the Chair and other members of management. The agenda and information concerning the business to be conducted at each Committee meeting shall, to the extent practical, be communicated to the members of the Committee sufficiently in advance of each meeting to permit meaningful review and, to the extent possible, at least five (5) days in advance of each meeting.
12. At the invitation of the Chair, one (1) or more officers or employees of the Company may, and if required by the Committee shall, attend a meeting of the Committee. The independent auditors shall receive notice of and have the right to attend all meetings of the Committee. The Chief Executive Officer shall be invited to attend all meetings, except executive sessions and private sessions with the independent auditors.
13. The Committee shall fix its own procedure at meetings, keep records of its proceedings and report to the Board when the Committee may deem appropriate (but not later than the next meeting of the Board).
14. The Committee, when it considers it necessary or advisable, may retain, at the Company's expense, outside consultants or advisors to assist or advise the Committee independently on any matter within its mandate. The Committee shall have the sole authority to retain and terminate any such consultants or advisors or any search firm to be used to identify director candidates, including sole authority to approve the fees and other retention terms for such persons. The Committee shall also have the power to conduct or authorize investigations into any matter within the scope of its authority.
15. The independent auditors shall have a direct line of communication to the Committee through the Chair and may bypass management if deemed necessary. The independent auditors shall report to the Committee and are ultimately accountable to the Board and the Committee, as representatives of the shareholders.
16. The Committee, through its Chair, may contact directly the independent auditors, and any employee of the Company as it deems necessary.
17. In discharging its responsibilities, the Committee shall have full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company, to the Company's legal counsel and to such other

information respecting the Company as it considers necessary or advisable in order to perform its duties and responsibilities.

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **1. Overall Duties and Responsibilities**

The overall duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be as follows:

- (a) to assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibilities relating to the quality, acceptability and integrity of the Company's accounting principles, reporting practices and internal controls;
- (b) to assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibilities relating to compliance with disclosure requirements under applicable Securities Laws, including approval of the Company's annual and quarterly consolidated financial statements and notes together with the Management's Discussion and Analysis;
- (c) to establish and maintain a direct line of communication with the Company's independent auditors and assess their performance;
- (d) to ensure that the management of the Company has designed, implemented and is maintaining an effective system of internal controls; and
- (e) to report regularly to the Board on the fulfillment of its duties and responsibilities.

### **2. Independent Auditors**

The independent auditors report to the Committee and the duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the independent auditors shall be as follows:

- (a) to recommend to the Board a firm of independent auditors to be engaged by the Company;
- (b) to review, at least annually, with the independent auditors their independence from management, including a review of all other significant relationships the auditors may have with the Company and to satisfy itself of the auditors' independence, the experience and the qualifications of the senior members of the independent auditor team and the quality control procedures of the independent auditor.
- (c) to review and approve the fee, scope, staffing and timing of the audit and other related services rendered by the independent auditors;
- (d) to ensure the rotation of the lead audit partner as required by applicable Securities Laws;
- (e) to be responsible for overseeing the work of the independent auditors and reviewing the audit plan prior to the commencement of the audit;
- (f) to review the engagement reports of the independent auditors on unaudited financial statements of the Company and to review with the independent auditors, upon completion of their audit:
  - i) contents of their report;

- ii) scope and quality of the audit work performed;
- iii) adequacy of the Company's financial and auditing personnel;
- iv) co-operation received from the Company's personnel during the audit;
- v) internal resources used;
- vi) significant transactions outside of the normal business of the Company;
- vii) significant proposed adjustments and recommendations for improving internal accounting controls, accounting principles and management systems;
- viii) the quality, acceptability and integrity of the Company's accounting policies and principles;
- ix) the non-audit services provided by the independent auditors;
- x) the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures on the Company's financial statements;
- xi) management's response to significant written reports and recommendations from the independent auditors and the extent to which such recommendations have been implemented by management;

and report to the Board in respect of the foregoing;

- (a) to implement structures and procedures to ensure that the Committee meets the independent auditors on a regular basis in the absence of management in order to review the integrity of the Company's financial reporting, adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures, any difficulties encountered by the independent auditors in carrying out the audit and to resolve disagreements between the independent auditors and management; and
- (b) to pre-approve the retention of the independent auditor for any non-audit service and the fee for such service.

The Committee may satisfy the pre-approval requirement in subsection 2(g) if:

- i) the aggregate amount of all the non-audit services that were not pre-approved constitutes no more than five per cent of the total amount of revenues paid by the Company to its independent auditors during the fiscal year in which the services are provided;
- ii) the services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
- iii) the services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and are approved, prior to the completion of the audit, by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

The Committee may delegate to one or more independent members the authority to pre-approve non-audit services in satisfaction of the requirement in subsection 2(h) provided that the pre-approval of non-audit services by any member to whom authority has been delegated must be presented to the full Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

### 3. **Internal Control Procedures**

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the internal control procedures of the Company are to:

- (a) review the adequacy, appropriateness and effectiveness of the Company's policies and business practices which impact on the integrity, financial and otherwise, of the Company, including those relating to internal auditing, insurance, accounting, information services and systems and financial controls, management reporting, code of conduct and risk management;
- (b) review compliance under the Company's Code of Business Conduct & Ethics;
- (c) review any issues between management and the independent auditors that could affect the financial reporting or internal controls of the Company;
- (d) periodically review the Company's accounting and auditing policies, practises and procedures and the extent to which recommendations made by the independent auditors have been implemented;
- (e) review the quarterly CEO and CFO certifications and any sub-certifications from senior management in respect of disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting;
- (f) review the internal control report prepared by management, including management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures and any related report by the independent auditors; and
- (g) receive the certification from the Chief Financial Officer on compliance with statutory liabilities.

### 4. **Public Filings, Policies and Procedures**

The Committee is charged with the responsibility to:

- (a) review and approve for recommendation to the Board:
  - i) the annual report to shareholders, including the annual audited financial statements, with the report of the independent auditors, the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the impact of unusual items and changes in accounting principles and estimates;
  - ii) the interim report to shareholders, including the unaudited financial statements, the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the impact of unusual items and changes in accounting principles and estimates;
  - iii) earnings press releases;

- iv) the annual information form;
  - v) prospectuses; and
  - vi) other public reports and public filings requiring approval by the Board;
- and report to the Board with respect thereto;
- (b) ensure adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements, other than the disclosure described in subsection 4(a) above, and periodically assess those procedures;
  - (c) review with management, the independent auditors and if necessary with legal counsel, any litigation, claim or other contingency, including tax assessments, that could have a material effect upon the financial position or operating results of the Company and the manner in which such matters have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements;
  - (d) review with management and the independent auditors any off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations) and other relationships of the Company and its subsidiaries which could have a material current or future effect on the financial condition of the Company;
  - (e) review with management and with the independent auditors any proposed changes in major accounting policies, the presentation and impact of significant risks and uncertainties, and key estimates and judgements of management that may be material to financial reporting;
  - (f) review with management and with the independent auditors (i) all critical accounting policies and practises to be used by the Company in preparing its financial statements, (ii) all material alternative treatments of financial information within GAAP that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of these alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditor, and (iii) other material communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences;
  - (g) review general accounting trends and issues of auditing policy, standards and practices which affect or may affect the Company;
  - (h) review the appointments of the Chief Financial Officer and any key financial executives involved in the financial reporting process;
    - (i) review the Whistleblower Policy and ensure that the Company has sufficient processes in place for:
      - i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters; and
      - ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- and review any issues and complaints arising thereunder

- (j) review and approve the issuer's hiring policies regarding employees and former employees of the present and former independent auditors of the Company;
- (k) review and approve related party transactions or any material amendment thereto prior to the transaction being entered into.

5. **Terms of Reference and Calendar of Activities**

The Committee will review these terms of reference and its calendar of activities on an annual basis and recommend such changes as may be considered necessary for approval by the Board of Directors.

**This Policy was last revised and approved by the Board on July 8, 2016.**

## **APPENDIX B – STOCK OPTION PLAN**

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**AZARGA METALS CORP.**

**STOCK OPTION PLAN**

**Effective Date: April 13, 2022**

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## **STOCK OPTION PLAN**

### **ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE**

#### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of the Plan is to provide the Corporation with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified Executives, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries, to reward such of those Executives, Employees and Consultants as may be granted Options under the 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 Executives, Employees and Consultants to acquire Shares as long term investments and proprietary interests in the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION**

#### **2.1 Definitions**

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

**“Applicable Laws”** means the applicable laws and regulations and the requirements or policies of any governmental, regulatory authority, securities commission and stock exchange having authority over the Corporation or the Plan;

**“Black-Out”** means a restriction formally imposed by the Corporation, pursuant to its internal trading policies as a result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed material information, on all or any of its Participants whereby such Participants are prohibited from exercising, redeeming or settling their Options;

**“Board”** means the board of directors of the Corporation;

**“Business Day”** means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which the principal commercial banks in the City of Vancouver are open for commercial business during normal banking hours;

**“Cashless Exercise”** has the meaning set forth in Section 4.8(b);

**“Cause”** means:

- (a) unless the applicable Option Certificate states otherwise, with respect to any Employee, Officer or Consultant:
  - (i) if such Employee, Officer or Consultant is a party to an employment or service agreement with the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries and such agreement provides for a definition of Cause, the definition contained therein; or
  - (ii) if no such agreement exists, or if such agreement does not define Cause, any act or omission that would entitle the Corporation to terminate the employment or service agreement of such Employee, Officer or Consultant, without notice or compensation under the common law for just cause, including, without in any way limiting its meaning under the common law: (A) the failure of the Employee, Officer or Consultant to carry out its duties properly or to comply with the rules,

policies and practices of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable; (B) a material breach of any agreement with the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, or a material violation of any written policy of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable; (C) the indictment for or conviction of an indictable offence or any summary offence involving material dishonesty or moral turpitude; (D) a material fiduciary breach with respect to the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable; (E) fraud, embezzlement or similar conduct that results in or is reasonably likely to result in harm to the reputation or business of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries; or (F) gross negligence or willful misconduct with respect to the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries; and

- (b) with respect to any Director, a determination by a majority of the disinterested Board members that the Director has engaged in any of the following:
  - (i) gross misconduct or neglect;
  - (ii) willful conversion of corporate funds;
  - (iii) false or fraudulent misrepresentation inducing the Director's appointment; or
  - (iv) repeated failure to participate in Board meetings on a regular basis despite having received proper notice of the meetings in advance;

**"Change of Business"** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 5.2 – *Change of Business and Reverse Takeovers*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**"Change in Control"** means, unless otherwise defined in the Participant's employment or service agreement or in the applicable Option Certificate, the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

- (a) the direct or indirect acquisition or conversion from time to time of more than 20% of the issued and outstanding Shares, in aggregate, by a Person or group of Persons acting in concert, other than through an employee share purchase plan or employee share ownership plan;
- (b) a change in the composition of the Board which results in the majority of the directors of the Corporation not being individuals nominated by the Corporation's then incumbent directors; or
- (c) a merger, amalgamation, arrangement or reorganization of the Corporation with one or more corporations as a result of which, immediately following such event, the shareholders of the Corporation as a group, as they were immediately prior to such event, hold less than a majority of the outstanding Voting Shares of the surviving corporation;

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

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

**"Consultant"** means:

- (a) a Person (other than an Executive or Employee) that:
  - (i) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Corporation or to any of its Subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities (as defined under Applicable Laws);
  - (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries and the individual or the Company, as the case may be; and
  - (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Corporation, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Corporation or of any of its Subsidiaries, or
- (b) an individual (other than a Director, Officer or Employee) employed by a Company providing management services to the Corporation, which services are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Corporation;

