

# GEODRILL LIMITED

## DISCLOSURE, CONFIDENTIALITY AND INSIDER TRADING POLICY

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### 1. Purpose of this Policy

The purpose of this disclosure, confidentiality and insider trading policy (the “**Policy**”) of Geodrill Limited (the “**Company**”) is to set forth certain policies to ensure that:

- the Company complies with its timely disclosure obligations as required under applicable securities laws, including the *Securities Act* (Ontario) (the “**Act**”);
- the Company prevents the selective disclosure of material changes (as defined herein) to analysts, institutional investors, market professionals and others;
- documents released by the Company or public oral statements made by a person with actual, implied or apparent authority to speak on behalf of the Company that relates to the business and affairs of the Company do not contain a Misstatement (as defined herein);
- all persons to whom this Policy applies understand their obligations to preserve the confidentiality of Undisclosed Material Information (as defined herein); and
- all appropriate parties who have Undisclosed Material Information are prohibited from trading in securities of the Company on such Undisclosed Material Information and Tipping (as defined herein) under applicable laws, stock exchange rules and this Policy.

### 2. Application of this Policy

The main groups of persons to whom this Policy apply are set forth in Schedule “A” attached hereto. Each section of the Policy that imposes restrictions and obligations will describe which groups of persons are subject to that section. References in this Policy to “any person to whom this Policy applies” or similar references are intended to include persons in all of the groups set forth in Schedule “A”.

### 3. Audit and Disclosure Committee

#### 3.1 Structure of the Audit and Disclosure Committee

Responsibility for oversight of this Policy is under the remit of the Audit and Disclosure Committee, the membership of which is set out in the Audit and Disclosure Committee Charter. Responsibility for the implementation of this Policy lies with the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive General Manager (jointly “Executive Management”). The Audit and Disclosure Committee may adopt disclosure controls and procedures in addition to those set out herein.

#### 3.2 Responsibilities of the Audit and Disclosure Committee

The Audit and Disclosure Committee shall have the responsibility to:

- (a) evaluate the necessity of making public disclosures;
- (b) review and approve, before they are Generally Disclosed (as defined herein), each Document (as defined herein) to assess the quality of the disclosures made in the Document including, but not limited to, whether the Document is accurate and complete in all material respects;
- (c) in conjunction with Executive Management, make determinations about whether:
  - (i) a Material Change has occurred;
  - (ii) selective disclosure has been or might be made; or
  - (iii) a Misstatement has been made;
- (d) oversee the design and implementation of this Policy and the Company's "**disclosure controls and procedures**," which are defined as controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in its Core Documents is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the specified time periods;
- (e) periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, particularly prior to the filing of each Core Document, and assist the Executive Management with their evaluation of the effectiveness of such disclosure controls and procedures. The Audit and Disclosure Committee's evaluation shall include but not be limited to assessing the adequacy of the controls and procedures in place to ensure that material information required to be disclosed in the Company's Core Documents is being recorded, processed, summarized and reported;
- (f) make recommendations to the Executive Management with respect to the disclosures to be contained in Core Documents to be filed by the Company;
- (g) in conjunction with Executive Management, in its discretion, conduct interim evaluations of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures in the event of significant changes in securities regulatory requirements, International Financial Reporting Standards, legal, or other regulatory policies, or stock exchange requirements, or if it otherwise considers such evaluations appropriate;
- (h) in conjunction with Executive Management, educate the Directors, Officers, Employees and Contractors about the matters contemplated by this Policy;
- (i) monitor the effectiveness of, and compliance with, this Policy and report to the Board on the operation of this Policy, or to the Executive Management in the case of the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures and the Committee's assessment of the quality of the disclosures made in Documents, and recommend any necessary changes to this Policy; and
- (j) annually review and reassess the adequacy of this Policy and, if necessary, recommend any proposed changes to the Executive Management for approval such that it complies with changing requirements and best practices.

