

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**AND** 

# MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

FOR THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS

HYBRID POWER SOLUTIONS INC.

**OF** 

TO BE HELD ON

**OCTOBER 17, 2024** 

**DATED: AUGUST 29, 2024** 



**Hybrid Power Solutions Inc.** 

208-333 Terminal Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia V6A 4C1

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") of the holders of common shares ("Shareholders") of HYBRID POWER SOLUTIONS INC. (the "Company") will be held at 288 Judson St #5, Etobicoke, ON M8Z 5T6 on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive and consider the audited financial statements of the Company, together with the notes thereto and the auditor's report thereon, for the financial year ended May 31, 2024;
- 2. to fix the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at five (5);
- 3. to elect directors of the Company to hold office until the next annual meeting of Shareholders;
- 4. to appoint MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor:
- 5. to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution to approve the Company's omnibus equity incentive compensation plan, including the unallocated entitlements thereunder, as more particularly described in the information circular dated August 29, 2024 (the "Circular") which is attached to this Notice of Meeting; and
- 6. to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The accompanying Circular provides additional information relating to the matters to be dealt with at the Meeting and is deemed to form part of this Notice. Shareholders are advised to review the Circular before voting.

Although no other matters are contemplated, the Meeting may also consider the transaction of such other business, and any permitted amendment to or variation of any matter identified in this Notice, as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Accompanying this Notice and Circular is a (i) form of proxy or voting instruction form – please follow the voting instructions detailed therein, and (ii) financial statements request form.

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") has fixed the close of business on Thursday, August 29, 2024, as the record date (the "**Record Date**") for determining Shareholders who are entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Meeting. Only Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Meeting.

Registered Shareholders unable to attend the Meeting in person and who wish to ensure that their common shares ("Shares") will be voted at the Meeting are requested to complete, date, and sign the enclosed form of proxy, or another suitable form of proxy and deliver it in accordance with the instructions set out in the form of proxy and in the Circular.

Non-registered Shareholders who plan to attend the Meeting must follow the instructions set out in the voting instruction form to ensure that their Shares will be voted at the Meeting. If you hold your Shares in a brokerage account, you are a non-registered Shareholder.

**DATED** at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

/s/ François Renaud-Byrne

François Renaud-Byrne Chief Executive Officer, President, and Director



## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR As at August 29, 2024

## **SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION**

This management information circular (the "Circular") accompanies the notice of annual general meeting (the "Notice") and is furnished to the holders (the "Shareholders" and each, a "Shareholder") of common shares ("Shares") in the capital of Hybrid Power Solutions Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the solicitation by the management of the Company of proxies to be voted at the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of the Shareholders to be held at 288 Judson St #5, Etobicoke, ON M8Z 5T6 on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), and any adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth in the Notice of the Meeting.

#### DATE AND CURRENCY

The information contained in this Circular is as of **August 29**, **2024**. Unless otherwise stated, all amounts herein are in Canadian dollars.

#### NOTICE-AND-ACCESS NOT RELIED UPON

The Company is not relying on the "Notice and Access" delivery procedures outlined in National Instrument 54-101 - *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("NI 54-101") to distribute copies of proxy-related materials in connection with the Meeting. The proxy materials for the Meeting can be found on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca under the Company's profile.

The Circular contains details of matters to be considered at the Meeting. **Please review the Circular before voting.** 

## SECTION 2 - PROXIES AND VOTING RIGHTS

## MANAGEMENT SOLICITATION

The solicitation of proxies by the management of the Company will be conducted by mail and may be supplemented by telephone or other personal contact to be made without special compensation by the directors, officers, and employees of the Company. The Company does not reimburse Shareholders, nominees, or agents for costs incurred in obtaining authorization from their principals to execute forms of proxy. No solicitation will be made by specifically engaged employees or soliciting agents. The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Company.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation other than as contained in this Circular in connection with the solicitation of proxies. If given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company. The delivery of this Circular shall not create, under any circumstances, any implication that there has been no change in the information set forth herein since the date of this Circular. This Circular does not constitute the solicitation of a proxy by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person making such solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer of solicitation.

#### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

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

A Shareholder has the right to appoint a person or company to attend and act for or on behalf of that Shareholder at the Meeting, other than the Management Proxyholders named in the enclosed form of proxy. A proxyholder need not be a Shareholder.

To exercise the right, the Shareholder may do so by striking out the printed names and inserting the name of such other person and, if desired, an alternate to such person, in the blank space provided in the form of proxy. Such Shareholder should notify the nominee of the appointment, obtain the nominee's consent to act as proxy and should provide instruction to the nominee on how the Shareholder's Shares should be voted. The nominee should bring personal identification to the Meeting.

Those Shareholders desiring to be represented at the Meeting by proxy must deposit their respective forms of proxy with the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company by:

- (a) mail or personal delivery to Odyssey Trust Company, Attn: Proxy Department, Suite 702, 67 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M5E 1J8; or
- (b) facsimile to Odyssey Trust Company, Attn: Proxy Department, at 1-800-517-4553 (toll free within Canada and the U.S.) or 416-263-9524 (international); or
- (c) internet at <a href="https://vote.odysseytrust.com">https://vote.odysseytrust.com</a> and clicking on LOGIN. You will require the CONTROL NUMBER printed with your address to the right on your proxy form. If you vote by Internet, do not mail this proxy.

The Company may refuse to recognize any instrument of proxy deposited in writing or by the internet received later than forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays in British Columbia) prior to the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

## VOTING BY PROXY AND EXERCISE OF DISCRETION BY MANAGEMENT PROXYHOLDERS

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

If a Shareholder does not specify a choice and the Shareholder has appointed one of the Management Proxyholders as proxyholder, the Management Proxyholder will vote in favour of the matters specified in the Notice of Meeting and in favour of all other matters proposed by management at the Meeting.

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

#### **NON-REGISTERED HOLDERS**

Only Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Shares or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Most Shareholders of the Company are "non-registered" Shareholders ("Non-Registered Holders") because the Shares they own are not registered in their names but instead 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 trustees or administrators or self-administered RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans); or (b) in the name of a clearing agency (such as CDS Clearing and Depositary Services Inc. or CDS & Co.) of which the Intermediary is a participant. If you purchased your Shares through a broker or otherwise deposited your Shares with your broker, you are likely a Non-Registered Holder.

#### ADVICE TO NON-REGISTERED HOLDERS

The information in this section is of significant importance to many Shareholders, as a substantial number do not hold their Shares in their own name.

In accordance with the requirements set out in NI 54-101, the Company has distributed copies of the Notice of Meeting, this Circular, and the form of proxy/VIF (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 will either:

- (a) be given a form of 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 form of proxy, this form of 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 form of proxy and deposit it with the Transfer Agent 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 a one-page pre-printed form, the proxy authorization will consist of a regular printed proxy form accompanied by a page of instructions, which contains a removable label containing a bar-code and other information. In order for the form of proxy to validly constitute a proxy authorization form, the Non-Registered Holder must remove the label from the instructions and affix it to the form of proxy, properly complete and sign the form of 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, the purpose of this procedure is to permit a Non-Registered Holder to direct the voting of 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 Proxyholder named in the form 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.

There are two types of Non-Registered Holders: (i) those who object to their identity being made known to the issuers of securities which they own ("OBOs"), and (ii) those who do not object to their identity being made known to the issuers of securities which they own ("NOBOs"). Subject to the provisions of NI 54-101, issuers may deliver Meeting Materials directly to NOBOs.

## The Company will not be sending these Meeting Materials directly to NOBOs.

The Company does not intend to pay for Intermediaries to forward to OBOs the Meeting Materials. OBOs will not receive the materials unless the OBO's Intermediary assumes the cost of delivery.

These Meeting Materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities. If you are a non-registered owner, and the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding on your behalf.

#### REVOCATION OF PROXIES

A Shareholder who has submitted a proxy may revoke it at any time prior to the exercise thereof. If a person who has given a proxy attends personally at the Meeting at which such proxy is to be voted, such person may revoke the proxy and vote in person. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a proxy may be revoked by instrument in writing executed by the Shareholder or by the Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing (or if the Shareholder is a corporation, under its seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized), deposited at Odyssey Trust Company, registrar and transfer agent for the Shares, by (a) mail or personal deliver to Odyssey Trust Company, Attn: Proxy Department, Suite 702, 67 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M5E 1J8; or (b) by facsimile to Odyssey Trust Company, Attn: Proxy Department, at 1-800-517-4553 (toll free within Canada and the U.S.) or 416-263-9524 (international), not later than forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays in Ontario) before the Meeting, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof or with the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, and upon either of such deposits, the proxy is revoked.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

The solicitation of proxies involves securities of an issuer located in Canada and is being effected in accordance with the corporate laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, and securities laws of the provinces of Canada. The proxy solicitation rules under the *United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended, are not applicable to the Company or this solicitation, and this solicitation has been prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the securities laws of the provinces of Canada. Shareholders should be aware that disclosure requirements under the securities laws of the provinces of Canada differ from the disclosure requirements under United States securities laws.

The enforcement by Shareholders of civil liabilities under United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Company is incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), certain of its directors and its executive officers are residents of Canada and a substantial portion of its assets and the assets of such persons are located outside the United States. Shareholders may not be able to sue a foreign company or its officers or directors in a foreign court for violations of United States federal securities laws. It may be difficult to compel a foreign company and its officers and directors to subject themselves to a judgement by a United States court.

## SECTION 3 – VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

#### RECORD DATE

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") has fixed Thursday, August 29, 2024, as the record date (the "Record Date") for determination of persons entitled to receive Notice of Meeting. The Company will prepare or cause to be prepared a list of persons recorded as Shareholders as of the close of business on the Record Date, each of whom shall be entitled to vote the Shares shown opposite his/her/its name on the list at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, except to the extent that: (a) any such Shareholder has transferred ownership of any of their Shares subsequent to the Record Date; and (b) the transferee produces properly endorsed Share certificates evidencing the transfer or otherwise establishes that the transferee owns the transferred Shares and demands, not later than ten (10) days before the Meeting, that they be

included on the list of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting, in which case the transferee, instead of the transferor, will be entitled to vote the transferred Shares at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

In addition, persons who are Non-Registered Holders as at the Record Date will be entitled to exercise their voting rights in accordance with the procedures established under NI 54-101. See "Section 2 – Proxies and Voting Rights – Advice to Non-Registered Holders."

#### **VOTING RIGHTS**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Shares without par value. As at the Record Date, there are 77,122,522 Shares issued and outstanding. Each Shareholder is entitled to one vote for each Share registered in his/her/its name. No group of Shareholders has the right to elect a specified number of directors, nor are there cumulative or similar voting rights attached to the Shares.

#### PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SHARES

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company based upon review of the records maintained by the transfer agent of the Company and insider reports filed with the System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders (SEDI), the following holder beneficially owns or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights as at the Record Date.

Shareholder Name	Number of Shares Held	Percentage of Issued Shares
François Renaud-Byrne (1)	23,124,795	29.98%

#### **NOTE:**

#### **QUORUM**

Pursuant to the Articles of the Company, subject to the special rights and restrictions attached to the Shares of any class or series of Shares, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of Shareholders is one person who is a Shareholder, or who is otherwise permitted to vote Shares of the Company at a meeting of Shareholders pursuant to the Company's articles, present in person or by proxy.

## SECTION 4 – PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY KNOWS OF NO OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING OTHER THAN THOSE REFERRED TO IN THE NOTICE OF MEETING. HOWEVER, IF ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE NOT KNOWN TO MANAGEMENT SHOULD PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THE ACCOMPANYING FORM OF PROXY CONFERS DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY UPON THE PERSONS NAMED THEREIN TO VOTE ON SUCH MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR BEST JUDGMENT.

Additional details regarding each of the matters to be acted upon at the Meeting are set forth below.

<sup>(1)</sup> CEO, President, and Director of the Company

## 1. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended May 31, 2024 (the "**Financial Statements**"), together with the notes thereto and the auditor's report, will be presented to Shareholders at the Meeting.

The Financial Statements are available on the SEDAR+ at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a> under the Company's profile.

A copy of the Financial Statements will be available at the Meeting and may also be obtained by a Shareholder upon request without charge from the Company, sent to 208-333 Terminal Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia V6A 4C1 or via email to <a href="mailto:info@hybridps.ca">info@hybridps.ca</a>. The Financial Statements are available online at SEDAR+ at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a> under the Company's profile.

Management will review the Company's financial results at the Meeting and Shareholders and proxyholders will be given an opportunity to discuss these results with management. Shareholder approval is not required and no formal action will be taken at the Meeting to approve the Financial Statements.