**“Corporate Policies”** means any of the policies of the Corporation;

**“Corporation”** means Azarga Metals Corp.;

**“Date of Grant”** means, for any Option, the date specified by the Plan Administrator at the time it grants the Option (which, for greater certainty, shall be no earlier than the date on which the Board meets or otherwise acts for the purpose of granting such Option) or if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Option was granted;

**“Director”** means a director (as defined under Securities Laws) of the Corporation or of any of its Subsidiaries;

**“Disabled”** or **“Disability”** means a physical injury or mental incapacity of a nature which the Plan Administrator determines prevents or would prevent the Participant from satisfactorily performing the substantial and material duties of his or her position with the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries;

**“Effective Date”** means the date the Plan becomes effective, which shall be upon receipt of all shareholder and Regulatory Approvals;

**“Employee”** means an individual who:

- (a) is considered an employee of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries under the Tax Act and for whom income tax, employment insurance and Canada Pension Plan deductions must be made at source;
- (b) works full-time for the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or of a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source; or
- (c) works for the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week providing services normally provided by an employee

and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries;

**“Exercise Notice”** means the written notice of the exercise of an Option, in the form set out in the Option Certificate (or in such other form as may be approved by the Plan Administrator, duly executed by the Participant;

**“Exercise Period”** means the period during which a particular Option may be exercised and is the period from and including the Grant Date through to and including the Expiry Time on the Expiry Date provided, however, that no Option can be exercised unless and until all necessary Regulatory Approvals have been obtained;

**“Exercise Price”** means the price at which an Option is exercisable as determined in accordance with Section 4.5;

**“Expiry Date”** means the date the Option expires as set out in the Option Certificate or as otherwise determined in accordance with Sections 4.10, 5.1, 7.2, or Article 6;

**“Expiry Time”** means the time the Option expires on the Expiry Date, which is 5:00 p.m. local time in Vancouver, British Columbia on the Expiry Date;

**“Exchange”** means the TSXV and any other exchange on which the Shares are or may be listed from time to time;

**“Executive”** means an individual who is a Director or Officer;

**“Good Reason”** means any one or more of the following events occurring following a Change in Control and without the Participant’s written consent:

- (a) the Participant is placed in a position of lesser stature than its current position and, is assigned duties that would result in a material change in the nature or scope of powers, authority, functions or duties inherent in such a position immediately prior to the Change in Control;
- (b) a material decrease in the Participant’s base salary or a material decrease in the Participant’s short-term incentive grants, long-term incentive grants, benefits, vacation or other compensation;
- (c) a requirement that the Participant relocate to a location greater than 40 kilometers from the Participant’s primary work location immediately prior to the Change in Control; or
- (d) any action or event that would constitute constructive dismissal of the Participant at common law;

**“Insider”** means:

- (a) a Director or senior officer of the Corporation;
- (b) a Director or senior officer of a Company that is an Insider or a Subsidiary of the Corporation;

- (c) a Person that beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, Voting Shares of the Corporation carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the Voting Shares of the Corporation; or
- (d) the Corporation itself if it holds any of its own securities;

**“Investor Relations Service Providers”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 4.4 – *Security Based Compensation*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“Market Price”** means the market value of the Shares as determined in accordance with Section 4.5;

**“Net Exercise”** has the meaning set out in Section 4.8(c);

**“Officer”** means an officer (as defined under Securities Laws) of the Corporation or of any of its Subsidiaries;

**“Option”** means an incentive share purchase option granted pursuant to the Plan entitling a Participant to purchase Shares of the Corporation;

**“Option Certificate”** means a certificate issued by the Corporation in the form or any one of the forms approved by the Plan Administrator, evidencing the terms and conditions on which an Option has been granted under the Plan and which need not be identical to any other such certificates;

**“Outstanding Options”** has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 3.7;

**“Participant”** means an Executive, Employee or Consultant to whom an Option has been granted under the Plan;

**“Person”** includes 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;

**“Personal Representative”** means: (i) in the case of a deceased Participant, the executor or administrator of the deceased duly appointed by a court or public authority having jurisdiction to do so; and (ii) in the case of a Participant who, for any reason, is unable to manage his or her affairs, the Person entitled by law to act on behalf of such Participant;

**“Plan”** means this Option Plan, as may be amended from time to time;

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

**“Prior Plan”** means the Corporation’s prior stock option plan;

**“Regulatory Approvals”** means any necessary approvals of the Regulatory Authorities as may be required from time to time for the implementation, operation or amendment of the Plan or for the Options granted from time to time hereunder;

**“Regulatory Authorities”** means all Exchanges and all securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Corporation, the Plan or the Options granted from time to time hereunder;

**“Reorganization”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 5.3 – *Acquisitions and Dispositions of Non-Cash Assets*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“Reverse Takeover”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 5.2 – *Change of Business and Reverse Takeovers*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“RRIF”** means a registered retirement income fund as defined in the Tax Act;

**“RRSP”** means a registered retirement savings plan as defined in the Tax Act;

**“Securities Act”** means the *Securities Act* (British Columbia, RSBC 1996, c. 418 as from time to time amended);

**“Securities Laws”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 1.1 – *Interpretation*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“Security Based Compensation Arrangement”** for the purposes of the Plan means any option, share option plan, share incentive plan, employee share purchase plan where the Corporation provides any financial assistance or matching mechanism, stock appreciation right or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of securities from the Corporation’s treasury to Executives, Employees or Consultants, including a share purchase from treasury which is financially assisted by the Corporation by way of a loan guarantee or otherwise, but for greater certainty does not involve compensation arrangements which do not involve the issuance or potential issuance of securities from the Corporation’s treasury or arrangements under which compensation arrangements are settled solely in cash and/or securities purchased on the secondary market;

**“Share”** means one (1) common share in the capital of the Corporation as constituted on the Effective Date or after an adjustment contemplated by Article 7, such other shares or securities to which the holder of an Option may be entitled as a result of such adjustment;

**“Shareholder Approval”** means approval by the Corporation’s shareholders in accordance with the policies of the Exchange;

**“Subsidiary”** has the meaning attributed thereto in the Securities Act;

**“Tax Act”** means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and its regulations thereunder, as amended from time to time;

**“Termination Date”** means (i) the date designated by the Participant and the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation in a written employment agreement, or other written agreement between the Participant and Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, or (ii) if no written agreement exists, the date designated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on which a Participant ceases to be an employee of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation or ceases to provide services to the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provided that, in the case of termination of employment or termination of services by voluntary resignation by the Participant, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of resignation was given, and “Termination Date” specifically does not mean the date of termination of any period of reasonable notice that the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as applicable, may be required by law to provide to the Participant;

**“Triggering Event”** means:



- (a) the proposed dissolution, liquidation or wind-up of the Corporation;
- (b) a proposed Change in Control;
- (c) the proposed sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation; or
- (d) a proposed material alteration of the capital structure of the Corporation which, in the opinion of the Plan Administrator, is of such a nature that it is not practical or feasible to make adjustments to the Plan or to the Options granted hereunder to permit the Plan and Options granted hereunder to stay in effect;

“**TSXV**” means the TSX Venture Exchange;

“**TSXV Manual**” means the TSXV Corporate Finance Manual;

“**Vested**” means a portion of the Option granted to the Participant which is available to be exercised by such Participant at any time and from time to time;

“**Voting Share**” means a security of a Company that:

- (a) is not a debt security; and
- (b) carries a voting right either under all circumstances or under some circumstances that have occurred and are continuing; and

“**VWAP**” means the volume-weighted average trading price of the Shares on the TSXV calculated by dividing the total value by the total volume of the Shares traded for the five trading days immediately preceding the exercise of the subject Option, provided that the TSXV may exclude internal crosses and certain other special terms trades from the calculation.

## 2.2 Interpretation

- (a) Whenever the Plan Administrator exercises discretion in the administration of the Plan, the term “discretion” means the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.
- (b) As used herein, the terms “Article”, “Section” and “clause” mean and refer to the specified Article, Section and clause of the 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, including the day on which the period ends, and abridging the period to the immediately preceding Business Day in the event that the last day of the period is not a Business Day. 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 preceding 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 the Plan.

### **ARTICLE 3 ADMINISTRATION**

#### **3.1 Administration**

Subject to and consistent with the terms of the Plan, Applicable Laws and the provisions of any charter adopted by the Board with respect to the powers, authority and operation of the Committee (as amended from time to time), the Plan will be administered by the Plan Administrator, and the Plan Administrator has sole and complete authority, in its discretion, without limitation, to:

- (a) determine the Persons who are eligible to be Participants in accordance with Section 3.4;
- (b) make grants of Options under the Plan relating to the issuance of Shares in such amounts, to such Participants and, subject to the provisions of the Plan, on such terms and conditions as it determines including without limitation:
  - (i) the time or times at which Options may be granted, including the applicable Date of Grant
  - (ii) the conditions under which an Option or any portion thereof may be granted to a Participant including, without limitation, the Expiry Date, Exercise Price and vesting schedule (which need not be identical with the terms of any other Option);
  - (iii) the consequences of a termination with respect to an Option;
  - (iv) the number of Shares subject to each Option;
  - (v) whether restrictions or limitations are to be imposed on the Shares issuable pursuant to grants of any Option, and the nature of such restrictions or limitations, if any; and
  - (vi) any acceleration of exercisability or vesting, or waiver of termination regarding any Option, based on such factors as the Plan Administrator may determine;
- (c) establish the form or forms of the Option Certificate and Exercise Notice;
- (d) amend the terms of any Option, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan;
- (e) cancel, amend, adjust or otherwise change any Option under such circumstances as the Plan Administrator may consider appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, including but not limited to:
  - (i) allowing non-Vested Options to be treated as Vested upon termination of employment or service of a Participant, as to any or all of termination, death or Disability;

- (ii) providing that the Options with respect to certain classes, types or groups of Participants will have different acceleration, forfeiture, termination, continuation or other terms than other classes, types or groups of Participants;
  - (iii) providing for the continuation of any Option for such period which is not longer than 12 months from the Termination Date or 12 months from the date of death or Disability of the Participant, and upon such terms and conditions as are determined by the Plan Administrator in the event that a Participant ceases to be an Executive, Employee or Consultant, as the case may be;
  - (iv) providing that Vested Options may be exercised for periods longer or different from those set forth in the Plan, subject to the applicable rules of the Exchange; and
  - (v) setting any other terms for the exercise or termination of an Option upon termination of employment or service;
- (f) construe and interpret the Plan and all Option Certificates;
  - (g) determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan, including all questions relating to the Market Price of the Shares;
  - (h) correct any defect, supply any information or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in such manner and to such extent as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of the Plan;
  - (i) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances an Option may be exercised in cash, through a cashless exercise or through net exercise pursuant to Section 4.8;
  - (j) determine the duration and purposes of leaves of absence from employment or engagement by the Corporation which may be granted to Participants without constituting a termination of employment or engagement for purposes of the Plan;
  - (k) authorize Persons to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Plan and grants of Options from time to time hereunder;
  - (l) prescribe, amend, and rescind rules and regulations relating to the administration of the Plan; and
  - (m) make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the 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 Corporation (the “**Committee**”), consisting of not less than two of its members, all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to the Plan, including the power to sub-delegate to any specified Directors or Officers all or any of the

powers delegated by the Board. From time to time, the Board may increase the size of the Committee and appoint additional members, remove members (with or without cause) and appoint new members in their place, fill vacancies however caused ,or remove all members of the Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan.

- (c) In the event the Board delegates to the Committee all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to the Plan, 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 the Plan in this context is final and conclusive and binding on the Corporation and all affiliates 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 interpretation of the Plan is final, conclusive and binding on all affected Persons, including the Corporation and any of its Subsidiaries, the affected Participants and their Personal Representatives, any shareholder of the Corporation and all other Persons.

