

**NOVA MINERALS CORP
EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Nova Minerals Corp Equity Incentive Plan is to provide a means through which the Company and its Affiliates may attract and retain key personnel and whereby Directors, Employees, and Consultants of the Company and its Affiliates can acquire and maintain an equity interest in the Company, or be paid incentive compensation, which may be measured by reference to the value of Common Shares, thereby strengthening their commitment to the welfare of the Company and its Affiliates and aligning their interests with the Company's shareholders.

2. **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable throughout the Plan:

(a) "Affiliate" means (i) any person or entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with the Company and/or (ii) to the extent provided by the Committee, any person or entity in which the Company has a significant interest. The term "control" (including, with correlative meaning, the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as applied to any person or entity, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such person or entity, whether through the ownership of voting or other securities, by contract or otherwise.

(b) "Award" means, individually or collectively, any Incentive Stock Option, Nonqualified Stock Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Stock Bonus Award, Performance Award, Other Cash-Based Award and Other Stock-Based Award granted under the Plan.

(c) "Award Agreement" means a written or electronic agreement between the Company and a Participant setting forth the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Award granted to a Participant.

(d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(e) "Business Combination" has the meaning given such term in the definition of "Change in Control."

(f) "Cause" means, in the case of a particular Award, unless the applicable Award Agreement or the Participant's employment or service agreement with the Company states otherwise, the Company's termination of the Participant's Service with the Company as a result of: (i) with respect to Directors only, fraud, wilful misconduct, felony conviction and material breach of fiduciary duties and, with respect to other Participants, (ii) fraud, embezzlement or other wilful act of material dishonesty by the Participant in connection with or relating to the Participant's Service with the Company; (iii) theft or misappropriation of property, information, or other assets by the Participant in connection with the Participant's Service with the Company which results in or could reasonably be expected to result in material loss, damage or injury to the Company, its goodwill, business or reputation; (iv) the Participant's commission, guilty plea, no contest plea or similar plea for any felony or crime involving moral turpitude; (v) the Participant's use of alcohol or drugs while working that materially interferes with the Participant's duties to the Company or an Affiliate; (vi) the Participant's breach of a Company policy and the Participant's failure to cure such condition within 30 days after receiving written notice thereof; (vii) the Participant's material breach of any material written agreement between the Participant and the Company and the Participant's failure to cure such breach within 30 days after receiving written notice thereof; or (viii) the Participant's repeated insubordination, or refusal (other than as a result of a Disability or physical or mental illness) to carry out or follow specific reasonable and lawful instructions, duties, or assignments given by the Board or the Participant's supervisor that are consistent with the Participant's position with the Company and the Participant's failure to cure such condition within 30 days after receiving written notice thereof. Additionally, if the basis for Cause is, in the good faith determination of the Company not reasonably subject to cure, then such 30 days' prior notice of termination for Cause shall not be required, and such termination shall be effective on the date the Company delivers notice of termination for Cause.

The determination as to whether a Participant's Service has been terminated for Cause shall be made in good faith by the Company and shall be final and binding on the Participant. The foregoing definition does not in any way limit the Company's ability to terminate a Participant's Service relationship at any time, and the term "Company" will be interpreted to include any Subsidiary, Parent, Affiliate, or any successor thereto, if appropriate

(g) "Change in Control" shall, in the case of a particular Award, unless the applicable Award Agreement states otherwise or contains a different definition of "Change in Control," be deemed to occur upon:

(i) Any sale, lease, exchange, or other transfer (in one or a series of related transactions) of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company;

(ii) Any "Person" as such term is used in Section 13(d) and Section 14(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") becomes, directly or indirectly, the "beneficial owner" as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act of securities of the Company that represent more than 50% of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this Section 2(g)(ii), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (A) any acquisition directly from the Company principally for bona fide equity financing purposes, (B) any acquisition by the Company, (C) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any Affiliate, (D) any acquisition by any corporation pursuant to a transaction that complies with Sections 2(g)(iv)(A) and 2(g)(iv)(B), and (E) any acquisition involving beneficial ownership of less than 50% of the then-outstanding Common Shares (the "Outstanding Company Common Shares") or the Outstanding Company Voting Securities that is determined by the Board, based on review of public disclosure by the acquiring Person with respect to its passive investment intent, not to have a purpose or effect of changing or influencing the control of the Company; provided, however, that for purposes of this clause (E), any such acquisition in connection with (x) an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents or (y) any "Business Combination" (as defined below) shall be presumed to be for the purpose or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the Company;

(iii) During any period of not more than two consecutive years, individuals who constitute the Board as of the beginning of the period (the "Incumbent Directors") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board, provided that any person becoming a director subsequent to the beginning of such period, whose election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Incumbent Directors then on the Board (either by a specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of the Company in which such person is named as a nominee for director, without written objection to such nomination) will be an Incumbent Director; provided, however, that no individual initially elected or nominated as a director of the Company as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to directors or as a result of any other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies by or on behalf of any person other than the Board will be deemed to be an Incumbent Director;

(iv) Consummation of a merger, amalgamation or consolidation (a "Business Combination") of the Company with any other corporation, unless, following such Business Combination, (A) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities that were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Shares and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the then-outstanding shares of common stock (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent securities) and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body), as the case may be, of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, an

entity that, as a result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership immediately prior to such Business Combination of the Outstanding Company Common Shares and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities, as the case may be, and (B) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination were Incumbent Directors at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination; or

(v) Shareholder approval of a plan of complete liquidation of the Company.

A transaction shall not constitute a Change in Control if its sole purpose is to change the state of the Company's incorporation or to create a holding company that will be owned in substantially the same proportions by the persons who held the Company's securities immediately before such transactions. In addition, if any Person (as defined above) is in effective control of the Company, the acquisition of additional control of the Company by the same Person will not be considered to cause a Change in Control. If required for compliance with Code Section 409A, in no event will a Change in Control be deemed to have occurred if such transaction is not also a "change in the ownership or effective control of" the Company or "a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of" the Company as determined under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5) (without regard to any alternative definition thereunder).

(h) "Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any successor thereto. Reference in the Plan to any section of the Code shall be deemed to include any regulations or other interpretative guidance under such section, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, regulations or guidance.

(i) "Committee" means a committee of at least two people as the Board may appoint to administer the Plan or, if no such committee has been appointed by the Board, the Board.

(j) "Common Shares" means shares of the Company's common stock (and any stock or other securities into which such ordinary shares may be converted or into which they may be exchanged).

(k) "Company" means Nova Minerals Corp, a Nevada corporation.

(l) "Consultant" means any person, including an advisor, consultant, or agent, engaged by the Company or a Parent or Subsidiary to render services to such entity or who renders, or has rendered, services to the Company, or any Parent, Subsidiary or Affiliate and is compensated for such services.

(m) "Date of Grant" means the date on which the granting of an Award is authorized, or such other date as may be specified in such authorization.

(n) "Director" means a member of the Board.

(o) "Disability" means, for the purpose of Incentive Stock Options, total and permanent disability as defined in Code Section 22(e)(3); and for the purpose of Awards other than Incentive Stock Options, unless otherwise defined for purposes of an Award, means the inability of the Participant to perform the Participant's material duties with a reasonable accommodation due to a physical or mental injury, infirmity or incapacity for 120 days (including weekends and holidays) in any 365 day period. The Participant shall reasonably cooperate with the Company if a question arises as to whether the Participant has become disabled (including, without limitation, submitting to reasonable examinations by one or more medical doctors and other health care specialists reasonably selected by the Company and authorizing such medical doctors and other health care specialists to discuss the Participant's condition with the Company).

(p) “Effective Date” means the date the Plan is approved by the shareholders of the Company.

(q) “Eligible Director” means a person who is a “non-employee director” within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act.

(r) “Eligible Person” with respect to an Award denominated in Common Shares, means any (i) Employee; provided, however, that no such employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement shall be an Eligible Person unless and to the extent that such eligibility is set forth in such collective bargaining agreement which includes rules regarding equity entitlement or in an agreement or instrument relating thereto; (ii) Director of the Company or an Affiliate; (iii) Consultant to the Company or an Affiliate; provided that if the Securities Act applies such persons must be eligible to be offered securities registrable on Form S-8 under the Securities Act; or (iv) prospective employees, directors, officers, consultants or advisors who have accepted offers of employment or consultancy from the Company or its Affiliates (and would satisfy the provisions of clauses (i) through (iii) above once he or she begins employment with or begins providing Services to the Company or its Affiliates); provided that if the Securities Act applies such persons must be eligible to be offered securities registrable on Form S-8 under the Securities Act.

(s) “Employee” means any person, including officers and Directors, employed by the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary of the Company. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director’s fee by the Company will be sufficient to constitute “employment” by the Company

(t) “Exchange Act” has the meaning given such term in the definition of “Change in Control,” and any reference in the Plan to any section of (or rule promulgated under) the Exchange Act shall be deemed to include any rules, regulations or other interpretative guidance under such section or rule, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, rules, regulations, or guidance.

(u) “Exchange Program” means a program under which outstanding Awards are amended to provide for a lower Exercise Price or surrendered or cancelled in exchange for (i) Awards with a lower Exercise Price, (ii) a different type of Award or awards under a different equity incentive plan, (iii) cash, or (iv) a combination of (i), (ii) and/or (iii). Notwithstanding the preceding, the term Exchange Program does not include (A) any action taken in connection with Section 13 or with a Change in Control transaction nor (B) any transfer or other disposition permitted under Section 15(a). For the purpose of clarity, each of the actions described in the prior sentence, none of which constitute an Exchange Program, may be undertaken (or authorized) by the Committee in its sole discretion without approval by the Company’s shareholders.

(v) “Exercise Price” has the meaning given such term in Section 7(b).

(w) “Fair Market Value” means, as of any date, the value of Common Shares determined as follows:

(i) If the Common Shares are listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, the Fair Market Value of a Common Share will be the closing sales price for such shares (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on such exchange or system on the day of determination, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Committee deems reliable;

(ii) If the Common Shares are regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, the Fair Market Value of a Common Share will be the mean between the high bid and low asked prices for the Common Shares on the day of determination, as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Committee deems reliable; or

(iii) In the absence of an established market for the Common Shares, the Fair Market Value will be determined in good faith by the Committee.

(x) “Immediate Family Members” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 15(a)(ii).

(y) “Incentive Stock Option” means an Option that is designated by the Committee as an incentive stock option as described in Code Section 422 and otherwise meets the requirements set forth in the Plan.

(z) “Indemnifiable Person” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4(e).