### 3.3 Responsibilities of Executive Management

The Executive Management shall have the responsibility to:

- (a) review and approve the guidelines and procedures to be distributed to appropriate management and other Company personnel designed to gather the information required to be disclosed in Core Documents;
- (b) establish timelines for the preparation of Core Documents, which timelines shall include critical dates and deadlines during the disclosure process relating to the preparation of drafts, the circulation of drafts to appropriate Company personnel, the Company's independent auditors, and the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**"), the receipt of comments and the review of the comments by the Audit and Disclosure Committee. Such timetables should allow for circulation of draft Core Documents to the Board sufficiently in advance of the applicable filing deadline in order to enable such persons to review carefully the filing and discuss any questions and comments related thereto;
- (c) accumulate information which may be required to be reported upon or disclosed to allow the Company to meet its disclosure obligations on a timely basis; and
- (d) assess and evaluate all findings and conclusions regarding the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and the assessment of the quality of the disclosures made in the Company's Core Documents prior to the Executive Management executing their certifications related to the Company's Core Documents.

### 3.4 Meetings of the Audit and Disclosure Committee

The requirements relating to meetings of the Committee are set out in the Audit and Disclosure Committee Charter.

### 3.5 Consulting Outside Advisors

The Committee may consult with the Company's legal counsel and other appropriate expert advisors as it considers necessary in connection with this Policy.

## 4. Communication Policy

- 4.1 Unless otherwise authorized by the Audit and Disclosure Committee, only the individuals listed below (the "Spokespersons") are authorized to make public oral statements, initiate contacts with analysts, the media and investors. Spokespersons are authorized to respond to analysts, the media and investors on behalf of the Company and only with respect to the areas noted opposite their respective positions (the "Communication Policy"). These spokespersons should direct questions with respect of matters on which the Company provides guidance to information published by the Company. The list may be changed by the Audit and Disclosure Committee from time to time.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Area</u>
Chairman of the Board	All Areas
Executive Management	All Areas
Investor Relations representative	May speak on behalf of the Company at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer.

4.2 Any person (other than Spokespersons) to whom this Policy applies who is approached by the media, an analyst, investor or any other member of the public to comment on the business and affairs of the Company, must refer all inquiries to the Chief Executive Officer and must immediately notify the Chief Executive Officer that the approach was made.

## 5. Procedures Regarding the Preparation and Release of Documents

5.1 The procedures in this section apply to all Directors, Officers, Employees and Contractors.

5.2 A “**Document**” means any public written communication, including a communication prepared and transmitted in electronic form (hereinafter referred to as a “**Document**”):

- that is required to be filed with the Ontario Securities Commission (the “**OSC**”), any other securities regulatory authority in Canada, on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (“**SEDAR+**”) website at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) or otherwise;
- that is not required to be filed with the OSC or on the SEDAR+ website but is so filed;
- that is filed or required to be filed with a government or an agency of a government under applicable law or with any stock exchange or similar institution under its bylaws, rules or regulations; or
- the content of which would reasonably be expected to effect the market price or value of the securities of the Company.

5.3 A “**Misstatement**” means:

- an untrue statement of a material fact (as defined herein); or
- an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in the circumstances in which it is made.

5.4 The Act distinguishes between “core documents” and “non-core documents”.

For the purpose of this Policy, the following documents are “**Core Documents**”:

- prospectuses;

- take-over bid circulars;
- issuer bid circulars;
- directors' circulars;
- rights offering circulars;
- management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A");
- annual information forms;
- information circulars;
- annual financial statements;
- interim financial statements; and
- material change reports.