### **3.4 Eligibility**

Subject to the discretion of the Plan Administrator, all Executives, Employees and Consultants are eligible to participate in the Plan. Participation in the Plan is voluntary and eligibility to participate does not confer upon any Executive, Employee or Consultant any right to receive any grant of an Option pursuant to the Plan. In addition, in order to be eligible to receive Options, in the case of Employees and Consultants, the Option Certificate to which they are a party must contain a representation of the Corporation and of such Employee or Consultant, as the case may be, that such Employee or Consultant is a bona fide Employee or Consultant of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be.

### **3.5 Board Requirements**

Any Option granted under the Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Corporation shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares issuable pursuant to such Option upon any securities exchange or under any Applicable Laws of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of the Exchange and any securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Corporation is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant or exercise of such Option or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, such Option may not be accepted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Board. 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 Liability Limitation and Indemnification**

No member of the Board or the Committee shall be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith in the administration, interpretation, construction or application of the Plan or any Option Certificate or any Option granted hereunder.

### 3.7 Total Shares Subject to Options

Subject to adjustment pursuant to Article 7, the number of Shares hereby reserved for issuance to Participants under the Plan shall not exceed 10% of the number of Shares which are issued and outstanding on the particular date of grant of Options. There are 4,325,000 Options (the “**Outstanding Options**”) outstanding on the date hereof which were granted under the Prior Plan, which will remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms. The number of Shares issuable upon exercise of the Outstanding Options shall be included in the calculation of the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to Options. Any Shares subject to an Option which has been granted under the Plan and which has been cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without having been exercised as provided for in the Plan shall again be available under the Plan.

### 3.8 Limits on Options

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan, if the Corporation is listed on the TSXV, the following limitations shall apply to the Plan and all Options thereunder so long as such limitations are required by the TSXV:

- (a) unless disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained in accordance with the policies of the TSXV (or unless permitted otherwise by the policies of the TSXV):
  - (i) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Participant (and where permitted pursuant to the policies of the TSXV, any Company that is wholly-owned by the Participant) under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation’s other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares calculated on the Date of Grant;
  - (ii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to Insiders (as a group) under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation’s other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the Date of Grant; and
  - (iii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to Insiders (as a group) under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation’s other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares at any time;
- (b) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Consultant under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation’s other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the Date of Grant;
- (c) the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to Options which may be granted within any 12-month period to Investor Relations Service Providers (as a group) must not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the Date of Grant;
- (d) Options granted to Investor Relations Service Providers must vest in stages over 12 months with no more than 25% of the Options vesting in any three month period; and
- (e) any Options granted to a Participant who ceases to be a Participant under the Plan for any reason whatsoever shall terminate at a date no later than 12 months from the date such Participant ceases to be a Participant under the Plan.

### 3.9 Option Certificates

Each Option under the Plan will be evidenced by an Option Certificate. Each Option Certificate will be subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and will contain such provisions as are required by the Plan and any other provisions that the Plan Administrator may direct.

### 3.10 Non-transferability of Options

Except to the extent that certain rights may pass to a beneficiary or Personal Representative upon death of a Participant by will or as required by law, no Option is assignable or transferable.

### 3.11 Resale Restrictions

Any Shares issued by the Corporation upon exercise or settlement of an Option are subject to any resale and trading restrictions in effect pursuant to Applicable Laws and the policies of the Exchange, and the Corporation shall be entitled to place any restriction or legend on any certificates representing such Shares accordingly. Any Option Certificate will bear the following legend, if required pursuant to the policies of the TSXV:

“Without prior written approval of the TSX Venture Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities represented by this certificate, and any securities issued upon exercise hereof, may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of the TSX Venture Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until **[NTD: The date that is four months and one day after the date of the grant of the Option will be inserted]**.”

Any certificate representing Shares issued pursuant to an exercise of an Option before the date that is four month and one day after the date of grant of an Option will bear the following legend, if required pursuant to the policies of the TSXV:

“Without prior written approval of the TSX Venture Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities represented by this certificate may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of the TSX Venture Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until **[NTD: The date that is four months and one day after the date of the grant of the Option will be inserted]**.”

## ARTICLE 4 OPTIONS

### 4.1 Granting of Options

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to Corporate Policies, the provisions of the Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may determine, grant Options to any Participant, and in doing so, may, without limitation, in its discretion, (a) designate the Participants who may receive Options under the Plan, (b) fix the number of Options to be granted to each Participant and the date or dates on which such Options shall be granted, and (c) determine the relevant conditions and vesting schedules in respect of any Options.

## 4.2 Options Account

All Options 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. The terms and conditions of each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Option Certificate.

## 4.3 Exercise Period of Options

Subject to Sections 4.10, 5.1, and 7.4 and Article 6, the Date of Grant and the Expiry Date of an Option shall be the dates fixed by the Plan Administrator at the time the Option is granted and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of such Option, provided that the duration of such Option will not exceed the maximum term permitted by each organized trading facility on which the Shares are listed, being 10 years for the TSXV from the Date of Grant of such Option (subject to extension where the Expiry Date is within a Black-Out period pursuant to Section 5.1).

## 4.4 Number of Shares under an Option

The number of Shares which may be purchased pursuant to an Option shall be determined by the Plan Administrator and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of the Option.

## 4.5 Exercise Price of an Option

The Exercise Price at which a Participant may purchase a Share upon the exercise of an Option shall be determined by the Plan Administrator and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of the Option. The Exercise Price shall not be less than the Market Price of the Shares as of the Date of Grant. The Market Price of the Shares for a particular Date of Grant shall be determined as follows:

- (a) for each organized trading facility on which the Shares are listed, Market Price will be:
  - (i) the closing trading price of the Shares on the day immediately preceding the issuance of the news release announcing the grant of the Option, or
  - (ii) if, in accordance with the policies of the TSXV, the Corporation is not required to issue a news release to announce the grant and exercise price of the Option, the closing trading price of the Shares on the day immediately preceding the Date of Grant,

and may be less than this price if it is within the discounts permitted by the applicable Regulatory Authorities;
- (b) if the Shares are listed on more than one organized trading facility, the Market Price shall be the Market Price as determined in accordance with subparagraph (a) above for the primary organized trading facility on which the Shares are listed, as determined by the Plan Administrator, subject to any adjustments as may be required to secure all necessary Regulatory Approvals;
- (c) if the Shares are listed on one or more organized trading facilities but have not traded during the ten trading days immediately preceding the Grant Date, then the Market Price will be, subject to any adjustments as may be required to secure all necessary Regulatory Approvals, such value as is determined by the Plan Administrator; and

- (d) if the Shares are not listed on any organized trading facility, then the Market Price will be, subject to any adjustments as may be required to secure all necessary Regulatory Approvals, such value as is determined by the Plan Administrator to be the fair value of the Shares, taking into consideration all factors that the Plan Administrator deems appropriate, including, without limitation, recent sale and offer prices of the Shares in private transactions negotiated at arms' length.

Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, in no case will the Market Price be less than the minimum prescribed by each of the organized trading facilities that would apply to the Corporation on the Date of Grant in question.

#### 4.6 Vesting of Options and Acceleration

Subject to the limitations in Section 3.8 and all applicable Regulatory Rules, the vesting schedule for an Option, if any, shall be determined by the Plan Administrator and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of the Option. The Plan Administrator may elect, at any time, to accelerate the vesting schedule of one or more Options including, without limitation, on a Triggering Event, and such acceleration will not be considered an amendment to the Option in question requiring the consent of the Participant under Section 8.2 of the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Corporation is listed on the TSXV, no acceleration to the vesting schedule of one or more Options granted to an Investor Relations Service Provider can be made without the prior written acceptance of the TSXV.

#### 4.7 Additional Terms

Subject to all applicable Regulatory Rules and all necessary Regulatory Approvals, the Plan Administrator may attach additional terms and conditions to the grant of a particular Option, such terms and conditions to be set out in the Option Certificate. The Option Certificates will be issued for convenience only, and in the case of a dispute with regard to any matter in respect thereof, the provisions of the Plan and the records of the Corporation shall prevail over the terms and conditions in the Option Certificate.

#### 4.8 Exercise of Options

An Option may be exercised only by the Participant or the Personal Representative of any Participant. A Participant or the Personal Representative of any Participant may exercise an Option in whole or in part at any time and from time to time during the Exercise Period up to the Expiry Time on the Expiry Date by delivering to the Plan Administrator the required Exercise Notice, the applicable Option Certificate and one of following forms of consideration, subject to Applicable Laws:

- (a) *Cash Exercise* - Consideration may be paid by a Participant sending a wire transfer, certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Corporation in an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of the Shares then being purchased pursuant to the exercise of the Option.
- (b) *Cashless Exercise* - Subject to approval from the Plan Administrator and further subject to the Shares being traded on the Exchange, consideration may be paid by a Participant as follows: (i) a brokerage firm loans money to the Participant in order for the Participant to exercise Options to acquire the underlying Shares (the "**Loan**"); (ii) the brokerage firm then sells a sufficient number of Shares to cover the Exercise Price of the Options that were exercised by the Participant in order to repay the Loan; and (iii) the brokerage firm receives an equivalent number of Shares from the exercise of the Options and the Participant receives the balance of the Shares or the cash proceeds from the balance of such Shares.



- (c) *Net Exercise* - Subject to approval from the Plan Administrator and further subject to the Shares being traded on the Exchange, consideration may be paid by reducing the number of Shares otherwise issuable under the Options such that, in lieu of a cash payment to the Corporation, a Participant, excluding Investor Relations Service Providers, only receives the number of Shares that is equal to the quotient obtained by dividing: (i) the product of the number of Options being exercised multiplied by the difference between the VWAP of the underlying Shares and the Exercise Price of the subject Options, by (ii) the VWAP of the underlying Shares.

In the event of a Cashless Exercise or Net Exercise, the number of Options exercised, surrendered or converted, and not the number of Shares actually issued by the Corporation, must be included in calculating the limits set forth in Sections 3.7, 3.8(a), 3.8(b) and 3.8(c).

#### **4.9 Issue of Share Certificates or Direct Registration Statements**

As soon as reasonably practicable following the receipt of the Exercise Notice, the Plan Administrator shall cause to be delivered to the Participant a certificate or direct registration statement for the Shares so purchased. If the number of Shares so purchased is less than the number of Shares subject to the Option Certificate surrendered, the Plan Administrator shall also provide a new Option Certificate for the balance of Shares available under the Option to the Participant concurrent with delivery of the certificate or direct registration statement for the Shares.

#### **4.10 Termination of Options**

Subject to such other terms or conditions that may be attached to Options granted hereunder, a Participant may exercise an Option in whole or in part at any time and from time to time during the Exercise Period. Any Option or part thereof not exercised within the Exercise Period shall terminate and become null, void and of no effect as of the Expiry Time on the Expiry Date. The Expiry Date of an Option shall be the earlier of the date so fixed by the Plan Administrator at the time the Option is granted as set out in the Option Certificate and the date established, if applicable, pursuant to Article 6.

### **ARTICLE 5 ADDITIONAL OPTION TERMS**

#### **5.1 Black-Out Period**

If the Expiry Date for an Option occurs during the Black-Out period, then, notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Option shall be extended no more than ten Business Days after the date the Black-Out is lifted by the Corporation, unless the delayed expiration would result in tax penalties or the Participant or the Corporation is subject to a cease trade order in respect of the Corporation's securities.

