## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 224(I) of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange") and Multilateral Instrument 52-110 ("NI 52-110") *Audit Committees*, the Company is required to have an Audit Committee comprised of not less than three directors, a majority of whom are not officers, control persons or employees of the Company or an affiliate of the Company. NI 52-110 requires the Company, as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its information circular certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor.

The Audit Committee met formally once during the financial year ended February 29, 2012. The Audit Committee also reviews the interim financial statements regularly on a quarterly basis and discusses these statements with the Company's accountant if necessary. In addition, the interim financial statements are approved by way of an Audit Committee resolution.

#### The Audit Committee's Charter

#### Mandate

The primary function of the audit committee (the "Committee") is to assist the board of directors in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities. The Committee reviews the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and its shareholders and reviews the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting including our auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

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

### Composition

The Committee is comprised of three directors as determined by the Board of Directors, the majority of whom are free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment as a member of the Committee. At least one member of the Committee should have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Committee that are not financially literate will work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices. For the purposes of the Audit Committee Charter, the definition of "financially literate" is the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can presumably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

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

#### Meetings

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

#### Responsibilities and Duties

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Committee shall:

## **Documents/Reports Review**

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

# **External Auditors**

- (a) Review annually, the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable the Board of Directors and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) Recommend to the Board of Directors the selection and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval.
- (c) Review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year-end financial statements and intended template for such statements.
- (d) Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services, provided by the Company's external auditors.

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

## Financial Reporting Processes

- (a) In consultation with the external auditors, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external.
- (b) Consider the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- (c) Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and account principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- (d) Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with management and the external auditors any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- (e) Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- (f) Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- (g) Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- (h) Review certification process.
- (i) Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

## Other

(a) Review any related-party transaction.

The following are the members of the Audit Committee:

	Independent <sup>(1)</sup>	Financially Literate <sup>(1)</sup>
Steven Chan	Y	Y
Alan Campbell	N	Y
Manfred Peschke	Υ	Y

<sup>(1)</sup> As defined by National Instrument 52-110 ("NI 52-110")

The Company is relying on the exemption provided under Section 6.1 of NI 52-110.

## Relevant Education and Experience

Each audit committee member has gained financial literacy through their years of experience serving as directors of several mining and mineral exploration companies and serving on numerous other audit committees. In these positions, each member would be responsible for receiving financial information relating to their company and obtaining an understanding of the balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flows and how these statements are integral in assessing the financial position of the company and its operating results. Each member has significant understanding of the mineral exploration business which the Company engages in and has an appreciation for the relevant accounting principles for that business.

# Audit Committee Oversight

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

## Reliance on Certain Exemptions

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

## Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described above under the heading "External Auditors".