5.5 Prior to the time that any Document is to be released to the public, filed with the OSC, any other securities regulatory authority in Canada, or filed on SEDAR+, the following procedures must be observed:

- the Document must be prepared in consultation with, and be reviewed by, personnel in all applicable internal departments of the Company, and input from external experts and advisors should be obtained as necessary;
- any Core Document, other than a material change report, must be reviewed and approved by the Audit and Disclosure Committee;
- any press release which contains Undisclosed Material Information or any material change report must be reviewed and approved by the Executive Management and at least one other member of the Audit and Disclosure Committee;
- any press release which does not contain Undisclosed Material Information must be reviewed and approved by the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer or the Executive General Manager and at least one other member of the Audit and Disclosure Committee;
- in the event a report, statement or opinion of any expert is included or summarized in a Document, the written consent of the expert to the use of the report, statement or opinion or extract thereof and the specific form of disclosure shall be obtained. In addition, the Audit and Disclosure Committee must be satisfied that:
  - (i) there are no reasonable grounds to believe that there is a misrepresentation in the part of the Document made on the authority of the expert; and
  - (ii) part of the Document fairly represents the expert report, statement or opinion.
- Core Documents, other than material change reports, must be provided to the Directors sufficiently in advance of the time they are to be filed or released to allow the Directors to review and comment on such documents. It is recognized that the requirement to make prompt disclosure of Material Changes by way of press releases may make it difficult to have certain press releases and material change reports reviewed by the Directors; and

- in the case of interim financial statements, annual financial statements and interim and annual MD&A, such documents must be reviewed and approved by the Audit and Disclosure Committee in accordance with the Audit and Disclosure Committee Charter prior to submission to the Board as a whole.

5.6 In the event that a Document contains any Forward-Looking Information (as defined herein) this information must be specifically identified as such and the following additional disclosure shall be provided in written form proximate to each place in the Document where the Forward-Looking Information appears:

- reasonable cautionary language identifying the Forward-Looking Information as such;
- identifying the material factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results from a conclusion, forecast or projection in the Forward-Looking Information; and
- a statement of the material factors or assumptions that were applied in the Forward-Looking Information.

5.7 **“Forward-Looking Information”** means all disclosure regarding possible events, conditions or results (including future-oriented financial information with respect to prospective results of operations, a prospective financial position or prospective changes in financial position that is based on assumptions about future economic conditions and courses of action) that is presented as either a forecast or a projection. An example would be the discussion of trends and prospects for the Company in its MD&A.

## 6. Procedures Regarding Public Oral Statements

6.1 The procedures in this section apply to all Directors, Officers, Employees, Contractors and Spokespersons and any other person with actual or implied authority to make a public oral statement.

6.2 A **“public oral statement”** is any oral statement made in circumstances in which a reasonable person would believe that information contained in the statement will become generally disclosed. Examples include speeches, presentations, news conferences, interviews and discussions with analysts where the Company’s business and affairs, prospects or financial condition is discussed. The following procedures should be observed in respect of any public oral statements made by or on behalf of the Company:

- such public oral statements should be made only by the Spokespersons authorized by this Policy to make public oral statements on behalf of the Company;
- any public oral statement referring to a statement, report or opinion of an expert in whole or in part must have the prior written consent of said expert prior to a Spokesperson making a public oral statement related thereto;
- the Spokespersons must ensure that any public oral statements on behalf of the Company do not contain a misrepresentation and comply with Section 14 of this

Policy (Avoiding Selective Disclosure) and Section 5.6 of this Policy (Forward-Looking Information); and

- If any public oral statements are found to contain a misrepresentation, the Audit and Disclosure Committee should be advised and the Company shall immediately issue a correcting press release.

6.3 Where a public oral statement contains Forward-Looking Information, the Spokesperson must, prior to making such a public oral statement make the following cautionary statement indicating that the public oral statement contains Forward-Looking Information;

“Some of my commentary may contain forward-looking information, therefore, you are cautioned that Geodrill Limited’s actual results could differ materially from my conclusions, forecasts or projections. I refer you to the section entitled “Description of the Business - Risk Factors” in our most recent annual information form available on SEDAR+ which sets out certain material factors that could cause actual results to differ.”