#### **5.2 Withholding Taxes**

The granting, vesting or exercise of each Option under the 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 exercise, 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 remit to the relevant taxing authority in respect of the granting, vesting or exercise of the Option. Any such additional payment is due no later than the date on which such amount with respect to the Option is required to be remitted to

the relevant tax authority by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be. Alternatively, and subject to any requirements or limitations under applicable law, the Corporation may (a) withhold such amount from any remuneration or other amount payable by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation to the Participant, (b) require the sale of a number of Shares issued upon exercise or vesting of such Option 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. For greater certainty, the application of this Section 5.2 to any granting, vesting or exercise of an Option shall not conflict with the policies of the Exchange that are in effect at the relevant time and the Corporation will obtain prior Exchange acceptance and/or shareholder approval of any application of this Section 5.2 if required pursuant to such policies.

Participants (or their beneficiaries) shall be responsible for all taxes with respect to any Options granted under the Plan, whether arising as a result of the grant or payment in respect of the Option or otherwise. The Corporation, the Plan Administrator and the Board make no guarantees to any Person regarding the tax treatment of an Option or issuances of Shares and none of the Corporation, the Board, the Plan Administrator or any of the Executives, Employees, Consultants, agents, advisors or representatives of the Corporation or the Subsidiary of the Corporation shall have any liability to a Participant with respect thereto.

### **5.3 Recoupment**

Notwithstanding any other terms of the Plan, Options 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 a Subsidiary of the Corporation and in effect at the Date of Grant of the Option, 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 5.3 to any Participant or category of Participants.

### **5.4 No Other Benefit**

- (a) 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 or the value of any Option granted, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant for such purpose.
- (b) The Corporation makes no representations or warranties to Participants with respect to the Plan or any Options whatsoever. Participants are expressly advised that the value of any Options issued pursuant to the Plan will fluctuate as the trading price of the Shares fluctuates.
- (c) In seeking the benefits of participation in the Plan, the Participant shall exclusively accept all risks associated with a decline in the trading price of the Shares and all other risks associated with the holding of any Options.

## **ARTICLE 6 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES**

### **6.1 Termination of Participant**

Subject to Article 7 and unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in an Option Certificate:

- (a) where a Participant's employment or services are terminated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation for Cause, then each Option held by the Participant that has

not Vested as of the Termination Date is immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. The Plan Administrator, in its discretion, shall determine the effect of all matters and questions relating to whether a Participant has been discharged for Cause. In addition, where a Participant's employment or services are terminated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation for Cause, the Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, determine that all Options held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date shall immediately become forfeited, cancelled, null and void, failing which, all Options held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date shall be exercisable in accordance with Section 4.8 at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) the Expiry Date; (ii) a date determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion; and (iii) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any Option that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period;

- (b) where a Participant ceases to hold office or his or her position, as applicable, by reason of voluntary resignation by the Participant, then each Option held by the Participant that has not Vested as of the Termination Date is immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. All Options held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date shall be exercisable in accordance with Section 4.8 at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) the Expiry Date; (ii) a date determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion; and (iii) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any Option that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period;
- (c) where a Participant's employment or services are 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:
  - (i) a portion of any Options held by the Participant that are not yet Vested shall immediately vest, with such portion to be equal to the number of unvested Options multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the Termination Date and the denominator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the date the unvested Options were originally scheduled to vest. For clarity and by way of example, if a Participant's employment is terminated 400 days following the Date of Grant and unvested Options were originally scheduled to vest 600 days from the Date of Grant, two-thirds of the unvested Options will immediately vest;
  - (ii) subject to Section 6.1(c)(i), any Options held by the Participant that are not yet Vested at the Termination Date after the application of Section 6.1(c)(i) shall be immediately forfeited to the Corporation; and
  - (iii) any Options held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date or Vested pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(i) shall be settled in accordance with Section 4.8 at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) the Expiry Date; (ii) a date determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion; and (iii) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any Option that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period;
- (d) notwithstanding that such date may be prior to the Termination Date, a Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Options under the Plan ceases as of the date that: (i)

the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provides the Participant with written notification that the Participant's employment or services are terminated in the circumstances contemplated by this Section 6.1, or (ii) the Participant provides the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, with written notification of the Participant's voluntary resignation;

- (e) unless the Plan Administrator, in its discretion, otherwise determines, at any time and from time to time, Options shall not be affected by a change of employment 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 an Executive, Employee or Consultant, as applicable, of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation.

## **6.2 Leave of Absence**

If a Participant is on sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence, such Participant shall continue to be deemed a "Participant" for the purposes of an outstanding Option during the period of such leave, provided that it does not exceed 90 days (or such longer period as may be determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion). If the period of leave exceeds 90 days (or such longer period as may be determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion), the relationship shall be deemed to have been terminated by the Participant voluntarily on the 91st day (or the first day immediately following any period of leave in excess of 90 days as approved by the Plan Administrator) of such leave, unless the Participant's right to reemployment or reengagement of services with the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as applicable, is guaranteed by statute or contract.

## **6.3 Death or Disability**

Where a Participant's employment or services are terminated by reason of the death of the Participant or the Participant becomes Disabled, then each Option held by the Participant that has not Vested as of the date of the death or Disability, as applicable, of such Participant shall vest on such date, and be exercisable in accordance with Section 4.8 at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) the Expiry Date; and (ii) first anniversary of the date of the death or Disability of the Participant. Any Option that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period. A Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Options under the Plan ceases as of the date of the death or Disability of the Participant.

## **6.4 Discretion to Permit Acceleration**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article 6, subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals and, in the case of Options granted to Investor Relations Service Providers, Section 3.8(d) and Section 4.6, the Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, at any time prior to, or following the events contemplated in Article 6, permit the acceleration of vesting of any or all Options, all in the manner and on the terms as may be authorized by the Plan Administrator, and if such discretion is taken and the vesting of any or all Options occurs, then such Options will be exercised in accordance with Section 4.8.

# **ARTICLE 7 EVENTS AFFECTING THE CORPORATION**

## **7.1 Change in Control**

Except as may be set forth in an employment agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant and subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals:

- (a) Unless determined otherwise by the Plan Administrator, if within 12 months following the completion of a transaction resulting in a Change in Control, (i) a Participant's employment or directorship is terminated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause or (ii) a Participant resigns for Good Reason, without any action by the Plan Administrator, the vesting of all Options held by such Participant shall immediately accelerate and vest on the date of such Participant's termination or resignation for Good Reason and the Options shall be exercisable in accordance with Section 4.8 at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) the Expiry Date; (ii) a date determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion; and (iii) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any Option that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 7.1(a), the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of any Participant, and subject to prior TSXV acceptance pursuant to Section 8.2(a), as applicable, take such steps as it deems necessary or desirable in connection with a Change in Control, including, without limitation, to cause: (i) the conversion or exchange of any outstanding Options into or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent value (or greater value), as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion, in any entity participating in or resulting from a Change in Control; (ii) outstanding Options to vest and become realizable, or payable; (iii) restrictions applicable to an Option 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; (iv) the termination of an Option in exchange for an amount of cash and/or property, if any, equal to the amount that would have been attained upon the settlement of such Option 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 settlement of such Option or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Option may be terminated by the Corporation without payment); (v) the replacement of such Option with other rights or property selected by the Board in its discretion; or (vi) any combination of the foregoing. In taking any of the actions permitted under this Section 7.1(a), the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Options similarly in the transaction.

## 7.2 Triggering Events

Subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan or any Option Certificate, the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of the Participant in question cause all or a portion of any of the Options granted under the Plan to terminate upon the occurrence of a Triggering Event, provided that the Corporation must give written notice to the Participant in question not less than 10 days prior to the consummation of a Triggering Event so as to permit the Participant the opportunity to exercise the Vested portion of the Options prior to such termination. Upon the giving of such notice and subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals, all Options or portions thereof granted under the Plan which the Corporation proposes to terminate shall become immediately exercisable notwithstanding any contingent vesting provision to which such Options may have otherwise been subject.

## 7.3 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, or in the event of an amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or other transaction or reorganization involving the Corporation and occurring by exchange of Shares, by sale or lease of assets or otherwise, that does not constitute a Change in Control, that would warrant the amendment or replacement of any existing Options in order to adjust the number of Shares that may be acquired on the vesting of outstanding Options and/or the terms of any Option in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such Options, the Plan Administrator may, 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, including, but not limited to, permitting the immediate vesting of any unvested Options and amending the Exercise Price payable per Share.

#### **7.4 Assumptions of Options in Acquisitions**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, in connection with a Reverse Takeover, a Change of Business, a Reorganization or an acquisition pursuant to Policy 5.3 – *Acquisitions and Dispositions of Non-Cash Assets* of the TSXV Manual, subject to prior TSXV acceptance, security based compensation of a target Company may be cancelled and replaced with substantially equivalent Options under the Plan without shareholder approval, provided that: (a) the number of Shares issuable pursuant to the Options (and their applicable exercise price) is adjusted in accordance with the share exchange ratio applicable to the particular transaction, regardless of whether the adjusted exercise price is below the current Market Price; and (b) any other applicable policies of the TSXV have been complied with.

#### **7.5 No Restriction on Action**

The existence of the Plan and of any Options granted hereunder shall not affect, limit or restrict in any way the right or power of the Corporation, the Board or the Corporation's shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Corporation's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Corporation or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Corporation or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to affect the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise. No Participant or any other Person shall have any claim against any member of the Committee or the Corporation or any Employees, Officers or agents of the Corporation as a result of any such action.

#### **7.6 Issue by Corporation of Additional Shares**

Except as expressly provided in this Article 7, neither the issue by the Corporation of shares of any class or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of any class, nor the conversion 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 Options.

#### **7.7 Fractions**

No fractional Shares will be issued pursuant to an Option. Accordingly, if, as a result of any adjustment under this Article 7, a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share, the Participant has the right to acquire only the adjusted number of full Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Shares, which shall be disregarded.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN**

#### **8.1 Discretion of the Plan Administrator**

Subject to any Regulatory Approvals, including, where required, the approval of the TSXV and to Section 8.2, the Plan Administrator may, from time to time, without notice to or approval of the Participants or of the shareholders of the Corporation, amend, modify, change, suspend or terminate the Plan or any Options granted pursuant to the Plan as it, in its discretion, determines appropriate, provided, however, that, no such amendment, modification, change, suspension or termination of the Plan or any Options 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 Laws or Exchange requirements or as otherwise set out in the Plan.

#### **8.2 Amendment of Option or Plan**

Notwithstanding Section 8.1 and subject to any rules of the Exchange, if the Corporation is listed on the TSXV, the following limitations shall apply to the Plan and all Options thereunder so long as such limitations are required by the TSXV:

- (a) any adjustment to Options, other than in connection with a security consolidation or security split, is subject to the prior acceptance of the TSXV;
- (b) any amendment to the Plan is subject to the prior acceptance of the TSXV, except for amendments to: (i) reduce the number of Shares that may be issued under the Plan, (ii) increase the Exercise Price of Options, or (iii) cancel Options;
- (c) subject to any rules of the TSXV, approval of shareholders of the Corporation shall be required for any amendment to the Plan except for amendments to: (i) fix typographical errors, and (ii) clarify existing provisions of the Plan and which do not have the effect of altering the scope, nature and intent of such provisions; and
- (d) any reduction in the Exercise Price of an Option, or extension to the Expiry Date of an Option, held by an Insider at the time of the proposed amendment is subject to disinterested shareholder approval in accordance with the policies of the TSXV.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **9.1 Legal Requirement**

The Corporation is not obligated to grant any Options, issue any Shares or other securities, make any payments or take any other action if, in the opinion of the Plan Administrator, in its 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.

