## CANAGOLD RESOURCES LTD.

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### **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

(Containing information as at May 5, 2025 unless indicated otherwise)

This Information Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Canagold Resources Ltd. (the "Company") for use at the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of its shareholders to be held on June 12, 2025 at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of the Meeting.

In this Information Circular, references to "the Company", "we" and "our" refer to Canagold Resources Ltd. "Common Shares" means the common shares without par value in the capital of the Company. "Beneficial Shareholders" means shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name and "intermediaries" refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Beneficial Shareholders. "Registered Shareholders" means shareholders who hold Common Shares registered in their own name. "Shareholders" means all shareholders who hold Common Shares.

#### Solicitation of Proxies

The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and regular employees of the Company. The Company will bear all costs of this solicitation. We have arranged for intermediaries to forward the meeting materials to beneficial owners of the Common Shares held of record by those intermediaries and we may reimburse the intermediaries for their reasonable fees and disbursements in that regard.

### **Appointment of Proxyholders**

The individuals named in the accompanying form of proxy (the "Proxy") are officers and a solicitor of the Company. If you are a shareholder entitled to vote at the Meeting, you have the right to appoint a person or company other than any of the persons designated in the Proxy, who need not be a shareholder, to attend and act for you and on your behalf at the Meeting. You may do so either by inserting the name of that other person in the blank space provided in the Proxy or by completing and delivering another suitable form of proxy.

## **Voting by Proxyholder**

The persons named in the Proxy will vote or withhold from voting the Common Shares represented thereby in accordance with your instructions on any ballot that may be called for. If you specify a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, your Common Shares will be voted accordingly. The Proxy confers discretionary authority on the persons named therein with respect to:

- (a) each matter or group of matters identified therein for which a choice is not specified, other than the appointment of an auditor and the election of directors;
- (b) any amendment to or variation of any matter identified therein; and
- (c) any other matter that properly comes before the Meeting.

In respect of a matter for which a choice is not specified in the Proxy, the persons named in the Proxy will vote the Common Shares represented by the Proxy for the approval of such matter.

## **Registered Shareholders**

Registered Shareholders may wish to vote by proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered Shareholders may choose one of the following options to submit their proxy:

- (a) completing, dating and signing the enclosed form of proxy and returning it to the Company's transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. ("Computershare"), by fax within North America at 1-866-249-7775, outside North America at (416) 263-9524, or by mail to the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1 or by hand delivery at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 510 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 3B9;
- (b) use a touch-tone phone to transmit voting choices to a toll-free number. Registered shareholders must follow the instructions of the voice response system and refer to the enclosed proxy form for the toll-free number, the holder's account number and the control number; or
- (c) use the internet through the website of the Company's transfer agent at <a href="www.investorvote.com">www.investorvote.com</a>.
  Registered Shareholders must follow the instructions that appear on the screen and refer to the enclosed proxy form for the holder's account number and the control number.

In all cases the Registered Shareholder must ensure the proxy is received at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays) before the Meeting, or the adjournment thereof, at which the proxy is to be used.

#### **Beneficial Shareholders**

The following information is of significant importance to Shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Beneficial Shareholders should note that the only proxies that can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting are those deposited by Registered Shareholders (those whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares) or as set out in the following disclosure.

If Common Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a Shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Common Shares will not be registered in the Shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Common Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms), and in the United States (the "U.S."), under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depositary for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks).

Intermediaries are required to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholder meetings. Every intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients.

You should carefully follow the instructions of your broker or intermediary in order to ensure that your Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

The form of proxy supplied to you by your broker will be similar to the Proxy provided to Registered Shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the intermediary on how to vote your Common Shares on your behalf. Most brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") in Canada and in the United States. Broadridge mails a voting instruction form (a "VIF") in lieu of a Proxy provided by the Company. The VIF will name the same persons as the Company's Proxy to represent your Common Shares at the Meeting. You have the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Beneficial Shareholder of the Company), other than any of the persons designated in the VIF to represent your Common Shares at the Meeting and that person may be you. To exercise this right, insert the name of the desired representative (which may be you), in the blank space provided in the VIF. The completed VIF must then be returned to Broadridge by mail or facsimile or given to Broadridge by phone or over the internet, in accordance with Broadridge's instructions. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and

provides appropriate instructions respecting voting of Common Shares to be represented at the Meeting. If you receive a VIF from Broadridge, the VIF must be completed and returned to Broadridge, in accordance with Broadridge's instructions, well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the Common Shares voted at the Meeting, or to have an alternate representative duly appointed to attend the Meeting and vote your Common Shares.

#### **Notice to Shareholders in the United States**

The solicitation of proxies involves securities of an issuer located in Canada and is being effected in accordance with the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "BCBCA") and Canadian provincial securities laws. The proxy solicitation rules under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are not applicable to the Company or this solicitation, and this Information Circular has been prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of applicable Canadian provincial securities laws which differ from the disclosure requirements of United States federal securities laws.

The enforcement by Shareholders of civil liabilities under United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Company is incorporated under the BCBCA, and all of its directors and executive officers are resident outside of the United States, with the exception of: Kadri Dagdelen. A substantial portion of the Company's assets, and the assets of its non-U.S. directors and executive officers, are located outside the United States. Shareholders may not be able to sue a foreign company or its non-U.S. officers or directors in a foreign court for violations of United States federal securities laws. It may be difficult to compel a foreign company and its non-U.S. officers and directors to subject themselves to a judgment by a United States court.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a registered shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by:

- (a) executing a proxy bearing a later date or by executing a valid notice of revocation, either of the foregoing to be executed by the registered shareholder or the registered shareholder's authorized attorney in writing, or, if the shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal by an officer or attorney duly authorized, and by delivering the proxy bearing a later date to Computershare, at any time up to and including the last business day that precedes the day of the Meeting or, if the Meeting is adjourned, the last business day that precedes any reconvening thereof, or to the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any reconvening thereof, or in any other manner provided by law; or
- (b) personally attending the Meeting and voting the registered shareholder's Common Shares.

A revocation of a proxy will not affect a matter on which a vote is taken before the revocation.

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

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

#### VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

The board of directors (the "Board") of the Company has fixed May 5, 2025 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of persons entitled to receive notice of the Meeting. Only Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date who either attend the Meeting personally or complete, sign and deliver a form of proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above will be entitled to vote or to have their Common Shares voted at the Meeting.

The Company's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of voting Common shares without par value.

All Common Shares of the Company rank equally as to dividends, voting powers and participation in assets and in all other respects. Each share carries one vote per share at meetings of the Shareholders of the Company. There are no indentures or agreements limiting the payment of dividends and there are no conversion rights, special liquidation rights, pre-emptive rights or subscription rights attached to the common shares. The shares presently issued are not subject to any calls or assessments.

The Company's Common Shares are listed and posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under stock symbol "CCM", on the OTCQB under stock symbol "CRCUF", and on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under stock symbol "CANA".

As of Record Date there were 184,056,341 Common Shares issued and outstanding, each carrying the right to one vote. No group of shareholders has the right to elect a specified number of directors, nor are there cumulative or similar voting rights attached to the Common Shares.

To the knowledge of the current management of the Company, the below named company or person beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, Common Shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to the outstanding Common Shares as at Record Date:

Name	Type of Ownership	Number and Common Shares and Percentage of Common Shares)
Sun Valley Investments AG	Direct	88,638,133 (48.16%) (2),(3)

#### Notes:

- CDS & Co is a share depository, the beneficial ownership of which is unknown to the Company. The above information has been furnished to the Company by the Company's Transfer Agent, Computer Share Investor Services Inc.
- Michael Doyle, a director of the Company, is a Partner and the Vice President of Sun Valley Investments AG. Refer to "INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS Related Party Transactions" below.
- (3) Certain shares held by Sun Valley Investments AG are also held through CDS.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, the report of the auditor thereon, and related management's discussion and analysis (collectively, the "Financial Statements") will be placed before the Shareholders at the Meeting for their consideration. No formal action will be taken at the Meeting to approve the Financial Statements. If any Shareholder has questions regarding such Financial Statements, such questions may be brought forward at the Meeting. Copies of the Financial Statements are available through the internet under the Company's profile on SEDAR+, which can be accessed at www.sedarplus.ca.

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The size of the Board was set by resolution of the directors at five (5) directors. Accordingly, to continue the current number of directors and pursuant to the Articles of the Company (the "Articles") the Board has not changed the number of directors to be elected and five (5) directors will be elected at the Meeting. Shareholders are asked to consider the persons set forth in the table below as director nominees, and to vote at the Meeting to elect them as directors for the ensuing year.

The term of office of each of the current directors will end at the conclusion of the Meeting. Unless a director's office is vacated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the BCBCA, each director elected will hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, or if no director is then elected, until a successor is elected.