(aa) “Mature Shares” means Common Shares owned by a Participant that are not subject to any pledge or security interest and that have been either previously acquired by the Participant on the open market or meet such other requirements, if any, as the Committee may determine are necessary in order to avoid an accounting earnings charge on account of the use of such shares to pay the Exercise Price or satisfy a tax or deduction obligation of the Participant.

(bb) “Nonqualified Stock Option” means an Option that is not designated by the Committee as an Incentive Stock Option.

(cc) “Option” means an Award granted under Section 7.

(dd) “Option Period” has the meaning given such term in Section 7(c).

(ee) “Other Cash-Based Award” shall mean a right or other interest granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan other than an Other Stock-Based Award.

(ff) “Other Stock-Based Award” shall mean a right or other interest granted to a Participant, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Common Shares pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan including but not limited to (i) unrestricted Common Shares awarded as a bonus or upon the attainment of performance goals or otherwise as permitted under the Plan, and (ii) a right granted to a Participant to acquire Common Shares from the Company containing terms and conditions prescribed by the Committee.

(gg) “Outstanding Company Common Shares” has the meaning given such term in the definition of “Change in Control.”

(hh) “Outstanding Company Voting Securities” has the meaning given such term in the definition of “Change in Control.”

(ii) “Parent” means any corporation (other than the Company) in an unbroken chain of corporations ending with the Company if, at the time of grant of the Award, each of the corporations other than the Company owns stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain. A corporation that attains the status of a Parent on a date after the adoption of the Plan shall be considered a Parent commencing as of such date.

(jj) “Participant” means an Eligible Person who has been selected by the Committee to participate in the Plan and to receive an Award pursuant to Section 6.

(kk) “Performance Award” shall mean any Award designated by the Committee as a Performance Award pursuant to Section 11.

(ll) “Performance Criteria” shall mean the criterion or criteria that the Committee shall select for purposes of establishing the Performance Goal(s) for a Performance Period with respect to any Performance Award under the Plan.

(mm) "Performance Formula" shall mean, for a Performance Period, the one or more formulae applied against the relevant Performance Goal to determine, with regard to the Performance Award of a particular Participant, whether all, some portion but less than all, or none of the Performance Award has been earned for the Performance Period.

(nn) "Performance Goals" shall mean, for a Performance Period, the one or more goals established by the Committee for the Performance Period based upon the Performance Criteria.

(oo) "Performance Period" shall mean the one or more periods of time, as the Committee may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant's right to, and the payment of, a Performance Award.

(pp) "Permitted Transferee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 15(a).

(qq) "Person" has the meaning given such term in the definition of "Change in Control."

(rr) "Plan" means this Nova Minerals Corp Equity Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(ss) "Qualifying Termination" means, except as otherwise provided by the Committee as set forth in the Award Agreement, termination of a Participant's employment by the Company without Cause occurring on or within the 12-month period (or such other period specified in the applicable Award Agreement) following the consummation of a Change in Control.

(tt) "Restricted Period" means the period determined by the Committee during which an Award is subject to restrictions or, as applicable, the period of time within which performance is measured for purposes of determining whether an Award has been earned.

(uu) "Restricted Stock" means Common Shares, subject to certain specified performance or time-based restrictions (including, without limitation, a requirement that the Participant remain continuously employed or provide continuous Services for a specified period of time), granted under Section 9.

(vv) "Restricted Stock Unit" means an unfunded and unsecured promise to deliver Common Shares, cash, other securities or other property, subject to certain performance or time-based restrictions (including, without limitation, a requirement that the Participant remain continuously employed or provide continuous Services for a specified period of time), granted under Section 9.

(ww) "SAR Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 8(c).

(xx) "Securities Act" means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor thereto. Reference in the Plan to any section of the Securities Act shall be deemed to include any rules, regulations or other interpretative guidance under such section, and any amendments or successor provisions to such section, rules, regulations or guidance.

(yy) "Service" means a Participant's employment or Service with the Company or any Affiliate or Subsidiary of the Company, whether in the capacity of an Employee, a Director, or a Consultant. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, a Participant's Service shall not be deemed to have terminated merely because of a change in the capacity in which the Participant renders such Service or a change in the Company or Subsidiary or Affiliate for which the Participant renders such Service, provided that there is no interruption or termination of the Participant's Service. Furthermore, a Participant's Service shall not be deemed to have terminated if the Participant takes any military leave, sick leave, or other bona fide leave of absence approved by the Company. However, unless otherwise provided by the Board, if any such leave taken by a Participant exceeds 90 days, then on the 91st day following the commencement of such leave the Participant's Service shall be deemed to have

terminated, unless the Participant's right to return to Service is guaranteed by statute or contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise designated by the Company or required by law, an unpaid leave of absence shall not be treated as Service for purposes of determining vesting under the Participant's Award Agreement. Except as otherwise provided by the Board, in its discretion, the Participant's Service shall be deemed to have terminated either upon an actual termination of Service or upon the business entity for which the Participant performs Service ceasing to be a Subsidiary. Subject to the foregoing, the Company, in its discretion, shall determine whether the Participant's Service has terminated and the effective date of and reason for such termination. For non-employee Directors, Service shall be deemed to continue so long as the Director remains a member of the Board.

(zz) "Stock Appreciation Right" or "SAR" means an Award granted under Section 8.

(aaa) "Stock Bonus Award" means an Award granted under Section 10.

(bbb) "Strike Price" means, except as otherwise provided by the Committee in the case of Substitute Awards, (i) in the case of a SAR granted in tandem with an Option, the Exercise Price of the related Option, or (ii) in the case of a SAR granted independent of an Option, the Fair Market Value on the Date of Grant.

(ccc) "Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified Person:

(i) any corporation, association, or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or shareholders' agreement that effectively transfers voting power) is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and

(ii) any partnership (or any comparable foreign entity (a) the sole general partner (or functional equivalent thereof) or the managing general partner of which is such Person or Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners (or functional equivalents thereof) of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

(ddd) "Substitute Award" has the meaning given such term in Section 5(e).

3. **Effective Date; Duration.** The Plan shall be effective as of the Effective Date. The expiration date of the Plan, on and after which date no Awards may be granted hereunder, shall be the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date; provided, however, that such expiration shall not affect Awards then outstanding, and the terms and conditions of the Plan shall continue to apply to such Awards.

4. **Administration.**

(a) Administration by Committee. The Committee shall administer the Plan. To the extent required to comply with the applicable provisions of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act (if the Board is not acting as the Committee under the Plan), it is intended that each member of the Committee shall, at the time he or she takes any action with respect to an Award under the Plan, be an Eligible Director. However, the fact that a Committee member shall fail to qualify as an Eligible Director shall not invalidate any Award granted by the Committee that is otherwise validly granted under the Plan.

(b) Committee Authority. Subject to the provisions of the Plan and applicable law, the Committee shall have the sole and plenary authority, in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan or by the Board, to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant; (iii) determine the number of Common Shares to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights, or other matters are to

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be calculated in connection with, Awards; (iv) determine the form of Award Agreement and the terms and conditions of any Award; (v) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances Awards may be settled or exercised in cash, Common Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited, or suspended and the method or methods by which Awards may be settled, exercised, canceled, forfeited, or suspended; (vi) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances the delivery of cash, Common Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the Participant or of the Committee; (vii) interpret, administer, reconcile any inconsistency in, correct any defect in and/or supply any omission in the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or Award granted under, the Plan; (viii) establish, amend, suspend, or waive any rules and regulations and appoint such agents as the Committee shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; (ix) accelerate the vesting or exercisability of, payment for or lapse of restrictions on, Awards, including, but not limited to, upon a Qualifying Termination; (x) institute and determine the terms and conditions of an Exchange Program; provided, however, that the Committee shall not implement an Exchange Program without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Shares that are present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of Company's shareholders; and (xi) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan.

(c) *Delegation of Authority.* The Committee may delegate to one or more officers of the Company or any Affiliate the authority to act on behalf of the Committee with respect to any matter, right, obligation, or election that is the responsibility of or that is allocated to the Committee herein, and that may be so delegated as a matter of law, except for grants of Awards to persons subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(d) *Conclusive and Binding.* Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Award or any documents evidencing Awards granted pursuant to the Plan shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all persons or entities, including, without limitation, the Company, any Affiliate, any Participant, any holder or beneficiary of any Award, and any shareholder of the Company.

(e) *Indemnification.* No member of the Board, the Committee, delegate of the Committee or any employee or agent of the Company (each such person, an "Indemnifiable Person") shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken or any determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award hereunder. Each Indemnifiable Person shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against and from any loss, cost, liability, or expense (including attorneys' fees) that may be imposed upon or incurred by such Indemnifiable Person in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding to which such Indemnifiable Person may be a party or in which such Indemnifiable Person may be involved by reason of any action taken or omitted to be taken under the Plan or any Award Agreement and against and from any and all amounts paid by such Indemnifiable Person with the Company's approval, in settlement thereof, or paid by such Indemnifiable Person in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding against such Indemnifiable Person, provided that the Company shall have the right, at its own expense, to assume and defend any such action, suit or proceeding and once the Company gives notice of its intent to assume the defense, the Company shall have sole control over such defense with counsel of the Company's choice. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be available to an Indemnifiable Person to the extent that a final judgment or other final adjudication (in either case not subject to further appeal) binding upon such Indemnifiable Person determines that the acts or omissions of such Indemnifiable Person giving rise to the indemnification claim resulted from such Indemnifiable Person's bad faith, fraud or wilful criminal act or omission or that such right of indemnification is otherwise prohibited by law or by the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such Indemnifiable Persons may be entitled under the Company's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any

other power that the Company may have to indemnify such Indemnifiable Persons or hold them harmless.

(f) *Board Authority*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Plan, the Board may, in its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time, grant Awards and administer the Plan with respect to such Awards. In any such case, the Board shall have all the authority granted to the Committee under the Plan.

5. **Grant of Awards; Shares Subject to the Plan; Limitations.**

(a) *Type of Awards*. The Committee may, from time to time, grant Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Bonus Awards and/or Performance Awards to one or more Eligible Persons.

(b) *Authorized Common Shares*. Subject to Section 13 of the Plan, Awards granted under the Plan shall be subject to the following limitations: (i) the Committee is authorized to deliver under the Plan an aggregate of []¹ Common Shares; and (ii) after the Effective Date, the number of Common Shares that may be reserved and issued under the Plan shall automatically increase on the first trading day of each calendar year, beginning with the calendar year 2027 and each year thereafter prior to the Plan's ten-year expiration date, by a number of Common Shares equal to _____ percent (____%) of the total outstanding Common Shares on the last day of the immediately prior calendar year [(subject to a maximum annual increase of [] Common Shares)]. In no event shall the maximum aggregate number of Common Shares that may be issued under the Plan pursuant to Incentive Stock Options exceed the aggregate maximum number of Common Shares set forth in this Section 5(b) above plus, to the extent allowable under Code Section 422 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, any Common Shares that again become available for issuance pursuant to Section 5(c) of the Plan. Notwithstanding the automatic annual increase set forth in (ii) above, the Board may act prior to January 1st of a given year to provide that there will be no such increase in the share reserve for such year or that the increase in the share reserve for such year will be a lesser number of Common Shares than would otherwise occur pursuant to the stipulated percentage.