#### **9.2 Rights of Participant**

No Participant has any claim or right to be granted an Option and the granting of any Option is not to be

construed as giving a Participant a right to remain as an Executive, Employee or Consultant of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation. Neither the Participant nor such Participant's Personal Representatives shall have any rights whatsoever as a shareholder of the Corporation in respect of Shares issuable pursuant to any Option until the allotment and issuance to such Participant or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of such Participant, of certificates representing such Shares (or in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, receipt of evidence of a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Corporation maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Corporation).

### **9.3 Conflict**

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Plan and the provisions of an Option Certificate, an employment agreement or another written agreement between the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation and a Participant, the provisions of the Plan shall govern.

### **9.4 Anti-Hedging Policy**

By accepting the Option, 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 Options.

### **9.5 No Guarantee of Tax Consequences**

Neither the Plan Administrator nor the Corporation makes any commitment or guarantee that any specific tax treatment will apply or be available to the Participants.

### **9.6 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 consents to such disclosure and authorizes the Corporation to make such disclosure on the Participant's behalf.

### **9.7 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.

### **9.8 Successors and Assigns**

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

### **9.9 Severability**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Plan shall not affect the validity or enforceability



of any other provision and any invalid or unenforceable provision shall be severed from the Plan.

#### **9.10 Notices**

All written notices to be given by the Participant to the Corporation shall be delivered by (a) hand or courier, with all fees and postage prepaid, addressed using the information specified below, or designated otherwise by the Corporation in writing; or (b) email to the email address that the parties regularly use to correspond with one another or to any other email address specified by the Corporation in writing to the Participant:

Azarga Metals Corp.  
1 - 15782 Marine Drive  
White Rock, BC, V4B 1E6

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Such notices are, if delivered by hand or by courier, deemed to have been given by the sender and received by the addressee at the time of delivery. Any notice sent by email will be deemed to have been given by the sender and received by the addressee on the first Business Day after it was transmitted. Any notice given by either the Participant or the Corporation is not binding on the recipient thereof until received.

#### **9.11 Effective Date and Replacement**

The Plan shall become effective upon the receipt of all required shareholder and regulatory approvals, being the Effective Date, and will replace the Prior Plan. All awards granted under the Prior Plan and which remain outstanding at the Effective Date will remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms; however, following the Effective Date, no additional grants shall be made under the Prior Plan, and the Prior Plan will terminate on the date upon which no further Outstanding Options remain outstanding.

#### **9.12 Governing Law**

The 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 British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

#### **9.13 Submission to Jurisdiction**

The Corporation and each Participant irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction in the Province of British Columbia in respect of any action or proceeding relating in any way to the Plan, including with respect to the grant of Options and any issuance of Shares made in accordance with the Plan.

## **APPENDIX C – EQUITY INCENTIVE OPTION PLAN**

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**AZARGA METALS CORP.**

**EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

**Effective Date: April 13, 2022**

Approved by the Board of  
Directors on April 13, 2022.

Approved by the  
Shareholders on [MONTH] [DAY], 2022.

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## **EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

### **ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE**

#### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of the Plan is to provide the Corporation with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified Executives, Employees and Consultants of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries, to reward such of those Executives, Employees and Consultants as may be granted Awards under the 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 Executives, Employees and Consultants to acquire Shares as long term investments and proprietary interests in the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE 2 INTERPRETATION**

#### **2.1 Definitions**

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

**“Applicable Laws”** means the applicable laws and regulations and the requirements or policies of any governmental, regulatory authority, securities commission and stock exchange having authority over the Corporation or the Plan;

**“Award”** means any Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit granted under the Plan;

**“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 the Plan and which need not be identical to any other such agreements;

**“Black-Out”** means a restriction formally imposed by the Corporation, pursuant to its internal trading policies as a result of the bona fide existence of undisclosed material information, on all or any of its Participants whereby such Participants are prohibited from exercising, redeeming or settling their Awards;

**“Board”** means the board of directors of the Corporation;

**“Business Day”** means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which the principal commercial banks in the City of Vancouver are open for commercial business during normal banking hours;

**“Cash Fees”** has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(a);

**“Cause”** means:

- (a) unless the applicable Award Agreement states otherwise, with respect to any Employee, Officer or Consultant:
  - (i) if such Employee, Officer or Consultant is a party to an employment or service agreement with the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries and such agreement

provides for a definition of Cause, the definition contained therein; or

- (ii) if no such agreement exists, or if such agreement does not define Cause, any act or omission that would entitle the Corporation to terminate the employment or service agreement of such Employee, Officer or Consultant, without notice or compensation under the common law for just cause, including, without in any way limiting its meaning under the common law: (A) the failure of the Employee, Officer or Consultant to carry out its duties properly or to comply with the rules, policies and practices of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable; (B) a material breach of any agreement with the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, or a material violation of any written policy of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable; (C) the indictment for or conviction of an indictable offence or any summary offence involving material dishonesty or moral turpitude; (D) a material fiduciary breach with respect to the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable; (E) fraud, embezzlement or similar conduct that results in or is reasonably likely to result in harm to the reputation or business of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries; or (F) gross negligence or willful misconduct with respect to the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries; and
- (b) with respect to any Director, a determination by a majority of the disinterested Board members that the Director has engaged in any of the following:
  - (i) gross misconduct or neglect;
  - (ii) willful conversion of corporate funds;
  - (iii) false or fraudulent misrepresentation inducing the Director's appointment; or
  - (iv) repeated failure to participate in Board meetings on a regular basis despite having received proper notice of the meetings in advance;

**"Change of Business"** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 5.2 – *Change of Business and Reverse Takeovers*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**"Change in Control"** means, unless otherwise defined in the Participant's employment or service agreement or in the applicable Award Agreement, the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

- (a) the direct or indirect acquisition or conversion from time to time of more than 20% of the issued and outstanding Shares, in aggregate, by a Person or group of Persons acting in concert, other than through an employee share purchase plan or employee share ownership plan;
- (b) a change in the composition of the Board which results in the majority of the directors of the Corporation not being individuals nominated by the Corporation's then incumbent directors; or
- (c) a merger, amalgamation, arrangement or reorganization of the Corporation with one or more corporations as a result of which, immediately following such event, the shareholders of the Corporation as a group, as they were immediately prior to such event,

hold less than a majority of the outstanding Voting Shares of the surviving corporation;

**“Committee”** has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2;

**“Company”** means a corporation, incorporated association or organization, body corporate, partnership, trust, association or other entity other than an individual;

**“Consultant”** means:

- (a) a Person (other than an Executive or Employee) that:
  - (i) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Corporation or to any of its Subsidiaries, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities (as defined under Applicable Laws);
  - (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries and the individual or the Company, as the case may be; and
  - (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Corporation, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Corporation or of any of its Subsidiaries, or
- (b) an individual (other than a Director, Officer or Employee) employed by a Company providing management services to the Corporation, which services are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Corporation;

**“Corporate Policies”** means any of the policies of the Corporation;

**“Corporation”** means Azarga Metals Corp.;

**“Date of Grant”** means, for any Award, the date specified by the Plan Administrator at the time it grants the Award (which, for greater certainty, shall be no earlier than the date on which the Board meets or otherwise acts for the purpose of granting such Award) or if no such date is specified, the date upon which the Award was granted;

**“Deferred Share Unit”** or **“DSU”** means a right, granted to a Participant in accordance with ARTICLE 5, subject to the provisions of the Plan;

**“Director”** means a director (as defined under Securities Laws) of the Corporation or of any of its Subsidiaries;

**“Director Fees”** means any compensation (including annual retainer and meeting fees, if any) paid by the Corporation to a Director in a calendar year for service on the Board;

**“Disabled”** or **“Disability”** means a physical injury or mental incapacity of a nature which the Plan Administrator determines prevents or would prevent the Participant from satisfactorily performing the substantial and material duties of his or her position with the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries;

**“DSU Settlement Date”** has the meaning set forth in Section 5.5(a);

**“Effective Date”** means the date the Plan becomes effective, which shall be upon receipt of all



shareholder and regulatory approvals;

**“Elected Amount”** has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(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 Section 5.1(b);

**“Election Notice”** has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(b);

**“Employee”** means an individual who:

- (a) is considered an employee of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries under the Tax Act and for whom income tax, employment insurance and Canada Pension Plan deductions must be made at source;
- (b) works full-time for the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or of a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source; or
- (c) works for the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries;

**“Exchange”** means the TSXV and any other exchange on which the Shares are or may be listed from time to time;

**“Executive”** means an individual who is a Director or Officer;

**“Good Reason”** means any one or more of the following events occurring following a Change in Control and without the Participant’s written consent:

- (a) the Participant is placed in a position of lesser stature than its current position and, is assigned duties that would result in a material change in the nature or scope of powers, authority, functions or duties inherent in such a position immediately prior to the Change in Control;
- (b) a material decrease in the Participant’s base salary or a material decrease in the Participant’s short-term incentive grants, long-term incentive grants, benefits, vacation or other compensation;
- (c) a requirement that the Participant relocate to a location greater than 40 kilometers from the Participant’s primary work location immediately prior to the Change in Control; or
- (d) any action or event that would constitute constructive dismissal of the Participant at common law;

**“Insider”** means:

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

**“Investor Relations Activities”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 1.1 – *Interpretation*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“Market Price”** at any date in respect of the Shares shall be the volume weighted average closing price of Shares on the TSXV for the five (5) trading days immediately preceding such date (or, if such Shares are not then listed and posted for trading on the TSXV, on such stock exchange on which the Shares are listed and posted for trading as may be selected for such purpose by the Board), subject to any adjustments as may be required to secure all necessary Regulatory Approvals, provided that if the Corporation is listed on an Exchange, such price shall not be less than the market price determined in accordance with the rules of such Exchange. 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, subject to any adjustments as may be required to secure all necessary Regulatory Approvals;

**“Officer”** means an officer (as defined under Securities Laws) of the Corporation or of any of its Subsidiaries;

**“Participant”** means an Executive, Employee or Consultant to whom an Award has been granted under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing and any other provision of the Plan, no Person who performs Investor Relations Activities on behalf of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation shall be a Participant;

**“Participant Service Separation Date”** means the date of a Participant’s death, or retirement from, or loss of office or employment with, or provision of services to, the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, including: (i) the voluntary resignation or retirement of a Director from the Board; or (ii) the removal of such Director from the Board whether by shareholder resolution or failure to achieve re-election;

**“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;

**“Performance Period”** means the period specified by the Plan Administrator for achievement of any applicable Performance Goals as a condition to vesting;

**“Performance Share Unit”** or **“PSU”** means a right, granted to a participant in accordance with Article 4, subject to the provisions of the Plan, that generally becomes Vested, if at all, subject to the attainment

of certain Performance Goals and satisfaction of such other conditions to vesting, if any, as may be determined by the Plan Administrator;

**“Person”** includes 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;

**“Personal Representative”** means: (i) in the case of a deceased Participant, the executor or administrator of the deceased duly appointed by a court or public authority having jurisdiction to do so; and (ii) in the case of a Participant who, for any reason, is unable to manage his or her affairs, the Person entitled by law to act on behalf of such Participant;

**“Plan”** means this Equity Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time;

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

**“Regulatory Approvals”** means any necessary approvals of the Regulatory Authorities as may be required from time to time for the implementation, operation or amendment of the Plan or for the Awards granted from time to time hereunder;

**“Regulatory Authorities”** means all Exchanges and all securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Corporation, the Plan or the Awards granted from time to time hereunder;

**“Reorganization”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 5.3 – *Acquisitions and Dispositions of Non-Cash Assets*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“Restricted Share Unit”** or **“RSU”** means a right, granted to a Participant in accordance with ARTICLE 4, subject to the provisions of the Plan, that generally becomes Vested, if at all, following a period of continuous employment of the Participant with the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation;