#### Advance Notice Provision

Pursuant to the Advance Notice Provisions contained in the Articles, the Board has determined that notice of nominations of persons for election to the Board at the Meeting must be made in accordance with the requirements of such Advance Notice Provisions. As of the date of this Circular, the Company has not received notice of a nomination in compliance with the Advance Notice Provisions and, subject to the timely receipt of any such nomination, any nominations other than nominations by or at the direction of the Board or an authorized officer of the Company will be disregarded at the Meeting.

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

Name of Nominee; Current Position with the Company and Province or State and Country of Residence (1)	Occupation, Business or Employment <sup>(2)</sup>	Period as a Director of the Company	Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled
Sofia Bianchi (3)(4)(5)(6)(7) Chair and Director Unterageri, Switzerland	Partner and CEO of Atlante Partners (since May 2016). Various board director positions. Refer to <i>Director Biographies</i> below	Since July 19, 2022	Nil
Andrew Trow <sup>(3)(4)(5)(7)</sup> Director Cape Town, South Africa	Managing Director at Fresh Beverages (Pty) Ltd (since January 2015); Partner at Atlante Capital Partners (since May 2014),  Refer to <i>Director Biographies</i> below.	Since July 19, 2022	Nil <sup>(3)</sup>
Michael Doyle <sup>(4)(5)(6)(7)</sup> Director and Chief Technical Officer Medellin, Columbia	Chief Technical Officer of Canagold Resources Ltd (since August 2022); Partner and Vice President of Technical Services at Sun Valley Investments (since 2016).  Refer to <i>Director Biographies</i> below.	Since August 9, 2022	72,460
Carmen Letton <sup>(3)(6)(7)</sup> Director Queensland, Australia	Managing Director at Malett Pty Ltd (since February 2022); Head of RDP and LoAP at Anglo American (from October 2018 to January 2022)  Refer to <i>Director Biographies</i> below.	Since July 19, 2022	Nil

Name of Nominee; Current Position with the Company and Province or State and Country of Residence (1)	Occupation, Business or Employment <sup>(2)</sup>	Period as a Director of the Company	Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled
Kadri Dagdelen <sup>(6)(7)</sup>	Professor at Colorado School of	Since July 19, 2022	Nil
Director	Mines (since 1992); President of		
Colorado, USA	Optitech Engineering Solutions		
	(since 2005).		
	Refer to <i>Director Biographies</i>		
	below.		

- (1) The information as to residence and principal occupation during the past five years is not within the knowledge of the Company and has been furnished by the respective directors and officers.
- (2) Unless otherwise stated above, each of the above-named nominees has held the principal occupation or employment indicated for at least five years.
- (3) Member of Audit Committee.
- (4) Member of Compensation Committee.
- (5) Member of Governance and Nomination Committees.
- (6) Member of Technical and Investment Committees.
- (7) Member of the ESS and OH&S Committee.

No proposed director is being elected under any arrangement or understanding between the proposed director and any other person or company.

A shareholder can vote for all of the above nominees, vote for some of the above nominees and withhold for other of the above nominees or withhold for all of the above nominees. Unless otherwise instructed, the named proxyholders will vote FOR the election of each of the proposed nominees set forth above as directors of the Company. At the Meeting the above persons will be nominated for election as director as well as any person nominated pursuant to the Advance Notice Provision (see above). Only persons nominated by management pursuant to this Information Circular or pursuant to the Advance Notice Policy will be considered valid director nominees eligible for election at the Meeting.

### **Biographies of Director Nominees**

### Sofia Bianchi, Chair and Director

Ms. Bianchi is a seasoned international finance professional with expertise in corporate governance, strategy and value creation with 17 years of board experience on multiple publicly listed and private firms. Some of Ms. Bianchi's current and former board roles include: Member of the Board of the Board and Executive Committee of Ma'aden, Chair of the Nominating and Compensation Committee and Executive Committee of Manara Minerals Investment Company, Member of the Audit and Remuneration Committee of Yellow Cake Plc, Chair of Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and a Member of the Audit, Technical and Remuneration Committees of Endeavour Mining, Senior Independent Director, Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committees and member of the Audit Committee of Kenmare Resources Plc. In her professional capacity as fund manager and banker Ms. Bianchi was, inter alia, Head of Special Situations and Member of the Investment Committee for Debt and Infrastructure at the UK Development Finance Institution, CDC Group plc, Head of Special Situations at BlueCrest Capital, Deputy CEO of the Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund and a Senior Banker at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Ms. Bianchi holds a BA in Economics from the George Washington University and an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

## Kadri Dagdelen, PhD, Director

Kadri Dagdelen is a Professional Engineer with 46 years of experience in the mining industry. He has specialized in the development and implementation of new technologies for mines, consulting to mining companies worldwide and teaching mining engineering as a Professor. Dr. Dagdelen received a BSc. n Mining Engineering in 1976, an MSc. in Mining Engineering in 1979 and a PhD. in Mining Engineering in 1985, all from the Colorado School of Mines. Dr. Dagdelen worked periodically as a mining engineer for large companies while he was earning his MSc and PhD degrees from 1977 to 1982. From 1985 to 1992, Dr. Dagdelen worked as a mining engineer for Homestake Mines, finishing his time there as Manager, Technical Services. In the 1990's and 2000's, Dr, Dagdelen focused on research and teaching at the Colorado School of Mines, where he authored 2 books, 76 publications, 48 reports and presentations, and 22 short courses, all on various aspects of mining engineering. Since 2002, Dr. Dagdelen has worked as a full Professor of Mining Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines, where he also served as the Head of the Mining Engineering Department between 2008 and 2012. Since 2005, Dr. Dagdelen has also run his own technical innovation and consulting company, OptiTech, as President. Dr. Dagdelen has received several professional service awards and he is a member in good standing of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, Exploration (SME), Mining and Metallurgical Society of America (MMSA), North American Council on Geostatistics, International Geostatistical Society Operations, Research Society of America, and the Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Institute (CIM). Dr. Dagdelen served as an Independent Director of Randgold Resources between 2010 and 2017.

### Michal Doyle, Director and Chief Technical Officer

Mr. Doyle has over 35 years global experience of mining and exploration with Rio Tinto, Inmet, WardellArmstrong and Sun Valley Investments. He is a chartered engineer and senior geologist and also holds an M.Sc. in Environmental Management. Mr. Doyle has experience across exploration, feasibility studies, environmental permitting, construction, and exploitation of small to major mining projects. While at Rio Tinto, Mr. Doyle directly led the exploration team that discovered the Las Cruces high-grade copper deposit in southern Spain. Mr. Doyle is an executive at Sun Valley Investments where he is responsible for the company's existing mining operations and also for reviewing potential investments in exploration and mining projects around the world. Sun Valley currently has two high grade narrow vein underground mines in production and a third in construction. One of the mines was taken from acquisition through licensing and construction to the first gold pour in just four years.

### Carmen Letton, Director

Ms. Carmen Letton holds a PhD in Mineral Economics at University of Queensland and BEng (Mining)(Hons) at WA School of Mines, Kalgoorlie. Dr. Letton is a mining engineer and mineral economist with over 35 years of global mining exposure in the Americas, Australia, Asia, Europe and Africa. Ms. Letton has diverse background in senior leadership roles in operations, business improvement, optimization and sustainable mining and extensive technical expertise in open pit and underground mines across multiple commodities and the many stages of asset development. She was the Head of Resource Development Plan and Life Asset Plan (Asset Strategy Development) at Anglo American, and has held senior positions at BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Newmont. She was also a non-executive director of Endeavour Mining and Gold Fields.

## Andrew Trow, Director

Mr. Andrew Trow is Chartered Accountant with over 15 years of experience in financial and operational restructurings, fund management in special situations, private equity and debt. He has extensive working experience in managing financial and operational turn-arounds and sale processes across various sectors, with a focus on mining and energy. He started his career at the Deloitte USA and South Africa offices. He holds a BCom (Honors) in Chartered Accountancy from University of Port Elizabeth.

#### **Cease Trade Orders**

Other than as disclosed herein, no proposed director of the Company is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company that:

- a) was subject to (i) a cease trade order; (ii) an order similar to a cease trade order; or (iii) an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- b) was subject to (i) a cease trade order; (ii) an order similar to a cease trade order; or (iii) an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

### Disclosure

On October 10, 2019, Ms. Sofia Bianchi, the Chair and a director of the Company, was appointed as a non-executive director of Feronia Inc. ("Feronia"), an agribusiness listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. On March 9, 2020, she stepped down from the board of Feronia. On July 23, 2020, after Ms. Bianchi resigned from the board, Feronia initiated debtor in possession insolvency proceedings under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. Ernst & Young Inc. was appointed to act as trustee. Feronia entered into a purchase agreement with Straight KKM 2 Limited pursuant to which it acquired substantially all of Feronia's assets. Following the sale, Feronia was declared bankrupt and voluntarily delisted from the TSX Venture Exchange.