¹ To equal []% of Common Shares outstanding.

(c) *Availability of Shares*. In the event that (i) any Option or other Award granted hereunder is exercised through the tendering of Common Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Common Shares by the Company, or (ii) tax or deduction liabilities arising from such Option or other Award are satisfied by the tendering of Common Shares (either actually or by attestation) or by the withholding of Common Shares by the Company, then in each such case the Common Shares so tendered or withheld shall be added to the Common Shares available for grant under the Plan on a one-for-one basis. Common Shares underlying Awards under this Plan that are forfeited, cancelled, expire unexercised, or are settled in cash are available again for Awards under the Plan.

(d) *Sources of Shares*. Common Shares delivered by the Company in settlement of Awards may be authorized and unissued shares, shares held in the treasury of the Company, shares purchased on the open market or by private purchase, or a combination of the foregoing.

(e) *Substitute Awards*. Awards may, in the sole discretion of the Committee, be granted under the Plan in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by an entity acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines ("Substitute Awards"). The number of Common Shares underlying any Substitute Awards shall not be counted against the aggregate number of Common Shares available for Awards under the Plan.

6. **Eligibility**. Participation shall be limited to Eligible Persons who have entered into an Award Agreement or who have received written notification from the Committee, or from a person

designated by the Committee, that they have been selected to participate in the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, Awards granted automatically pursuant to any provision of this Plan or other arrangement established pursuant to the Plan shall not require a separate notification or selection by the Committee, and the adoption of such automatic grant provision shall constitute the Committee's selection of each eligible recipient.

7. Options.

(a) Generally. Each Option shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)). Each Option so granted shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 7, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement. All Options granted under the Plan shall be Nonqualified Stock Options unless the applicable Award Agreement expressly states that the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option. Incentive Stock Options shall be granted only to Eligible Persons who are employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and no Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to any Eligible Person who is ineligible to receive an Incentive Stock Option under the Code. No Option shall be treated as an Incentive Stock Option unless the Plan has been approved by the shareholders of the Company in a manner intended to comply with the shareholder approval requirements of Code Section 422(b)(1); provided that any Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option shall not fail to be effective solely on account of a failure to obtain such approval, but rather such Option shall be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option unless and until such approval is obtained. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the terms and conditions of such grant shall be subject to and comply with such rules as may be prescribed by Code Section 422. If for any reason an Option intended to be an Incentive Stock Option (or any portion thereof) shall not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option, then, to the extent of such non-qualification, such Option or portion thereof shall be regarded as a Nonqualified Stock Option appropriately granted under the Plan.

(b) Exercise Price. Except as set forth in this Section 7(b), the exercise price (“Exercise Price”) per Common Share for each Option shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such share determined as of the Date of Grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) an Option may be granted with an Exercise Price lower than the minimum Exercise Price set forth above if such Option is (A) granted pursuant to an assumption or substitution for another option in a manner qualifying under the provisions of Code Section 424(a), (B) granted in compliance with Code Section 409A or in a manner that is not subject to Code Section 409A, and (ii) in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to an employee who, at the time of the grant of such Option, owns shares representing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of shares of the Company or any related corporation (as determined in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.422-2(f)), the Exercise Price per share shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value per share on the Date of Grant.

(c) Vesting and Expiration. Options shall vest and become exercisable in such manner and on such date or dates determined by the Committee and shall expire after such period, not to exceed ten years, as may be determined by the Committee (the “Option Period”); provided, however, that the Option Period shall not exceed five years from the Date of Grant in the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Participant who on the Date of Grant owns shares representing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of shares of the Company or any related corporation (as determined in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.422-2(f)); provided, further, that notwithstanding any vesting dates set by the Committee, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the exercisability of any Option, which acceleration shall not affect the terms and conditions of such Option other than with respect to exercisability; and provided, further, that the Committee retains discretion to extend the expiration date of any Option, not to exceed ten years from the Date of Grant. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement or by the Board: (i) the unvested portion of an Option shall expire upon termination of employment or Service of the Participant granted the Option, and the vested portion of such Option shall remain exercisable for (A) one year following termination of employment or Service by reason of such Participant’s

death or Disability (as determined by the Committee), but not later than the expiration of the Option Period or (B) three months following termination of employment or Service for any reason other than such Participant's death or Disability, and other than such Participant's termination of employment or Service for Cause, but not later than the expiration of the Option Period; and (ii) both the unvested and the vested portion of an Option shall expire upon the termination of the Participant's employment or Service by the Company for Cause. If the Option would expire at a time when the exercise of the Option would violate applicable securities laws, the expiration date applicable to the Option will be automatically extended to a date that is 30 calendar days following the date such exercise would no longer violate applicable securities laws (so long as such extension shall not violate Code Section 409A); provided, that in no event shall such expiration date be extended beyond the expiration of the Option Period.

(d) Method of Exercise and Form of Payment. No Common Shares shall be delivered pursuant to any exercise of an Option until payment in full of the Exercise Price therefor is received by the Company and the Participant has paid to the Company an amount equal to any taxes required to be withheld or paid. Options that have become exercisable may be exercised by delivery of written or electronic notice of exercise to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Option accompanied by payment of the Exercise Price. The Exercise Price shall be payable (i) in cash, check, cash equivalent and/or Common Shares valued at the Fair Market Value at the time the Option is exercised (including, pursuant to procedures approved by the Committee, by means of attestation of ownership of a sufficient number of Common Shares in lieu of actual delivery of such shares to the Company); provided that such Common Shares are not subject to any pledge or other security interest and are Mature Shares; (ii) if there is a public market for the Common Shares at such time, by means of a broker-assisted "cashless exercise" pursuant to which the Company is delivered a copy of irrevocable instructions to a stockbroker to sell the Common Shares otherwise deliverable upon the exercise of the Option and to deliver promptly to the Company an amount equal to the Exercise Price; and (iii) by such other method as the Committee may permit in accordance with applicable law, in its sole discretion, on a case by case basis, including without limitation: (A) in other property having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the Exercise Price or (B) by a "net exercise" method whereby the Company withholds from the delivery of the Common Shares for which the Option was exercised that number of Common Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the aggregate Exercise Price for the Common Shares for which the Option was exercised. No fractional Common Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Common Shares, or whether such fractional Common Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated or otherwise eliminated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Award Agreement may provide that if on the last day of the Option Period, the Fair Market Value exceeds the Exercise Price, the Participant has not exercised the Option, and the Option has not expired, such Option shall be deemed to have been exercised by the Participant on such last day through a "net exercise," subject to such terms as may be set forth in an Award Agreement. In such event, the Company shall deliver to the Participant the number of Common Shares for which the Option was deemed exercised, less the number of Common Shares required to be withheld for the payment of the total Exercise Price and required withholding taxes (subject to Section 15(b)); provided, however, that any fractional share shall be settled in cash.

(e) Notification upon Disqualifying Disposition of an Incentive Stock Option. Each Participant awarded an Incentive Stock Option shall notify the Company in writing immediately after the date said Participant makes a disqualifying disposition of any Common Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of such Incentive Stock Option. A disqualifying disposition is any disposition (including, without limitation, any sale) of such Common Shares before the later of (A) two years after the Date of Grant of the Incentive Stock Option or (B) one year after the date of exercise of the Incentive Stock Option. The Company may, if determined by the Committee and in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, retain possession of any Common Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Incentive Stock Option as agent for the applicable Participant until the end of the period described in the preceding sentence.

(f) *Compliance with Laws, etc.* Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall a Participant be permitted to exercise an Option in a manner that the Committee determines would violate the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, if applicable, or any other applicable law or the applicable rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or the applicable rules and regulations of any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the securities of the Company are listed or traded.

8. **Stock Appreciation Rights.**

(a) *Generally.* Each SAR shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)). Each SAR so granted shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 8, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement. Any Option granted under the Plan may include tandem SARs. The Committee also may award SARs to Eligible Persons independent of any Option.

(b) *Strike Price.* The Strike Price for each SAR shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such share determined as of the Date of Grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a SAR may be granted with a Strike Price lower than the minimum Strike Price set forth above if such SAR is granted in compliance with Code Section 409A or in a manner that is not subject to Code Section 409A.

(c) *Vesting and Expiration.* A SAR granted in connection with an Option shall become exercisable and shall expire according to the same vesting schedule and expiration provisions as the corresponding Option. A SAR granted independent of an Option shall vest and become exercisable and shall expire in such manner and on such date or dates determined by the Committee and shall expire after such period, not to exceed ten years, as may be determined by the Committee (the "SAR Period"); provided, however, that notwithstanding any vesting dates set by the Committee, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the exercisability of any SAR, which acceleration shall not affect the terms and conditions of such SAR other than with respect to exercisability. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement: (i) the unvested portion of a SAR shall expire upon termination of employment or Service of the Participant granted the SAR, and the vested portion of such SAR shall remain exercisable for (A) one year following termination of employment or Service by reason of such Participant's death or disability (as determined by the Committee), but not later than the expiration of the SAR Period or (B) 90 days following termination of employment or Service for any reason other than such Participant's death or Disability, and other than such Participant's termination of employment or Service for Cause, but not later than the expiration of the SAR Period; and (ii) both the unvested and the vested portion of a SAR shall expire upon the termination of the Participant's employment or Service by the Company for Cause. If the SAR would expire at a time when the exercise of the SAR would violate applicable securities laws, the expiration date applicable to the SAR will be automatically extended to a date that is 30 calendar days following the date such exercise would no longer violate applicable securities laws (so long as such extension shall not violate Code Section 409A); provided, that in no event shall such expiration date be extended beyond the expiration of the SAR Period.

(d) *Method of Exercise.* SARs that have become exercisable may be exercised by delivery of written or electronic notice of exercise to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Award, specifying the number of SARs to be exercised and the date on which such SARs were awarded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on the last day of the Option Period (or in the case of a SAR independent of an option, the SAR Period), the Fair Market Value exceeds the Strike Price, the Participant has not exercised the SAR or the corresponding Option (if applicable), and neither the SAR nor the corresponding Option (if applicable) has expired, such SAR shall be deemed to have been exercised by the Participant on such last day and the Company shall make the appropriate payment therefor.