**“Reverse Takeover”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 5.2 – *Change of Business and Reverse Takeovers*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“RRIF”** means a registered retirement income fund as defined in the Tax Act;

**“RRSP”** means a registered retirement savings plan as defined in the Tax Act;

**“Securities Act”** means the *Securities Act* (British Columbia, RSBC 1996, c. 418 as from time to time amended);

**“Securities Laws”** has the meaning attributed thereto in Policy 1.1 – *Interpretation*, as amended from time to time, of the TSXV Manual;

**“Security Based Compensation Arrangement”** for the purposes of the Plan means any option, share option plan, share incentive plan, employee share purchase plan where the Corporation provides any financial assistance or matching mechanism, stock appreciation right or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of securities from the Corporation’s treasury to Executives, Employees or Consultants, including a share purchase from treasury which is financially assisted by the Corporation by way of a loan guarantee or otherwise, but for greater certainty

does not involve compensation arrangements which do not involve the issuance or potential issuance of securities from the Corporation's treasury or arrangements under which compensation arrangements are settled solely in cash and/or securities purchased on the secondary market;

**"Share"** means one (1) common share in the capital of the Corporation as constituted on the Effective Date or after an adjustment contemplated by ARTICLE 8, such other shares or securities to which the holder of an Award may be entitled as a result of such adjustment;

**"Share Unit"** means an RSU or a PSU, as applicable;

**"Share Unit Settlement Date"** has the meaning set forth in Section 4.4;

**"Shareholder Approval"** means approval by the Corporation's shareholders in accordance with the policies of the Exchange;

**"Subsidiary"** has the meaning attributed thereto in the Securities Act;

**"Tax Act"** means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and its regulations thereunder, as amended from time to time;

**"Termination Date"** means (i) the date designated by the Participant and the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation in a written employment agreement, or other written agreement between the Participant and Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, or (ii) if no written agreement exists, the date designated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, on which a Participant ceases to be an employee of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation or ceases to provide services to the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provided that, in the case of termination of employment or termination of services by voluntary resignation by the Participant, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of resignation was given, and "Termination Date" specifically does not mean the date of termination of any period of reasonable notice that the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as applicable, may be required by law to provide to the Participant;

**"Triggering Event"** means:

- (a) the proposed dissolution, liquidation or wind-up of the Corporation;
- (b) a proposed Change in Control;
- (c) the proposed sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation; or
- (d) a proposed material alteration of the capital structure of the Corporation which, in the opinion of the Plan Administrator, is of such a nature that it is not practical or feasible to make adjustments to the Plan or to the Awards granted hereunder to permit the Plan and Awards granted hereunder to stay in effect;

**"TSXV"** means the TSX Venture Exchange;

**"TSXV Manual"** means the TSXV Corporate Finance Manual;

**“Vested”** means the applicable vesting criteria, Performance Goals and/or any other conditions for settlement in relation to a whole number, or a percentage of the number of Awards determined by the Plan Administrator in connection with a grant of PSUs, RSUs or DSUs as the case may be, (i) have been met; or (ii) have been waived or deemed to have been met;

**“Vesting Date”** means the date on which the applicable vesting criteria, Performance Goals and/or any other conditions for an Award becoming Vested are met, deemed to have been met, or waived, as contemplated in the definition of “Vested”; and

**“Voting Share”** means a security of a Company that:

- (a) is not a debt security; and
- (b) carries a voting right either under all circumstances or under some circumstances that have occurred and are continuing.

## 2.2 Interpretation

- (a) Whenever the Plan Administrator exercises discretion in the administration of the Plan, the term “discretion” means the sole and absolute discretion of the Plan Administrator.
- (b) As used herein, the terms “Article”, “Section” and “clause” mean and refer to the specified Article, Section and clause of the 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, including the day on which the period ends, and abridging the period to the immediately preceding Business Day in the event that the last day of the period is not a Business Day. 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 preceding 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 the Plan.

## ARTICLE 3 ADMINISTRATION

### 3.1 Administration

Subject to and consistent with the terms of the Plan, Applicable Laws and the provisions of any charter adopted by the Board with respect to the powers, authority and operation of the Committee (as amended from time to time), the Plan will be administered by the Plan Administrator, and the Plan Administrator has sole and complete authority, in its discretion, without limitation, to:

- (a) determine the Persons who are eligible to be Participants in accordance with Section 3.4;

- (b) make grants of Awards under the Plan relating to the issuance of Shares in such amounts, to such Participants and, subject to the provisions of the Plan, on such terms and conditions as it determines including without limitation:
  - (i) the time or times at which Awards may be granted, including the applicable Date of Grant;
  - (ii) the conditions under which an Award or any portion thereof may be:
    - A. granted to Participants;
    - B. forfeited to the Corporation, cancelled or expired; and
    - C. Vested, including terms relating to lump sum or instalment vesting, the Performance Goals, the Performance Period and the conditions, if any, upon which vesting of an Award or a portion thereof will be waived or accelerated without any further action by the Plan Administrator;
  - (iii) the number of Shares to be covered by any Award and the terms, if any, upon which any Shares delivered upon exercise or settlement of an Award must continue to be held by a Participant for any specified period;
  - (iv) the consequences of a termination with respect to an Award;
  - (v) the forms of consideration, if any, to be paid by a Participant in connection with the purchase of Shares covered by any Awards (except to the extent certain forms of consideration must be paid to satisfy the requirements of applicable law);
  - (vi) the manner of exercise or settlement of the Vested portion of an Award, including whether an Award shall be settled on a current or deferred basis;
  - (vii) 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
  - (viii) 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 the Award Agreements;
- (d) amend the terms of any Award Agreements, provided, however, that subject to the terms of the Plan, no amendment of an Award may, without the consent of the holder of such Award, adversely affect such Participant's rights with respect to such Award in any material respect;
- (e) determine whether and the extent to which any Performance Goals or other conditions applicable to the vesting of an Award have been satisfied or shall be waived or modified;

- (f) cancel, amend, adjust or otherwise change any Award under such circumstances as the Plan Administrator may consider appropriate in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, including but not limited to:
  - (i) allowing non-Vested Awards to be treated as Vested upon termination of employment or service of a Participant, as to any or all of termination, death or Disability;
  - (ii) providing that the Awards with respect to certain classes, types or groups of Participants will have different acceleration, forfeiture, termination, continuation or other terms than other classes, types or groups of Participants;
  - (iii) providing for the continuation of any Award for such period which is not longer than 12 months from the Termination Date or 12 months from the date of death or Disability of the Participant, and upon such terms and conditions as are determined by the Plan Administrator in the event that a Participant ceases to be an Executive, Employee or Consultant, as the case may be;
  - (iv) providing that Vested Awards may be exercised for periods longer or different from those set forth in the Plan, subject to the applicable rules of the Exchange; and
  - (v) setting any other terms for the exercise or termination of an Award upon termination of employment or service;
- (g) construe and interpret the Plan and all Award Agreements;
- (h) determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan, including all questions relating to the Market Price of the Shares;
- (i) determine the number of RSUs, DSUs or PSUs, as applicable, subject to any grant of an Award;
- (j) determine the form of settlement of an Award, whether cash, Shares or a combination of cash and Shares;
- (k) correct any defect, supply any information or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in such manner and to such extent as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of the Plan;
- (l) determine the duration and purposes of leaves of absence from employment or engagement by the Corporation which may be granted to Participants without constituting a termination of employment or engagement for purposes of the Plan;
- (m) authorize Persons to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Plan and grants of Awards from time to time hereunder;
- (n) prescribe, amend, and rescind rules and regulations relating to the administration of the Plan; and

- (o) make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the implementation and administration of the 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 Corporation (the “**Committee**”), consisting of not less than two of its members, all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to the Plan, including the power to sub-delegate to any specified Directors or Officers all or any of the powers delegated by the Board. From time to time, the Board may increase the size of the Committee and appoint additional members, remove members (with or without cause) and appoint new members in their place, fill vacancies however caused ,or remove all members of the Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan.
- (c) In the event the Board delegates to the Committee all or any of the powers conferred on the Plan Administrator pursuant to the Plan, 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 the Plan in this context is final and conclusive and binding on the Corporation and all affiliates 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 interpretation of the Plan is final, conclusive and binding on all affected Persons, including the Corporation and any of its Subsidiaries, the affected Participants and their Personal Representatives, any shareholder of the Corporation and all other Persons.

### 3.4 **Eligibility**

Subject to the discretion of the Plan Administrator, all Executives, Employees and Consultants are eligible to participate in the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing and any other provision of the Plan, no Person who performs Investor Relations Activities on behalf of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation shall be a Participant. Participation in the Plan is voluntary and eligibility to participate does not confer upon any Executive, Employee or Consultant any right to receive any grant of an Award pursuant to the Plan. In addition, in order to be eligible to receive Awards, in the case of Employees and Consultants, the Award Agreement to which they are a party must contain a representation of the Corporation and of such Employee or Consultant, as the case may be, that such Employee or Consultant is a bona fide Employee or Consultant of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be.

### 3.5 **Board Requirements**

Any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Corporation shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares issuable pursuant to such Award upon any securities exchange or under any Applicable Laws of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of the Exchange and any securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies 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 in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Board. 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 Liability Limitation and Indemnification**

No member of the Board or the Committee shall be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith in the administration, interpretation, construction or application of the Plan or any Award Agreement or any Award granted hereunder.

### **3.7 Total Shares Subject to Awards**

Subject to adjustment pursuant to ARTICLE 8, the number of Shares hereby reserved for issuance to Participants under the Plan shall not exceed 8,709,863 Shares or such greater number of Shares as shall have been duly approved by the Board, by the shareholders of the Corporation, and by the Exchange on which the Shares are then listed. Any Shares subject to an Award which has been granted under the Plan and which has been settled in cash, cancelled, terminated, surrendered, forfeited or expired without having been settled through the issuance of Shares as provided for in the Plan shall again be available under the Plan. To the extent that any Share Units that may be paid out in cash or Shares or a combination thereof are paid out in cash, then the Shares that were potentially issuable in respect of such Awards shall again be available under the Plan. For greater certainty, any Awards which may only be paid out in cash shall not be subject to this Section 3.7.

### **3.8 Limits on Awards**

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan, if the Corporation is listed on the TSXV, the following limitations shall apply to the Plan and all Awards thereunder so long as such limitations are required by the TSXV:

- (a) unless disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained in accordance with the policies of the TSXV (or unless permitted otherwise by the policies of the TSXV):
  - (i) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Participant (and where permitted pursuant to the policies of the TSXV, any Company that is wholly-owned by the Participant) under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation's other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares calculated on the Date of Grant;
  - (ii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to Insiders (as a group) under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation's other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares calculated on the Date of Grant; and
  - (iii) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to Insiders (as a group) under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation's other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, may not exceed 10% of the issued Shares at any time;

- (b) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued to any one Consultant under the Plan, together with all of the Corporation's other Security Based Compensation Arrangements, within a 12-month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued Shares calculated on the Date of Grant;
- (c) no Awards may be granted under the Plan to Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities on behalf of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation; and
- (d) any Awards granted to a Participant who ceases to be a Participant under the Plan for any reason whatsoever, shall terminate at a date no later than 12 months from the date such Participant ceases to be a Participant under the Plan.

### **3.9 Award Agreements**

Each Award under the Plan will be evidenced by an Award Agreement. Each Award Agreement will be subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan and will contain such provisions as are required by the Plan and any other provisions that the Plan Administrator may direct.

### **3.10 Non-transferability of Awards**

Except to the extent that certain rights may pass to a beneficiary or a Personal Representative upon death of a Participant by will or as required by law, no Award is assignable or transferable.