#### 2. FIXING THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The Company's constating documents stipulate there shall be not less than three (3) directors. The Board is currently composed of five (5) directors and five (5) directors are proposed for the ensuing year. At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve an ordinary resolution, the text of which is as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED as an ordinary resolution of Shareholders that the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting, to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected or appointed pursuant to the constating documents of the Company, unless their offices are earlier vacated in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) or the Company's constating documents, be and is hereby fixed at five (5)."

In order for the foregoing resolution to be passed, it must be approved by a simple majority of the votes cast by Shareholders in person or by proxy at the Meeting.

Management believes the passing of the above resolution is in the best interests of the Company and recommends Shareholders vote in favour of the ordinary resolutions fixing the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting as set out above. Unless directed to the contrary, it is the intention of the Management Proxyholders named in the enclosed instrument of proxy to vote proxies FOR fixing the number of directors of the Company at five (5).

## 3. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company are elected at each annual meeting of Shareholders and hold office until the close of the next annual meeting, or until their successors are duly elected or appointed, unless their office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Articles of the Company or *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia).

## Nominees for Election

Management of the Company proposes to nominate the persons named in the table below for election by Shareholders as directors of the Company. Each of the nominees, all of whom are current members of the Board, has agreed to stand for election and management of the Company does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

The following table sets out the names of each person proposed to be nominated for election as a director, all major offices and positions with the Company and any of its significant affiliates each now holds, each nominee's principal occupation, business or employment for the five preceding years for new director nominees, the period of time during which each has been a director of the Company and the number of Shares beneficially owned by each, directly or indirectly, or over which each exercised control or direction, as at the Record Date:

Name and Province/Country of Residence and Present Office Held	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment for Last Five Years (1)	Periods During Which Nominee Has Served as a Director	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned, or Controlled or Directed, Directly or Indirectly (2)
Francois Renaud-Byrne Ontario, Canada  President, Chief Executive Officer, & Director	Mr. Byrne is a Professional Engineer and is the CEO and founder of Hybrid Power Solutions Inc.	December 7, 2015 to present	23,124,795
Alexander McAulay British Columbia, Canada Chief Financial Officer & Corporate Secretary	Mr. McAulay is a Charted Professional Accountant providing fractional CFO services and regulatory guidance to assist public companies.	February 8, 2023 to present	597,672

Name and Province/Country of Residence and Present Office Held	Country of and ffice Held  Principal Occupation, Business or Employment for Last Five Years (1)		Number of Shares Beneficially Owned, or Controlled or Directed, Directly or Indirectly (2)
Paul Gorman (3)(4)	Mr. Gorman is the CEO and		
Ontario, Canada	Director of Reflex Advanced	February 8, 2023 to	Nil
	Materials Corp., and	present	1111
Director	Traction Uranium Corp.		
Angelo Catenaro (3) (4)	Mr. Catenaro is the president		
Ontario, Canada	of	February 8, 2023 to	Nil
	E-Mobility Platform for the	present	1111
Director	Eberspaecher Group.		
	Mr. Davidson assists public		
Stephen Davidson (3) (4)	companies communicate		
British Columbia, Canada	with current shareholders	February 24, 2023 to	Nil
	and attract	present	1 411
Director	new investors in Canada,		
	United States, and the UK		

- (1) The information in the table above as to principal occupation and business or employment of director nominees is not within the knowledge of management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees.
- (2) The information as to number of Shares beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, is not within the knowledge of management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees or sourced from information available to the Company from SEDI (<a href="www.sedi.ca">www.sedi.ca</a>) or in reports provided by the transfer agent of the Company.
- (3) Member of the Compensation Committee of the Company.
- (4) Member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

## Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties, and Sanctions

Except as otherwise disclosed below and to the knowledge of the management of the Company, no other proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company:

- (a) is, at the date of this Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that,
  - (i) 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, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (an "Order") that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
  - (ii) was subject to an Order that was issued after the proposed director 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,

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

None of the proposed nominees for election as a director of the Company is proposed for election pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between the nominee and any other person or company, except the directors and executive officers of the Company acting solely in such capacity.

Cease Trade Orders issued against companies while Alexander McAulay was acting as CFO

On May 3, 2021, a management cease trade order was issued against CBD Global Sciences Inc. (CSE: CBDN) for failing to file its audited financial statements and the related management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. On July 23, 2021, the management cease trade order was revoked, and a cease trade order was issued against CBD Global for failing to file its audited and unaudited financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 and the interim period ended March 31, 2021. On September 22, 2021, CBD Global Sciences Inc. received a revocation letter from the Alberta Securities Commission ("ASC"). On June 17, 2020, a cease trade order was issued against CBD Global for failing to file its audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 and the related management's discussion and analysis. The cease trade order was revoked on August 6, 2020 upon CBD Global making the required filings.

On May 3, 2022, a management cease trade order was issued against Vegano Foods Inc. (CSE: VAGN) for failing to file its audited financial statements and the related management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. On June 16, 2022, the cease trade order was revoked upon Vegano Foods Inc. making the required filings.

On May 6, 2022, a failure-to-file cease trade order was issued against Comprehensive Healthcare Systems Inc. (TSXV:CHS) by the ASC and the Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC") as a result of the Company not having filed, on or before May 2, 2022, the annual financial statements, annual management's discussion and analysis and certification of the annual filings for the year ended December 31, 2022. On May 19, 2022,

Comprehensive Healthcare Systems Inc. received a revocation letter from the ASC and OSC upon making the required filings.

A Shareholder may vote for all of the above nominees, vote for some of the above nominees and withhold for other of the above nominees, or withhold for all of the above nominees. Management recommends Shareholders vote in favour of the election of each of the nominees listed above for election as directors of the Company for the ensuing year. Unless directed to the contrary, it is the intention of the Management Proxyholders named in the enclosed instrument of proxy to vote proxies FOR each of the nominees.

#### 4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Shareholders will be asked to vote for the appointment of MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of 1122 International Blvd, 6th Floor, Burlington, ON L7L 6Z8, as auditor of the Company to hold office until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, or until a successor is appointed, and to authorize the directors of the Company to fix the remuneration of the auditor.

MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, has served as auditor of the Company since September 1, 2022.

Management recommends Shareholders vote in favour of the appointment of MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and authorize the Board to fix the auditor's remuneration. Unless directed to the contrary, it is the intention of the Management Proxyholders named in the enclosed instrument of proxy to vote proxies FOR the appointment of MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company until the close of its next annual meeting and to authorize the Board to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditor.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

The Company has established an omnibus equity incentive compensation plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan") pursuant to which stock-based compensation awards (including stock options ("Options"), Share Appreciation Rights ("SARs"), Deferred Share Units ("DSUs"), Restricted Share Units ("RSUs") or Performance Share Units ("PSUs" and, together with Options, SARs, DSUs, RSUs, the "Awards") may be granted to eligible employees, directors, officers, and consultants ("Participants"). The Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the Board on July 25, 2022, and was made effective on November 29, 2023.

Under the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan, the number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options granted thereunder may not, in the aggregate, exceed 10% of the then issued and outstanding Shares on a rolling basis. In addition, the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs issued under the Equity Incentive Plan shall not exceed, in the aggregate, 6,894,700.

For a summary of the material terms of the Equity Incentive Plan, see "Section 5 – Statement of Executive Compensation - Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities" For additional details, see "Section 8 – Other Information - Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans." Any

summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Equity Incentive Plan, which will be available at the Meeting for review by Shareholders and is attached hereto as **Schedule "A"**.

Pursuant to the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE"), within three years after its institution and within every three years thereafter, the Company must obtain shareholder approval for an evergreen plan (also known as a rolling plan) in order to continue to grant awards under such plan. Since the Option component of the Equity Incentive Plan is an evergreen plan, the Company is seeking Shareholder approval for the Equity Incentive Plan.

Also pursuant to the policies of the CSE, Shareholders must pass a resolution specifically approving unallocated entitlements under the Equity Incentive Plan. In addition, the resolution must include the next date by which the Company must seek Shareholder approval for the Equity Incentive Plan, such date being no later than three years from the date such resolution was approved. If Shareholder approval is not obtained for the Equity Incentive Plan within three years of either its institution or subsequent approval, as the case may be, all unallocated entitlements must be cancelled and the Company must not be permitted to grant further entitlements thereunder, until such time as Shareholder approval is obtained. However, all allocated awards under the Equity Incentive Plan, such as Options that have been granted but not yet exercised, can continue unaffected. If Shareholders fail to approve the resolution for the renewal of the Equity Incentive Plan, the Company must forthwith stop granting awards thereunder, even if such renewal approval was sought prior to the end of the three-year period. As such, it is in management's interest that the resolutions being proposed below be approved by the Shareholders.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, an ordinary resolution approving the renewal of the Equity Incentive Plan, and the approval of the unallocated entitlements thereunder.

## Shareholder Approval

The text of the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution to be submitted to Shareholders at the Meeting is set forth below:

## "BE IT RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution of Shareholders, that:

- 1. the renewal of the Equity Incentive Plan as approved by the Board on July 25, 2022, and made effective on November 29, 2023, is hereby confirmed and approved;
- 2. the Options and other Awards issuable under the Equity Incentive Plan, and all unallocated Options and other Awards thereunder are approved, and the Company is hereby authorized to continue to grant such entitlements until October 17, 2027, being the date that is three years from the date of the Shareholder meeting at which Shareholder approval of the Equity Incentive Plan was received;
- 3. the Board is authorized to make such amendments to the Equity Incentive Plan from time to time, in accordance with the terms thereof, as may be required by the applicable regulatory authorities, or as may be considered appropriate by the Board, in its sole discretion, provided always that such

amendments be subject to the approval of the regulatory authorities and/or the approval of the Shareholders, if applicable; and

4. Any one officer of the Company is authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Company, to finalize, sign and/or deliver all documents, to enter into any agreements and to do and perform all acts and things as such individual, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or advisable in order to give effect to the intent of this resolution and the matters authorized hereby, including compliance with all securities laws and regulations and the rules and requirements of the stock exchanges on which the Company's Shares may be listed, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the finalizing, signing or delivery of such document or agreement or the performing of such act or thing."

In order for the foregoing Equity Incentive Plan Resolution to be passed, it must be approved by a simple majority of the votes cast by Shareholders in person or by proxy at the Meeting.

Management of the Company has reviewed the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution, concluded that it is fair and reasonable to the Shareholders and in the best interest of the Company, and recommends Shareholders vote in favour of ratifying, confirming and approving the Equity Incentive Plan and all unallocated Options thereunder. Unless directed to the contrary, it is the intention of the Management Proxyholders named in the enclosed instrument of proxy to vote proxies FOR the Equity Incentive Plan Resolution.

#### 6. OTHER MATTERS

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

## SECTION 5 – STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

## **Objective:**

The objective of this disclosure is to communicate the compensation the Company paid, made payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided to each named executive officer and director for the financial year, and the decision-making process relating to compensation. This disclosure provides insight into executive compensation as a key aspect of the overall stewardship and governance of the Company and will help investors understand how decisions about executive compensation are made.

#### **Definitions:**

For the purpose of this Statement of Executive Compensation:

(a) "company" includes other types of business organizations such as partnerships, trusts and other unincorporated business entities;

- (b) "compensation securities" includes stock options, convertible securities, exchangeable securities and similar instruments including stock appreciation rights, deferred share units and restricted stock units granted or issued by the Company or one of its subsidiaries for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (c) "named executive officer" or "NEO" means each of the following individuals:
  - (i) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer ("CEO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
  - (ii) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer ("CFO"), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO;
  - (iii) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 for that financial year;
  - (iv) each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;
- (d) "plan" includes any plan, contract, authorization, or arrangement, whether or not set out in any formal document, where cash, compensation securities or any other property may be received, whether for one or more persons; and
- (e) "underlying securities" means any securities issuable on conversion, exchange or exercise of compensation securities.

#### **DIRECTOR AND NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION**

During the financial year ended May 31, 2024, the NEOs of the Company were (a) François Renaud-Byrne, who has been CEO and President and a Director of the Company since December 7, 2015; and (b) Alexander McAulay, who has been CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company since July 22, 2022 and Director since February 8, 2024. Individuals serving as Directors, who were not NEOs, of the Company during the financial year ended May 31, 2024 were Paul Gorman, Angelo Catenaro, and Stephen Davidson.

## Director and NEO compensation, excluding options and compensation securities

The following table sets forth all compensation, excluding options and compensation securities, paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company, for the two most recently completed financial years, to each NEO and director of the Company, in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct

and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided to the NEO or director of the Company for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company.

Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities							
Name and position	Year Ended May 31	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Francois Renaud-Byrne (1)	2024	102,237	-	-	-	-	102,237
CEO, President, and Director	2023	50,810	-	-	-	-	50,810
Alexander McAulay (2)	2024	355,289	-	-	-	-	355,289
CFO, Corp Sec, and Director	2023	739,407	-	-	-	-	739,407
Paul Gorman (3)	2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director	2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angelo Catenaro (4)	2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director	2023	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen Davidson (5)	2024	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director	2023	-	-	_	-	-	-

- (1) Mr. Renaud-Byrne became CEO, President, and Director of the Company on December 7, 2015.
- (2) Mr. McAulay became CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company on February 8, 2023 and Director on July 22, 2022. For the year ended May 31, 2023, the Company incurred a total of \$739,407 fees paid/payable to Treewalk Consulting Inc., a consulting firm beneficially owned by Mr. McAulay, for accounting, audit preparation, and audit support services. In addition, Treewalk also provided CFO services, transaction advisory services, and consulting services related to the go public transaction during this period.
- (3) Mr. Gorman became Director of the Company on February 8, 2023.
- (4) Mr. Catenaro became Director of the Company on February 8, 2023.
- (5) Mr. Davidson became Director of the Company on February 24, 2023.

## STOCK OPTIONS AND OTHER COMPENSATION SECURITIES

During the financial year ended May 31, 2024, the following compensation securities were granted or issued to NEOs and directors of the Company, for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or any subsidiary thereof.

Compensation Securities							
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and percentage of class (1)	Date of issue or grant	Exercise price (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security on date of grant (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Expiry date
Francois Renaud-Byrne <sup>(3)</sup> CEO, President, and Director	Options	3,333,838 <sup>(5)</sup> (70.65%)	November 29, 2023	\$0.40	n/a	\$0.21	November 29, 2028

		Underlying Shares: 3,333,838					
Alexander McAulay	Options	(4.51%) 250,000 <sup>(5)</sup> (5.30%) Underlying Shares: 250,000 (0.34%)	November 29, 2023	\$0.40	n/a	\$0.21	November 29, 2028
CFO, Corp Sec, and Director	Shares (4)	375,000 (0.51%)	December 1, 2023	n/a	n/a	\$0.21	n/a
	Warrants (4)	187,500 (0.74%) Underlying Shares: 187,500 (0.25%)	December 1, 2023	\$0.60	n/a	\$0.21	December 1, 2025
Paul Gorman	Options	300,000 <sup>(5)</sup> (6.36%) Underlying Shares: 300,000 (0.41%)	November 29, 2023	\$0.40	n/a	\$0.21	November 29, 2028
Director	Restricted Share Units	300,000 (13.32%) Underlying Shares: 300,000 (0.41%)	November 29, 2023	n/a	n/a	\$0.21	n/a
Angelo Catenaro	Options	250,000 <sup>(5)</sup> (5.30%) Underlying Shares: 250,000 (0.34%)	November 29, 2023	\$0.40	n/a	\$0.21	November 29, 2028
Director	Restricted Share Units	250,000 (11.10%) Underlying Shares: 250,000 (0.34%)	November 29, 2023	n/a	n/a	\$0.21	n/a
Stephen Davidson Director	Options	125,000 <sup>(5)</sup> (2.65%) Underlying Shares: 125,000 (0.17%)	November 29, 2023	\$0.40	n/a	\$0.21	November 29, 2028
	Restricted Share Units	125,000 (5.55%) Underlying Shares: 125,000 (0.17%)	November 29, 2023	n/a	n/a	\$0.21	n/a

- (1) Based on 73,944,665 Shares issued and outstanding, 4,718,838 Options issued and outstanding, 2,251,440 RSUs issued and outstanding, and 25,438,786 Warrants issued and outstanding as at May 31, 2024.
- (2) Financial Year ended May 31, 2024.
- (3) Mr. Renaud-Byrne also holds 9,000,000 Management Performance Warrants exercisable into Shares at an exercise price of \$0.000001 per Share upon attainment of the following milestones: 3,000,000 Performance Warrants vest and are exercisable upon the Company generating \$5,000,000 in revenue within 12 months of its listing date; 3,000,000 Performance Warrants vest and are exercisable upon the Company generating \$10,000,000 in revenue within 24 months of its listing date; 3,000,000 Performance Warrants vest and are exercisable upon the Company generating \$30,000,000 in revenue within 36 months of its listing date.
- (4) Shares and Warrants forming part of 375,000 Units issued to, and forming part of the consideration in, a payment agreement between Treewalk and the Company dated August 28, 2023, whereupon the Company agreed to pay and settle bona-fide debt owed to Treewalk for accounting, financial, and administrative services provided by Treewalk to the Company. Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Warrant Share upon payment of the exercise price of \$0.60 at any time within 24 months from issuance.
- (5) Exercisable at \$0.40 for 5 years from the November 29, 2023, and vesting 25% each 6 months thereafter.

## Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs

During the financial year ended May 31, 2024, the following NEOs and directors of the Company exercised the following compensation securities:

Compensation Securities							
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of underlying shares exercised	Exercise price (\$)	Date of Exercise	Closing price of security on date of exercise (\$)	Difference between exercise price and closing price on date of exercise (\$)	Total value on exercise date (\$)
Paul Gorman Director	Restricted Share Units	25,000	n/a	January 16, 2024	0.50	0.50	12,500
Angelo Catenaro Director	Restricted Share Units	25,000	n/a	January 16, 2024	0.50	0.50	12,500
Stephen Davidson Director	Restricted Share Units	12,500	n/a	January 16, 2024	0.50	0.50	6,250

## **EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

The Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the Board on July 25, 2022, and was made effective on November 29, 2023. Capitalized terms used in the summary below but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Equity Incentive Plan, attached hereto as **Schedule "A"**.

The Equity Incentive Plan is administered by the Board and provides that the Board may from time to time, in its discretion, and in accordance with CSE requirements, grant to eligible Participants, non-transferable Awards. Such Awards include Options, RSUs, SARs, DSUs and PSUs.

The number of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Options granted under the Equity Incentive Plan will not, in the aggregate, exceed 10% of the then issued and outstanding Shares on a rolling basis. In addition, the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs issued under the Equity Incentive Plan shall not exceed, in the aggregate, 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares as of the Effective Date of the Equity Incentive Plan.

The maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding Shares, unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained, or 2% in the case of a grant of Awards to any consultant or persons (in the aggregate) retained to provide Investor Relations Activities (as defined by the CSE). Further, unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained: (i) the maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to insiders of the Company (as a group) at any point in time shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Shares; and (ii) the aggregate number of Awards granted

to insiders of the Company (as a group), within any 12-month period, shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Shares.

On a Change of Control (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) of the Company, the Board shall have discretion as to the treatment of Awards, including whether to (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit, the vesting date of any Awards; (ii) permit the conditional exercise of any Awards, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of any Awards; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of a Change of Control, on such terms as it sees fit, the Awards not exercised prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control. If there is a Change of Control, any Awards held by a Participant shall automatically vest following such Change of Control, on the Termination Date (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan), if the Participant is an employee, officer or a director and their employment, or officer or director position is terminated or they resign for Good Reason (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) within 12 months following the Change of Control, provided that no acceleration of Awards shall occur in the case of a Participant that was retained to provide Investor Relations Activities unless the approval of the CSE is either obtained or not required.

The following is a summary of the various types of Awards issuable under the Equity Incentive Plan.

## **Options**

Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the expiry date of each Option. Subject to a limited extension if an Option expires during a Black Out Period (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan), Options may be exercised for a period of up to ten years after the grant date, provided that: (i) upon a Participant's termination for Cause (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan), all Options, whether vested or not as at the Termination Date will automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited; (ii) upon the death of a Participant, all unvested Options as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Equity Incentive Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; (iii) in the case of the Disability (as defined in the Equity Incentive Plan) of a Participant, all Options shall remain and continue to vest (and are exercisable) in accordance with the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised (whether vested or not) within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date; (iv) in the case of the retirement of a Participant, the Board shall have discretion, with respect to such Options, to determine whether to accelerate the vesting of such Options, cancel such Options with or without payment and determine how long, if at all, such Options may remain outstanding following the Termination Date, provided, however, that in no event shall such Options be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date; (v) subject to paragraph (vi) below, in all other cases where a Participant ceases to be eligible under the Equity Incentive Plan, including a termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation, unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested Options shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited as of the Termination Date, and all vested Options will continue to be subject to the Equity Incentive Plan and be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date; and (vi) notwithstanding paragraphs (i)- (v), in connection with the resignation of the Participants holding options to purchase Shares granted to the directors and officers of the Company under the Equity Incentive Plan, such options shall be exercisable for a period of 90 months after the Termination Date.

The exercise price of the Options will be determined by the Board at the time any Option is granted. In no event will such exercise price be lower than the last closing price of the Shares on the CSE less any discount permitted by the rules or policies of the CSE at the time the Option is granted. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, Options shall vest equally over a four year period such that ½ of the Options shall vest on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the date that the Options were granted.

#### Restricted Share Units

Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the expiry date of each RSU. Subject to a limited extension if an RSU expires during a Black Out Period, RSUs may vest and be paid out for a period of up to three years after the grant date, provided that: (i) upon a Participant's termination for Cause, all RSUs, whether vested (if not yet paid out) or not as at the Termination Date will automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited; (ii) upon the death of a Participant, all unvested RSUs as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest and be paid out; (iii) in the case of the Disability of a Participant, all RSUs shall remain and continue to vest in accordance with the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any RSUs that have not been vested within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date; (iv) in the case of the retirement of a Participant, the Board shall have discretion, with respect to such RSUs, to determine whether to accelerate the vesting of such RSUs, cancel such RSUs with or without payment and determine how long, if at all, such RSUs may remain outstanding following the Termination Date, provided, however, that in no event shall such RSUs be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date; and (v) in all other cases where a Participant ceases to be eligible under the Equity Incentive Plan, including a termination without Cause or a voluntary resignation, unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested RSUs shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited as of the Termination Date, and all vested RSUs will be paid out in accordance with the Equity Incentive Plan.

The number of RSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each RSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of vesting for each RSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of RSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Shares. In the event settlement is made by payment in cash, such payment shall be made by the earlier of (i)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to any vesting restrictions imposed by the CSE, or as may otherwise be determined by the Board at the time of grant, RSUs shall vest equally over a three year period such that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the RSUs shall vest on the first, second and third anniversary dates of the date that the RSUs were granted.

## Share Appreciation Rights

SARs may be issued together with Options or as standalone awards. Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount representing the difference between the fair market value of the underlying Shares on the date of exercise over the grant price of the SAR. At the discretion of the Board, the payment upon the exercise of a SAR may be in cash,

Shares of equivalent value, in some combination thereof, or in any other form approved by the Board in its sole discretion. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each SAR. Subject to a limited extension if a SAR expires during a Black Out Period, SARs will not be exercisable later than the tenth anniversary date of its grant. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of SARs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan.

## Deferred Share Units

The number and terms of DSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each DSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of settlement for each DSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Common Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of DSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Shares. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each DSU, provided that if a DSU would otherwise settle or expire during a Black Out Period, the Board may extend such date. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of DSUs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan.

#### Performance Share Units

The number and terms (including applicable performance criteria) of PSUs to be issued to any Participant will be determined by the Board at the time of grant. Each PSU will entitle the holder to receive at the time of settlement for each PSU held, either one Common Share or a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a Share or a combination of the two, at the election of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine that holders of PSUs be credited with consideration equivalent to dividends declared by the Board and paid on outstanding Shares. Subject to any requirements of the CSE, the Board may determine the vesting terms and expiry date of each PSU, provided that in no event will delivery of Shares or payment of any cash amounts be made later than the earlier of (i)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months after the close of the year in which the performance conditions or restrictions are satisfied or lapse, and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date. Subject to compliance with the rules of the CSE, the Board may determine, at the time of grant, the treatment of PSUs upon a Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan.

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

In determining the compensation to be paid or awarded to its executives, the Board seeks to encourage the advancement of the Company's business, with a view to enhancing shareholder value. To achieve these objectives, the Company believes it is critical to create and maintain a compensation program that attracts and retains committed and highly qualified personnel by providing appropriate rewards and incentives that align the interest of its executives with those of its shareholders. In addition, as the Company operates with limited financial resources, the Board needs to consider not only the Company's financial situation at the

time of determining executive compensation but also the Company's estimated financial situation in the mid and long term.

The Company's executive compensation program consists of a combination of base salary and long-term incentives in the form of participation in the Equity Incentive Plan. In making its determinations regarding the various elements of executive Awards, the Company will seek to meet the following objectives:

- (a) to attract, retain and motivate talented executives who create and sustain the Company's continued success within the context of compensation paid by other companies of comparable size engaged in similar business in appropriate regions;
- (b) to align the interests of the NEOs with the interests of the Company's shareholders; and
- (c) to incentivize extraordinary performance from key employees.

## Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Board determines director and NEO compensation based on the recommendations of the Compensation Committee.