## **7. Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The following disclosure controls and procedures of the Company have been reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized and reported on a timely basis:

- (a) The Audit and Disclosure Committee shall assign responsibility to the appropriate individuals to draft the required disclosures in the material public disclosures of the Company and shall develop a timeline to ensure the drafting and review is conducted in a timely manner.
- (b) The Audit and Disclosure Committee shall review new developments, key risks and business challenges or areas of concern for special attention during the drafting process.
- (c) All personnel who are requested to have direct input into the preparation of Core Documents will be provided with instructions and such other additional information as they may require to ensure that they are familiar with the Company’s obligations, the importance of compliant and accurate disclosure and the reliance which is being placed upon them.
- (d) The Audit and Disclosure Committee shall meet as many times as may be necessary to review the draft, consider all comments raised by members of the Committee and other reviewers. Concerns will be addressed with outside counsel and the independent auditors, as necessary.
- (e) Where it considers it necessary or advisable, the Audit and Disclosure Committee will have portions of Core Documents reviewed by another knowledgeable person. All financial information shall undergo a second internal review and a review by the Company’s independent auditors.

- (f) In addition, the operations of the Company will establish a policy requiring the appropriate senior managers to provide their confirmation on a quarterly basis, that all material information has been communicated to the responsible executive officers.
- (g) Once the Audit and Disclosure Committee has agreed upon a final draft, the Committee shall report to the Executive Management:
  - (i) that it has followed the disclosure controls and procedures;
  - (ii) the Audit and Disclosure Committee's findings and conclusions regarding the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures; and
  - (iii) the Audit and Disclosure Committee's assessment of the quality of the disclosures made in the Company's Core Documents,

and the Audit and Disclosure Committee shall meet with the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Executive General Manager to discuss any questions, which either may have, and to report in person, upon the request of the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Executive General Manager.

If for any reason the Audit and Disclosure Committee cannot agree upon their report, it shall meet with the Executive Management to discuss its procedures and the issues which remain outstanding.

## 8. Timely Disclosure of Material Information

- 8.1 **“Material information”** consists of both **“material facts”** and **“material changes”**. A **“material fact”** means a fact that significantly affects, or would reasonably be expected to have a significant effect on, the market price or value of the securities of the Company. A **“material change”** means a change in the business, operations or capital of the Company that would reasonably be expected to have a significant effect on the market price or value of any of the securities of the Company and includes a decision to implement such a change if such a decision is made by the Board or by senior management of the Company who believe that confirmation of the decision by the Board is probable.
- 8.2 Any person to whom this Policy applies who becomes aware of information that has the possibility of being Material Information must immediately disclose that information to one of the members of Executive Management and that member shall advise the Audit and Disclosure Committee. Schedule “B” attached hereto lists examples of Material Information.
- 8.3 Upon the occurrence of any change that may constitute a material change in respect of the Company the Audit and Disclosure Committee, in consultation with such other advisors as it may consider necessary, shall:
  - consider whether the event constitutes a material change;
  - if it does constitute a material change, prepare a press release and a material change report describing the material change as required under applicable laws;



- determine whether a reasonable basis exists for filing the material change report on a confidential basis. In general, filings will not be made on a confidential basis although, in exceptional circumstances (such as disclosure related to a potential acquisition), confidential disclosure may be appropriate;
- to the extent practicable, circulate the draft press release and material change report to the members of the Board and senior management together, if applicable, with the recommendation that it be filed on a confidential basis;
- if applicable, following approval by the Audit and Disclosure Committee, file the material change report on a confidential basis and when the basis for confidentiality ceases to exist, and the event remains material, issue a press release and file a material change report in compliance with applicable securities laws, including the Act. During the period of time while a confidential material change has not been publicly disclosed, the Company shall not release a document or make a public oral statement that, due to the undisclosed material change, contains a misrepresentation.

8.4 Press releases disclosing Material Information will be transmitted to the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”), relevant regulatory bodies and major news wire services that disseminate financial news to the financial press. The TSX requires immediate release of material information except in unusual circumstances. In restricted circumstances disclosure of material information may be delayed or kept confidential temporarily where immediate release of the information would be unduly detrimental to the Company. Examples of these are contained in the guidance. Press releases must be pre-cleared by the TSX if issued during trading hours.