### **3.11 Resale Restrictions**

Any Shares issued by the Corporation upon exercise or settlement of an Award are subject to any resale and trading restrictions in effect pursuant to Applicable Laws and the policies of the Exchange, and the Corporation shall be entitled to place any restriction or legend on any certificates representing such Shares accordingly.

## **ARTICLE 4 SHARE UNITS**

### **4.1 Granting of Share Units**

The Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to Corporate Policies, the provisions of the Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may grant Share Units to any Participant, and in doing so, may, without limitation, in its discretion, (a) designate the Participants who may receive Share Units under the Plan, (b) fix the number and type of Share Units, if any, to be granted to each Participant and the date or dates on which such Share Units shall be granted, (c) determine the relevant conditions and vesting provisions (including Performance Goals, if any, and the Performance Period) in respect of any Share Units, and (d) determine the vesting schedule of the Share Units.

### **4.2 Share Unit Account**

All Share Units 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. The terms and conditions of each Share Unit grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement.

#### 4.3 Vesting of Share Units

- (a) For each Share Unit grant, subject to Corporate Policies and the provisions of the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall establish, as applicable, the vesting schedule, the Performance Period, the Performance Goals and other vesting conditions which must be met in order for the Share Units to be deemed Vested.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 4.3(a), the Vesting Date of a Share Unit shall not be prior to the first anniversary of the Date of Grant, other than in the event a Participant ceases to be a Participant due to death of the Participant or in connection with a Change in Control, as set out more particularly in Sections 7.3 and 8.1, respectively.

#### 4.4 Settlement of Vested Share Units

Subject to Section 6.2 and ARTICLE 7, on or within 60 days following the Vesting Date of a Share Unit, unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or specified in the applicable Award Agreement, and in any event no later than three years following the end of the year of the Date of Grant (the “**Share Unit Settlement Date**”), or such other shorter term as may be required in respect of an Award so that such Award does not constitute a “salary deferral arrangement” as defined in Section 248(1) of the Tax Act, the Corporation shall settle each Vested Share Unit by any of the following methods or by a combination of such methods as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion, subject to any necessary Exchange approvals:

- (a) issuing the Participant one (1) fully paid and non-assessable Share from treasury for each Vested Share Unit and delivering a share certificate to the Participant representing the amount thereof (or in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, causing the issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant shall then be entitled to receive to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Corporation maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Corporation); or
- (b) making a cash payment to the Participant, which shall be calculated by multiplying the number of Vested Share Units to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price Per Share as at the Share Unit Settlement Date, net of applicable withholding taxes. Cash payment may be made through the Corporation’s payroll in the pay period that the Share Unit Settlement Date falls within.

For greater certainty, nothing in this Section 4.4 shall cause Share Units which have not Vested to vest by the Share Unit Settlement Date if such Share Units would not have otherwise Vested pursuant to the terms of the Award Agreement or the Plan Administrator’s determinations.

A holder of Share Units shall not have any right to demand, to be paid in, or receive any specific allocation of Shares or a cash payment in respect of a Vested Share Unit at any time. Notwithstanding any allocation by the Plan Administrator to settle Vested Share Units, or a portion thereof, in Shares or make a cash payment therefore, the Corporation reserves the right to change its allocation in respect thereof at any time up until payment is actually made, and the holder of such Vested Share Units shall not have the right, at any time to enforce settlement as to the allocation of Shares or cash payment.

The Share Units in respect of which Shares are issued or a cash payment is made shall be cancelled and no further issuances or payments shall be made to the Participant under the Plan in relation to such Share Units.

## ARTICLE 5 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

### 5.1 Granting of DSUs to Directors for Director Fees

- (a) Subject to Corporate Policies, 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 5.1(b) to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this Section 5.1. The Board shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject such request, in whole or in part, which acceptance or rejection shall be binding on the Electing Person for the applicable year. An Electing Person who elects to participate in the grant of additional DSUs pursuant to this ARTICLE 5.1 and whose request is accepted by the Board shall receive their accepted Elected Amount in the form of DSUs in lieu of cash. 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 are otherwise intended to be paid in cash (the “**Cash Fees**”).
- (b) Each Electing Person who elects to receive their Elected Amount in the form of DSUs in lieu of cash will be required to file a notice of election in the form as provided by the Corporation (the “**Election Notice**”) with the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation: (i) in the case of an existing Electing Person, by the end of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year to which such election is to apply; and (ii) in the case of a newly appointed Electing Person, within 30 days of such appointment with respect to compensation paid for services to be performed after such date. If no election is made within the foregoing time frames, or if the Corporation rejects the election request in its entirety, the Electing Person shall be paid the entire amount of his or her Elected Amount in cash.
- (c) The number of DSUs (including fractional DSUs) granted to an Electing Person at any particular time pursuant to this Section 5.1 will be calculated by dividing (a) the amount of any Director Fees that are to be paid in DSUs (including any Elected Amount), by (b) the Market Price of a Share on the Date of Grant.

### 5.2 Granting of DSUs to Participants

In addition to DSUs granted pursuant to Section 5.1, the Plan Administrator may, from time to time, subject to Corporate Policies, the provisions of the Plan and such other terms and conditions as the Plan Administrator may determine, grant DSUs to any Participant, and, in doing so, may, without limitation, in its discretion, (a) designate the Participants who may receive DSUs under the Plan, (b) fix the number of DSUs, if any, to be granted to each Participant and the date or dates on which such DSUs shall be granted, (c) determine the relevant conditions and vesting provisions (including Performance Goals, if any, and the Performance Period), and (d) the vesting schedule of the DSUs.

### 5.3 DSU Account

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.

#### 5.4 Vesting of DSUs

The Vesting Date of a DSU shall not be prior to the first anniversary of the Date of Grant, other than:

- (a) in the event a Participant ceases to be a Participant due to death of the Participant as set out in Section 7.3; and
- (b) in the event a Participant ceases to be a Participant in connection with a Change in Control, as set out more particularly in Section 8.1.

#### 5.5 Settlement of Vested DSUs

- (a) Subject to Section 6.2 and ARTICLE 7, each Vested DSU shall be settled on the date established in the Award Agreement; provided, however that in no event shall a DSU Award be settled:

- (i) prior to the Participant Service Separation Date; or
- (ii) later than 12 months following the Participant Service Separation Date.

If the Award Agreement does not establish a date for the settlement of the DSUs, then the settlement date shall be the Participant Service Separation Date (the “**DSU Settlement Date**”).

- (b) On the DSU Settlement Date, the Corporation shall settle each Vested DSU by any of the following methods or by a combination of such methods as determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion (subject to any necessary Exchange approvals):
  - (i) issuing the Participant one (1) fully paid and non-assessable Share from treasury for each Vested DSU and delivering a Share certificate to the Participant representing the amount thereof (or in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, causing the issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant shall then be entitled to receive to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Corporation maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Corporation); or
  - (ii) making a cash payment to the Participant, which shall be calculated by multiplying the number of Vested DSUs to be redeemed for cash by the Market Price Per Share as at the DSU Settlement Date, net of any applicable withholding taxes. Cash payment may be made through the Corporation’s payroll in the pay period that the DSU Settlement Date falls within or via cheque.

A holder of DSUs shall not have any right to demand, to be paid in or receive any specific allocation of Shares or a cash payment in respect of a Vested DSU at any time. Notwithstanding any allocation by the Plan Administrator to settle Vested DSUs, or portion thereof, in Shares or make a cash payment therefore, the Corporation reserves the right to change its allocation in respect thereof at any time up until payment is actually made, and the holder of such Vested DSUs shall not have the right at any time to enforce settlement as to the allocation of Shares or cash payment.

The DSUs in respect of which Shares are issued or a cash payment is made shall be cancelled, and no further issuances or payments shall be made to the Participant under the Plan in relation to such DSUs.

## ARTICLE 6 ADDITIONAL AWARD TERMS

### 6.1 Dividend Equivalents

- (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Plan Administrator, may, in its discretion, credit outstanding Share Units and DSUs with dividend equivalents in the form of additional Share Units 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 Share Units and DSUs, as applicable, held by the Participant on the record date for the payment of such dividend, by (b) the Market Price at the close of the first Business Day immediately following the dividend record date, with fractions computed to three decimal places. Dividend equivalents credited to a Participant's accounts shall vest in proportion to the Share Units and DSUs to which they relate, and shall be settled in accordance with Sections 4.4 and 5.5, respectively. Where the proposed issuance of Shares by the Corporation would result in the limits contained in Sections 3.7 or 3.8 being exceeded, the dividend equivalents which have vested in proportion to the Share Units and DSUs to which they relate shall instead be settled in cash in accordance with Sections 4.4(b) and 5.5(b)(ii), respectively.
- (b) The foregoing does not obligate the Corporation to declare or pay dividends on Shares, and nothing in the Plan shall be interpreted as creating such an obligation.

### 6.2 Black-Out Period

If a settlement date for an Award occurs during the Black-Out period, then, notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Award shall be settled no more than ten Business Days after the date the Black-Out is lifted by the Corporation, unless the delayed expiration would result in tax penalties or the Participant or the Corporation is subject to a cease trade order in respect of the Corporation's securities.

### 6.3 Withholding Taxes

The granting, vesting or settlement of each Award under the 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 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, as the case may be. Alternatively, and subject to any requirements or limitations under applicable law, the Corporation may (a) withhold such amount from any remuneration or other amount payable by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation to the Participant, (b) require the sale 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. For greater certainty, the application of this Section 6.3 to any granting, vesting or settlement of an Award shall not conflict with the policies of the Exchange that are in effect at the relevant time and the Corporation will obtain prior Exchange acceptance and/or shareholder approval

of any application of this Section 6.3 if required pursuant to such policies.

Participants (or their beneficiaries) shall be responsible for all taxes with respect to any Awards granted under the Plan, whether arising as a result of the grant or payment in respect of the Award or otherwise. The Corporation, the Plan Administrator and the Board make no guarantees to any Person regarding the tax treatment of an Award or issuances of Shares or cash payments made under the Plan and none of the Corporation, the Board, the Plan Administrator or any of the Executives, Employees, Consultants, agents, advisors or representatives of the Corporation or the Subsidiary of the Corporation shall have any liability to a Participant with respect thereto.

#### **6.4 Compliance with the Tax Act**

The terms and conditions applicable to any Award (or portion thereof) granted to a Participant who is subject to taxation under the Tax Act are intended to comply with the Tax Act. Without limiting the foregoing,

- (a) the terms of any such Award (or portion thereof) permitting the deferral of payment or other settlement thereof shall be subject to such requirements and shall be administered in such manner as the Plan Administrator may determine to be necessary or appropriate to comply with the applicable provisions of the Tax Act; and
- (b) any elections allowed to be exercised by a Participant shall be deemed to be void or shall be deemed amended or altered so as not to cause the Award to be considered a “salary deferral arrangement” under the Tax Act, as defined in Section 248(1) of the Tax Act, or create adverse tax consequences under the Tax Act.

#### **6.5 Recoupment**

Notwithstanding any other terms of the 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 a Subsidiary of the Corporation and in effect at the Date of Grant of the Award, 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 6.5 to any Participant or category of Participants.

#### **6.6 No Other Benefit**

- (a) 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 or the value of any Award granted, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant for such purpose.
- (b) The Corporation makes no representations or warranties to Participants with respect to the Plan or any Awards whatsoever. Participants are expressly advised that the value of any Awards issued pursuant to the Plan will fluctuate as the trading price of the Shares fluctuates.
- (c) In seeking the benefits of participation in the Plan, the Participant shall exclusively accept all risks associated with a decline in the trading price of the Shares and all other risks associated with the holding of any Awards.