(e) *Payment.* Upon the exercise of a SAR, the Company shall pay to the Participant an amount equal to the number of shares subject to the SAR that are being exercised multiplied by the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of one Common Share on the exercise date over the Strike Price, less an amount equal to any taxes required to be withheld or paid. The Company shall pay such amount in cash, in Common Shares valued at Fair Market Value, or any combination thereof, as determined by the Committee. No fractional Common Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Common Shares, or whether such fractional Common Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated, or otherwise eliminated.

9. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units.

(a) *Generally.* Each grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)). Each such grant shall be subject to the conditions set forth in this Section 9, and to such other conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement.

(b) *Restricted Accounts; Escrow or Similar Arrangement.* Upon the grant of Restricted Stock, a book entry in a restricted account shall be established in the Participant's name at the Company's transfer agent and, if the Committee determines that the Restricted Stock shall be held by the Company or in escrow rather than held in such restricted account pending the release of the applicable restrictions, the Committee may require the Participant to additionally execute and deliver to the Company (i) an escrow agreement satisfactory to the Committee, if applicable, and (ii) the appropriate share power (endorsed in blank) with respect to the Restricted Stock covered by such agreement. If a Participant fails to execute Restricted Stock Award Agreement and, if applicable, an escrow agreement and blank share power within the amount of time specified by the Committee, the Award shall be null and void. Subject to the restrictions set forth in this Section 9 and the applicable Award Agreement, the Participant generally shall have the rights and privileges of a shareholder as to such Restricted Stock, including without limitation the right to vote such Restricted Stock and the right to receive dividends, if applicable. To the extent shares of Restricted Stock are forfeited, any share certificates issued to the Participant evidencing such shares shall be returned to the Company, and all rights of the Participant to such shares and as a shareholder with respect thereto shall terminate without further obligation on the part of the Company.

(c) *Vesting; Acceleration of Lapse of Restrictions.* Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, the unvested portion of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall terminate and be forfeited upon termination of employment or Service of the Participant granted the applicable Award other than as may be set forth in an Award Agreement in the event of such Participant's death or Disability.

(d) Delivery of Restricted Stock and Settlement of Restricted Stock Units.

(i) Upon the expiration of the Restricted Period with respect to any shares of Restricted Stock, the restrictions set forth in the applicable Award Agreement shall be of no further force or effect with respect to such shares, except as set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. If an escrow arrangement is used, upon such expiration, the Company shall deliver to the Participant, or his beneficiary, without charge, the share certificate evidencing the shares of Restricted Stock that have not then been forfeited and with respect to which the Restricted Period has expired (rounded down to the nearest full share). Dividends, if any, that may have been withheld by the Committee and attributable to any particular share of Restricted Stock shall be distributed to the Participant in cash or, at the sole discretion of the Committee, in Common Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such dividends, upon the release of restrictions on such share and, if such share is forfeited,

the Participant shall have no right to such dividends (except as otherwise set forth by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement).

(ii) Unless otherwise provided by the Committee in an Award Agreement, upon the expiration of the Restricted Period with respect to any outstanding Restricted Stock Units, the Company shall deliver to the Participant, or his beneficiary, without charge, one Common Share for each such outstanding Restricted Stock Unit; provided, however, that the Committee may, in its sole discretion, elect to (A) pay cash or part cash and part Common Shares in lieu of delivering only Common Shares in respect of such Restricted Stock Units or (B) defer the delivery of Common Shares (or cash or part Common Shares and part cash, as the case may be) beyond the expiration of the Restricted Period if such delivery would result in a violation of applicable law until such time as is no longer the case. If a cash payment is made in lieu of delivering Common Shares, the amount of such payment shall be equal to the Fair Market Value of the Common Shares as of the date on which the Restricted Period lapsed with respect to such Restricted Stock Units, less an amount equal to any taxes required to be withheld or paid.

10. **Stock Bonus Awards.** The Committee may issue unrestricted Common Shares, or other Awards denominated in Common Shares, under the Plan to Eligible Persons, either alone or in tandem with other awards, in such amounts as the Committee shall from time to time in its sole discretion determine. Each Stock Bonus Award granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement (whether in paper or electronic medium (including email or the posting on a web site maintained by the Company or a third party under contract with the Company)). Each Stock Bonus Award so granted shall be subject to such conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be reflected in the applicable Award Agreement.

11. **Performance Awards.**

(a) Generally. The Committee shall have the authority, at the time of grant of any Award described in Sections 7 through 10 of the Plan, to designate such Award as a Performance Award. The Committee shall have the authority to make an award of a cash bonus to any Participant and designate such Award as a Performance Award. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, an Award Agreement shall evidence all Performance Awards.

(b) Discretion of Committee with Respect to Performance Awards. The Committee shall have the discretion to establish the terms, conditions, and restrictions of any Performance Award. With regard to a particular Performance Period, the Committee shall have sole discretion to select the length of such Performance Period, the type(s) of Performance Awards to be issued, the Performance Criteria that will be used to establish the Performance Goal (s), the kind(s) and/or level(s) of the Performance Goals(s) that is (are) to apply and the Performance Formula.

(c) Performance Criteria. The Committee may establish Performance Criteria that will be used to establish the Performance Goal(s) for Performance Awards which may be based on the attainment of specific levels of performance of the Company (and/or one or more Affiliates, divisions, business segments or operational units, or any combination of the foregoing) and may include, without limitation, any of the following: (i) net earnings or net income (before or after taxes); (ii) basic or diluted earnings per share (before or after taxes); (iii) revenue or revenue growth (measured on a net or gross basis); (iv) gross profit or gross profit growth; (v) operating profit (before or after taxes); (vi) return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, capital, invested capital, equity, or sales); (vii) cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, net cash provided by operations and cash flow return on capital); (viii) financing and other capital raising transactions (including, but not limited to, sales of the Company's equity or debt securities); (ix) earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation and/or amortization; (x) gross or operating margins; (xi) productivity ratios; (xii) share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total shareholder return); (xiii) expense targets; (xiv) margins; (xv) productivity and operating efficiencies; (xvi) customer satisfaction; (xvii) customer growth; (xviii) working capital

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targets; (xix) measures of economic value added; (xx) inventory control; (xxi) enterprise value; (xxii) sales; (xxiii) debt levels and net debt; (xxiv) combined ratio; (xxv) timely launch of new facilities; (xxvi) client retention; (xxvii) employee retention; (xxviii) timely completion of rollouts of new products and services; (xxix) cost targets; (xxx) reductions and savings; (xxxi) productivity and efficiencies; (xxxii) strategic partnerships or transactions; and (xxxiii) personal targets, goals or completion of projects. Any one or more of the Performance Criteria may be used on an absolute or relative basis to measure the performance of the Company and/or one or more Affiliates as a whole or any business unit(s) of the Company and/or one or more Affiliates or any combination thereof, as the Committee may deem appropriate, or any of the above Performance Criteria may be compared to the performance of a selected group of comparison or peer companies, or a published or special index that the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate, or as compared to various stock market indices. The Committee also has the authority to provide for accelerated vesting of any Award based on the achievement of Performance Goals pursuant to the Performance Criteria specified in this paragraph. Any Performance Criteria that are financial metrics, may be determined in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) or may be adjusted when established to include or exclude any items otherwise includable or excludable under GAAP.

(d) *Modification of Performance Goal(s)*. The Committee is authorized at any time to adjust or modify the calculation of a Performance Goal for such Performance Period, based on and in order to appropriately reflect any specified circumstance or event that occurs during a Performance Period, including but not limited to the following: (i) asset write-downs; (ii) litigation or claim judgments or settlements; (iii) the effect of changes in tax laws, accounting principles, or other laws or regulatory rules affecting reported results; (iv) any reorganization and restructuring programs; (v) unusual and/or infrequently occurring items as described in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30 (or any successor pronouncement thereto) and/or in management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing in the Company’s annual report to shareholders for the applicable year; (vi) acquisitions or divestitures; (vii) discontinued operations; (viii) any other specific unusual or infrequently occurring or non-recurring events, or objectively determinable category thereof; (ix) foreign exchange gains and losses; and (x) a change in the Company’s fiscal year.

(e) *Terms and Conditions for Receipt of Payment*. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, a Participant must be employed by the Company on the last day of a Performance Period to be eligible for payment in respect of a Performance Award for such Performance Period. A Participant shall be eligible to receive payment in respect of a Performance Award only to the extent that: (i) the Performance Goals for such period are achieved; and (ii) all or some of the portion of such Participant’s Performance Award has been earned for the Performance Period based on the application of the Performance Formula to such achieved Performance Goals. Following the completion of a Performance Period, the Committee shall determine whether, and to what extent, the Performance Goals for the Performance Period have been achieved and, if so, calculate the amount of the Performance Awards earned for the period based upon the Performance Formula. The Committee shall then determine the amount of each Participant’s Performance Award actually payable for the Performance Period; provided, however, that the Committee may impose additional vesting terms (such as continued Service) following achievement of Performance Goals that must be additionally satisfied before the Performance Award will actually be paid to the Participant.

(f) *Timing of Award Payments*. Except as provided in an Award Agreement, Performance Awards granted for a Performance Period shall be paid to Participants as soon as administratively practicable following the Committee’s determination in accordance with Section 11(e).

12. Other Stock-or Cash-Based Awards. The Committee is authorized to grant Awards to Participants in the form of Other Stock-Based Awards or Other Cash-Based Awards, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan. To the extent necessary to satisfy the short-term deferral exception to Code Section 409A, unless the Committee shall determine otherwise, the Awards shall provide that payment shall be made within 2½ months after the end of the year in which the Participant has a legally binding vested right to such Award. The Committee may establish

such other rules applicable to the Other Stock- or Cash-Based Awards as it deems appropriate, to the extent consistent with the Plan.