While the Board is ultimately responsible for determining all forms of compensation to be awarded to the CEO, other executive officers and directors, the Compensation Committee will, when appropriate, review the Company's compensation philosophy, policies, plans and guidelines and recommend any changes to the Board.

## Base Salary

The base salary for each executive is established by the Board, based upon the position held by such executive, competitive market conditions, such executive's related responsibilities, experience and the NEO's skill base, the functions performed by such executive and the salary ranges for similar positions in comparable companies. Individual and corporate performance will also be taken into account in determining base salary levels for executives.

#### Cash Bonuses

Cash bonuses do not form a normal part of the Company's executive compensation. However, the Company may elect to utilize such incentives where the role-related context and competitive environment suggest that such a compensation modality is appropriate. When and if utilized, the amount of cash bonus compensation will normally be paid on the basis of timely achievement of specific pre-agreed milestones. Each milestone will be selected based upon consideration of its impact on shareholder value creation and the ability of the Company to achieve the milestone during a specific interval. The amount of bonus compensation will be determined based upon achievement of the milestone, its importance to the Company's near and long-term goals at the time such bonus is being considered, the bonus compensation awarded to similarly situated executives in similarly situated companies or any other factors the Board may consider appropriate at the time such performance-based bonuses are decided upon.

## **Compensation Securities**

Compensation securities pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan are a key compensation element for the Company. Compensation securities are an important component of aligning the objectives of the Company's executive officers and consultants with those of Shareholders, while encouraging them to remain associated with the Company. The precise amount of compensation securities to be offered will be governed by the importance of the role within the Company, by the competitive environment within which the Company operates, and by the regulatory limits on compensation security grants that cover organizations such as the Company. When considering an award of compensation securities to an executive officer, consideration of the number of compensation securities previously granted to the executive may be taken into account.

## EMPLOYMENT, CONSULTING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

## CEO Agreement

François Renaud-Byrne provides his services as chief executive officer on a full-time basis to the Company pursuant to an employment agreement dated effective April 6, 2023 (the "CEO Agreement"). Mr. Byrne is required to report to the Board of Directors and to keep the Board informed of all relevant matters concerning his services. Mr. Byrne must act faithfully, honestly and diligently, use his best efforts to promote the best interests of the Company, and utilize maximum professional skill and care to ensure that his services are rendered to the satisfaction of the Company. Under the CEO Agreement, the Company pays Mr. Byrne an annual base salary of \$150,000 and reimburses Mr. Byrne for documented expenses he reasonably incurs. Mr. Byrne is also eligible for a bonus based on criteria and milestones set by the Board for Mr. Byrne from time to time, and is also eligible to receive Options or such other awards issuable under the Plan to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion acting in good faith from time to time. Mr. Byrne is subject to confidentiality obligations under the CEO Agreement, and the CEO Agreement is terminable by Mr. Byrne on four weeks' advance written notice.

## **Consulting Agreements**

The Company entered into a consulting agreement dated February 23, 2022, with Treewalk Consulting Inc. (formerly, ACM Management Inc.) ("Treewalk"), pursuant to which Treewalk provides to the Company accounting, financial, and administrative services including interim controllership, temporary accounting services, audit preparation, and budgeting analysis services (the "Treewalk Agreement"). These services are provided to the Company upon request and consulting fees are determined based on the hours spent by and the hourly rates of Treewalk. Treewalk is a private British Columbia company beneficially owned by Alex McAulay.

The Company entered into a consulting agreement dated March 6, 2023 (the "Consulting Agreement") with Atlas Strategic Investors Inc. pursuant to which the Company agreed to engage the Consultant on nonexclusive basis to act as a member of the Strategic Advisory Committee (the "Strategic Advisory Services"), on a part-time basis. In consideration for the Strategic Advisory Services, the Consultant will be eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan, and the Company may grant stock options or other awards to the Consultant at the sole discretion of the Board. The term of the Consulting Agreement will be

one year, unless earlier terminated by the Company in accordance with the Consulting Agreement. The Consulting Agreement will automatically renew each year until terminated by the Company in accordance with the Consulting Agreement. The Consultant is subject to confidentiality obligations under the Consulting Agreement.

## **Director Services Agreements**

The Company entered into director services agreement dated April 5, 2023 (the "Director Agreements") with each of the current directors of the Company, other than Mr. Byrne and Mr. McAulay. Pursuant to the Director Agreements, the directors will, during their term as a director of the Company, discharge their duties as a director of the Company with the care and competence reasonably expected of an individual in similar circumstances, including without limitation the duties set forth in the BCBCA, the Articles of the Company and the regulations promulgated thereunder and the policies of any stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed from time to time, in each case as amended from time to time. Provided that the director is not an executive officer of the Company or is otherwise receiving a salary under the terms of an employment agreement or a cash fee under the terms of a consulting agreement with the Company at the relevant time, the Company will pay director's fees to the director, or as otherwise directed by the director, an annual fee of \$12,000 per year commencing on listing date. The directors will be eligible to participate in the Equity Incentive Plan, and the Company may grant stock options or other awards to the directors at the sole discretion of the Board. The directors are subject to confidentiality obligations and non-solicitation clauses under the Director Agreements.

## Termination and Change of Control Benefits

The Company may terminate the CEO Agreement without cause by providing Mr. Byrne payment equal to (i) twenty-four (24) months' worth of salary; (ii) twenty-four (24) months' worth of car allowance payments; (iii) two years worth of bonuses, calculated based on the highest annual bonus paid by the Company to Mr. Byrne in the last three years prior to termination, subject to pro-rating any bonus paid by the Company to the Mr. Byrne during the year in which he was terminated; and (iv) benefit continuance or compensation in lieu thereof during the twenty four month period. In the event of a change of control, if Mr. Byrne is terminated by the Company or its successor without cause, or Mr. Byrne terminates the agreement by reason of reduced pay, a fundamental change in job description, or any of significant change to the conditions of employment, then Mr. Byrne will be entitled to the same renumeration as set out above as if the Company had terminated him without cause.

Pursuant to the terms of the Treewalk Agreement, the Company or Treewalk may terminate the agreement immediately for failure of the other party to meet its obligations thereunder. Should the Company terminate the Treewalk Agreement without cause before the services have been fully provided, the Company will compensate Treewalk in accordance with the terms of the Treewalk Agreement for the services provided and expenses incurred through the effective date of termination.

## PENSION PLAN BENEFITS

The Company does not have in place any pension plans that provide for payments or benefits at, following, or in connection with retirement.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

The full text of the Company's Audit Committee Charter is attached as **Schedule "B"** to this Circular.

#### COMPOSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company's Audit Committee is composed of the following: Paul Gorman, Angelo Catenaro, and Stephen Davidson.

#### RELEVANT EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Each member of the Company's Audit Committee has adequate education and experience that is relevant to his performance as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, the requisite education and experience that have provided the member with: (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and the ability to assess the general application of such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and provisions; (b) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements, or experience actively supervising individuals engaged in such activities; and (c) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

#### Paul Gorman

Paul Gorman is a Toronto based corporate specialist with over 25 years of experience in emerging growth companies, taking companies public and assessing asset viability. Mr. Gorman has been the President and Managing Partner of Riverbank Capital Inc. for 18 years, a Merchant Bank working with small-cap companies to assist them in financing, revenue development and initiating well-defined marketing programs. Paul's responsibilities have also included raising capital as well as promoting the companies to the investment community and writing strategic plans for business growth. Mr. Gorman founded Mega Graphite Inc. in 2009 and has served as CEO for three other companies. Mr. Gorman has been a director of seven different public companies over the past 20 years and is the current audit committee chair for Reflect Advanced Materials Corp. (CSE:RFLX). As such, Mr. Gorman is familiar with financial statements and complex accounting issues and is financially literate.

## Angelo Catenaro

Mr. Catenaro's key function as President of the business unit at Eberspaecher Group is presenting financial performance to senior management on a monthly basis. Mr. Catenaro is responsible for explaining any deviation from the business plan in terms of revenue, profits, gross margins, TWC and other KPI's. On an annual basis, Mr. Catenaro is responsible for putting together a business plan that encompasses all aspects of the organization and must review it every 4 months to identify any new risks or opportunities to the plan. As the Compliance Officer of the business unit, Mr. Catenaro is also responsible for all compliance issues and/or policies. Lastly, Mr.Catenaro was part of the audit teams when Vecture Inc. was purchased by the

Eberspaecher Group in 2016. As such, Mr. Catenaro is familiar with financial statements and complex accounting issues and is financially literate.

## Stephen Davidson

Over the past decade, Stephen Davidson has worked closely with hundreds of Canadian publicly traded companies on investor relations and marketing initiatives. Through his past roles with investor outreach to retail investors, to his current role connecting public companies to Family Office investors, a significant amount of due diligence is done on each company before the client is signed on. This due diligence requires an in-depth understanding of how to read and understand the companies' financial statements and the account principals on which they are based, collecting personal and professional references on the management team, and coaching companies on how to effectively communicate with new and current shareholders. Mr. Davidson holds a diploma in marketing from Douglas College. As such, Mr. Davidson is familiar with financial statements and complex accounting issues and is financially literate.

In addition to the foregoing, the Company also makes third party experts available to its audit committee members, including representatives of the Company's auditors, to address any questions the committee members may have regarding the preparation of the Company's financial statements.

Paul Gorman was appointed the Audit Committee Chair.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial period, has a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not been adopted by the Board.

## **RELIANCE ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial period, the Company has not relied on the exemptions contained in Section 2.4, 6.1.1(4), 6.1.1(5), 6.1.1(6), or Part 8 of NI 52-110.

#### PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Audit Committee has not adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

## EXTERNAL AUDITOR SERVICE FEES (BY CATEGORY)

Set forth below are details of certain service fees paid to the Company's external auditor in each of the last two fiscal years for audit services:

Financial Year Ending May 31	Audit Fees (1) (\$)	Audit-Related Fees (2) (\$)	Tax Fees (3) (\$)	All Other Fees (4) (\$)
2024	110,000	10,000		60,000
2023	110,000	-	14,500	32,500

#### NOTE(S):

- "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of the Company's consolidated financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- (2) "Audit-Related Fees" include services that are traditionally performed by the auditor. These audit-related services include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- (3) "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees". This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
- (4) "All Other Fees" include all other non-audit services, other then for services reported under (1), (2) and (3) above.

#### **SECTION 7 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### **GENERAL**

Pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("NI 58-101"), the Company is required to disclose its corporate governance practices. Corporate governance relates to the policies, structure, and activities of a board of directors of a corporation, the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the shareholders of the corporation, and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the board of directors and who are charged with the day-to-day management of the corporation.

National Policy 58-201 - Corporate Governance Guidelines ("NP 58-201") establishes corporate governance guidelines which apply to all public companies. These guidelines are not intended to be prescriptive but to be used by issuers in developing their own corporate governance practices.

Corporate governance encourages establishing a reasonable degree of independence of the board of directors from executive management and the adoption of policies to ensure the board of directors recognizes the principles of good management. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices, as such practices are both in the interests of Shareholders and help to contribute to effective and efficient decision-making and believes the Company's system of corporate governance meets or exceeds the majority of the guidelines and requirements contained in NP 58-201.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Directors are considered to be independent if they have no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A material relationship is a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment. The independent members of the Board at present are Paul Gorman, Angelo Catenaro, and Stephen Davidson. The non-independent members of the Board at present are François Renaud-Byrne (the CEO of the Company) and Alexander McAulay (the CFO of the Company).

The Board facilitates its independent supervision over management by having regular Board meetings and by establishing and implementing prudent corporate governance policies and procedures.

#### **DIRECTORSHIPS IN OTHER REPORTING ISSUERS**

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

Name of Director	Other Reporting Issuer (or the equivalent) (1)	Name of Trading Market
	Newpath Resources Inc.	CSE
Alexander McAulay	BluSky Carbon Inc.	CSE
	Lite Access Technologies Inc.	TSX-V
	Hybrid Power Solutions Inc.	CSE
David Common	Reflex Advanced Materials Corp.	CSE
Paul Gorman	Traction Uranium Corp.	CSE

<sup>(1)</sup> The information in the table above as to other directorships is not within the knowledge of management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective director(s).

#### **ORIENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Board does not have a formal policy relating to the orientation of new directors and continuing education for directors. The appointment of a new director is a relatively infrequent event in the Company's affairs, and each situation is addressed on its merits on a case-by-case basis. The Company has a relatively restricted scope of operations, and most candidates for Board positions will likely have past experience in the technology industry; they will likely be familiar with the operations of a solar and power technology company of the size and complexity of the Company. The Board, with the assistance of counsel, keeps itself appraised of changes in the duties and responsibilities of directors and deals with material changes of those duties and responsibilities as and when the circumstances warrant. The Board will implement an informal orientation program for new directors that suits their relative experiences. The Board will evaluate these positions, and if changes appear to be justified, formal policies will be developed and followed. Board meetings are generally held online and, from time to time, are combined with presentations by management to give the directors additional insight into the Company's business. In addition, management makes itself available for discussion with the Board members.

## ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation and the common law and the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

## NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

The Board will consider its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of views and experience. The Board does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole.

However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

## **COMPENSATION**

Management will conduct an annual review of the compensation of the Company's directors and executive officers and make recommendations to the Board. The Board, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, determines compensation for the directors and executive officers.

#### **OTHER BOARD COMMITTEES**

The only committees of the Board of the Company are the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") and the compensation committee (the "Compensation Committee") and the strategic advisory committee (the "Strategic Advisory Committee"). The Audit Committee of the Company consists of Paul Gorman (Chair), Angelo Catenaro, and Stephen Davidson. The Compensation Committee of the Company consists of Paul Gorman (Chair), Angelo Catenaro, and Stephen Davidson. The Strategic Advisory Committee is comprised of Atlas Strategic Advisors Inc. (the "Consultant"). The Consultant is a consulting firm that is beneficially owned by Amin Massoudi.

## **BOARD ASSESSMENTS**

The Company does not conduct formal assessments of the Board or its committees as it is at an early stage of development and believes that it can assess Board and committee performance informally through discussions at Board meetings, with input from management.

#### **SECTION 8 - OTHER INFORMATION**

## SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER THE EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

The Company's Equity Incentive Plan comprises a i) 10% rolling stock option component, and ii) a fixed component, pursuant to which the Company is permitted to issue up to 6,894,700 Shares pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs issued under the Equity Incentive Plan. See "Section 4 – Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Approval of Stock Option Plan" and "Section 5 - Statement of Executive Compensation – Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities".

The following table provides information as at May 31, 2024, regarding the number of Shares to be issued pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted- average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column a)  (c) (2)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Equity compensation plans not	4,718,838 Shares upon the exercise of outstanding Options	\$0.40	2,675,628
approved by securityholders (1)	2,251,440 Shares upon the conversion of outstanding RSUs	N/A	1,455,760
Total:			

<sup>(1)</sup> The Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the Board on July 25, 2022, and was made effective on November 29, 2023, but has not yet been approved by the Shareholders. Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to approve the Equity Incentive Plan, see "Particulars of Matters to Be Acted Upon - Approval of Equity Incentive Plan".

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Other than "routine indebtedness" as defined in applicable securities legislation, since the beginning of the financial year ended May 31, 2024, none of:

- (a) the executive officers, directors, employees and former executive officers, directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) the proposed nominees for election as a director of the Company; or
- (c) any associates of the foregoing persons;

is or has been indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or has been indebted to any other entity where that indebtedness was 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, and which was not entirely repaid on or before the date of this Circular.

#### INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Except as disclosed herein, no director or executive officer of the Company, nor any person who has held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company, nor any proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors and the approval of the Stock Option Plan, all described in this Circular.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on 73,944,665 Common Shares issued and outstanding as at May 31, 2024.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as disclosed herein or in the Company's financial statements, no informed person of the Company, or proposed director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

An "informed person" means: (a) a director or executive officer of the Company; (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of the Company; (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of the Company or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and (d) the Company itself, if and for so long as it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its shares.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year ended May 31, 2024, management functions of the Company are not, and have not been, to any substantial degree performed by any person other than the executive officers and directors of the Company. See Section 5 - Statement of Executive Compensation – Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements".

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Financial information about the Company is included in the Company's comparative annual financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended May 31, 2024, and 2023, which have been electronically filed with regulators and are available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>. Copies may be obtained without charge upon request to the Company at 208-333 Terminal Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6A 4C1 - telephone +1 (866) 549-2743 - email: <a href="mailto:info@hybridps.ca">info@hybridps.ca</a>.

You may also access the Company's other public disclosure documents online under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

## **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* sets out the procedures for a Shareholder to receive financial statements. If you wish to receive financial statements, you may use the enclosed form of proxy or provide instructions in any other written format.

## APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The contents of this Circular have been approved and the delivery of it to each Shareholder entitled thereto and to the appropriate regulatory agencies has been authorized by the Board.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 29th day of August 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

## HYBRID POWER SOLUTIONS INC.

/s/ François Renaud-Byrne

François Renaud-Byrne Chief Executive Officer, President, and Director

#### Schedule "A"

#### HYBRID POWER SOLUTIONS INC.

## 2022 OMNIBUS EQUITY INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN

# ARTICLE 1 ESTABLISHMENT, PURPOSE AND DURATION

1.1 <u>Establishment of the Plan</u>. The following is the omnibus equity incentive compensation plan of Hybrid Power Solutions Inc. (the "**Company**") pursuant to which stock based compensation Awards (as defined below) may be granted to eligible Participants (as defined below). The name of the plan is the 2022 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan (the "**Plan**").

The Plan permits the grant of Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Restricted Share Units, Deferred Share Units and Performance Share Units (as such terms are defined below). The Plan was adopted by the Board (as defined below) on July 25, 2022 and will be effective on November 29, 2023 (the "Effective Date") and approved by the Shareholders of the Company on July 25, 2022.

1.2 <u>Purpose of the Plan</u>. The purposes of the Plan are to: (i) provide the Company with a mechanism to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants, (ii) align the interests of Participants with that of other shareholders of the Company generally, and (iii) enable and encourage Participants to participate in the long-term growth of the Company through the acquisition of Shares (as defined below) as long-term investments.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Whenever used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, and when such meaning is intended, such term shall be capitalized.

- "Affiliate" means any corporation, partnership or other entity (i) in which the Company, directly or indirectly, has majority ownership interest or (ii) which the Company controls. For the purposes of this definition, the Company is deemed to "control" such corporation, partnership or other entity if the Company possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such corporation, partnership or other entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and includes a corporation which is considered to be a subsidiary for purposes of consolidation under International Financial Reporting Standards.
- "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Share Appreciation Rights, Deferred Share Units, Restricted Share Units or Performance Share Units, in each case subject to the terms of the Plan.
- "Award Agreement" means either (i) a written agreement entered into by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to Awards granted under the Plan; or (ii) a written statement issued by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to a Participant describing the terms and provisions of such Award. All Award Agreements shall be deemed to incorporate

the provisions of the Plan. An Award Agreement need not be identical to other Award Agreements either in form or substance.

"BCSA" means the Securities Act (British Columbia), as may be amended from time to time.

"Blackout Period" means a period of time during which the Participant cannot sell Shares, due to applicable law or policies of the Company in respect of insider trading.

"Board" or "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company as may be constituted from time to time.

"Cause" means (i) if the Participant has a written agreement pursuant to which he or she offers his or her services to the Company and the term "cause" is defined in such agreement, "cause" as defined in such agreement; or otherwise (ii) (A) the inability of the Participant to perform his or her duties due to a legal impediment such as an injunction, restraining order or other type of judicial judgment, decree or order entered against the Participant; (B) the failure of the Participant to follow the Company's reasonable instructions with respect to the performance of his or her duties; (C) any material breach by the Participant of his or her obligations under any code of ethics, any other code of business conduct or any lawful policies or procedures of the Company; (D) excessive absenteeism, flagrant neglect of duties, serious misconduct, or conviction of crime or fraud; and (E) any other act or omission of the Participant which would in law permit an employer to, without notice or payment in lieu of notice, terminate the employment of an employee.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

- (i) a consolidation, merger, amalgamation, arrangement or other reorganization or acquisition involving the Company as a result of which the holders of Shares prior to the completion of the transaction hold or beneficially own, directly or indirectly, less than 50% of the outstanding Voting Securities of the successor corporation after completion of the transaction:
- (ii) the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries to any other person or entity, other than a disposition to a wholly-owned subsidiary in the course of a reorganization of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries:
- (iii) a resolution is adopted to wind-up, dissolve or liquidate the Company;
- (iv) an acquisition by any person, entity or group of persons or entities acting jointly or in concert of beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the Shares; or
- (v) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that a Change of Control as defined herein has occurred or is imminent.

"Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor thereto.

- "Committee" means the Board of Directors or if so delegated in whole or in part by the Board, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, or any other duly authorized committee of the Board appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.
- "Company" means Hybrid Power Solutions Inc.
- "Consultant" means, in relation to the Company, an individual (other than an Employee or a Director of the Company) or company that: (a) is engaged to provide on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Issuer or to an Affiliate of the Company, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of securities; (b) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or an Affiliate and the individual or the company, as the case may be; (c) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company; and (d) has a relationship with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Company.
- "CSE" means the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE) and at any time the Shares are not listed and posted for trading on the CSE, shall be deemed to mean such other stock exchange or trading platform upon which the Shares trade and which has been designated by the Committee.
- "Deferred Share Unit" or "DSU" means an Award denominated in units that provides the holder thereof with a right to receive Shares or cash or a combination thereof upon settlement of the Award, granted under and subject to the terms of the Plan.
- "Director" means any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- "Disability" means the disability of the Participant which would entitle the Participant to receive disability benefits pursuant to the long-term disability plan of the Company (if one exists) then covering the Participant, provided that the Board may, in its sole discretion, determine that, notwithstanding the provisions of any such long-term disability plan, the Participant is permanently disabled for the purposes of the Plan.
- "Dividend Equivalent" means a right with respect to an Award to receive cash, Shares or other property equal in value and form to dividends declared by the Board and paid with respect to outstanding Shares. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement, and if specifically provided for in the Award Agreement shall be subject to such terms and conditions set forth in the Award Agreement as the Committee shall determine.
- **Employee**" means any employee or officer of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company. Directors who are not otherwise employed by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall not be considered Employees under the Plan.
- "FMV" means, unless otherwise required by any applicable provision of the Code or any regulations thereunder or by any applicable accounting standard for the Company's desired accounting for Awards or by the rules of the CSE, a price that is determined by the Committee, provided that as long as the Company

is listed on the CSE such price cannot be less than the last closing price of the Shares on the CSE less any discount permitted by the rules or policies of the CSE.

"Freestanding SAR" means a SAR that is not a Tandem SAR, as described herein.

"Good Reason" a resignation or Retirement following a Change of Control shall be considered to be for good reason if any of the following occur without the consent of the Participant:

- (i) A substantial and detrimental alteration of his or her position or title or in the nature or status of his or her responsibilities from those in effect immediately prior to the Change of Control,
- (ii) A reduction of 10% or more of his or her base salary or target bonus and cancellation of applicable compensation plans and the failure to replace those plans with substantially comparable plans;
- (iii) The failure to continue to provide employment benefits and perquisites comparable to those enjoyed immediately prior to the Change of Control; or
- (iv) The Participant being relocated to an office or location that is 50 kilometres or more from the current location where he or she is employed.

"Grant Price" means the price against which the amount payable is determined upon exercise of a SAR.

"Insider" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 1(1) of the BCSA.

"ITA" means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

"Non-Employee Director" means a Director who is not an Employee.

"Notice Period" means any period of contractual notice or reasonable notice that the Company or an Affiliate of the Company may be required at law, by contract or otherwise agrees to provide to a Participant upon termination of employment, whether or not the Company or Affiliate elects to pay severance *in lieu* of providing notice to the Participant, provided that where a Participant's employment contract provides for an increased severance or termination payment in the event of termination following a Change of Control, the Notice Period for the purposes of the Plan shall be the Notice Period under such contract applicable to a termination which does not follow a Change of Control.

"Option" means the conditional right to purchase Shares at a stated Option Price for a specified period of time subject to the terms of the Plan.

"Option Price" means the price at which a Share may be purchased by a Participant pursuant to an Option, as determined by the Committee.

"Participant" means an Employee, Non-Employee Director or Consultant who has been selected to receive an Award, or who has an outstanding Award granted under the Plan.

"Performance Period" means the period of time during which the assigned performance criteria must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award.