## **Bankruptcies**

No proposed director of the Company is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director or executive officer of any company that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

No proposed director of the Company has, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

## **Penalties or Sanctions**

No proposed director of the Company has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, or has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable Shareholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

### Majority Voting Policy

The Board adopted a majority voting policy for the election of directors in uncontested elections. Under this policy, if a nominee does not receive the affirmative vote of at least the majority of votes cast, the director will be expected to promptly tender a resignation for consideration by the Nomination Committee and the Board. The Nomination Committee shall consider the resignation and recommend to the Board the action to be taken with respect to such offered resignation, which may include: accepting the resignation, maintaining the director but addressing what the Nomination Committee believes to be the underlying cause of the withheld votes, resolving

that the director will not be re-nominated in the future for election, or rejecting the resignation and explaining the basis for such determination.

The Nomination Committee in making its recommendation, and the Board in making its decision, may consider any factors or other information they consider appropriate and relevant. Any director who tenders his or her resignation pursuant to the majority voting policy may not participate in the recommendation of the Nomination Committee or the decision of the Board with respect to his or her resignation. The Board will act on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee within 90 days after the shareholder meeting at which the election of directors occurred. Following the Board's decision, the Company will promptly issue a press release disclosing the Board's determination (and, if applicable, the reasons for rejecting the resignation).

If the Board accepts any tendered resignation in accordance with the majority voting policy, then the Board may (i) proceed to fill the vacancy through the appointment of a new director, or (ii) determine not to fill the vacancy and instead decrease the size of the Board. If a director's resignation is not accepted by the Board, such director will continue to serve until the next annual meeting and until his or her successor is duly elected, or his or her earlier resignation or removal; alternatively, the director shall otherwise serve for such shorter time and under such other conditions as determined by the Board, considering all of the relevant facts and circumstances.

A copy of the Majority Voting Policy can be viewed on the Company's website at www.canagoldresources.com

### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Professional Accounts, ("**Davidson & Company**") of 1200 – 609 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V7Y 1G6 will be nominated at the Meeting for re-appointment as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year, at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors. Davidson & Company were first appointed as the Company's auditor on November 10, 2023.

At the Meeting, Shareholders shall be called upon to appoint Davidson & Company as auditor of the Company, to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, and to authorize the directors to fix their remuneration.

The Board unanimously recommends that the Shareholders vote for the appointment of Davidson & Company as auditor of the Company, to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, and to authorize the directors to fix their remuneration.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE

#### Audit Committee Charter

The Company's Audit & Risk Committee Charter is attached as Schedule "A" to the Company's annual information form for financial year ended December 31, 2024 as filed under the Company's SEDAR+ profile at <a href="https://www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a>. The Audit & Risk Committee Charter is also available for review on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.canagoldresources.com">www.canagoldresources.com</a>.

### Composition of the Audit Committee

The following persons are members of the Audit Committee:

Andrew Trow (Chair)	Independent	Financially Literate
Carmen Letton	Independent	Financially Literate
Sofia Bianchi	Independent	Financially Literate

An Audit Committee member is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company that could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment.

An Audit Committee member is financially literate if they have the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements

### Relevant Education and Experience

Each member of the Company's Audit Committee has adequate education and experience relevant to their performance as an Audit Committee member and, in particular, the requisite education and experience that provides the member with:

- (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements and the ability to assess the general application of those principles in connection with estimates, accruals and reserves;
- (b) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements or experience actively supervising individuals engaged in such activities; and
- (c) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

See "Biographies of Director Nominees" above, in particular the biographies of each Audit Committee member, for more information concerning each Audit Committee member's education and experience.

## **Audit Committee Oversight**

The Audit Committee has not made any recommendations to the Board to nominate or compensate any auditor other than Davidson & Company.

## **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

See the Audit & Risk Committee Charter for specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

#### **External Auditor Service Fees**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the nature and amount of the non-audit services provided by Davidson & Company to the Company to ensure auditor independence. Fees incurred with Davidson & Company for audit and non-audit services in the two most recent fiscal years, are outlined in the following table:

Nature of Services	Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended December 31, 2024	Fees Paid to Auditor in Year Ended December 31, 2023 <sup>(5)</sup>
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$75,000	\$81,000
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	\$Nil	\$Nil
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$6,000	\$4,000
All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	\$Nil	\$Nil
Total	\$81,000	\$85,000

#### **Notes:**

- (1) "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of the Company's consolidated financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- (2) "Audit-Related Fees" include services that are traditionally performed by the auditor. These audit-related services include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- (3) "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees". This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.
- (4) "All Other Fees" include all other non-audit services.
- (5) Davidson & Company were appointed as auditor of the Company on November 10, 2023.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Canadian Securities Administrators have adopted National Instrument 58-101, *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("NI 58-101") which requires issuers to disclose, on an annual basis, their corporate governance practices in accordance with NI 58-101. Corporate governance disclosure by the Company is set out below.

### The Board of Directors

The Board currently consists of five (5) directors. Michael Doyle is not considered independent as he is Chief Technical Officer of the Company. Accordingly, a majority of the Board is independent.

Certain directors of the Company are presently directors of other issuers that are reporting issuers (or the equivalent) in any jurisdiction including foreign jurisdictions, as follows:

Name of Director	Name of Reporting Issuer	Exchange
Sofia Bianchi	Mineros S.A	TSX/Columbia Stock Exchange
	Yellow Cake PLC	LSE
	Ivanhoe Electric	TSX/NYSE
	Ma'aden	Saudi Stock Exchange
Carmen Letton	Magnetite Mines	ASX
Michael Doyle	Mineros S.A	TSX/Columbia Stock Exchange

The independent directors do not hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non-independent directors and members of management are not in attendance. However, during the course of a directors' meeting, if a matter is more effectively dealt with without the presence of members of management, the independent directors ask members of management to leave the meeting, and the independent directors then meet *in camera*.

Sofia Bianchi is the Chair of the Board. Carmen Letton, an independent director, was appointed the Lead Director of the Board with the mandate to ensure that the Board's Agenda will enable it to successfully carry out its duties and to do so without interference from the Chair of the Board that could result from potential conflicts.

From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Company has held nine Board meetings. The attendance record of the current directors at the board meetings and committee meetings held during the financial year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

Name of Director	Attendance at Board Meetings	Audit & Risk Committee Meetings	Compensation Committee Meetings	Governance & Nomination Committee Meetings	EHH & OH&S Committee Meeting	Technical & Investments Committee Meeting
Sofia Bianchi	9	5	4	4	4	4
Andrew Trow	9	5	4	4	4	N/A
Michael Doyle	9	N/A	4	4	4	4
Carmen Letton	9	5	N/A	N/A	4	4

Name of Director	Attendance at Board Meetings	Audit & Risk Committee Meetings	Compensation Committee Meetings	Governance & Nomination Committee Meetings	EHH & OH&S Committee Meeting	Technical & Investments Committee Meeting
Kadri Dagdelen	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	4

The Board has adopted a written code (the "Code of Business Conduct and Ethics") for the directors, officers and employees of the Company. A copy of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available for review on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.canagoldresources.com">www.canagoldresources.com</a>.

### **Board Mandate**

The Company has a written Board Mandate. The Board is responsible for supervising management in carrying on the business and affairs of the Company. Directors are required to act and exercise their powers with reasonable prudence in the best interests of the Company. The Board agrees with and confirms its responsibility for overseeing management's performance in the following particular areas:

- the strategic planning process of the Company;
- identification and management of the principal risks associated with the business of the Company;
- planning for succession of management;
- the Company's policies regarding communications with its shareholders and others; and
- the integrity of the internal controls and management information systems of the Company.

In carrying out its mandate, the Board relies primarily on management to provide it with regular detailed reports on the operations of the Company and its financial position. The Board reviews and assesses these reports and other information provided to it at meetings of the full Board and of its committees. The Chief Executive Officer reports to the Board regularly, giving the Board direct access to information in his areas of responsibility. Other management personnel regularly attend Board meetings to provide information and answer questions. Directors also consult from time to time with management and have, on occasion, visited the properties of the Company. The reports and information provided to the Board include details concerning the monitoring and management of the risks associated with the Company's activities, such as compliance with safety standards and legal requirements, environmental issues and the financial position and liquidity of the Company. At least annually, the Board reviews management's report on its business and strategic plan and any changes with respect to risk management and succession planning.

A copy of our Board Mandate is available for review on the Company's website at www.canagoldresources.com

#### **Position Descriptions**

The Board has not yet developed written position descriptions for the Chair, the chair of any Board committees, the CEO, the President or the CFO. The Board is of the view that given the size of the Company, the relatively frequent discussions between Board members, the CEO, the President and the CFO and the experience of the individual members of the Board, the responsibilities of such individuals are known and understood without position descriptions being reduced to writing. The Board will evaluate this position from time to time, and if written position descriptions appear to be justified, they will be prepared.

## **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Board does not have a formal policy relating to the orientation of new directors and continuing education for directors. The appointment of a new director is a relatively infrequent event in the Company's affairs, and each situation is addressed on its merits on a case-by-case basis. The Company has a relatively restricted scope of

operations, and most candidates for Board positions will likely have past experience in the mining business; they will likely be familiar therefore with the operations of a resource company of the size and complexity of the Company. The Board, with the assistance of counsel, keeps itself apprised of changes in the duties and responsibilities of directors and deals with material changes of those duties and responsibilities as and when the circumstances warrant. The Board will evaluate these positions, and if changes appear to be justified, formal policies will be developed and followed.