13. Changes in Capital Structure and Similar Events. In the event of (i) any dividend (other than ordinary cash dividends) or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Common Shares, other securities or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, spin-off, split-up, split-off, combination, repurchase or exchange of Common Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to acquire Common Shares or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event (including, without limitation, a Change in Control) that affects the Common Shares, or (ii) unusual or infrequently occurring events (including, without limitation, a Change in Control) affecting the Company, any Affiliate, or the financial statements of the Company or any Affiliate, or changes in applicable rules, rulings, regulations or other requirements of any governmental body or securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system, accounting principles or law, such that in either case an adjustment is determined by the Committee in its sole discretion to be necessary or appropriate, then the Committee shall make any such adjustments in such manner as it may deem equitable, including without limitation any or all of the following:

(a) adjusting any or all of (i) the number of Common Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or other property) that may be delivered in respect of Awards or with respect to which Awards may be granted under the Plan (including, without limitation, adjusting any or all of the limitations under Section 5 of the Plan) and (ii) the terms of any outstanding Award, including, without limitation, (A) the number of Common Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or other property) subject to outstanding Awards or to which outstanding Awards relate, (B) the Exercise Price or Strike Price with respect to any Award, or (C) any applicable performance measures (including, without limitation, Performance Criteria and Performance Goals);

(b) providing for a substitution or assumption of Awards in a manner that substantially preserves the applicable terms of such Awards;

(c) accelerating the exercisability or vesting of, lapse of restrictions on, or termination of, Awards or providing for a period of time for exercise prior to the occurrence of such event ;

(d) modifying the terms of Awards to add events, conditions or circumstances (including termination of employment within a specified period after a Change in Control) upon which the exercisability or vesting of or lapse of restrictions thereon will accelerate;

(e) deeming any performance measures (including, without limitation, Performance Criteria and Performance Goals) satisfied at target, maximum or actual performance through closing or such other level determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, or providing for the performance measures to continue (as is or as adjusted by the Committee) after closing;

(f) providing that for a period prior to the Change in Control determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, any Options or SARs that would not otherwise become exercisable prior to the Change in Control will be exercisable as to all Common Shares subject thereto (but any such exercise will be contingent upon and subject to the occurrence of the Change in Control and if the Change in Control does not take place after giving such notice for any reason whatsoever, the exercise will be null and void) and that any Options or SARs not exercised prior to the consummation of the Change in Control will terminate and be of no further force and effect as of the consummation of the Change in Control; and

(g) cancelling any one or more outstanding Awards and causing to be paid to the holders thereof, in cash, Common Shares, other securities or other property, or any combination thereof, the value of such Awards, if any, as determined by the Committee (which if applicable may be based

upon the price per Common Share received or to be received by other shareholders of the Company in such event), including without limitation, in the case of an outstanding Option or SAR, a cash payment in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value (as of a date specified by the Committee) of the Common Shares subject to such Option or SAR over the aggregate Exercise Price or Strike Price of such Option or SAR, respectively (it being understood that, in such event, any Option or SAR having a per share Exercise Price or Strike Price equal to, or in excess of, the Fair Market Value of a Common Share subject thereto may be canceled and terminated without any payment or consideration therefor); provided, however, that in the case of any “equity restructuring” (within the meaning of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718), the Committee shall make an equitable or proportionate adjustment to outstanding Awards to reflect such equity restructuring. The Company shall give each Participant notice of an adjustment hereunder and, upon notice, such adjustment shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes.

In the event of a Change in Control, the Committee need not take the same action with respect to all Awards or portions thereof, all Participants, or the vested and unvested portions of an Award. The Committee may provide that any payments may be subject to the same terms and conditions as the payment of consideration to the holders of the Common Shares in connection with the Change in Control, including any delay as a result of escrows, earn outs, holdbacks or other contingencies. The Committee may also provide that payments made over time will remain subject to substantially the same vesting schedule as the Award, including any performance-based vesting metrics that applied to the Award immediately prior to the closing of the Change in Control.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise set forth in an Award Agreement, in the event that Awards (or portions thereof) are not substituted or assumed in a Change in Control, the Participant will fully vest in and/or have the right to exercise all of his or her outstanding Awards (other than Awards with performance-based vesting), and, with respect to Awards with performance-based vesting, all performance goals or other vesting criteria will be deemed achieved at one hundred percent (100%) of target levels.

14. **Amendments and Termination.**

(a) *Amendment and Termination of the Plan.* The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan or any portion thereof at any time; provided that (i) no amendment to Section 14(b) (to the extent required by the proviso in such Section 14(b)) shall be made without shareholder approval and (ii) no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation or termination shall be made without shareholder approval if such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement applicable to the Plan (including, without limitation, as necessary to comply with any rules or requirements of any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Shares may be listed or quoted); provided, further, that any such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance or termination that would materially and adversely affect the rights of any Participant or any holder or beneficiary of any Award theretofore granted shall not to that extent be effective without the consent of the affected Participant, holder or beneficiary.

(b) *Amendment of Award Agreements.* The Committee may, to the extent consistent with the terms of any applicable Award Agreement, waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate, any Award theretofore granted or the associated Award Agreement, prospectively or retroactively; provided that any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation, or termination that would materially and adversely affect the rights of any Participant with respect to any Award theretofore granted shall not to that extent be effective without the consent of the affected Participant; and provided, further, that for Awards to non-employee Directors, any adverse discretionary action (acceleration denial, forfeiture determination, interpretation adverse to the Director) requires approval of a majority of independent directors not affected by the determination. In addition, without shareholder approval, except as otherwise permitted under Section 13, (i) no amendment or modification may reduce the

Exercise Price of any Option or the Strike Price of any SAR, (ii) the Committee may not cancel any outstanding Option or SAR where the Fair Market Value of the Common Shares underlying such Option or SAR is less than its Exercise Price and replace it with a new Option or SAR, another Award or cash and (iii) the Committee may not take any other action that is considered a “repricing” for purposes of the shareholder approval rules of the applicable securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Shares are listed or quoted.

15. **General.**

(a) *Transfers.*

(i) Each Award shall be exercisable only by a Participant during the Participant’s lifetime, or, if permissible under applicable law, by the Participant’s legal guardian or representative. No Award may be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and any such purported assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or an Affiliate; provided that the designation of a beneficiary shall not constitute an assignment, alienation, pledge, attachment, sale, transfer or encumbrance.

(ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, permit Awards (other than Incentive Stock Options) to be transferred by a Participant, without consideration, subject to such rules as the Committee may adopt consistent with any applicable Award Agreement to preserve the purposes of the Plan, to: (A) any person who is a “family member” of the Participant, as such term is used in the instructions to Form S-8 under the Securities Act (collectively, the “Immediate Family Members”); (B) a trust solely for the benefit of the Participant and his or her Immediate Family Members; (C) a partnership or limited liability company whose only partners or shareholders are the Participant and his or her Immediate Family Members; or (D) any other transferee as may be approved either (I) by the Board or the Committee in its sole discretion, or (II) as provided in the applicable Award Agreement (each transferee described in clauses (A), (B), (C) and (D) above is hereinafter referred to as a “Permitted Transferee”); provided that the Participant gives the Committee advance written notice describing the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer and the Committee notifies the Participant in writing that such a transfer would comply with the requirements of the Plan.

(iii) The terms of any Award transferred in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence shall apply to the Permitted Transferee and any reference in the Plan, or in any applicable Award Agreement, to a Participant shall be deemed to refer to the Permitted Transferee, except that (A) Permitted Transferees shall not be entitled to transfer any Award, other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution; (B) Permitted Transferees shall not be entitled to exercise any transferred Option unless there shall be in effect a registration statement on an appropriate form covering the Common Shares to be acquired pursuant to the exercise of such Option if the Committee determines, consistent with any applicable Award Agreement, that such a registration statement is necessary or appropriate; (C) the Committee or the Company shall not be required to provide any notice to a Permitted Transferee, whether or not such notice is or would otherwise have been required to be given to the Participant under the Plan or otherwise; and (D) the consequences of the termination of the Participant’s employment by, or Services to, the Company or an Affiliate under the terms of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement shall continue to be applied with respect to the Participant, including, without limitation, that an Option shall be exercisable by the Permitted Transferee only to the extent, and for the periods, specified in the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement.

(b) *Tax Withholding and Deductions.*

(i) A Participant shall be required to pay to the Company or any Affiliate, and the Company or any Affiliate shall have the right and is hereby authorized to deduct and withhold, from any cash, Common Shares, other securities or other property deliverable under any Award or from

any compensation or other amounts owing to a Participant, the amount (in cash, Common Shares, other securities or other property) of any required taxes (up to the maximum statutory rate under applicable law as in effect from time to time as determined by the Committee) and deduction in respect of an Award, its grant, vesting or exercise, or any payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Committee or the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of clause (i) above, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, determined on a case by case basis, permit a Participant to satisfy, in whole or in part, the foregoing tax and deduction liability by (A) the delivery of Common Shares (which are not subject to any pledge or other security interest and are Mature Shares, except as otherwise determined by the Committee) owned by the Participant having a Fair Market Value equal to such liability or (B) having the Company withhold from the number of Common Shares otherwise issuable or deliverable pursuant to the exercise or settlement of the Award a number of shares with a Fair Market Value equal to such liability.

(c) *No Claim to Awards; No Rights to Continued Employment; Waiver.* No person shall have any claim or right to be granted an Award under the Plan or, having been selected for the grant of an Award, to be selected for a grant of any other Award. There is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards and the Committee's determinations and interpretations with respect thereto need not be the same with respect to each Participant and may be made selectively among Participants, whether or not such Participants are similarly situated. Neither the Plan nor any action taken hereunder shall be construed as giving any Participant any right to be retained in the employ or Service of the Company or an Affiliate, nor shall it be construed as giving any Participant any rights to continued service on the Board. The Company or any of its Affiliates may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment or discontinue any consulting relationship, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or any Award Agreement. By accepting an Award, a Participant shall thereby be deemed to have waived any claim to continued exercise or vesting of an Award or to damages or severance entitlement related to non-continuation of the Award beyond the period provided under the Plan or any Award Agreement, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any written employment contract or other agreement between the Company and its Affiliates and the Participant, whether any such agreement is executed before, on or after the Date of Grant.

(d) *Addenda/International Participants.* The Committee may adopt such addenda to the Plan as it may consider necessary or appropriate for the purpose of granting Awards, which Awards may contain such terms and conditions as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate to accommodate differences in local law, tax policy or custom, which may deviate from the terms and conditions set forth in this Plan. The terms of any such addenda shall supersede the terms of the Plan to the extent necessary to accommodate such differences but shall not otherwise affect the terms of the Plan as in effect for any other purpose. With respect to Participants who reside or work outside of the United States of America, the Committee may in its sole discretion amend the terms of the Plan or outstanding Awards with respect to such Participants in order to conform such terms with the requirements of local law or to obtain more favorable tax or other treatment for a Participant, the Company, or its Affiliates.

(e) *Designation and Change of Beneficiary.* Each Participant may file with the Committee a written designation of one or more persons as the beneficiary(ies) who shall be entitled to receive the amounts payable with respect to an Award, if any, due under the Plan upon his death. A Participant may, from time to time, revoke or change his beneficiary designation without the consent of any prior beneficiary by filing a new designation with the Committee. The last such designation received by the Committee shall be controlling; provided, however, that no designation, or change or revocation thereof, shall be effective unless received by the Committee prior to the Participant's death, and in no event shall it be effective as of a date prior to such receipt. If no beneficiary designation is filed by a

Participant, the beneficiary shall be deemed to be his or her spouse or, if the Participant is unmarried at the time of death, his or her estate.