- "Performance Share Unit" or "PSU" means an Award granted under 0 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan, denominated in units, the value of which at the time it is payable is determined as a function of the extent to which corresponding performance criteria have been achieved.
- "**Period of Restriction**" means the period when an Award of Restricted Share Units is subject to forfeiture based on the passage of time, the achievement of performance criteria, and/or upon the occurrence of other events as determined by the Committee, in its discretion.
- "Person" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 1(1) of the BCSA.
- "Restricted Share Unit" or "RSU" means an Award denominated in units subject to a Period of Restriction, with a right to receive Shares or cash or a combination thereof upon settlement of the Award, granted under 0 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan.
- "Retirement" or "Retire" means a Participant's permanent withdrawal from employment or office with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company on terms and conditions accepted and determined by the Board.
- "Share Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means the conditional right to receive the difference between the FMV of a Share on the date of exercise over the Grant Price, pursuant to the terms of 0 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan.
- "Shares" means common shares of the Company.
- "Tandem SAR" means a SAR that the Committee specifies is granted in connection with a related Option pursuant to 0 herein and subject to the terms of the Plan, the exercise of which shall require forfeiture of the right to purchase a Share under the related Option (and when a Share is purchased under the Option, the Tandem SAR shall similarly be cancelled) or a SAR that is granted in tandem with an Option but the exercise of such Option does not cancel the SAR, but rather results in the exercise of the related SAR. Regardless of whether an Option is granted coincident with a SAR, a SAR is not a Tandem SAR unless so specified by the Committee at the time of grant.
- "Termination Date" means the date on which a Participant ceases to be eligible to participate under the Plan as a result of a termination of employment, officer position, board service or consulting arrangement with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company for any reason, including death, Retirement, resignation or termination with or without Cause. For the purposes of the Plan, a Participant's employment, officer position, board service or consulting arrangement with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall be considered to have terminated effective on the last day of the Participant's actual and active employment, officer position or board or consulting service with the Company or the Affiliate whether such day is selected by agreement with the individual, unilaterally by the Company or the Affiliate and whether with or without advance notice to the Participant. For the avoidance of doubt, no period of notice or pay in lieu of notice that is given or that ought to have been given under applicable law in respect of such termination of employment that follows or is in respect of a period after the Participant's last day of actual and active employment shall be considered as extending the Participant's period of employment for the purposes of determining his or her entitlement under the Plan.

"U.S. Participants" means those Participants that are United States taxpayers.

"Voting Securities" shall mean any securities of the Company ordinarily carrying the right to vote at elections of directors and any securities immediately convertible into or exchangeable for such securities.

#### ARTICLE 2 ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 General. The Committee shall be responsible for administering the Plan. The Committee may employ attorneys, consultants, accountants, agents and other individuals, any of whom may be an Employee, and the Committee, the Company, and its officers and Directors shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions or valuations of any such persons. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the Participants, the Company, and all other interested parties. No member of the Committee will be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith with respect to the Plan or Awards granted hereunder. Each member of the Committee shall be entitled to indemnification by the Company with respect to any such determination or action in the manner provided for by the Company and its subsidiaries.
- Authority of the Committee. The Committee shall have full and exclusive discretionary power to interpret the terms and the intent of the Plan and any Award Agreement or other agreement ancillary to or in connection with the Plan, to determine eligibility for Awards, and to adopt such rules, regulations and guidelines for administering the Plan as the Committee may deem necessary or proper. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, selecting Award recipients, establishing all Award terms and conditions, including grant, exercise price, issue price and vesting terms, whether Awards payout in cash or Shares where applicable, determining any performance goals applicable to Awards and whether such performance goals have been achieved, and, subject to 0, adopting modifications and amendments to the Plan or any Award Agreement, including, without limitation, any that are necessary or appropriate to comply with the laws or compensation practices of the jurisdictions in which the Company and its Affiliates operate.
- 2.3 <u>Delegation</u>. The Committee may delegate to one or more of its members any of the Committee's administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable; provided, however, that any such delegation must be permitted under applicable corporate law.

# ARTICLE 3 SHARES SUBJECT TO THE PLAN AND MAXIMUM AWARDS

3.1 <u>Maximum Number of Shares Available for Awards</u>. The maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to Options issued under the Plan shall be equal to 10% of then issued and outstanding Shares on a rolling basis. In addition, the maximum number of Shares issuable pursuant to SARs, RSUs, DSUs and PSUs issued under the Plan shall not exceed [•] in the aggregate, representing 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Shares as of the Effective Date of this Plan. To the extent that an Award lapses or the rights of its Participant terminate or are paid out in cash (except in the case of Options which cannot be paid out in cash), any Shares subject to such Award shall again be available for the grant of an Award.

- 3.2 Award Grants to Individuals. The maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any one Participant in any 12-month period shall not exceed 5% of the outstanding Shares, calculated on the date an Award is granted to the Participant, unless the Company obtains disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE. The maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to any Consultant or persons (in the aggregate) retained to provide Investor Relations Activities (as defined by the CSE) in any 12-month period shall not exceed 2% of the outstanding Shares, calculated on the date an Award is granted to the Consultant or any such person, as applicable.
- 3.3 <u>Award Grants to Insiders</u>. Unless disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE is obtained: (i) the maximum number of Shares for which Awards may be issued to Insiders (as a group) at any point in time shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Shares; and (ii) the aggregate number of Awards granted to Insiders (as a group), within any 12-month period, shall not exceed 10% of the outstanding Shares, calculated at the date an Award is granted to any Insider.
- 3.4 Adjustments in Authorized Shares. In the event of any corporate event or transaction (collectively, a "Corporate Reorganization") (including, but not limited to, a change in the Shares of the Company or the capitalization of the Company) such as a merger, arrangement, amalgamation, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, stock dividend, extraordinary dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off or other distribution of stock or property of the Company, combination of securities, exchange of securities, dividend in kind, or other like change in capital structure or distribution (other than normal cash dividends) to shareholders of the Company, or any similar corporate event or transaction, the Committee shall make or provide for such adjustments or substitutions, as applicable, in the number and kind of Shares that may be issued under the Plan, the number and kind of Shares subject to outstanding Awards, the Option Price or Grant Price applicable to outstanding Awards, the limit on issuing Awards other than Options granted with an Option Price equal to at least the FMV of a Share on the date of grant or Share Appreciation Rights with a Grant Price equal to at least the FMV of a Share on the date of grant, and any other value determinations applicable to outstanding Awards or to the Plan, as are equitably necessary to prevent dilution or enlargement of Participants' rights under the Plan that otherwise would result from such corporate event or transaction. In connection with a Corporate Reorganization, the Committee shall have the discretion to permit a holder of Options to purchase (at the times, for the consideration, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement) and the holder will then accept on the exercise of such Option, in lieu of the Shares that such holder would otherwise have been entitled to purchase, the kind and amount of shares or other securities or property that such holder would have been entitled to receive as a result of the Corporate Reorganization if, on the effective date thereof, that holder had owned all Shares that were subject to the Option. Such adjustments shall be made automatically, without the necessity of Committee action, on the customary arithmetical basis in the case of any stock split, including a stock split effected by means of a stock dividend, and in the case of any other dividend paid in Shares.

The Committee shall also make appropriate adjustments in the terms of any Awards under the Plan as are equitably necessary to reflect such Corporate Reorganization and may modify any other terms of outstanding Awards, including modifications of performance criteria and changes in the length of Performance Periods. The determination of the Committee as to the foregoing adjustments, if any, shall be conclusive and binding on Participants under the Plan, provided that any such adjustments must comply with Section 409A of the Code with respect to any U.S. Participants.

Subject to the provisions of 0 and any applicable law or regulatory requirement, without affecting the number of Shares reserved or available hereunder, the Committee may authorize the issuance, assumption, substitution or conversion of Awards under the Plan in connection with any Corporate Reorganization, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate. Additionally, the Committee may amend the Plan, or adopt supplements to the Plan, in such manner as it deems appropriate to provide for such issuance, assumption, substitution or conversion as provided in the previous sentence.

## ARTICLE 4 ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

- 4.1 <u>Eligibility</u>. Awards under the Plan shall be granted only to *bona fide* Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants.
- 4.2 <u>Actual Participation</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee may, from time to time, in its sole discretion select from among eligible Employees, Non-Employee Directors and Consultants, those to whom Awards shall be granted under the Plan, and shall determine in its discretion the nature, terms, conditions and amount of each Award.

### ARTICLE 5 STOCK OPTIONS

- 5.1 <u>Grant of Options</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, Options may be granted to Participants in such number, and upon such terms, and at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion.
- 5.2 <u>Award Agreement</u>. Each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Option Price, the duration of the Option, the number of Shares to which the Option pertains, the conditions, if any, upon which an Option shall become vested and exercisable, and any such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.
- 5.3 Option Price. The Option Price for each grant of an Option under the Plan shall be determined by the Committee and shall be specified in the Award Agreement. The Option Price for an Option shall be not less than the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant.
- 5.4 <u>Vesting of Options</u>. Unless otherwise specified in an Award Agreement, and subject to any provisions of the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement relating to acceleration of vesting of Options, Options shall vest equally over a four year period such that 1/4 of the Options shall vest on the first, second, third and fourth anniversary dates of the date that the Options were granted.
- 5.5 <u>Duration of Options</u>. Each Option granted to a Participant shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant; provided, however, that, subject to section 6.6, no Option shall be exercisable later than the tenth  $(10^{th})$  anniversary date of its grant.
- 5.6 <u>Blackout Periods</u>. If the date on which an Option is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Black Out Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such Option shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.

- 5.7 <u>Exercise of Options</u>. Options granted under this 0 shall be exercisable at such times and on the occurrence of such events, and be subject to such restrictions and conditions, as the Committee shall in each instance approve, which need not be the same for each grant or for each Participant.
- 5.8 <u>Payment</u>. Options granted under this 0 shall be exercised by the delivery of a notice of exercise to the Company or an agent designated by the Company in a form specified or accepted by the Committee, or by complying with any alternative procedures which may be authorized by the Committee, setting forth the number of Shares with respect to which the Option is to be exercised, accompanied by full payment of the Option Price.

The Option Price upon exercise of any Option shall be payable to the Company in full in cash, certified cheque or wire transfer.

As soon as practicable after receipt of a notification of exercise and full payment of the Option Price, the Shares in respect of which the Option has been exercised shall be issued as fully-paid and non-assessable common shares of the Company. As of the business day the Company receives such notice and such payment, the Participant (or the person claiming through a Participant, as the case may be) shall be entitled to be entered on the share register of the Company as the holder of the number of Shares in respect of which the Option was exercised and to receive as promptly as possible thereafter, but in any event, on or before the 15th day of the third month of the year following the year in which the Option was exercised, a certificate or evidence of book entry representing the said number of Shares. The Company shall cause to be delivered to or to the direction of the Participant Share certificates or evidence of book entry Shares in an appropriate amount based upon the number of Shares purchased under the Option(s).

5.9 Death, Disability, Retirement and Termination or Resignation of Employment.

If the Award Agreement does not specify the effect of a termination or resignation of employment then the following default rules will apply:

- (a) Death: If a Participant dies while an Employee, Director of, or Consultant to, the Company or an Affiliate of the Company:
  - (i) all unvested Options as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest; and
  - (ii) all vested Options (including those that vested pursuant to (i) above) shall continue to be subject to the Plan and exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised within 90 days after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- (b) Disability: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their Disability then all Options remain and continue to vest (and are exercisable) in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised (whether vested or not) within 12

- months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- (c) Retirement: If a Participant Retires then the Board shall have the discretion, with respect to such Participant's Options, to determine: (i) whether to accelerate vesting of any or all of such Options, (ii) whether any of such Options shall be cancelled, with or without payment, and (iii) how long, if at all, such Options may remain outstanding following the Termination Date; provided, however, that in no event shall such Options be exercisable for more than 12 months after the Termination Date.
- (d) Termination for Cause: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their termination for Cause, then all Options, whether vested or not, as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited.
- (e) Termination without Cause or Voluntary Resignation: Subject to section 5.9(f) below, if a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan for any reason, other than as set out in sections 5.9(a)-(d), then, unless otherwise determined by the Board in its sole discretion, as of the Termination Date:
  - (i) all unvested Options shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited, and
  - (ii) all vested Options shall continue to be subject to the Plan and exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any Options that have not been exercised within 90 days after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- (f) <u>Existing Options</u>. Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, in connection with the resignation of the Participants holding Existing Options, the Existing Options shall be exercisable for a period of 90 days after the Termination Date, provided that any Existing Options that have not been exercised within 90 days after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- 5.10 <u>Nontransferability of Options</u>. An Option granted under this 0 may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Further, all Options granted to a Participant under this 0 shall be exercisable during such Participant's lifetime only by such Participant.

## ARTICLE 6 SHARE APPRECIATION RIGHTS

6.1 <u>Grant of SARs</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, SARs may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time and upon such terms as shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion. The Committee may grant Freestanding SARs, Tandem SARs, or any combination of these forms of SARs.

The Grant Price for each grant of a Freestanding SAR shall be determined by the Committee and shall be specified in the Award Agreement. The Grant Price may be based on one hundred percent (100%) of the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant, or set at a premium to the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant, or be indexed to the FMV of the Shares on the date of grant, with the index determined by the Committee, in its discretion, provided that the Grant Price may never be less than the FMV of the Shares on the date of Grant. The Grant Price of Tandem SARs shall be equal to the Option Price of the related Option.