## **9. Internet Chat Rooms and Bulletin Boards**

Directors, Officers, Employees, Contractors or Spokespersons must not discuss or post any information relating to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or trading in securities of the Company in Internet chat rooms, newsgroups or bulletin boards.

## 10. Rumours

The Company shall not comment, affirmatively or negatively, on rumours. This also applies to rumours on the Internet. Spokespersons will respond consistently to those rumours, saying “It is our policy not to comment on market rumours or speculation.” If market activity indicates that trading is being unduly influenced by rumours Market Surveillance will request a clarifying statement be made by the Company. A trading halt may be instituted pending a “no corporate developments” statement. If a rumour is correct in whole or in part, immediate disclosure of the relevant material information must be made and a trading halt will be instituted pending release and dissemination of the information. The Audit and Disclosure Committee will consider these matters, where applicable, and make a recommendation to the Chief Executive Officer as to the nature and context of any response. If the Company becomes aware of a rumour in a chat room, newsgroup or on social media or any other source that may have a material impact on the price of its stock, it should immediately contact Market Surveillance so that they can monitor trading in the Company’s securities. If it is determined that trading is being affected by the rumour it may require the Company to issue a news release stating that there are no corporate developments to explain the market activity.

## 11. Website

11.1 The Company’s website must be maintained in accordance with the following.

- the following information must be included on the website:
  - (1) all Material Information that has previously been Generally Disclosed, including, without limitation, all documents filed on SEDAR+ or a link to those documents on SEDAR+;
  - (2) all non-Material Information that is given to analysts, institutional investors and other market professionals (such as fact sheets, fact books, slides of investor presentations, materials distributed at analyst and industry conferences); and
  - (3) all press releases or a link to those press releases;
- the website must contain an e-mail link to an investor relations contact for the Company to facilitate communication with investors;
- the website must include a notice that advises the reader that the information was accurate at the time of posting, but may be superseded by subsequent disclosures;
- inaccurate information must be promptly removed from the website and a correction must be posted;
- information contained on the website must be removed or updated when it is no longer current;
- a list of all analysts known to follow the Company may be posted on the investor relations page, but analysts’ reports must not be posted on the Company’s website or linked to the Company’s website;

- all links from the Company’s website must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer and all links must include a notice that advises the reader that he or she is leaving the Company’s website and that the Company is not responsible for the contents of the other site; and
  - no links will be created from the Company’s website to chat rooms, newsgroups or bulletin boards.
- 11.2 All information on the Company’s website will be retained for a period of six years from the date of issue.
- 11.3 If the Company is considering a distribution of its securities, the content of the website must be reviewed with the Company’s corporate counsel before and during the offering to ensure compliance with applicable securities laws.

## 12. Confidentiality of Undisclosed Material Information

- 12.1 “**Undisclosed Material Information**” of the Company is Material Information about the Company that has not been “**Generally Disclosed**”, that is, disseminated to the public by way of a press release together with the passage of a reasonable amount of time (24 hours, unless otherwise advised that the period is longer or shorter, depending on the circumstances) for the public to analyze the information.
- 12.2 Any person to whom this Policy applies and who has knowledge of Undisclosed Material Information must treat the Material Information as confidential until the Material Information has been Generally Disclosed.
- 12.3 Undisclosed Material Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in the necessary course of business. If Undisclosed Material Information has been disclosed in the necessary course of business, anyone so informed must clearly understand that it is to be kept confidential, and, in appropriate circumstances, execute a confidentiality agreement. Schedule “C” attached hereto lists circumstances where securities regulators believe disclosure may be in the necessary course of business. When in doubt, all persons to whom this Policy applies must consult with the Chief Executive Officer to determine whether disclosure in a particular circumstance is in the necessary course of business. For greater certainty, disclosure to analysts, institutional investors, other market professionals and members of the press and other media will not be considered to be in the necessary course of business. “**Tipping**”, which refers to the disclosure of Undisclosed Material Information to third parties outside the necessary course of business, is prohibited.
- 12.4 In order to prevent the misuse or inadvertent disclosure of Undisclosed Material Information, the procedures set forth below should be observed at all times:
- Documents and files containing confidential information should be kept in a safe place to which access is restricted to individuals who “need to know” that information in the necessary course of business and code names should be used if necessary;
  - Confidential matters should not be discussed in places where the discussion may be overheard;