(f) Termination of Employment/Service. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee at any point following such event: (i) neither a temporary absence from employment or Service due to illness, vacation or leave of absence nor a transfer from employment or Service with the Company to employment or Service with an Affiliate (or vice-versa) shall be considered a termination of employment or Service with the Company or an Affiliate; and (ii) if a Participant's employment with the Company and its Affiliates terminates, but such Participant continues to provide services to the Company and its Affiliates in a non-employee capacity (or vice-versa), such change in status shall not be considered a termination of employment with the Company or an Affiliate.

(g) Leaves of Absence/Transfer Between Locations. The Committee shall have the discretion to determine at any time whether and to what extent the vesting of Awards shall be suspended during any leave of absence; provided, however, that in the absence of such determination, vesting of Awards shall continue during any paid leave and during any unpaid leave (unless otherwise required by applicable Laws). A Participant will not cease to be an Employee in the case of (i) any leave of absence approved by the Participant's employer or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company or any Subsidiary. If an Employee is holding an Incentive Stock Option and such leave exceeds three (3) months then, for purposes of Incentive Stock Option status only, such Employee's Service as an Employee shall be deemed terminated on the first (1st) day following such three (3) month period and the Incentive Stock Option shall thereafter automatically treated for tax purposes as a Nonqualified Stock Option in accordance with applicable laws, unless reemployment upon the expiration of such leave is guaranteed by contract or statute, or unless provided otherwise pursuant to a written Company policy.

(h) No Rights as a Shareholder. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or any Award Agreement, no person shall be entitled to the privileges of ownership in respect of Common Shares or other securities that are subject to Awards hereunder until such shares have been issued or delivered to that person.

(i) Government and Other Regulations.

(i) The obligation of the Company to settle Awards in Common Shares or other consideration shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by governmental agencies as may be required. Notwithstanding any terms or conditions of any Award to the contrary, the Company shall be under no obligation to offer to sell or to sell, and shall be prohibited from offering to sell or selling, any Common Shares or other securities pursuant to an Award unless such shares have been properly registered for sale pursuant to the Securities Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission or unless the Company has received an opinion of counsel, satisfactory to the Company, that such shares may be offered or sold without such registration pursuant to an available exemption therefrom and the terms and conditions of such exemption have been fully complied with. The Company shall be under no obligation to register for sale under the Securities Act any of the Common Shares or other securities to be offered or sold under the Plan. The Committee shall have the authority to provide that all certificates for Common Shares or other securities of the Company or any Affiliate delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan, the applicable Award Agreement, the federal securities laws, or the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system upon which such shares or other securities are then listed or quoted and any other applicable federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the Committee reserves the right to add any additional terms or provisions to any Award granted under the Plan that it in its sole discretion deems necessary or

advisable in order that such Award complies with the legal requirements of any governmental entity to whose jurisdiction the Award is subject.

(ii) The Committee may cancel an Award or any portion thereof if it determines, in its sole discretion, that legal or contractual restrictions and/or blockage and/or other market considerations would make the Company's acquisition of Common Shares from the public markets, the Company's issuance of Common Shares or other securities to the Participant, the Participant's acquisition of Common Shares or other securities from the Company and/or the Participant's sale of Common Shares to the public markets, illegal, impracticable or inadvisable. If the Committee determines to cancel all or any portion of an Award denominated in Common Shares in accordance with the foregoing, the Company shall pay to the Participant an amount equal to the excess of (A) the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Common Shares subject to such Award or portion thereof canceled (determined as of the applicable exercise date, or the date that the shares would have been vested or delivered, as applicable), over (B) the aggregate Exercise Price or Strike Price (in the case of an Option or SAR, respectively) or any amount payable as a condition of delivery of Common Shares (in the case of any other Award). Such amount shall be delivered to the Participant as soon as practicable following the cancellation of such Award or portion thereof.

(j) *Payments to Persons Other Than Participants.* If the Committee shall find that any person to whom any amount is payable under the Plan is unable to care for his affairs because of illness or accident, or is a minor, or has died, then any payment due to such person or his estate (unless a prior claim therefor has been made by a duly appointed legal representative) may, if the Committee so directs the Company, be paid to his spouse, child, relative, an institution maintaining or having custody of such person, or any other person deemed by the Committee to be a proper recipient on behalf of such person otherwise entitled to payment. Any such payment shall be a complete discharge of the liability of the Committee and the Company therefor.

(k) *Nonexclusivity of the Plan.* Neither the adoption of this Plan by the Board nor the submission of this Plan to the shareholders of the Company for approval shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board to adopt such other incentive arrangements as it may deem desirable, including, without limitation, the granting of stock options or other equity-based awards otherwise than under this Plan, and such arrangements may be either applicable generally or only in specific cases.

(l) *No Trust or Fund Created.* Neither the Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company or any Affiliate, on the one hand, and a Participant or other person or entity, on the other hand. No provision of the Plan or any Award shall require the Company, for the purpose of satisfying any obligations under the Plan, to purchase assets or place any assets in a trust or other entity to which contributions are made or otherwise to segregate any assets, nor shall the Company maintain separate bank accounts, books, records or other evidence of the existence of a segregated or separately maintained or administered fund for such purposes. Participants shall have no rights under the Plan other than as unsecured general creditors of the Company, except that insofar as they may have become entitled to payment of additional compensation by performance of services, they shall have the same rights as other employees under general law.

(m) *Reliance on Reports.* Each member of the Committee and each member of the Board shall be fully justified in acting or failing to act, as the case may be, and shall not be liable for having so acted or failed to act in good faith, in reliance upon any report made by the independent public accountant of the Company and its Affiliates and/or any other information furnished in connection with the Plan by any agent of the Company or the Committee or the Board, other than himself.

(n) *Relationship to Other Benefits.* No payment under the Plan shall be considered in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, profit sharing, group insurance or other benefit plan of the Company except as otherwise specifically provided in such other plan.

(o) *Governing Law.* The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Nevada applicable to contracts made and performed wholly within the State of Nevada, without giving effect to the conflict of laws provisions thereof. Each party hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Eighth Judicial District Court Business Court seated in Clark County, Nevada or federal courts seated in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, in either instance, any appellate courts thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Plan, and each of the parties hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (i) agrees not to commence any such action or proceeding except in such courts, (ii) agrees that any claim in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such court, (iii) waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court, and (iv) waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court. Each party agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Each party hereby knowingly, voluntarily, and intentionally irrevocably waives the right to a trial by jury in respect to any litigation, dispute, claim, legal action or other legal proceeding based hereon, or arising out of, under, or in connection with, this Plan.

(p) *Severability.* If any provision of the Plan or any Award or Award Agreement is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any person or entity or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be construed or deemed stricken as to such jurisdiction, person or entity or Award and the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

(q) *Obligations Binding on Successors.* The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be binding upon any successor corporation or organization resulting from the merger, amalgamation, consolidation, or other reorganization of the Company, or upon any successor corporation or organization succeeding to substantially all of the assets and business of the Company.

(r) *Status under ERISA.* It is the intent of the Company that the Plan shall not constitute an “employee benefit plan” for purposes of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

(s) *Code Section 409A.*

(i) Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, all Awards made under this Plan are intended to be exempt from or, in the alternative, comply with Code Section 409A and the interpretive guidance thereunder, including the exceptions for stock rights and short-term deferrals. The Plan shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. Each payment under an Award shall be treated as a separate and distinct payment for purpose of Code Section 409A.

(ii) If a Participant is a “specified employee” (as such term is defined for purposes of Code Section 409A) at the time of his or her termination of Service, no amount that is nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A and that becomes payable by reason of such termination of Service shall be paid to the Participant (or in the event of the Participant’s death, the Participant’s representative or estate) before the earlier of (x) the first business day after the date that is six months following the date of the Participant’s termination of Service, and (y) within 30 days following the date of the Participant’s death. For purposes of Code Section 409A, a termination of Service shall be deemed to occur only if it is a “separation from service” within the meaning of Code Section 409A, and references in the Plan and any Award Agreement to “termination of service” or

similar terms shall mean a “separation from service.” If any Award is or becomes subject to Code Section 409A, unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise, such Award shall be payable upon the Participant’s “separation from service” within the meaning of Code Section 409A. If any Award is or becomes subject to Code Section 409A and if payment of such Award would be accelerated or otherwise triggered under a Change in Control, then the definition of Change in Control shall be deemed modified, only to the extent necessary to avoid the imposition of an excise tax under Code Section 409A, to mean a “change in control event” as such term is defined for purposes of Code Section 409A.

(iii) Any adjustments made pursuant to Section 13 to Awards that are subject to Code Section 409A shall be made in compliance with the requirements of Code Section 409A, and any adjustments made pursuant to Section 13 to Awards that are not subject to Code Section 409A shall be made in such a manner as to ensure that after such adjustment, the Awards either (x) continue not to be subject to Code Section 409A or (y) comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A.

(t) Code Section 280G. By accepting any Award under this Plan, each Participant agrees that if the benefits provided for under the Award, together with any amounts otherwise payable to such Participant in relation to such Participant’s service with the Company, any Affiliate or any successor thereto (i) constitute “parachute payments” within the meaning of Code Section 280G, and (ii) would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (the “Excise Tax”), then such Participant’s benefits will be either (1) delivered in full or (2) delivered to such lesser extent which would result in no portion of such benefits being subject to the Excise Tax, whichever of the foregoing amounts, taking into account the applicable federal, state and local income taxes and the Excise Tax, results in the receipt by such Participant on an after-tax basis, of the greatest amount of benefits, even if the benefits may still be taxable under Code Section 4999. If clause (2) applies, the payments and benefits will be reduced by the Company in its reasonable discretion in the following order: (A) reduction of cash payments, which will occur in reverse chronological order with the cash payment owed on the latest date following the event triggering the Excise Tax being the first cash payment to be reduced; (B) cancellation of accelerated vesting of equity awards, which will occur in the reverse order of the date of grant for the stock awards (i.e., the vesting of the most recently granted equity awards will be reduced first); and (C) reduction of other employee benefits, which will occur in reverse chronological order with the benefit owed on the latest date following the event triggering the excise tax being the first benefit to be reduced. With respect to each of clauses (A)-(C) of this Section 15(t), if any payments or benefits constitute “nonqualified deferred compensation” within the meaning of Code Section 409A, the reduction will occur first as to amounts that are not “nonqualified deferred compensation.” If two or more of the same type of awards are granted on the same date, the “parachute payments” associated with each award will be reduced on a pro-rata basis. In no event will any Participant have any discretion with respect to the ordering of payment reductions. Any determination required under this Section 15(t) will be made in writing by the Company’s outside legal counsel or a or a nationally recognized tax or accounting firm, whose determination will be conclusive and binding on each Participant and the Company for all purposes. The firm selected may make reasonable assumptions and approximations concerning applicable taxes and may rely on reasonable, good faith interpretations concerning the application of Code Section 280G and Code Section 4999. The Company and each Participant will furnish to such firm information as they may reasonably request to make a determination under this Section 15(t).