- 6.2 <u>SAR Agreement</u>. Each SAR Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Grant Price, the term of the SAR, and any such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.
- 6.3 <u>Term of SAR</u>. The term of a SAR granted under the Plan shall be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, and subject to section 6.4, no SAR shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary date of its grant.
- 6.4 <u>Blackout Periods</u>. If the date on which a SAR is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Black Out Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such SAR shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.
- 6.5 <u>Exercise of Freestanding SARs</u>. Freestanding SARs may be exercised upon whatever terms and conditions the Committee, in its sole discretion, imposes.
- 6.6 Exercise of Tandem SARs. With respect to Participants who are not subject to taxation under the ITA, Tandem SARs may be exercised for all or part of the Shares subject to the related Option upon the surrender of the right to exercise the equivalent portion of the related Option, if applicable. With respect to Participants subject to taxation under the ITA, prior to exercising a Tandem SAR the Participant must elect to receive the Tandem SAR in consideration for the disposition of that Participant's right to receive Shares under the Option. A Tandem SAR may be exercised only with respect to the Shares for which its related Option is then exercisable.
- 6.7 Payment of SAR Amount. Upon the exercise of a SAR, a Participant shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in an amount representing the difference between the FMV of the underlying Shares on the date of exercise over the Grant Price. At the discretion of the Committee, the payment upon SAR exercise may be in cash, Shares of equivalent value (based on the FMV of the Shares on the date of exercise of the SAR, as defined in the Award Agreement or otherwise defined by the Committee thereafter), in some combination thereof, or in any other form approved by the Committee at its sole discretion. Payment shall be made no earlier than the date of exercise nor later than 2½ months after the close of the year in which the SAR is exercised. The Committee's determination regarding the form of SAR payout shall be set forth or reserved for later determination in the Award Agreement for the grant of the SAR.
- 6.8 <u>Termination of Employment</u>. Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to exercise the SAR following termination of the Participant's employment or other relationship with the Company or its Affiliates. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, need not be uniform among all SARs issued pursuant to the Plan,

and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination, provided that such provisions shall comply with the rules of the CSE.

6.9 <u>Nontransferability of SARs</u>. A SAR granted under the Plan may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Further, all SARs granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during such Participant's lifetime only by such Participant.

# ARTICLE 7 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

- 7.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Restricted Share Units to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.
- Restricted Share Unit Agreement. Each Restricted Share Unit grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the Period(s) of Restriction, the number of Restricted Share Units granted, the settlement date for Restricted Share Units, whether such Restricted Share Unit is settled in cash, Shares or a combination thereof or if the form of payment is reserved for later determination by the Committee, and any such other provisions as the Committee shall determine, provided that unless otherwise determined by the Committee or as set out in any Award Agreement, no Restricted Share Unit shall vest later than three years after the date of grant. The Committee shall impose, in the Award Agreement at the time of grant, such other conditions and/or restrictions on any Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to the Plan as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance criteria, time-based restrictions on vesting following the attainment of the performance criteria, time-based restrictions, restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of the CSE.
- 7.3 <u>Vesting of Restricted Share Units</u>. Unless otherwise specified in an Award Agreement, and subject to any provisions of the Plan or the applicable Award Agreement relating to acceleration of vesting of Restricted Share Units, Restricted Share Units shall vest equally over a three year period such that 1/3 of the Restricted Share Units granted in an Award shall vest on the first, second and third anniversary dates of the date that the Award was granted, and provided that no Restricted Share Unit granted shall vest and be payable after December 31 of the third calendar year following the year of service for which the Restricted Share Unit was granted.
- 7.4 <u>Black Out Periods</u>. If the date on which a Restricted Share Unit is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Black Out Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such Award shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.
- 7.5 <u>Nontransferability of Restricted Share Units</u>. The Restricted Share Units granted herein may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the date of settlement through delivery or other payment, or upon earlier satisfaction of any other conditions, as specified by the Committee in its sole discretion and set forth in the Award Agreement at the time of grant

or thereafter by the Committee. All rights with respect to the Restricted Share Units granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be available during such Participant's lifetime only to such Participant.

7.6 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Participants holding Restricted Share Units granted hereunder may, if the Committee so determines, be credited with dividends paid with respect to the underlying Shares or Dividend Equivalents while they are so held in a manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement. The Committee may apply any restrictions to the dividends or Dividend Equivalents that the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine the form of payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents, including cash, Shares or Restricted Share Units.

#### 7.7 Death, Disability, Retirement and Termination or Resignation of Employment.

If the Award Agreement does not specify the effect of a termination or resignation of employment then the following default rules will apply:

- (a) Death: If a Participant dies while an Employee, Director of, or Consultant to, the Company or an Affiliate:
  - (i) all unvested Restricted Share Units as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately vest; and
  - (ii) all vested Restricted Share Units (including those that vested pursuant to (i) above) shall be paid to the Participant's estate in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Award Agreement.
- (b) Disability: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their Disability, then all Restricted Share Units remain and continue to vest in accordance with the terms of the Plan for a period of 12 months after the Termination Date, provided that any Restricted Share Units that have not vested within 12 months after the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately expire and be forfeited on such date.
- (c) Retirement: If a Participant Retires then the Board shall have the discretion, with respect to such Participant's Restricted Share Units, to determine: (i) whether to accelerate vesting of any or all of such Restricted Share Units, (ii) whether any of such Restricted Share Units shall be cancelled, with or without payment, and (iii) how long, if at all, such Restricted Share Units may remain outstanding following the Termination Date; provided, however, that in no event shall such Restricted Share Units remain outstanding for more than 12 months after the Termination Date. Notwithstanding the above, for U.S. Participants, the treatment of Restricted Share Units upon retirement shall be provided for in the Award Agreement.
- (d) Termination for Cause: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan as a result of their termination for Cause, then all Restricted Share Units, whether vested or not, as at the Termination Date shall automatically and immediately be forfeited.

- (e) Termination without Cause or Voluntary Resignation: If a Participant ceases to be eligible to be a Participant under the Plan for any reason, other than as set out in sections 7.7(a)-(d), then, unless otherwise determined by the Board in its sole discretion, as of the Termination Date:
  - (i) all unvested Restricted Share Units shall automatically and immediately be forfeited, and
  - (ii) all vested Restricted Share Units shall be paid to the Participants in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Award Agreement.
- Payment in Settlement of Restricted Share Units. When and if Restricted Share Units become payable, the Participant issued such Restricted Share Units shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in settlement of such Restricted Share Units: (i) in cash, in an amount equal to the product of the FMV of a Share on the applicable settlement date multiplied by the number of Restricted Share Units being settled, (ii) in a number of Shares (issued from treasury) equal to the number of Restricted Share Units being settled, (iii) in some combination thereof, or (iv) in any other form, all as determined by the Committee at its sole discretion. The Committee's determination regarding the form of payout shall be set forth or reserved for later determination in the Award Agreement for the grant of the Restricted Share Units. In the event settlement is made by payment in cash, such payment shall be made by the earlier of (i) 2½ months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date.

### ARTICLE 8 DEFERRED SHARES UNITS

- 8.1 <u>Grant of Deferred Share Units.</u> Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Deferred Share Units to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.
- 8.2 <u>Deferred Share Unit Agreement</u>. Each Deferred Share Unit grant shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall specify the number of Deferred Share Units granted, the settlement date for Deferred Share Units, and any other provisions as the Committee shall determine, including, but not limited to a requirement that Participants pay a stipulated purchase price for each Deferred Share Unit, restrictions based upon the achievement of specific performance criteria, time-based restrictions, restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of the CSE, or holding requirements or sale restrictions placed on the Shares by the Company upon vesting of such Deferred Share Units.
- 8.3 <u>Nontransferability of Deferred Share Units</u>. The Deferred Share Units granted herein may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated. All rights with respect to the Deferred Share Units granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be available during such Participant's lifetime only to such Participant.
- 8.4 <u>Black Out Periods</u>. If the date on which a Deferred Share Unit is scheduled to expire occurs during, or within 10 business days after the last day of a Black Out Period applicable to such Participant, then the expiry date for such Award shall be extended to the last day of such 10 business day period.

- 8.5 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. Participants holding Deferred Share Units granted hereunder may, if the Committee so determines, be credited with dividends paid with respect to the underlying Shares or Dividend Equivalents while they are so held in a manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement. The Committee may apply any restrictions to the dividends or Dividend Equivalents that the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine the form of payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents, including cash, Shares or Deferred Share Units.
- 8.6 <u>Termination of Employment, Consultancy or Directorship.</u> Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to retain Deferred Share Units following termination of the Participant's employment or other relationship with the Company or its Affiliates. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, need not be uniform among all Deferred Share Units issued pursuant to the Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination, provided that provisions shall comply with applicable rules of the CSE.
- 8.7 Payment in Settlement of Deferred Share Units. When and if Deferred Share Units become payable, the Participant issued such Deferred Share Units shall be entitled to receive payment from the Company in settlement of such Deferred Share Units: (i) in cash, in an amount equal to the product of the FMV of a Share on the applicable settlement date less the stipulated purchase price for the Deferred Share Units being settled, (ii) in a number of Shares (issued from treasury) equal to the number of Deferred Share Units being settled, (iii) in some combination thereof, or (iv) in any other form, all as determined by the Committee at its sole discretion. The Committee's determination regarding the form of payout shall be set forth or reserved for later determination in the Award Agreement for the grant of the Deferred Share Units.

## ARTICLE 9 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

- 9.1 <u>Grant of Performance Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Performance Share Units to Participants in such amounts and upon such terms as the Committee shall determine.
- 9.2 <u>Value of Performance Share Units</u>. Each Performance Share Unit shall have an initial value equal to the FMV of a Share on the date of grant. The Committee shall set performance criteria for a Performance Period in its discretion, which, depending on the extent to which they are met, will determine, in the manner determined by the Committee and set forth in the Award Agreement, the value and/or number of each Performance Share Unit that will be paid to the Participant.
- 9.3 <u>Earning of Performance Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, after the applicable Performance Period has ended, the holder of Performance Share Units shall be entitled to receive payout on the value and number of Performance Share Units, determined as a function of the extent to which the corresponding performance criteria have been achieved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall have the ability to require the Participant to hold any Shares received pursuant to such Award for a specified period of time.

- Performance Share Units shall be as determined by the Committee and as set forth in the Award Agreement. Subject to the terms of the Plan, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may pay earned Performance Share Units in the form of: (i) cash equal to the value of the Shares underlying the earned Performance Share Units at the end of the applicable Performance Period, (ii) a number of Shares issued from treasury equal to the number of earned Performance Share Units at the end of the applicable Performance Period, or (iii) in a combination thereof. Any Shares may be granted subject to any restrictions deemed appropriate by the Committee. The determination of the Committee with respect to the form of payout of such Awards shall be set forth in the Award Agreement for the grant of the Award or reserved for later determination. In no event will delivery of such Shares or payment of any cash amounts be made later than the earlier of (i)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months after the close of the year in which such conditions or restrictions were satisfied or lapsed and (ii) December 31 of the third year following the year of the grant date.
- 9.5 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. Participants holding Performance Share Units granted hereunder may, if the Committee so determines, be credited with dividends paid with respect to the underlying Shares or Dividend Equivalents while they are so held in a manner determined by the Committee in its sole discretion. Dividend Equivalents shall not apply to an Award unless specifically provided for in the Award Agreement. The Committee may apply any restrictions to the dividends or Dividend Equivalents that the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine the form of payment of dividends or Dividend Equivalents, including cash, Shares or Performance Share Units.
- 9.6 Termination of Employment, Consultancy or Directorship. Each Award Agreement shall set forth the extent to which the Participant shall have the right to retain Performance Share Units following termination of the Participant's employment or other relationship with the Company or its Affiliates. Such provisions shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, need not be uniform among all Performance Share Units issued pursuant to the Plan, and may reflect distinctions based on the reasons for termination, provided that the provisions shall comply with applicable rules of the CSE.
- 9.7 <u>Non-transferability of Performance Share Units</u>. Performance Share Units may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Further, a Participant's rights under the Plan shall inure during such Participant's lifetime only to such Participant.

### ARTICLE 10 BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

- 10.1 <u>Beneficiary</u>. A Participant's "beneficiary" is the person or persons entitled to receive payments or other benefits or exercise rights that are available under the Plan in the event of the Participant's death. A Participant may designate a beneficiary or change a previous beneficiary designation at such times as prescribed by the Committee and by using such forms and following such procedures approved or accepted by the Committee for that purpose. If no beneficiary designated by the Participant is eligible to receive payments or other benefits or exercise rights that are available under the Plan at the Participant's death, the beneficiary shall be the Participant's estate.
- 10.2 <u>Discretion of the Committee</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Committee may, in its discretion, after notifying the affected Participants, modify the foregoing requirements, institute

additional requirements for beneficiary designations, or suspend the existing beneficiary designations of living Participants or the process of determining beneficiaries under this 0, or both, in favor of another method of determining beneficiaries.