### **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is available for review on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.canagoldresources.com">www.canagoldresources.com</a>.

### **Nomination of Directors**

The Board has a Governance & Nomination Committee currently comprised of Sofia Bianchi (Chair) and Andrew Trow, who are independent directors, and Michael Doyle. The Governance & Nomination Committee has adopted a written policy with respect to the identification and nomination of directors and executive officers (the "Diversity Policy"). The Diversity Policy requires that the Board consider diversity on the Board from a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, ethnicity, cultural diversity and relevant experience. In addition, when assessing and identifying potential new members to join the Board or the Company's executive team, the Board shall consider the current level of diversity on the Board and the executive team. The Board has followed the Diversity Policy in considering potential candidates for election and appointment of members of the Board and the executive team.

The Governance & Nomination Committee will regularly consider the Company's Diversity Policy and the diversity needs of the Company and report to the Board as needed on the Company's advancements related to this policy. In connection with such review, the Nomination Committee will consider the effectiveness of the Company's approach to diversity and recommend to the Board, any changes that it considers appropriate. The Board continues to seek more diversity on the Board and in senior executive positions.

A copy of our Nominating Committee Charter is available for review on the Company's website at www.canagoldresources.com.

The Governance & Nomination Committee is also referenced under "Other Board Committees" below.

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

Taking into account the Company's present status as an exploration-stage enterprise, the Board reviews the adequacy and form of compensation provided to Directors on a periodic basis to ensure that the compensation is commensurate with the responsibilities and risks undertaken by an effective director.

## Report on Executive Compensation

The Company's compensation program is based on a pay-for-performance philosophy. The compensation program is designed to encourage, compensate and reward employees on the basis of individual and corporate performance, both in the short and the long term. Base salaries are set at levels which are competitive with the base salaries paid by companies within the mining industry having comparable capitalization to that of the Company, thereby enabling the Company to compete for and retain executives critical to the Company's long term success. Incentive compensation is directly tied to corporate and individual performance. Share ownership opportunities are provided to align the interests of executive officers with the longer-term interests of shareholders.

Compensation for each of the named executive officers, as well as for executive officers as a whole consists of a base salary, along with annual incentive compensation in the form of an annual bonus, if any, and a longer-term incentive in the form of stock options. As an executive officer's level of responsibility increases, a greater

percentage of total compensation is based on performance (as opposed to base salary and standard employee benefits) and the mix of total compensation shifts towards stock options, thereby increasing the mutuality of interest between executive officers and shareholders.

The Board meets as required, but at least quarterly. The Board reviews management compensation policies and benefits, monitors management succession planning and conducts an annual review of the overall condition and quality of the Company's human resources. In addition, the Committee has the specific mandate to review and approve executive compensation. In carrying out this mandate, the Committee assesses on an annual basis the performance of the CEO against established objectives and reviews performance reports submitted for other executive officers.

## Base Salary

The Board approves ranges for base salaries for employees at all levels of the Company based on reviews of market data from peer groups and industry in general. The level of base salary for each employee within a specified range is determined by the level of past performance, as well as by the level of responsibility and the importance of the position to the Company.

The Company's CEO prepares recommendations for the Board with respect to the base salary to be paid to the CEO and other senior executive officers. The CEO's recommendations for base salaries for the senior executive officers, including the CEO, the President, Vice President (Exploration), Vice President (Corporate Development), Vice President and the CFO, are then submitted for approval by Compensation Committee to the Board.

## Equity Participation

The Company currently offers equity participation in the Company through its Omnibus Plan (defined herein).

## Bonus

The Board annually evaluates performance and may allocate an amount for payment of bonuses to executive officers and senior management. The aggregate amount for bonuses to be paid will vary with the degree to which targeted corporate performance was achieved for the year. The individual performance factor allows the Company effectively to recognize and reward those individuals whose efforts have assisted the Company to attain its corporate performance objective.

The CEO prepares recommendations to the Compensation Committee for approval by the Board with respect to any bonuses to be paid to the executive officers and to senior management.

### Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

The Company has an insurance policy for itself and its directors and officers against liability incurred by them in the performance of their duties as directors and officers of the Company. In 2024, the Company renewed its policy coverage of CAD\$25,000,000 of liability for a term of one year for an annual premium of CAD\$31,100.

#### **Other Board Committees**

Aside from the Audit & Risk Committee which has previously been established, the Board has established committees for Compensation and Nomination in 2011, Investment in 2017 and Technical in 2018 comprised of the following Board members and their respective mandates:

Committee	Members	Mandate
Governance & Nomination	Sofia Bianchi (Chair) Michael Doyle Andrew Trow	The Governance Committee oversees corporate disclosure practices and ensures implementation and adherence to the Company's disclosure policy. The Governance Committee's responsibilities include:
		<ul> <li>maintaining an awareness and understanding of governing disclosure rules and guidelines, including any new or pending developments;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>developing and implementing procedures to regularly review public disclosures;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>update and correct corporate disclosure information, including information on the Internet;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>monitoring compliance and undertaking reviews of any violations, including assessment and implementation of appropriate consequences and remedial actions;</li> </ul>
		reviewing and updating as necessary and appropriate to ensure compliance with prevailing rules and guidelines; and ascertaining whether corporate developments constitute material information and, if so, ensuring compliance
		The function of the Nomination Committee is to identify individuals qualified to become board members and to select, or to recommend that the Board select the director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders, to oversee the selection and composition of committees of the Board, and to oversee management continuity planning processes.  A copy of the Company's Nominating Committee
		Charter is available for review on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.canagoldresources.com">www.canagoldresources.com</a> .
Compensation	Sofia Bianchi (Chair) Michael Doyle Andrew Trow	The Compensation Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the Board in its oversight role with respect to the Company's strategy, policies and programs on the compensation and development of senior management and directors. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" for further details about the Compensation Committee.
		A copy of the Company's Compensation Committee Charter is available for review on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.canagoldresources.com">www.canagoldresources.com</a> .

Committee	Members	Mandate
Technical & Investment	Kadri Dagdelen (Chair) Sofia Bianchi Carmen Letton Michael Doyle	The Technical Committee is to provide technical expertise and advice to the Board with respect to strategies, opportunities, challenges, proposals, programs and budgets for mineral property acquisition, exploration, development and disposition.  The Investment Committee shall oversee and instruct the
		management with respect to the strategic investment of up to CAD\$1,000,000 of the Company's funds to purchase the securities of other entities for investment purposes.
ESS & OH&S	Carmen Letton (Chair) Sofia Bianchi Kadri Dagdelen Michael Doyle Andrew Trow	The function of the Environmental, Social and Sustainability ("ESS") and Occupational Health and Safety("OH&S") Committee is to provide guidance and ensure that the Company operates at the highest standards in terms social responsibilities and follows environmental and health and safety regulations.

#### Assessments

The Board has no formal process for the assessment of the effectiveness and contribution of the individual directors. Each director has extensive public company experience and is familiar with what is required of him. Frequency of attendance at Board and committee meetings and the quality of participation in such meetings are two of the criteria by which the performance of a director will be assessed.

## **Board Retirement Policy and Renewal**

The Company does not have any term limits, retirement policies or similar mechanisms in place for forcing the renewal or replacement of its directors. Each director serves for a one-year term and stands for re-election by shareholders at the Company's annual general meeting each year. The Board does not have a limit on the number of consecutive terms for which a director may sit. The Board believes that Board renewal can happen naturally without imposing arbitrary age or term limits. In addition, the Board believes that effective corporate decision-making is enhanced through the continuity, experience and knowledge that come from permitting longer-term service on a Board.

## Policies Regarding the Representation of Women on the Board

The Company is committed to diversity in the workplace. Canagold recognizes the benefits arising from board, management and employee diversity, including broadening our skill sets and experience, accessing different outlooks and perspectives and benefiting from all available talent. The Company does not have a specific policy regarding the representation of women on the board but in its diversity policy it supports an environment of diversity and inclusion. The Company has respect and appreciation of the differences in gender, age, ethnic origin, heritage, language, religion, education, sexual orientation, political beliefs, physical attributes or other personal characteristics.

### Consideration of the Representation of Women in the Director Identification and Selection Process

The Board supports the principle of boardroom diversity. The Nomination Committee considers diversity (including, among other important qualifications, gender, age, geography and nationality) when reviewing qualified candidates for recommendation for election to the Board. The Board's aim is to have a broad range of approaches, backgrounds, skills and experience represented on the Board and to make appointments on merit and against objective criteria, including diversity. When the Nomination Committee engages in the nomination process, searches for potential nominees are conducted so as to put forward a diverse range of candidates, including women candidates.

## Consideration Given to the Representation of Women in Executive Officer Appointments

When identifying candidates for executive officer positions, the Company takes a similar approach, considering, among other factors, professional competencies, industry or other relevant experience, education, leadership style and experience, merit and personal attributes, including gender diversity, to build a strong executive team.