## ARTICLE 7 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICES

### 7.1 Termination of Participant

Subject to ARTICLE 8 and unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator or as set forth in an Award Agreement:

- (a) where a Participant's employment or services are terminated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation for Cause, then each Award held by the Participant that has not Vested as of the Termination Date is immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. The Plan Administrator, in its discretion, shall determine the effect of all matters and questions relating to whether a Participant has been discharged for Cause. In addition, where a Participant's employment or services are terminated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation for Cause, the Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, determine that all Awards held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date shall immediately become forfeited, cancelled, null and void, failing which, all Awards held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date shall be settled in accordance with Sections 4.4 and 5.5, as applicable, at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) a date determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion; and (ii) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any Award that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period;
- (b) where a Participant ceases to hold office or his or her position, as applicable, by reason of voluntary resignation by the Participant, then each Award held by the Participant that has not Vested as of the Termination Date is immediately forfeited and cancelled as of the Termination Date. All Awards held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date shall be settled in accordance with Sections 4.4 and 5.5, as applicable, at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) a date determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion; and (ii) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any Award that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period;
- (c) where a Participant's employment or services are 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:
  - (i) a portion of any Awards held by the Participant that are not yet Vested shall immediately vest, with such portion to be equal to the number of unvested Awards multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the Termination Date and the denominator of which is the number of days between the Date of Grant and the date the unvested Awards were originally scheduled to vest. For clarity and by way of example, if a Participant's employment is terminated 400 days following the Date of Grant and unvested Awards were originally scheduled to vest 600 days from the Date of Grant, two-thirds of the unvested Awards will immediately vest;



- (ii) subject to Section 7.1(c)(i), any Awards held by the Participant that are not yet Vested at the Termination Date after the application of Section 7.1(c)(i) shall be immediately forfeited to the Corporation; and
- (iii) any Awards held by the Participant that have Vested as of the Termination Date or Vested pursuant to Section 7.1(c)(i) shall be settled in accordance with Sections 4.4 and 5.5, as applicable, at any time during the period that terminates on the earlier of: (i) a date determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion; and (ii) the first anniversary of the Termination Date. Any Award that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period;
- (d) notwithstanding that such date may be prior to the Termination Date, a Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards under the Plan ceases as of the date that: (i) the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, provides the Participant with written notification that the Participant's employment or services are terminated in the circumstances contemplated by this Section 7.1, or (ii) the Participant provides the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, with written notification of the Participant's voluntary resignation;
- (e) unless the Plan Administrator, in its discretion, otherwise determines, at any time and from time to time, Awards shall not be affected by a change of employment 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 an Executive, Employee or Consultant, as applicable, of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation.

## **7.2 Leave of Absence**

If a Participant is on sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence, such Participant shall continue to be deemed a "Participant" for the purposes of an outstanding Award during the period of such leave, provided that it does not exceed 90 days (or such longer period as may be determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion). If the period of leave exceeds 90 days (or such longer period as may be determined by the Plan Administrator in its discretion), the relationship shall be deemed to have been terminated by the Participant voluntarily on the 91st day (or the first day immediately following any period of leave in excess of 90 days as approved by the Plan Administrator) of such leave, unless the Participant's right to reemployment or reengagement of services with the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation, as applicable, is guaranteed by statute or contract.

## **7.3 Death or Disability**

Where a Participant's employment or services are terminated by reason of the death of the Participant or the Participant becomes Disabled, then each Award held by the Participant that has not Vested as of the date of the death or Disability, as applicable, of such Participant shall vest on such date, and be settled in accordance with Sections 4.4 and 5.5, as applicable, at any time during the period that terminates on the first anniversary of the date of the death or Disability of the Participant. Any Award that remains unexercised shall be immediately forfeited upon the termination of such period. A Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of Awards under the Plan ceases as of the date of the death or Disability of the Participant.

## **7.4 Discretion to Permit Acceleration**

Notwithstanding the provisions of this ARTICLE 7, subject to Section 4.3(b) and Section 5.4 and any necessary

Regulatory Approvals, the Plan Administrator may, in its discretion, at any time prior to, or following the events contemplated in ARTICLE 7, permit the acceleration of vesting of any or all Awards, all in the manner and on the terms as may be authorized by the Plan Administrator, and if such discretion is taken and the vesting of any or all Awards occurs, then such Awards will be settled in accordance with Sections 4.4 and 5.5, as applicable.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **EVENTS AFFECTING THE CORPORATION**

#### **8.1 Change in Control**

Except as may be set forth in an employment agreement or other written agreement between the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation and the Participant and subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals:

- (a) Unless determined otherwise by the Plan Administrator, if within 12 months following the completion of a transaction resulting in a Change in Control, (i) a Participant's employment or directorship is terminated by the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation without Cause or (ii) a Participant resigns for Good Reason, without any action by the Plan Administrator, the vesting of all Awards held by such Participant shall immediately accelerate and vest on the date of such Participant's termination or resignation for Good Reason and the Corporation shall settle such Awards in accordance with Section 4.4 and 5.5, as applicable, provided that in the event that any Awards are subject to the satisfaction of Performance Goals, then the vesting of such Awards shall accelerate and vest only to the extent that such Performance Goals have been satisfied, and further provided that if the Performance Goals are, in the Plan Administrator's discretion, capable of being partially performed, then vesting shall be accelerated on a pro rata basis to reflect the degree to which such Performance Goals have been satisfied, as determined solely by the Plan Administrator.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 8.1(a), the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of any Participant, and subject to prior TSXV acceptance, as applicable, take such steps as it deems necessary or desirable in connection with a Change in Control, including, without limitation, to cause: (i) the conversion or exchange of any outstanding Awards into or for, rights or other securities of substantially equivalent value (or greater 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 realizable, or payable; (iii) 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; (iv) 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 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 settlement of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, then such Award may be terminated by the Corporation without payment); (v) the replacement of such Award with other rights or property selected by the Board in its discretion; or (vi) any combination of the foregoing. In taking any of the actions permitted under this Section 8.1(a), the Plan Administrator will not be required to treat all Awards similarly in the transaction.

## 8.2 Triggering Events

Subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan or any Award Agreement, the Plan Administrator may, without the consent of the Participant in question cause all or a portion of any of the Awards granted under the Plan to terminate upon the occurrence of a Triggering Event, provided that the Corporation must give written notice to the Participant in question not less than 10 days prior to the consummation of a Triggering Event so as to permit the Participant the opportunity to exercise the Vested portion of the Awards prior to such termination. Upon the giving of such notice and subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals, all Awards or portions thereof granted under the Plan which the Corporation proposes to terminate shall become immediately exercisable notwithstanding any contingent vesting provision to which such Awards may have otherwise been subject.

## 8.3 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, or in the event of an amalgamation, combination, arrangement, merger or other transaction or reorganization involving the Corporation and occurring by exchange of Shares, by sale or lease of assets or otherwise, that does not constitute a Change in Control, 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 and/or the terms of any Award in order to preserve proportionately the rights and obligations of the Participants holding such Awards, the Plan Administrator may, subject to prior TSXV acceptance, authorize such steps to be taken as it may consider to be equitable and appropriate to that end, including, but not limited to, permitting the immediate vesting of any unvested Awards.

## 8.4 Assumptions of Awards in Acquisitions

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, in connection with a Reverse Takeover, a Change of Business, a Reorganization or an acquisition pursuant to Policy 5.3 – *Acquisitions and Dispositions of Non-Cash Assets* of the TSXV Manual, subject to prior TSXV acceptance, security based compensation of a target Company may be cancelled and replaced with substantially equivalent Awards under the Plan without shareholder approval, provided that: (a) the number of Shares issuable pursuant to the Awards (and their applicable exercise or subscription price) is adjusted in accordance with the share exchange ratio applicable to the particular transaction, regardless of whether the adjusted exercise price is below the current Market Price; and (b) any other applicable policies of the TSXV have been complied with.

## 8.5 No Restriction on Action

The existence of the Plan and of any Awards granted hereunder shall not affect, limit or restrict in any way the right or power of the Corporation, the Board or the Corporation's shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Corporation's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Corporation or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Corporation or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to affect the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise. No Participant or any other Person shall have any claim against any member of the Committee or the Corporation or any Employees, Officers or agents of the Corporation as a result of any such action.

## **8.6 Issue by Corporation of Additional Shares**

Except as expressly provided in this ARTICLE 8, neither the issue by the Corporation of shares of any class or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of any class, nor the conversion 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.

## **8.7 Fractions**

No fractional Shares will be issued pursuant to an Award. Accordingly, if, as a result of any adjustment under this ARTICLE 8 or a dividend equivalent, a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share, the Participant has the right to acquire only the adjusted number of full Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional Shares, which shall be disregarded.

# **ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF THE PLAN**

## **9.1 Amendment, Suspension, or Termination of the Plan**

Subject to any Regulatory Approvals, including, where required, the approval of the TSXV, and to Section 9.2, the Plan Administrator may, from time to time, without notice to or approval of the Participants or 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, 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 Laws or Exchange requirements or as otherwise set out in the Plan.

## **9.2 Shareholder Approval**

Notwithstanding Section 9.1 and subject to any rules of the Exchange, if the Corporation is listed on the TSXV, the approval of shareholders of the Corporation shall be required for any amendment to the Plan except for the following:

- (a) amendments to fix typographical errors; and
- (b) amendments to clarify existing provisions of the Plan and which do not have the effect of altering the scope, nature and intent of such provisions.

# **ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS**

## **10.1 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 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.

## **10.2 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 Executive, Employee or Consultant of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation. Neither the Participant nor such Participant's Personal Representatives shall have any rights whatsoever as a shareholder of the Corporation in respect of Shares issuable pursuant to any Award until the allotment and issuance to such Participant or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of such Participant, of certificates representing such Shares (or in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, receipt of evidence of a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Corporation maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Corporation).

## **10.3 Conflict**

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Plan and the provisions of an Award Agreement, an employment agreement or another written agreement between the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation and a Participant, the provisions of the Plan shall govern.

## **10.4 Anti-Hedging Policy**

By accepting the 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.

## **10.5 No Guarantee of Tax Consequences**

Neither the Plan Administrator nor the Corporation makes any commitment or guarantee that any specific tax treatment will apply or be available to the Participants.

## **10.6 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 consents to such disclosure and authorizes the Corporation to make such disclosure on the Participant's behalf.

## **10.7 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.

## **10.8 Successors and Assigns**

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

### **10.9 Severability**

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

### **10.10 Notices**

All written notices to be given by the Participant to the Corporation shall be delivered by (a) hand or courier, with all fees and postage prepaid, addressed using the information specified below, or designated otherwise by the Corporation in writing; or (b) email to the email address that the parties regularly use to correspond with one another or to any other email address specified by the Corporation in writing to the Participant:

Azarga Metals Corp.  
1 - 15782 Marine Drive  
White Rock, BC, V4B 1E6

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Such notices are, if delivered by hand or by courier, deemed to have been given by the sender and received by the addressee at the time of delivery. Any notice sent by email will be deemed to have been given by the sender and received by the addressee on the first Business Day after it was transmitted. Any notice given by either the Participant or the Corporation is not binding on the recipient thereof until received.

### **10.11 Effective Date and Replacement**

The Plan shall become effective upon the receipt of all required shareholder and regulatory approvals, being the Effective Date.

### **10.12 Governing Law**

The 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 British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

### **10.13 Submission to Jurisdiction**

The Corporation and each Participant irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction in the Province of British Columbia in respect of any action or proceeding relating in any way to the Plan, including with respect to the grant of Awards and any issuance of Shares made in accordance with the Plan.