(u) Expenses; Gender; Titles and Headings. The expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company. Masculine pronouns and other words of masculine gender shall refer to both men and women. The titles and headings of the sections in the Plan are for convenience of reference only, and in the event of any conflict, the text of the Plan, rather than such titles or headings shall control.

(v) Other Agreements. Notwithstanding the above, the Committee may require, as a condition to the grant of and/or the receipt of Common Shares or other securities under an Award, that the

Participant execute lock-up, shareholder, or other agreements, as it may determine in its sole and absolute discretion.

(w) Erroneously Awarded Compensation. All Awards shall be subject (including on a retroactive basis) to (i) any clawback, forfeiture or similar incentive compensation recoupment policy established from time to time by the Company, including, without limitation, any such policy established to comply with the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, (ii) applicable law (including, without limitation, Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act), and/or (iii) the rules and regulations of the applicable securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system on which the Common Shares or other securities are listed or quoted, and such requirements shall be deemed incorporated by reference into all outstanding Award Agreements.

(x) Investment Representations. As a condition to the exercise of an Award, the Company may require the person exercising such Award to represent and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is required.

(y) Corporate Records Control. In the event that the corporate records (e.g., Board consents, resolutions or minutes) documenting the corporate action constituting the grant contain terms (e.g., exercise price, vesting schedule or number of shares) that are inconsistent with those in the Award Agreement or related grant documents as a result of a clerical error in the papering of the Award Agreement or related grant documents, the corporate records will control and the Participant will have no legally binding right to the incorrect term in the Award Agreement or related grant documents.

**EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN
SUBPLAN FOR AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPANTS**

1. **Purpose and Applicability.** This Subplan for Australian Participants (the “Australian Subplan”) applies to Employees, Directors, and Consultants of Nova Minerals Corp (the “Company”) and of its Subsidiaries and Affiliates, who are either Australian residents or Australian taxpayers, and who shall have been nominated to participate in this Australian Subplan by the Committee (each such person, an “Australian Participant”). Pursuant to Section 15(d) the Nova Minerals Corp Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), the Board has the authority to amend the Plan and has determined to establish an addenda or subplan for the benefit of Australian Participants. The purpose of this Australian Subplan is to facilitate compliance with Australian tax, securities, and other applicable laws, and to permit the Company to issue Rights to Eligible Participants who are Australian residents.

All Rights granted to Australian Participants will be governed by the terms of the Plan, when read together with this Australian Subplan (on the basis that, for these purposes, when reading the Plan, the “Plan” shall include this Australian Subplan, and a “Participant” includes an “Australian Participant” who has been granted a Right.) In the case of an irreconcilable contradiction (as determined by the Committee) between the provisions of this Australian Subplan and the Plan, the provisions of this Australian Subplan will govern.

The following definitions and sections of the Plan do not apply to this Australian Subplan.

Definitions: Awards, Eligible Person, Incentive Stock Option, and Performance Award.

Sections: 7(e), 15(b), 15(r), and 15(s).

2. **Definitions.** Capitalized terms contained in this Australian Subplan have the same meanings given to them in the Plan, unless otherwise provided below:

(a) “Application” means the document that must be submitted by a Participant to apply for Rights under this Australian Subplan, as specified in Section 6.

(b) “Application Period” means the period between the date of the Invitation and the last date on which an Application may be submitted

(c) “Australian Participant” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(d) “Australian Subplan” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(e) “Company” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(f) “Eligible Person” means a full time or part-time Employee (including an executive Director but excluding a non-executive Director), an Employee of the Group or a Consultant to the Group or a person who will prospectively fill one of the foregoing roles.

(g) “Employee” means any person who is a full-time or permanent part-time Employee of the Group. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director’s fee by the Company will be sufficient to constitute “employment” by the Company.

(h) “EST” means an employee share trust established by the Group to facilitate the operation of this Australian Subplan.

(i) “Exercise Notice” means the written advice from the Participant to the Company that the Participant is exercising their Right under Section 16.

(j) “Exercise Price” means the amount, if any, payable to exercise a Right

(k) “Exercise Restrictions” means a period during which a Participant may not exercise vested Rights; for Restricted Rights, the Exercise Restriction is as defined in Section 16(a), and for other Rights is a period specified in an Invitation, if applicable.

(l) “Exercise Rights Value” means the value determined by applying the following formula as at the date of exercise: (Common Share Price - Exercise Price) x Number of Rights Exercised.

(m) “Group” means the Company, its Subsidiaries, and its Affiliates.

(n) “Invitation” means a communication from the Company to an Eligible Person that contains the terms and conditions of the specific invitation to apply for Rights.

(o) “Measurement Period” means, in relation to Invitations of Performance Rights and Service Rights, the period or periods specified in the Invitation.

(p) “Performance Rights” means rights that are subject to performance related Vesting Conditions

(q) “Plan” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(r) “Restricted Right” means a right that is fully vested at grant.

(s) “Restricted Shares” means Common Shares acquired by exercise of vested Rights and which are subject to disposal restrictions.

(t) “Rights” means an entitlement to the value of a Common Share which may be settled in the form of cash, or a Common Share (including a Restricted Share), as determined by the Committee in its discretion.

(u) “Service Rights” means rights that are subject to service related Vesting Conditions.

(v) “Specified Disposal Restrictions” means the period specified in an Invitation, if any, commencing when a Restricted Share is acquired by exercise of a Right and ending on the first to occur of: the date specified in the Invitation, the 15th anniversary of the grant date and the date of cessation of the Participant’s employment with the Group. During the period of the Specified Disposal Restriction, Restricted Shares may not be disposed of or transferred or otherwise dealt with (including encumbered or made subject to any interest in favor of any other person) and will be forfeited on purported disposal, transfer, or dealing unless the transfer is effected by operation of law on death or legal incapacity to the Participant’s legal personal representative.

(w) “Tranche” means a group of Rights defined by the fact that each Right in the group has identical terms and features.

(x) “Vesting Conditions” means conditions that must be satisfied for vesting of a Right to occur, as contemplated in Section 10.

(y) “Vesting Date” means the date on which unvested Rights become vested, as specified in a Vesting Notice.

(z) “Vesting Notice” means the document issued to a Participant to notify that the Rights have vested, including the date of vesting.

3. **Administration.** This Australian Subplan will be administered by the Committee. The Committee is authorized, subject to the provisions of this Australian Subplan, to establish such guidelines for the administration of this Australian Subplan as are deemed appropriate, and to make determinations under this Australian Subplan as may be deemed necessary or advisable from time to time. Such determinations shall be conclusive and binding on all Participants.

4. **Eligibility.** All Eligible Persons are eligible to receive Invitations.

5. **Invitations.**

(a) This Australian Subplan will operate through a series of Invitations. The Committee will, in its absolute discretion, determine those Eligible Persons who will receive Invitations.

(b) Each Invitation may contain terms and conditions that vary between Eligible Persons. The terms and conditions that apply to a grant of Rights under the Plan are to be determined by the Committee and will include each of the following to the extent applicable to the intended features of a particular Invitation and the type of Rights that are the subject of the Invitation (*i.e.*, Performance Rights, Service Rights, and/or Restricted Rights):

- (i) the name of the Eligible Person;
- (ii) the date of the Invitation;
- (iii) the number of each type of Right in each Tranche;
- (iv) the Exercise Price which will be nil, unless otherwise determined by the Committee;
- (v) the term of the Rights, if other than 10 years;
- (vi) the Vesting Conditions that apply to Service Rights and/or Performance Rights;
- (vii) the Measurement Period applicable to Performance Rights and Service Rights;
- (viii) the Vesting Date or how the Vesting Date will be determined;
- (ix) the post-employment treatment of Service Rights;
- (x) the Specified Disposal Restrictions period for Common Shares that may be acquired on exercise of vested Rights;
- (xi) Exercise Restrictions that may apply;
- (xii) how the Rights may be settled at exercise, if settlement is to be restricted;
- (xiii) whether Common Shares issued on exercise of Rights must be purchased on-market or may be acquired otherwise;
- (xiv) other terms and conditions that the Committee determines to include; and
- (xv) instructions on the process to apply for Rights that are the subject of the Invitation, including the name of the person to whom the Application should be sent and the Application Period.

(c) The receipt of an Invitation or Invitations under this Australian Subplan does not guarantee nor confer any entitlement to receive any other Invitation under this Australian Subplan.

6. **Application for Rights.** The form of Application and the Application Period shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion from time to time. In submitting an Application, the Eligible Person will be agreeing to be bound by this Australian Subplan and the terms of the Invitation.

7. **Granting of Rights.**

(a) The Committee will consider valid Applications that are made in response to Invitations and determine whether or not to accept them.

(b) For accepted Applications, the Committee will use reasonable efforts to grant the Rights within 30 days of the last date of the Application Period, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

(c) Participants will be notified in writing when Rights are granted and the date of the grant.

8. **Participants.** Eligible Persons whose Applications have been accepted and have been granted Rights will be referred to as Participants; and will remain Participants until all Rights granted to said Participants have either lapsed or been exercised and both any risk of forfeiture and disposal restrictions applicable to the Common Shares acquired by exercising the Rights have ceased to apply.

9. **Rights May Not Be Disposed of, Transferred, or Encumbered.** Rights may not be disposed of or transferred or otherwise dealt with (including for purposes of this Section, encumbered or made subject to any interest in favor of any other person) and will lapse immediately on purported disposal, transfer or dealing unless the transfer is effected by operation of law on death or legal incapacity to the Participant's legal personal representative.

10. **Measurement Periods.**

(a) The Measurement Period applicable to each Performance Right will be three years unless otherwise specified in the Invitation. The Measurement Period for Performance Rights will relate to periods when Performance Criteria must be satisfied, subject to early vesting under Sections 12 and 13.

(b) The Measurement Period applicable to each Tranche of Service Rights will be specified in the Invitation. The Measurement Periods for Service Rights will relate to periods when service conditions must be satisfied for them to vest, subject to early vesting under Sections 12 and 13.