## Targets Regarding the Representation of Women on the Board and in Executive Officer Positions

The Board has not set specific targets as to the number of women board members, nor has the Board set specific targets as to the number of executive officers who are women. The Company's selection process is based on merit, having regard to the various skills, abilities, qualifications and competencies needed for the particular position, of which diversity is one of several important factors that are considered.

#### Number of Women on the Board and in Executive Officer Positions

As of the date of this Information Circular, 2 out of 5 of the Company's Director nominees are women, and there are no women holding executive officer positions.

#### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### **Named Executive Officer**

In this section "Named Executive Officer" ("NEO") means any individual who, during the Company's three most recently completed financial years was:

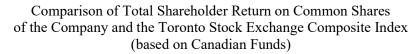
- a) the chief executive officer ("CEO") (or an individual who acted in a similar capacity) of the Company;
- b) the chief financial officer ("CFO") (or an individual who acted in a similar capacity) of the Company;
- c) each of the three other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity (except those whose total salary and bonus does not exceed \$150,000); and
  - d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer nor a director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of the Company's three most recently completed fiscal years.

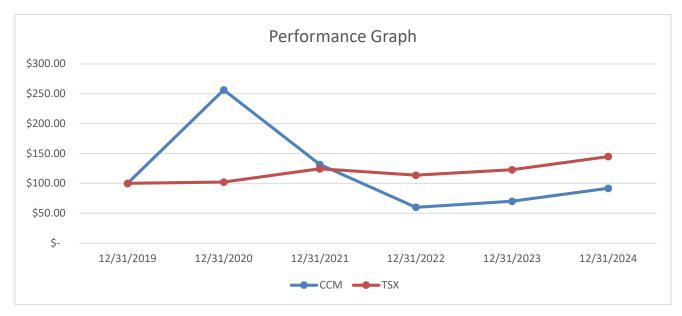
During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the NEOs of the Company were: Catalin Kilofliski, CEO; Mihai Draguleasa, CFO and Corporate Secretary; Gary D. Biles, President and Chief Operating Officer; Knox Henderson, Vice President Corporate Development; Michael Doyle, Chief Technical Officer and director; and Colm Keogh, Senior Vice President, Operations. The Directors of the Company who were not NEOs during fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 were Sofia Bianchi, Carmen Letton, Andrew Trow and Kadri Dagdelen.

#### PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following graph below compares the yearly percentage change in the cumulative total shareholder return on the Common Shares against the cumulative total shareholder return of the Toronto Stock Exchange Composite Index for the period commencing December 31, 2019 and ending December 31, 2024.

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The graph assumes that the initial value of the investment on the stock exchange in the Company's Common Shares and in the index was \$100 on the initial date.

Over a five-year period, the share price of the Company has exceeded the performance of the TSX Composite Index Value for a few years and was below the TSX Composite Index Value for other years. The variance is primarily due to changes in global metals prices and financial market conditions. The Board does not believe that the difference in performance of the Common Shares in relation to the index is reflective of management's performance, and accordingly, the total compensation of the NEO's is not based upon how the Company performs in comparison to the TSX Composite Index Value.

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth a summary of the compensation received by the NEOs for the Company's three most recently completed financial years ended December 31, 2024, expressed in Canadian dollars:

					Non-equity incentive plan compensation <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)				
Name and principal position	Year	Salary <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Share- based awards <sup>(8)</sup> (\$)	Option- based awards <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Annual incentive plans <sup>(3)</sup>	Long- term incentive plans <sup>(4)</sup>	Pension value <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	All other compensation <sup>(6)</sup> (\$)	Total compensation <sup>(7)</sup> (\$)
Catalin Kilofliski CEO	2024 2023 2022	\$242,256 \$227,000 \$90,681	\$26,888 \$127,735 Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	\$269,044 \$353,735 \$90,681
Mihai Draguleasa CFO and Secretary	2024 2023 2022	\$102,500 \$98,667 Nil	\$Nil \$28,163 Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	\$102,500 \$126,830 Nil

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Name and principal position	Year	Salary <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Share- based awards <sup>(8)</sup> (\$)	Option- based awards <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Annual incentive plans <sup>(3)</sup>	Long- term incentive plans <sup>(4)</sup>	Pension value <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	All other compensation <sup>(6)</sup> (\$)	Total compensation <sup>(7)</sup> (\$)
Scott Eldridge	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
former CEO	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
and former Director	2022	\$213,122	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$166,666	\$379,788
Philip Yee	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
former CFO, Vice-President,	2023	\$22,652	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$180,000	\$202,652
Finance and Secretary	2022	\$119,432	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$119,432
Garry D. Biles	2024	\$220,375	\$Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$220,375
President and	2023	\$212,019	\$60,551	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$272,570
COO	2022	\$134,769	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$134,769
Troy Gil	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former Vice President	2023	\$103,861	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$103,861
Exploration	2022	\$140,916	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$140,916
Tim Caldwell	2024	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former Vice President	2023	\$78,726	\$54,918	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$133,644
Sustainability	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Knox	2024	\$27,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$27,000
Henderson Vice President	2023	\$55,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$55,000
Corporate Development	2022	\$120,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$120,000
Michael Doyle	2024	\$123,000	\$6,790	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$129,790
Chief Technical	2023	\$70,000	\$16,898	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$86,898
Officer and Director	2022	\$25,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$25,000
Colm Keogh	2024	\$220,375	\$Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$220,375
Vice President	2023	\$162,282	\$80,735	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$245,017
Operations	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chris	2024	\$205,410	\$28,649	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$243,059
Pharness	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Vice President Sustainability and Permitting	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the dollar value of cash and non-cash base salary earned during a financial year covered.

The amount represents the fair value, on the date of grant and on each vesting date, as applicable, of awards made under Canagold's Omnibus Plan. The grant date fair value for stock options has been calculated using the Black Scholes Option Pricing Model in accordance with IFRS.

- (3) These amounts include annual non-equity incentive plan compensation, such as severance, bonuses and discretionary amounts for the years ended December 31.
- (4) N/A.
- (5) N/A.
- (6) These amounts cover all compensation other than amounts already set out in the table for the years ended December 31 and include directors fees, as applicable, or other stipends related to Board committee fees, if any.
- These amounts include dollar value of total compensation for the covered year. This is the sum of all amounts reported in columns with footnotes 1 to 6 above for each director and officer.
- (8) Fair value of award is calculated based on the market value of the shares of the Company on award date

## **Compensation Oversight**

The Compensation Committee considers the compensation including grants of equity-based compensation to directors and officers of the Company and makes recommendations to the Board for consideration.

## **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The Company established a Compensation Committee comprised of three independent directors. The current Compensation Committee is comprised of Sofia Bianchi (Chair), Michael Doyle and Andrew Trow. Sofia Bianchi and Andrew Trow are independent directors within the meaning of National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committee*. All three committee members have direct experience in dealing with compensation matters.

The Board is of the view that the members of the Compensation Committee collectively have the knowledge, skills, experience and background to make decisions on the suitability of the Company's compensation policies and practices.

The Board is responsible for establishing and monitoring the Company's long-term plans and programs for attracting, retaining, developing and motivating employees. The Board reviews recommendations for the appointment of persons to senior executive positions, considers terms of employment including succession planning and matters of compensation.

The Company's compensation policies and programs are designed to be competitive with similar mining exploration companies at a similar stage of development as the Company and to recognize and reward executive performance consistent with the success of the Company's business. The significant objectives, elements and formula for compensation to be awarded to, earned by, paid to, or payable to NEOs for the year ended December 31, 2024, were to:

- (i) attract and retain experienced and talented executive officers; and
- (ii) encourage value creation by executive officers.

The compensation program is designed to reward performance by the NEO in respect of their duties and responsibilities; to reward the attainment of the goals set for the NEO in conjunction with the strategic plan of the Company and to reward extraordinary performance beyond the goals set for the NEO.

The significant elements of compensation awarded by the Company to the NEOs are cash salary, stock options and/or annual bonuses.

# Cash Salary:

The NEOs are paid a salary in order to ensure that the compensation package offered by the Company is in line with that offered by other companies in our industry, and as an immediate means of rewarding the NEO for efforts expended on behalf of the Company. The salary to be paid to a particular NEO is determined by publications of mining industry surveys and/or other available information from the mining and exploration industry. Payment of a cash salary fits within the objective of the compensation program since it rewards the NEO for performance of his or her duties and responsibilities. The payment of such salary may impact on other elements of the compensation package to a particular NEO.

The Compensation Committee reviews the compensation of senior officers and management and provides recommendations to the Board for discussion and approvals, without any formal objectives, criteria and analysis due to the current size of the Company and the current stage of its mineral projects.

#### Annual bonus and Share Based Awards

The CEO reviews any proposed bonuses, share based awards and stock option grants with the President, which are then submitted to the Board for review and approval. Annual bonus, if any, share based awards and stock options are not based on objective and formal measures, such as share price and E/P ratios, due to the current size of the Company and the current stage of its mineral properties. For a description of the Company's Option Plan, see "Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans".