- Transmission of documents containing Undisclosed Material Information by electronic means will be made only where it is reasonable to believe that the transmission can be made and received under secure conditions; and
- Unnecessary copying of documents containing Undisclosed Material Information must be avoided and extra copies of documents must be promptly removed from meeting rooms and work areas at the conclusion of the meeting and must be destroyed if no longer required.

### **13. Quiet Period**

- 13.1 Each period (1) beginning on the first day following the end of each fiscal quarter and each fiscal year, and (2) ending when the earnings for that quarter or year have been Generally Disclosed by way of a press release, will be a “Quiet Period”. During a Quiet Period, Spokespersons must not provide any Forward-Looking Information relating to the business and affairs of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, including information relating to expected revenues, net income or profit, earnings per share, expenditure levels, and other information commonly referred to as earnings guidance (“**Earnings Guidance**”) or comments with respect to the financial results for the current fiscal quarter or current fiscal year. Notwithstanding these restrictions, the Company may Generally Disclose Forward-Looking Information during the Quiet Period when the Forward-Looking Information constitutes Undisclosed Material Information. During a Quiet Period, Spokespersons may respond to unsolicited inquiries about information either that is not Material Information or that has been Generally Disclosed.

### **14. Avoiding Selective Disclosure**

- 14.1 When participating in shareholder meetings, news conferences, analysts’ conferences and private meetings with analysts or institutional investors, Spokespersons must only disclose information that either (1) is not Material Information or (2) is Material Information but has previously been Generally Disclosed. For greater certainty, acceptable topics of discussion include the Company’s business prospects (subject to the provisions of this Policy), the business environment, management’s philosophy and long-term strategy. Any selective disclosure of Undisclosed Material Information, including Earnings Guidance, is not permitted.
- 14.2 To protect against selective disclosure, the procedures outlined in Section 6 (Procedures Regarding Public Oral Statements) should be followed.
- 14.3 If Material Information that has not been Generally Disclosed is inadvertently disclosed, the Company shall contact the parties to whom the Material Information was disclosed and inform them: (a) that the information is Undisclosed Material Information, and (b) of their legal obligations with respect to the Material Information.

### **15. Analyst Reports**

- 15.1 When reviewing analysts’ reports, comments of Directors, Officers, Employees and Contractors must be limited to identifying factual information that has been Generally Disclosed that may affect an analyst’s model and pointing out inaccuracies or omissions with respect to factual information that has been Generally Disclosed.

Any comments must contain a disclaimer that the report was reviewed for factual accuracy only. No comfort or guidance shall be expressed on the analysts' earnings models or earnings estimates and no attempt shall be made to influence an analyst's opinion or conclusion.

- 15.2 Analysts' reports shall not be posted on or linked from the Company's website.
- 15.3 The Company may from time to time give Earnings Guidance or any other Forward-Looking Information through voluntary disclosure by way of a press release, provided that the cautionary language described in Section 5.6 accompanies the information.