### ARTICLE 11 RIGHTS OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

11.1 <u>Employment</u>. Nothing in the Plan or an Award Agreement shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to terminate any Participant's employment, consulting or other service relationship with the Company or the Affiliate at any time, nor confer upon any Participant any right to continue in the capacity in which he or she is employed or otherwise serves the Company or the Affiliate.

Neither an Award nor any benefits arising under the Plan shall constitute part of an employment or service contract with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company, and, accordingly, subject to the terms of the Plan, the Plan may be terminated or modified at any time in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Committee or the Board without giving rise to liability on the part of the Company or its Affiliates for severance payments or otherwise, except as provided in the Plan.

For purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise provided by the Committee, a transfer of employment of a Participant between the Company and an Affiliate or among Affiliates of the Company, shall not be deemed a termination of employment. The Committee may provide, in a Participant's Award Agreement or otherwise, the conditions under which a transfer of employment to an entity that is spun off from the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall not be deemed a termination of employment for purposes of an Award.

- 11.2 <u>Participation</u>. No Employee or other Person eligible to participate in the Plan shall have the right to be selected to receive an Award. No person selected to receive an Award shall have the right to be selected to receive a future Award, or, if selected to receive a future Award, the right to receive such future Award on terms and conditions identical or in proportion in any way to any prior Award.
- 11.3 <u>Rights as a Shareholder</u>. A Participant shall have none of the rights of a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by any Award until the Participant becomes the holder of such Shares.

### ARTICLE 12 CHANGE OF CONTROL

- 12.1 <u>Change of Control and Termination of Employment</u>. Subject to section 12.2, if there is a Change of Control, any Awards held by a Participant shall automatically vest following such Change of Control, on the Termination Date, if the Participant is an Employee, officer or a Director and their employment, or officer or Director position is terminated or they resign for Good Reason within 12 months following the Change of Control, provided that no acceleration of Awards shall occur in the case of a Participant that was retained to provide Investor Relations Activities unless the approval of the Exchange is either obtained or not required.
- 12.2 <u>Discretion to Board</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, in the event of an actual or potential Change of Control, the Board may, in its sole discretion, without the necessity or

requirement for the agreement of any Participant: (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit (including, but not limited to those set out in (iii) and (iv) below), the vesting date of any Awards; (ii) permit the conditional redemption or exercise of any Awards, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of any Awards, including for greater certainty by (1) permitting Participants to exercise or redeem any Awards to assist the Participants to participate in the actual or potential Change of Control, or (2) providing that any Awards exercised or vested shall be exercisable or redeemed for, in lieu of Shares, such property (including shares of another entity or cash) that shareholders of the Company will receive in the Change of Control; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of a Change of Control, on such terms as it sees fit, the Awards not exercised or redeemed prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control. With respect to U.S. Participant, the treatment of Awards upon a Change of Control shall be provided for in the Award Agreement.

- 12.3 <u>Non-Occurrence of Change of Control</u>. In the event that any Awards are conditionally exercised pursuant to section 12.2 above and the Change of Control does not occur, the Board may, in its sole discretion, determine that any (i) Awards so exercised shall be reinstated as the type of Award prior to such exercise, and (ii) Shares issued be cancelled and any exercise or similar price received by the Company shall be returned to the Participant.
- 12.4 <u>Agreement with Purchaser in a Change of Control</u>. In connection with a Change of Control, the Board may be permitted to condition any acceleration of vesting on the Participant entering into an employment, confidentiality or other agreement with the purchaser as the Board deems appropriate.

## ARTICLE 13 AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- Amendment and Termination. The Board may, at any time, suspend or terminate the Plan. Subject to compliance with any applicable law, including the rules of the CSE, the Board may also, at any time, amend or revise the terms of the Plan and any Award Agreement. No such amendment of the Plan or Award Agreement may be made if such amendment would materially and adversely impair any rights arising from any Awards previously granted to a Participant under the Plan without the consent of the Participant or the representatives of his or her estate, as applicable. Any amendment that would cause an Award held by a Participant that is a U.S. taxpayer to fail to comply with Section 409A of the Code shall be null and void with respect to such Participant.
- 13.2 <u>Reduction of Option Price or Grant Price</u>. Disinterested shareholder approval as required by the policies of the CSE shall be obtained for any reduction in the Option Price of an Option or the Grant Price of a SAR if the Participant is an Insider of the Company at the time of the proposed amendment.

### ARTICLE 14 WITHHOLDING

14.1 <u>Withholding</u>. The Company or any of its Affiliates shall have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company or the Affiliate, an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, provincial and local taxes or domestic or foreign taxes required by law or regulation to be withheld with respect to any taxable event arising from or as a result of the Plan or any Award hereunder. The Committee may provide for Participants to satisfy withholding requirements by having the Company

withhold and sell Shares or the Participant making such other arrangements, including the sale of Shares, in either case on such conditions as the Committee specifies.

14.2 <u>Acknowledgement</u>. Participant acknowledges and agrees that the ultimate liability for all taxes legally payable by Participant is and remains Participant's responsibility and may exceed the amount actually withheld by the Company. Participant further acknowledges that the Company: (a) makes no representations or undertakings regarding the treatment of any taxes in connection with any aspect of the Plan; and (b) does not commit to and is under no obligation to structure the terms of the Plan to reduce or eliminate Participant's liability for taxes or achieve any particular tax result. Further, if Participant has become subject to tax in more than one jurisdiction, Participant acknowledges that the Company may be required to withhold or account for taxes in more than one jurisdiction.

#### ARTICLE 15 SUCCESSORS

Any obligations of the Company or its Affiliates under the Plan with respect to Awards granted hereunder shall be binding on any successor to the Company or its Affiliates, respectively, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the businesses and/or assets of the Company or the Affiliate, as applicable.

### ARTICLE 16 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 16.1 <u>Delivery of Title</u>. The Company shall have no obligation to issue or deliver evidence of title for Shares issued under the Plan prior to:
  - (a) Obtaining any approvals from governmental agencies that the Company determines are necessary or advisable; and
  - (b) Completion of any registration or other qualification of the Shares under any applicable law or ruling of any governmental body that the Company determines to be necessary or advisable.
- 16.2 <u>Investment Representations</u>. The Committee may require each Participant receiving Shares pursuant to an Award under the Plan to represent and warrant in writing that the Participant is acquiring the Shares for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares.
- 16.3 <u>Uncertificated Shares</u>. To the extent that the Plan provides for issuance of certificates to reflect the transfer of Shares, the transfer of such Shares may be effected on a noncertificated basis to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the rules of the CSE.
- 16.4 <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award Agreement. In such an instance, unless the Committee determines otherwise, fractional Shares and any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.
- 16.5 Other Compensation and Benefit Plans. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed to limit the right of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to establish other compensation or benefit plans,

programs, policies or arrangements. Except as may be otherwise specifically stated in any other benefit plan, policy, program or arrangement, no Award shall be treated as compensation for purposes of calculating a Participant's rights under any such other plan, policy, program or arrangement.

- 16.6 <u>No Constraint on Corporate Action</u>. Nothing in the Plan shall be construed (i) to limit, impair or otherwise affect the Company's or its Affiliates' right or power to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations or changes in its capital or business structure, or to merge or consolidate, or dissolve, liquidate, sell or transfer all or any part of its business or assets, or (ii) to limit the right or power of the Company or its Affiliates to take any action which such entity deems to be necessary or appropriate.
- 16.7 <u>Compliance with Canadian Securities Laws</u>. All Awards and the issuance of Shares underlying such Awards issued pursuant to the Plan will be issued pursuant to an exemption from the prospectus requirements of Canadian securities laws where applicable. In addition to any applicable resale restrictions under Canadian securities laws, where Awards are granted pursuant to section 2.24 of National Instrument 45-106, the Awards and any Shares issued on the exercise of such Awards must be legended with a four month hold period commencing on the date the Awards were granted, unless written approval is obtained from the CSE.
- 16.8 <u>Compliance with U.S. Securities Laws</u>. All Awards and the issuance of Shares underlying such Awards issued pursuant to the Plan will be issued pursuant to the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended or an exemption from such registration requirements. If the Awards or Shares are not so registered and no such registration exemption is available, the Company shall not be required to issue any Shares otherwise issuable hereunder.

#### ARTICLE 17 LEGAL CONSTRUCTION

- 17.1 <u>Gender and Number</u>. Except where otherwise indicated by the context, any masculine term used herein also shall include the feminine, the plural shall include the singular, and the singular shall include the plural.
- 17.2 <u>Severability</u>. In the event any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.
- 17.3 <u>Requirements of Law</u>. The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares under the Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or securities exchanges as may be required. The Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall receive the consideration required by law for the issuance of Awards under the Plan.

The inability of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the Company or the Affiliate to be necessary for the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares hereunder, shall relieve the Company or the Affiliate of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained.

17.4 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan and each Award Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia excluding any conflicts or choice of law rule or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

#### 17.5 Compliance with Section 409A of the Code.

- (a) To the extent the Plan is applicable to a particular Participant subject to the Code, it is intended that the Plan and any Awards made hereunder shall not provide for the payment of "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code or shall be structured in a manner and have such terms and conditions that would not cause such a Participant to be subject to taxes and interest pursuant to Section 409A of the Code. The Plan and any Awards made hereunder shall be administrated and interpreted in a manner consistent with this intent.
- (b) To the extent that any amount or benefit in favour of a Participant who is subject to the Code would constitute "deferred compensation" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code would otherwise be payable or distributable under the Plan or any Award Agreement by reason of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the Participant's disability or separation from service, such amount or benefit will not be payable or distributable to the Participant by reason of such circumstance unless: (i) the circumstances giving rise to such Change of Control, disability or separation from service meet the description or definition of "change in control event," "disability," or "separation from service," as the case may be, in Section 409A of the Code and applicable proposed or final Treasury regulations thereunder, and (ii) the payment or distribution of such amount or benefit would otherwise comply with Section 409A of the Code and not subject the Participant to taxes and interest pursuant to Section 409A of the Code. This provision does not prohibit the vesting of any Award or the vesting of any right to eventual payment or distribution of any amount or benefit under the Plan or any Award Agreement.
- (c) The Committee shall use its reasonable discretion to determine the extent to which the provisions of this section 0 will apply to a Participant who is subject to taxation under the ITA.

# Schedule "B" HYBRID POWER SOLUTIONS INC.

(the "Company")

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

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

The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting and internal control systems and review the Company's financial statements;
- review and appraise the performance of the Company's external auditors; and
- provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's auditors, financial and senior management and the Board.

#### Composition

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three directors as determined by the Board, the majority of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would reasonably interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgement as a member of the Audit Committee. At least one member of the Audit Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Audit 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 this 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 Audit Committee shall be elected by the Board at its first meeting following the annual shareholder's meeting.

#### **Meetings**

The Audit Committee shall meet at least four times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Audit Committee will 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 Audit Committee shall:

#### Documents/Reports Review

- (a) Review and update this Audit Committee 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 certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditors.
- (c) Confirm that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements

#### External Auditors

- (a) Review annually, the performance of the external auditors who shall be ultimately accountable to the Board and the Audit Committee as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- (b) Obtain annually, a formal written statement of the external auditors setting forth all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, consistent with the Independence Standards Board Standard 1.
- (c) Review and discuss with the external auditors any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors.
- (d) Take, or recommend that the full Board, take appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditors.
- (e) Recommend to the Board the selection and compensation and, where applicable, the replacement of the external auditors nominated annually for shareholder approval.
- (f) At each meeting, consult with the external auditors, without the presence of management, about the quality of the Company's accounting principles, internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- (g) Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditors of the Company.
- (h) Review with management and the external auditors the audit plan for the year-end financial statements and intended template for such statements.

- (i) Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services, provided by the Company's external auditors. The preapproval requirement is waived with respect to the provision of non-audit services if:
  - i. the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Company constitutes not more than five percent of the total amount of fees paid by the Company to its external auditors during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided;
  - ii. such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
  - iii. such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee by the Company and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Committee or by one or more members of the Audit Committee who are members of the Board to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Audit Committee. Provided the pre-approval of the non-audit services is presented to the Audit Committee's first scheduled meeting following such approval, such authority may be delegated by the Audit Committee to one more independent members of the Audit 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' judgements about the quality and appropriateness of the Issuer's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- (c) Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the external auditors and management.
- (d) Review significant judgements made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditors as to appropriateness of such judgements.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Review any significant disagreement among management and the external auditors in connection with preparation of the financial statements.
- (g) Review with the external auditors and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.

- (h) Review any complaints or concerns about any questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- (i) Review certification process.
- (j) Establish a procedure for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### Other

Review any related-party transactions