Following the year ended December 31, 2024 the Company did not take any action or make any decisions or policies that could affect a reasonable person's understanding of any NEO's compensation for the most recently completed financial year, except as disclosed in this Information Circular.

The NEO's were not given specific performance goals for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

## Compensation Risk Assessment and Mitigation

The Board and the Compensation Committee have considered the implications of the risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices. The Board and the Compensation Committee are responsible for setting and overseeing the Company's compensation policies and practices. The Board and Compensation Committee do not provide specific monitoring and oversight of compensation policies and practices of the Company but do review, consider and adjust these matters annually. The Company does not use any specific practices to identify and mitigate compensation policies that could encourage a Named Executive Officer or individual at a principal business unit or division to take inappropriate or excessive risks. These matters are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The Company currently believes that none of its policies encourage its NEOs to take such risks. The Company has not identified any risks arising from its compensation policies and practices that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

There are no restrictions on NEOs or directors regarding the purchase of financial instruments, including prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the NEO or director. For the financial year ended December 31, 2024, no NEO or director, directly or indirectly, employed a strategy to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held.

### **Incentive Plan Awards**

### Outstanding Share-based Awards and Option-based Awards

The following table sets out all share-based awards and option-based awards outstanding as at December 31, 2024, for each NEO:

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		Option-	based Awards	SI	hare-based Awa	rds	
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (1)	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)
Garry D. Biles President and COO	300,000(2)	\$0.50	June 24, 2026	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
	60,000(2)	\$0.50	June 29, 2025	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	92,719	\$21,325	N/A
Catalin Kilofliski CEO	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	148,352	\$40,238	N/A
Mihai Draguleasa CFO and Secretary	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	30,983	\$7,126	N/A
Michael Doyle Chief Technical Officer and Director	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	32,265	\$8,966	N/A
Knox Henderson Vice President Corporate Development	500,000(2)	\$0.52	July 12, 2026	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
Colm Keogh Vice President Operations	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	93,207	\$21,437	N/A
Chris Pharness Vice President Sustainability and Permitting	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	93,109	\$27,933	N/A

- (1) The value of unexercised "in-the-money options" at the financial year-end is the difference between the option exercise price and the market value of the Common Shares on the Exchange on December 31, 2024.
- (2) These stock options are subject to vesting provisions in which 25% of the options vest immediately on the grant date and 25% vest every six months thereafter.
- (3) These stock options are subject to vesting provisions in which 20% of the options vest immediately on the grant date and 20% vest every six months thereafter.
- (4) Fair value of award is calculated based on the market value of the shares of the Company on award date.

### **Employment Agreements**

Messrs. Catalin Kilofliski, Garry Biles, Troy Gill, Mike Doyle, Colm Keogh, Chris Pharness have entered into employment agreements with the Company. Particulars of their Employment Agreements are set out herein under the heading "Termination and Change of Control Benefits".

Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets out all incentive plan awards (value vested or earned) during the year ended December 31, 2024, for each NEO:

	Option-based awards <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)		Share-bas	sed awards	
Name	No. of Securities Underlying Options Vested	Value vested during the year (\$)	No. of Shares or Units of Shares Vested	Value vested during the year <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year (\$)
Garry D. Biles President and COO	N/A	Nil	77,181	\$17,752	Nil
Catalin Kilofliski CEO	N/A	Nil	484,024	\$111,326	Nil
Mihai Draguleasa CFO and Secretary	N/A	Nil	83,496	\$19,204	Nil
Michael Doyle Chief Technical Officer and Director	N/A	Nil	62,263	\$14,320	Nil
Colm Keogh Vice President Operations	N/A	Nil	199,338	\$45,848	Nil

- (1) Aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options under the option-based award had been exercised on the vesting date. Note that on the vesting date, the exercise price was higher than the market value of the share.
- (2) Aggregate dollar value realized upon vesting of share-based awards.

# **Director Compensation**

The compensation provided to the directors for the Company's three most recently completed financial years ended December 31, 2024 is set out in the table below:

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Year	Salary (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Share- based awards (\$)	Option- based awards <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Total (\$)
Sofia Bianchi	2024	\$38,000	\$61,936	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$ 99,936
Chair and Director	2023	\$38,000	\$128,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$166,000
	2022	\$17,282	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$17,282
Carmen Letton Director	2024 2023 2022	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$11,370	\$42,581 \$88,000 Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	\$ 67,581 \$113,000 \$11,370
Andrew Trow Director	2024 2023 2022	\$28,000 \$28,000 \$12,734	\$42,581 \$88,000 Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	\$ 70,581 \$116,000 \$12,734
Kadri Dagdelen Director	2024 2023 2022	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$11,370	\$42,581 \$88,000 Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	\$ 67,581 \$113,000 \$11,370
Martin Burian <sup>(6)</sup> former Director	2024 2023 2022	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil \$4,000	Nil Nil \$4,000
Deepak Malhotra <sup>(6)</sup> former Director	2024 2023 2022	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil \$4,000	Nil Nil \$4,000

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Year	<b>Salary</b> (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Share- based awards (\$)	Option- based awards <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Total (\$)
Andrew Bowering <sup>(6)</sup>	2024 2023	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
former Director	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$1,667	\$1,667

- (1) Does not include disclosure for a director who is also an NEO unless compensation has not previously been fully disclosed herein.
- (2) Includes all fees awarded, earned, paid or payable in cash for services as a director, including annual retainer fees, committee, chair and meeting fees.
- (3) The amount represents the fair value, on the date of grant, of awards made under the Plan. The grant date fair value for stock options has been calculated using the Black Scholes Option Pricing Model in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.
- (4) This amount includes annual non-equity incentive plan compensation, such as severance, bonuses and discretionary amounts for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- (5) Includes all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly.
- (6) Messrs Cooke, Burian, Malhotra and Bowering resigned as officers and/or directors of the Company on July 19, 2022.

### **Incentive Plan Awards**

## Outstanding Share-based Awards and Option-based Awards

The following table sets out all share-based awards and option-based awards outstanding as at December 31, 2024, by the current and former directors of the Company, excluding directors (Michael Doyle) who are also NEOs and are included in the section above.

		Option-based Awards				nare-based A	Awards
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options (\$)	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share- based awards that have not vested (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed (\$)
Sofia Bianchi	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	\$198,356
Kadri Dagdelen	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	\$136,369
Carmen Letton	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	\$136,369
Andrew Trow	N/A	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	\$136,369

The following table sets out all incentive plan awards (value vested or earned) during the year ended December 31, 2024, for the directors of the Company, excluding Michael Doyle, who is also a NEO and is included in the section above:

	Option-bas	sed awards	Share-bas	sed awards	
	No. of Securities Underlying Options Vested	Value vested during the year <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	No. of Shares or Units of Shares Vested	Value vested during the year <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year (\$)
Sofia Bianchi	N/A	Nil	206,452	\$61,936	Nil
Kadri Dagdelen	N/A	Nil	141,935	\$42,581	Nil
Andrew Trow	N/A	Nil	141,935	\$42,581	Nil
Carmen Letton	N/S	Nil	141,935	\$42,581	Nil

### **Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities**

The Company has in place an Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan dated for reference April 6, 2023 (the "Omnibus Plan"), which was approved by Shareholders at the Company's annual general and special meeting held on June 19, 2023.

Effective April 24, 2025, the Board approved an amendment to the Omnibus Plan to increase the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance with respect to Awards (as defined herein). The amendment to the Omnibus Plan and renewal of the Omnibus Plan for a three-year period (the "Omnibus Plan Amendment and Renewal"), is subject to Shareholder approval at the Meeting. See below under "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon – Omnibus Plan Amendment and Renewal".

The purpose of the Omnibus Plan is to permit the Company to grant equity incentive awards ("Awards") to directors, executive officers, employees, or consultants of the Company or any of its subsidiaries ("Eligible Participants"), subject to certain conditions as hereinafter set forth, for the following purposes: to increase the interest in the Company's welfare of those Eligible Participants, who share responsibility for the management, growth and protection of the business of the Company or a Subsidiary; to provide an incentive to such Eligible Participants to continue their services for the Company or a Subsidiary and to encourage such Eligible Participants whose skills, performance and loyalty to the objectives and interests of the Company or a Subsidiary are necessary or essential to its success, image, reputation or activities; to reward Participants (as defined in the Omnibus Plan) for their performance of services while working for the Company or a Subsidiary; and to provide a means through which the Company or a Subsidiary may attract and retain able Persons to enter its employment or service.

### Summary of Material Terms of Omnibus Plan

Administration. Under the Omnibus Plan, the Board will administer and interpret the Omnibus Plan, or may, at any time, appoint a committee to, among other things, interpret, administer and implement the Omnibus Plan on behalf of the Board in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, consistent with the Omnibus Plan.

*Eligible Participants*. Under the Omnibus Plan, awards may be granted to any director, officer, employee, or consultant of the Company, or any of its Subsidiaries. For the purpose of grants of DSUs (as herein defined), only a member of the Board or a director of any Subsidiary of the Company who is not otherwise an employee or executive officer of the Company or a Subsidiary ("Non-Employee Directors") would be Eligible Participants.