## **16. Trading of Securities of the Company**

- 16.1 All individuals who have access to confidential information are prohibited from making use of such information in trading in the Company's securities before such information has been fully disclosed to the public. In addition, no Person in a Special Relationship with the Company shall purchase or sell or otherwise monetize securities of the Company while in possession of Undisclosed Material Information.
- 16.2 Directors, Officers and those Employees and Contractors who participate in the preparation of the Company's financial statements or who are privy to material financial information relating to the Company are prohibited from purchasing or selling securities of the Company during the period of time beginning on: (i) the first day on which the TSX is open for trading (a "**Trading Day**") following the end of a fiscal quarter, or fiscal year end, until the second Trading Day after the financial results for a fiscal quarter or fiscal year end have been disclosed by way of press release (the "**Executive Blackout**").
- 16.3 All Employees and Contractors who are not subject to the Executive Blackout are prohibited from purchasing or selling securities of the Company for the period of time beginning on the tenth Trading Day prior to the disclosure of financial results for a fiscal quarter or fiscal year by way of press release until the second Trading Day following such press release (the "**General Blackout**").
- 16.4 All Directors, Officers, Employees and Contractors who are so advised by the Audit and Disclosure Committee, shall be prohibited from purchasing or selling securities of the Company during any other period designated by the Audit and Disclosure Committee (the "**Specific Blackout**").
- 16.5 Notwithstanding Sections 16.3 and 16.4, a Director, Officer, Employee and Contractor may purchase or sell securities during any blackout period (an Executive Blackout, a General Blackout, or Specific Blackout as may be applicable) with the prior written consent of the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer will grant permission to purchase or sell during a blackout period only in the case of unusual, exceptional circumstances. Unusual, exceptional circumstances may include the sale of securities in the case of severe financial hardship or where the timing of the sale is critical for significant tax planning purposes.
- 16.6 The trading prohibitions in Sections 16.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4 do not apply to the acquisition of securities through the exercise of share options or restricted share units but do apply to the sale of the securities acquired through the exercise of share options or restricted share units.

**17. Insider Reports**

- 17.1 An insider (as defined in the Act) of the Company (an “**Insider**”) is required to file an initial insider report within ten (10) days of becoming an Insider and subsequent insider reports within five (5) days following any trade of securities of the Company. If an Insider does not own or have control over or direction over securities of the Company, or if ownership or direction or control over securities of the Company remains unchanged from the last report filed, a report is not required.
- 17.2 If an Insider has made a trade and requires assistance with the filing of an insider report, such Insider should contact the Chief Financial Officer who will arrange for assistance with the preparation and filing of an insider report.

**18. Commitment**

- 18.1 To demonstrate our determination and commitment to the purposes of this Policy, the Company asks certain Employees to review this Policy periodically throughout the year and take the opportunity to discuss with management any circumstances that may have arisen that could be a breach of this Policy.
- 18.2 The following individuals are required to sign this Policy: Directors, Officers, and Senior Officers as defined in Schedule A hereunder, both when they are engaged and when the Policy is significantly revised.

**RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I have received and read  
(Print Name)  
a copy of the “Disclosure, Confidentiality and Insider Trading Policy” and agree to comply with its terms. I understand that violation of insider trading or tipping laws or regulations may subject me to subject me to severe civil and/or criminal penalties, and that violation of the terms of the above-noted policy may subject me to discipline by the Company up to and including termination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

## Schedule “A”

### Individuals and Entities to Whom This Policy Applies

“**Contractors**” means independent contractors (who are engaged in an employee-like capacity) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

“**Directors**” means directors of the Company;

“**Employees**” means full-time, part-time, contract or secondment employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

“**Insiders**” means:

- (1) Directors or Senior Officers of the Company;
- (2) persons who beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the voting securities of the Company or who exercise control or direction over more than 10% of the votes attached to the voting securities of the Company (“10% Shareholders”);
- (3) directors or Senior Officers of a subsidiary of the Company; or
- (4) directors or Senior Officers of 10% Shareholders;

“**Officers**” means officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; “Persons in a Special Relationship with the Company” means:

- (1) Directors, Officers, Employees and Contractors;
- (2) 10% Shareholders;
- (3) directors, officers, employees and contractors of 10% Shareholders;
- (4) members of an operating or advisory committee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (5) directors, officers, partners and employees of a company that is engaging in any business or professional activity with the Company or any of its subsidiaries and who routinely comes into contact with Material Information;
- (6) persons or companies that learned of Material Information with respect to the Company from a person or company described in (1) through (5) of this definition and knew or ought reasonably to have known that the other person or company was in such a special relationship; and
- (7) spouses, live-in partners or relatives of any of the individuals referred to in (1) through (6) who reside in the same household as that individual; and