(c) Measurement Periods for Performance Rights and Service Rights will commence on the first day of the financial year in which the grant is made unless otherwise determined by the Committee and specified in the Invitation.

11. **Vesting Conditions.**

(a) Vesting Conditions may relate to:

(i) Performance of the Company or an aspect of the Company's operations or the performance of the Participant;

(ii) continued service of the Participant with the Group; or

(iii) any combination of the foregoing determined by the Committee for each Right.

(b) Vesting Conditions, if applicable, must be specified in the Invitation, along with the relationship between various potential levels of performance and levels of vesting that may occur.

(c) Performance Criteria may vary between the Rights.

12. Vesting of Performance Rights.

(a) Following the end of the Measurement Period, the Committee will determine for each Tranche of Performance Rights to which the Measurement Period applies, and which have not previously lapsed or vested, the extent to which the Rights have vested, if at all, and notify Participants in a Vesting Notice of both the extent of vesting and the Vesting Date.

(b) Prior to the end of a Measurement Period the Committee may determine that some or all of the Performance Rights held by a Participant will vest in which case the Committee will notify Participants in a Vesting Notice of both the extent of vesting and the Vesting Date. In such circumstances the Committee also has absolute discretion to determine that Exercise Restrictions (if any) are lifted, and that any remaining unvested Performance Rights will be forfeited in which case the Committee shall notify Participants in writing, in a form determined by the Committee in its absolute discretion.

(c) Committee Discretion Regarding Vesting of Performance Rights.

(i) The Committee retains discretion to increase or decrease, including to nil, the Performance Criteria applicable to Performance Rights. In exercising this discretion, the Committee shall take into account, amongst other factors it considers relevant, Company performance from the perspective of shareholders over the relevant Measurement Period.

(ii) Before exercising its discretion under this Section, the Committee may seek advice from an independent advisor as to whether the discretion should be exercised and if so then the alternative extent of vesting that should be considered by the Committee.

13. Vesting of Service Rights.

(a) Following the end of the Measurement Period, the Committee will determine for each Service Right to which the Measurement Period applies and which have not previously lapsed, the extent to which the Service Right has vested, if at all, and notify Participants in writing of the Vesting Date.

(b) Prior to the end of a Measurement Period the Committee may determine that some or all of the Service Rights held by a Participant will vest in which case the Committee will notify Participants in a Vesting Notice of both the extent of vesting and the Vesting Date. In such circumstances the Committee also has absolute discretion to determine that Exercise Restrictions (if any) are lifted, and that any remaining unvested Service Rights will be forfeited in which case the Committee shall notify Participants in writing.

14. Vesting of Restricted Rights. Restricted Rights are fully vested on the grant date, therefore the Grant Notice and the Vesting Notice may be combined (*i.e.*, the grant date is also the Vesting Date for Restricted Rights.)

15. Lapsing of Rights. Rights will lapse automatically on the earlier of:

(a) the date when there is no longer an opportunity for the Right; or

(b) the end of the term for the Right as set forth in the Invitation.

16. Exercise of Rights and Exercise Restrictions.

(a) An Invitation may specify an Exercise Restriction which is a period during which vested Rights may not be exercised, and any attempt to do so will be considered void, subject to the early release of Exercise Restrictions under Sections 12, 13, and 18.

(b) Restricted Rights are subject to an Exercise Restriction for 90 days following the grant date, unless a longer period is determined by the Committee and specified in the Invitation.

(c) Rights may be exercised at any time between the latter of the vesting date or the elapsing of the Exercise Restriction (if applicable) and the end of their term.

(d) An Exercise Notice will be in the form determined by the Committee from time to time, and provided to the Participant with a Vesting Notice.

(e) Unless otherwise specified in an Invitation, upon exercise of Rights the Committee will determine in its absolute discretion whether to settle the Exercised Rights Value in Common Shares (including Restricted Shares), a cash payment, or a combination of Common Shares and a cash payment. The Committee will advise the Participant in writing of the result of its determination, in the Vesting Notice.

(f) To the extent that the Exercised Rights Value is to be provided in Common Shares, the Committee will in its discretion, either:

(i) issue Common Shares to Participants, or

(ii) arrange for Common Shares to be acquired for the benefit of Participants by the trustee of the EST, if any. The Company or another Group Company will contribute such funds as are needed from time to time to the EST trustee to enable the EST trustee to acquire Common Shares and the trustee shall apply those funds to acquire Common Shares by:

(A) on-market purchase, or

(B) subscription to a new issue as directed by the Committee.

(g) To the extent that the Exercised Rights Value is to be paid in cash it will be paid via payroll less any legally required withholdings such as PAYG tax.

17. **Disposal Restrictions Attached to Common Shares.**

(a) All Common Shares acquired by Participants or held by the trustee of the EST for the benefit of Participants following the exercise of Rights are initially Restricted Shares, and shall be subject to a disposal restriction being that such Common Shares may not be sold or disposed of in any way until their sale would not breach either:

(i) the Company's Common Share trading policy;

(ii) restrictions on insider trading; and

(iii) the Specified Disposal Restrictions in an Invitation, if applicable.

(b) Any attempt by a Participant to deal in or dispose of Restricted Shares will result in forfeiture of the Restricted Shares, and the Committee may require the Participant to facilitate a transfer of forfeited Restricted Shares to another party nominated by the Committee, for nil consideration.

(c) In cases of severe and demonstrable hardship the Committee may in its absolute discretion waive the remaining portion of the Specified Disposal Restriction period.

(d) If Common Shares subject to Specified Disposal Restrictions are held in the name of the Participant then the Company shall impose a holding lock to ensure that the disposal restrictions are complied with.

(e) Specified Disposal Restrictions attached to Restricted Shares acquired when Rights have been exercised shall cease when the Participant ceases to be an Employee of the Group, unless otherwise determined by the Committee and specified in the Invitation.

(f) Any holding lock applied by the Company to Restricted Shares will be removed when the Participant ceases to be an Employee of the Group, unless otherwise determined by the Committee and specified in the Invitation.

(g) On the first occasion following the cessation of Specified Disposal Restrictions, if any, when Common Shares may be sold without breaching the Company's share trading policy the Committee will advise the Participant in writing of the date of that occasion. A cessation of Disposal Restrictions Notice will be used for this purpose. However, if sale of the Common Shares may not be undertaken due to applicable securities laws, including insider trading restriction provisions, then the effective date of the Cessation of Disposal Restrictions Notice will be taken to be delayed until the next point in time when sales of Common Shares may occur without breaching either the Company's share trading policy or restrictions on insider trading.

18. Disposal Restrictions and Exercise Restrictions Release at Taxing Point.

(a) If a taxing point arises in relation to vested but unexercised Rights that are subject to Exercise Restrictions, the Exercise Restrictions will cease to apply to 50% of such Rights, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

(b) If a taxing point arises in relation to Restricted Shares and Specified Disposal Restrictions apply to such Common Shares then Specified Disposal Restrictions (and associated holding locks if applicable) will cease to apply to 50% of such Restricted Shares.

19. Conditions on Delivery of Common Shares. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company shall not be required to issue or deliver any evidence of book entry or certificates evidencing Common Shares issued pursuant to Rights, unless and until the Committee has determined, with advice of counsel (to the extent the Committee deems such advice necessary or advisable), that the issuance and delivery is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations of governmental authorities and, if applicable, the requirements of the Securities Act or any exchange on which the Common Shares are listed, quoted or traded. All Common Shares issued pursuant to this Australian Subplan shall be subject to any stop-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee deems necessary or advisable to comply with U.S. federal, state or foreign jurisdiction, securities, or other laws and/or the rules of any market or quotation system on which the Common Shares are listed, quoted or traded. The Committee may place legends on any certificate or notations on any book entry to reference restrictions applicable to Common Shares. In addition to the terms and conditions provided herein, the Committee may require that an individual make such reasonable covenants, agreements, and representations as the Committee, in its absolute discretion, deems necessary or advisable to comply with any such laws, regulations, or requirements.

20. Retirement Benefit Limit. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Australian Subplan, the Company is not required to provide or procure the provision of any benefit which would result in a breach by the Company of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) relating to termination benefits to any Participants who are the holder of a managerial or executive office unless any prior approval

required from the shareholders for the provision of such a benefit has been sought and obtained by the Company.

21. Tax Matters.

(a) Subdivision 83A-C of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 applies to this Australian Subplan including to all Rights granted under this Australian Subplan and all Common Shares that arise from the exercising of Rights.

(b) Tax Withholding Requirement. Prior to the delivery of any Common Shares pursuant to Rights, the Company will have the power and the right to deduct or withhold, or require an Australian Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy the amount of Australian federal, state, local, foreign or other taxes required to be withheld with respect to such Rights. The Committee may require the Company's tax withholding obligation satisfied, in whole or in part, by the Company withholding from the Common Shares to be issued pursuant to Rights a number of Common Shares with an aggregate market price (as of the date the withholding is effected) that would satisfy the withholding amount due; provided, however, that the amount withheld does not exceed the maximum statutory tax rate or such lesser amount as is necessary to avoid adverse accounting treatment.

(c) No Obligation to Notify or Minimize Taxes. The Company will have no duty or obligation to this Australian Participant to advise such holder as to the time or manner of exercising the Right. Furthermore, the Company will have no duty or obligation to warn or otherwise advise such holder of a pending termination or expiration of a Right or a possible period in which the Right may not be exercised. The Company has no duty or obligation to minimize the tax consequences of an Right to this Australian Participant.

22. Term, Amendment and Termination of this Australian Subplan.

(a) The Committee may amend, suspend, or terminate this Australian Subplan at any time. Unless terminated sooner by the Committee, this Australian Subplan will terminate automatically upon the earlier of (i) 10 years after the effective date of this Australian Subplan and (ii) the termination of this Australian Subplan. No Rights may be granted under this Australian Subplan while either the Plan or this Australian Subplan is suspended or after the Plan or this Australian Subplan is terminated (but Rights previously granted under this Australian Subplan may extend to the termination pursuant to the terms of the Invitation).

(b) If this Australian Subplan is terminated, the provisions of this Australian Subplan and any administrative guidelines, and other rules adopted by the Committee and in force at the time of suspension or termination of this Australian Subplan, will continue to apply to any outstanding Rights as long as Rights granted pursuant to this Australian Subplan remains outstanding.

Governing Law. This Australian Subplan shall in all respects be governed by and be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without giving effect to the principals of conflicts of laws, and applicable provisions of U.S. federal law. The state and federal courts located within the State of Nevada shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with this Australian Subplan and accordingly any proceedings, suit or action arising out of this Australian Subplan shall be brought in such courts.