“**Senior Officers**” means:

- (1) the chair or a vice-chair of the Board or any of its subsidiaries, the President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Executive General Manager, an Executive Vice-President, a Vice-President, the Corporate Secretary, the Assistant Corporate



Secretary, the Controller, the Treasurer or the General Manager of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their operating divisions; or

- (2) any other individual who performs functions for the Company or any of its subsidiaries similar to those normally performed by an individual occupying any of the offices listed in (1) above.

A company is considered to be a “**Subsidiary**” of another company if it is controlled by (1) that other company, (2) that other and one or more companies, each of which is controlled by that other, or (3) two or more companies, each of which is controlled by that other; or it is a subsidiary of a company that is that other’s subsidiary. In general, a company will control another company when the first company owns more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of that other company.

## **Schedule “B”**

### **Examples of Information That May Be Material** (Based on National Policy 51-201 and Section 410 of the Toronto Stock Exchange Manual)

#### **Changes in corporate structure**

- changes in share ownership that may affect control of the company
- changes in corporate structure such as reorganizations, amalgamations, or mergers
- take-over bids, issuer bids, or insider bids

#### **Changes in capital structure**

- the public or private sale of additional securities
- planned repurchases or redemptions of securities
- planned splits of common shares or offerings of warrants or rights to buy shares
- any share consolidation, share exchange, or stock dividend
- changes in a company’s dividend payments or policies
- the possible initiation of a proxy fight
- material modifications to the rights of security holders

#### **Changes in financial results**

- a significant increase or decrease in near-term earnings prospects
- unexpected changes in the financial results for any period
- shifts in financial circumstances, such as cash flow reductions, major asset write-offs or write-downs
- changes in the value or composition of the company’s assets
- any material change in the company’s accounting policies

#### **Changes in business and operations**

- any development that affects the company’s resources, technology, products or markets
- a significant change in capital investment plans or corporate objectives
- major labour disputes or disputes with major contractors or suppliers
- significant new contracts, products, patents, or services or significant losses of contracts or business
- significant discoveries by resource companies
- changes to the Board or executive management, including the departure of the company’s Chairman, CEO, CFO, COO (or persons in equivalent positions)
- the commencement of, or developments in, material legal proceedings or regulatory matters
- waivers of corporate ethics and conduct rules for officers, directors, and other key employees
- any notice that reliance on a prior audit is no longer permissible
- de-listing of the company’s securities or their movement from one quotation system or exchange to another

#### **Acquisitions and dispositions**

- significant acquisitions or dispositions of assets, property or joint venture interests
- acquisitions of other companies, including a take-over bid for, or merger with, another company

**Changes in credit arrangements**

- the borrowing or lending of a significant amount of money
- any mortgaging or encumbering of the company's assets
- defaults under debt obligations, agreements to restructure debt, or planned enforcement procedures by a bank or any other creditors
- changes in rating agency decisions
- significant new credit arrangements

## **Schedule “C”**

### **Examples of Disclosures That May Be Necessary in the Course Of Business** (Reproduced from National Policy 51-201)

**(1) Disclosure to:**

- vendors, suppliers, or strategic partners on issues such as research and development, sales and marketing, and supply contracts
- employees, officers and directors
- lenders, legal counsel, auditors, underwriters, and financial and other professional advisors to the Company
- parties to negotiations
- labour unions and industry associations
- government agencies and non-governmental regulators
- credit rating agencies (provided that the information is disclosed for the purpose of assisting the agency to formulate a credit rating and the agency’s ratings generally are or will be publicly available)

**(2) Disclosures in connection with a private placement**

**(3) Communications with controlling shareholders, in certain circumstances**