Number of Securities Issued or Issuable. Subject to the adjustment provisions provided for in the Omnibus Plan and the applicable rules and regulations of all regulatory authorities to which the Company is subject (including any stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed), the total number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Omnibus Plan at any time shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares (on a non-diluted basis) at that time, less any awards outstanding under any other share

<sup>(1)</sup> Aggregate dollar value realized upon vesting of share-based awards.

compensation arrangement of the Company at that time. The securities that may be acquired by Participants under the Omnibus Plan shall consist of authorized but unissued Common Shares.

If an outstanding award for any reason expires or is terminated or is cancelled without having been exercised or settled in full, the same number of awards will again be available for issuance under the Omnibus Plan.

Insider Participation Limit. The maximum number of Common Shares issuable to Eligible Participants who are insiders as a whole, at any time, under this Omnibus Plan and any other share compensation arrangement of the Company, shall not exceed 10% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares from time to time; and the maximum number of Common Shares issued to Eligible Participants who are insiders as a whole under the Omnibus Plan and any other share compensation arrangement of the Company, within any one year period, shall not exceed 10% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares.

For the purposes of determining compliance with the above restrictions, the granting authority will take into account Common Shares reserved or issued pursuant to options together with Common Shares reserved or issued pursuant to all of the Company's security-based compensation arrangements to the extent required by applicable law and applicable rules of the TSX.

In addition to the above restrictions, the annual grant of awards under the Omnibus Plan to any one Non-Employee Director shall not exceed \$150,000 in value (based on a Black-Scholes calculation or such other similar and acceptable methodology, applied consistently and appropriately as determined by the Board), of which no more than \$100,000 may comprise of stock options.

Exercise Price of Options. The exercise price per Common Share for options is recommended by the Company's Board when such Option is granted, provided that the exercise price at the time of the grant must not be lower than the market value of the Common Shares at the time of the grant, where such market value shall be calculated as the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant.

Term of Options. The term of granted options is recommended by the Company's Board when such Option is granted and specified in the option agreement pursuant to which such option is granted, provided that the term of the option shall not be more than ten (10) years from the date the option is granted.

Should the expiration date for an option fall within a period of time when pursuant to any policies of the Company, any securities of the Company may not be traded by certain security holders designated by the Company (the "Black-Out Period"), or within nine (9) business days following the expiration of a Black-Out Period, such expiration date shall be automatically extended without any further act or formality to that date which is the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) business day after the end of the Black-Out Period, such tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) business day to be considered the expiration date for such option for all purposes under the Omnibus Plan.

Restricted Share Units ("RSUs"). RSUs granted pursuant to the Omnibus Plan is an award in the nature of a bonus for services rendered and are tied to the length of time the participant provides their services to the Company. The goal of such grants is to more closely tie awards to the length of service time provided to the Company and incentivize long term performance. RSUs do not vest until after a specified period as determined by the Board in the RSU grant.

The applicable restriction period in respect of a particular RSU shall be determined by the Board but in all cases shall end no later than December 31 of the calendar year which is three (3) years after the calendar year in which the vesting criteria for which such RSU is granted, occurred ("**Restriction Period**"). Assuming shareholder approval of the Omnibus Plan Amendment and Renewal at the Meeting, the maximum amount of RSUs that can be granted pursuant to the Omnibus Plan is 10,000,000.

The vesting determination date means the date on which the Board determines if the vesting conditions with respect to an RSU have been met (the "RSU Vesting Determination Date"), and as a result, establishes the number of RSUs that become vested, if any. For greater certainty, the RSU Vesting Determination Date must fall after the end of the vesting period, if any, but no later than December 15 of the calendar year which is three (3) years after the calendar year in which the vesting criteria for which such RSU is granted, occurred.

For the purposes of determining the number of Common Shares to be issued or delivered to a Participant upon settlement of RSUs, such calculation will be made on the settlement date based on the whole number of Common Shares equal to the whole number of vested RSUs then recorded in the Participant's Account to settle in Common Shares.

Where a Participant's employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated, following the satisfaction of all vesting conditions in respect of particular RSUs but before receipt of the corresponding distribution or payment in respect of such RSUs, the Participant shall remain entitled to such distribution or payment.

Dividend equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of unvested RSUs in a Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Common Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Common Shares on the relevant record date. Dividend equivalents, if any, will be credited to the Participant's Account in additional RSUs, the number of which shall be equal to a fraction where the numerator is the product of (i) the number of RSUs in such Participant's Account on the date that dividends are paid multiplied by (ii) the dividend paid per Common Share and the denominator of which is the market value of one Common Share calculated on the date that dividends are paid.

Deferred Share Units ("DSUs"). A DSU is a unit that vests immediately upon grant but does not settle until a future date, generally as established in the DSU award agreement, and is payable after termination of service. Each DSU awarded shall entitle the Participant to one Common Share, or the amount of money equal to the market value multiplied by the number of Vested DSUs, in the Participant's account, net of any applicable taxes (the "Cash Equivalent"), or a combination thereof, as determined pursuant to the Omnibus Plan. Pursuant to the Omnibus Plan, DSU's can be granted as an award attributable to an Eligible Participant's duties as a non-employee director. Assuming shareholder approval of the Omnibus Plan Amendment and Renewal at the Meeting, the maximum amount of DSUs that can be granted pursuant to the Omnibus Plan is 5,000,000.

Notwithstanding the Board's discretion to award DSUs to a Participant as the Board deems advisable, each Participant may elect to receive in DSUs any portion or all of his or her annual base compensation by completing and delivering a written election to the Company on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year ending immediately before the calendar year with respect to which the election is made. Such election will be effective with respect to compensation payable for fiscal quarters beginning during the calendar year following the date of such election.

A Participant may receive their Common Shares, or Cash Equivalent, or a combination thereof, to which such Participant is entitled upon termination of service, by filing a redemption notice on or before December 15 of the first calendar year commencing after the date of the Participant's termination of service. If a request is made by the Participant for settlement through a cash amount, then the Company must comply with the request and issue a payment of cash equal to the Cash Equivalent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company in its discretion decides it currently has insufficient capital resources available to satisfy the Participant's request, the Company shall not be required to issue a cash payment. In this regard, such DSUs may be settled through the issuance of Common Shares or a combination of a cash settlement and issuance of Common Shares.

Dividend equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of DSUs in a Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Common Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Common Shares on the relevant record date. Dividend equivalents, if any, will be credited to the Participant's Account in additional DSUs, the number of which shall be equal to a fraction where the numerator is the product of (i) the number of DSUs in such Participant's Account on the date that dividends are paid multiplied by (ii) the dividend paid per Common Share and the denominator of which is the market value of one Common Share calculated on the date that dividends are paid.

Performance Share Units ("PSUs"). PSUs granted pursuant to the Omnibus Plan are used as a means of providing compensation to participants for meeting certain performance goals. Participants are thus incentivized to meet their specific or Company focused performance goals. PSUs shall vest on an entitlement date as determined by the Board and evidenced in any such PSU agreement (the "Entitlement Date"). A Participant will have no right

or entitlement whatsoever to receive Common Shares until the Entitlement Date. The maximum amount of PSUs that can be granted pursuant to the Omnibus Plan is 1,000,000.

Dividend equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of PSUs in a Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Common Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Common Shares on the relevant record date. Dividend equivalents, if any, will be credited to the Participant's Account in additional PSUs, the number of which shall be equal to a fraction where the numerator is the product of (i) the number of PSUs in such Participant's Account on the date that dividends are paid multiplied by (ii) the dividend paid per Common Share and the denominator of which is the market value of one Common Share calculated on the date that dividends are paid.

Transferability.

### **Transfer Restrictions**

Unless otherwise provided in the instrument of grant evidencing an award, no award, and no rights or interests therein, shall or may be assigned, transferred, sold, exchanged, encumbered, pledged, or otherwise hypothecated or disposed of other than by will or the laws of succession of the domicile of the deceased participant.

### **Options**

Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of termination for cause, any vested or unvested Option granted to such Participant shall terminate automatically and become void immediately. Termination for cause shall include, among other things, gross misconduct, theft, fraud, breach of confidentiality or breach of the Company's codes of conduct and any other reason determined by the Company to be cause for termination. Should a Participant cease to be an Eligible Participant by reason of termination without cause, (i) any unvested Option granted to such Participant shall terminate and become void immediately, and (ii) any vested Option granted to such Participant may be exercised by such Participant. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, such Option shall only be exercisable within the earlier of ninety (90) days after the date of termination (the "Termination Date"), or the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Option grant agreement, after which the Option will expire.

Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of his or her resignation from the Company or a Subsidiary, (i) each unvested Option granted to such Participant shall terminate and become void immediately upon resignation, and (ii) each vested Option granted to such Participant will cease to be exercisable on the earlier of the thirty (30) days following the Termination Date and the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Option grant Agreement, after which the Option will expire.

Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of Retirement (as defined herein) or permanent disability, (i) any unvested Option shall terminate and become void immediately, and (ii) any vested Option will cease to be exercisable on the earlier of the ninety (90) days from the date of Retirement or the date on which the Participant ceases his or her employment or service relationship with the Company or any Subsidiary by reason of permanent disability, and the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Option grant agreement, after which the Option will expire.

Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of death, any vested Option granted to such Participant may be exercised by the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant for that number of Common Shares only which such Participant was entitled to acquire under the respective options (the "Vested Awards") on the date of such Participant's death. Such Vested Awards shall only be exercisable within twelve (12) months after the Participant's death or prior to the expiration of the original term of the options whichever occurs earlier.

### **RSUs**

Except as otherwise determined by the Board from time to time, at its sole discretion, upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of (i) death or disability, (ii) ceasing to be an Eligible Participant after the age of 65 years old, or 55 years old and the Participant's age plus number of years of continuous service is not less than a total of 70 years ("**Retirement**"), (iii) termination for reasons other than for just cause, (iv) his or her employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary being terminated by reason of injury or

disability, or (v) becoming eligible to receive long-term disability benefits, all unvested RSUs in the Participant's Account as of such date relating to a Restriction Period in progress shall be terminated.

#### **DSUs**

Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of death, the Company will, subject to certain provisions in the Omnibus Plan, make payment of the settlement amount of any DSUs within two months of the Participant's death to or for the benefit of the legal representative of the deceased Participant.

#### **PSUs**

Except as otherwise determined by the Board from time to time, at its sole discretion, a Participant's Entitlement Date in relation to PSUs will be accelerated as follows: (i) in the event of the death of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will be the date of death; and (ii) in the event of the total disability of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will be the date on which the Participant becomes totally disabled.

In respect of Retirement or or a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant after attaining the age of 55 years old and the Participant's age plus number of years of continuous service is not less than a total of 65 years ("Early Retirement"), unless determined otherwise by the Board, a Participant's Entitlement Date will be determined as follows: (i) in the event of Retirement of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will not be altered; and (ii) in the event of Early Retirement of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will be accelerated on a pro-rata basis calculated by dividing the number of months that have elapsed between the applicable date of grant and the date of Retirement by the total number of months between the date of Grant and the Entitlement Date.

Procedure for Amending. The Board may from time to time, in its absolute discretion and without approval of the shareholders of the Company (unless such approval is required by a regulatory authority, including a stock exchange), amend any provision of this Omnibus Plan or any Award, subject to any regulatory or stock exchange requirement at the time of such amendment, including, without limitation: (i) any amendment to the general vesting provisions, if applicable, of the Omnibus Plan or of the Awards; (ii) any amendment regarding the effect of termination of a Participant's employment or engagement; (iii) any amendment which accelerates the date on which any Option may be exercised under the Omnibus Plan; (iv) any amendment necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the TSX or any other regulatory body; (v) any amendment of a "housekeeping" nature, including to clarify the meaning of an existing provision of the Omnibus Plan, correct or supplement any provision of the Omnibus Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of the Omnibus Plan, correct any grammatical or typographical errors or amend the definitions in the Omnibus Plan; (vi) any amendment regarding the administration of the Omnibus Plan; (vii) any amendment to add provisions permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with Common Shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or clawback, and (viii) any amendment to a provision permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with Common Shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or clawback which is adopted; and any other amendment that does not require the approval of the shareholders of the Company pursuant to the Omnibus Plan.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amendment shall alter or impair the rights of any Participant, without the consent of such Participant except as permitted by the provisions of the Omnibus Plan. The Board shall be required to obtain shareholder approval to make the following amendments: (i) any increase to the maximum number of Common Shares issuable under the Omnibus Plan, except in the event of an adjustment; (ii) any amendment that extends the term of options beyond the original expiry date; (iii) any amendment which extends the expiry date of any Award, or the Restriction Period, or the period of time during which the assigned performance criteria must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award (the "Performance Period") of any RSU beyond the original expiry date or Restriction Period or Performance Period; (iv) except in the case of an adjustment, any amendment which reduces the exercise price of an option or any cancellation of an option and replacement of such option with an option with a lower exercise price; (v) any amendment which increases the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issuable to insiders at any time or issued to insiders under the Omnibus Plan and any other proposed or established security based compensation arrangement in a one-year period, except in case of an adjustment; (vi) any amendment to the definition of the Omnibus Plan.

Financial Assistance. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Company does not provide financial assistance to participants to facilitate the purchase of Common Shares upon the exercise of any award granted under the Omnibus Plan.

Adjustments to Shares. In the event of (i) any subdivision of the Common Shares into a greater number of Common Shares, (ii) any consolidation of Common Shares into a lesser number of Common Shares, (iii) any reclassification, reorganization or other change affecting the Common Shares, (iv) any merger, amalgamation or consolidation of the Company with or into another corporation, or (iv) any distribution to all holders of Common Shares or other securities in the capital of the Company, of cash, evidences of indebtedness or other assets of the Company (excluding an ordinary course dividend in cash or shares, but including for greater certainty shares or equity interests in a subsidiary or business unit of the Company or one of its subsidiaries or cash proceeds of the disposition of such a subsidiary or business unit) or any transaction or change having a similar effect, then the Board shall in its sole discretion, subject to the required approval of the TSX, determine the appropriate adjustments or substitutions to be made in such circumstances in order to maintain the economic rights of the Participant in respect of such Award in connection with such occurrence or change, including, without limitation:

- (a) adjustments to the exercise price of such Award without any change in the total price applicable to the unexercised portion of the Award;
- (b) adjustments to the number of Common Shares to which the Participant is entitled upon exercise of such Award; or
- (c) adjustments to the number or kind of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan.

Change of Control. In the event of a potential Change of Control, as defined in the Omnibus Plan, the Board shall have the power, in its sole discretion, to modify the terms of the Omnibus Plan and/or the Awards to assist the Participants to tender into a take-over bid or to participate in any other transaction leading to a Change of Control. If the Company completes a transaction constituting a Change of Control and within twelve (12) months following the Change of Control: (i) a Participant who was also an officer or employee of, or consultant to, the Company prior to the Change of Control has their position, employment or consulting agreement terminated, or the Participant is constructively dismissed, or (ii) a Non– Employee Director ceases to act in such capacity, then all unvested RSUs shall immediately vest and shall be paid out, and all unvested options shall vest and become exercisable. Any options that become exercisable pursuant to the Change in Control shall remain open for exercise until the earlier of their expiry date as set out in the award agreement and the date that is 90 days after such termination or dismissal.

The foregoing summary of the Omnibus Plan is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Omnibus Plan, which is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule "A". The Omnibus Plan will also be available for inspection at the Meeting.

#### **Pension Plan Benefits**

The Company does not provide pension plan benefits for its directors, officers or employees.

# **Termination and Change in Control Benefits**

The Company entered into employment agreements which include change of control provisions with Garry Biles and Catalin Kilofliski which have been been approved by the Board. The change of control provisions recognize the critical nature of his position and the individual involved and the requirement to protect the individual from disruption to his employment in the event of a change of control of the Company. The change of control provisions are designed to treat the individual in a manner consistent with industry standards for executives in similar positions.

If a change of control of the Company had occurred on December 31, 2024, the total cost to the Company of related payment to the NEOs if the NEOs were terminated within six months of the change of control is estimated at approximately CAD\$687,750. Estimated payments to individual NEOs are described below assuming mentioned events have occurred on December 31, 2024.

## Garry D. Biles, President and Chief Operating Officer

An Executive Employment Agreement between the Company and Mr. Garry Biles was signed on January 23, 2007, as amended on June 1, 2011, January 1, 2012, June 26, 2014 and May 31, 2019, in respect of Mr. Biles' capacity as Chief Operating Officer and President for the Company (the "Biles Employment Agreement"). The Biles Employment Agreement provides that Mr. Biles' base remuneration is CAD\$80,000 per annum plus a bonus based upon the achievement of performance targets as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company. The \$80,000 base remuneration in the Biles Employment Agreement was based on Mr. Biles working for the Company on a part-time basis. Mr. Biles has resumed full time employment, and his base remuneration is \$225,750. In the event of a resignation or termination within 6 months of a change in control, Mr. Biles is entitled to receive approximately CAD\$451,500 based on an amount equal to twice his estimated annual salary at the time of termination, plus the amount which equals two times the amount of any annual bonus paid to Mr. Biles within the 12-month period prior to the time of termination.

### Catalin Kilofliski, Chief Executive Officer

A Consulting Agreement between the Company and Mr. Kilofliski was signed on August 3, 2022, in respect of Mr. Kilofliski's capacity as Chief Executive Officer for the Company (the "Kilofliski Agreement"). The Kilofliski Agreement provides that Mr. Kilofliski's base remuneration is CAD\$18,750 per month. Mr. Kilofliski will be included in Company's annual compensation plans for options, equity awards and/or cash bonuses, subject to the terms and conditions of such plans. The quantum of the equity awards and bonus payments will be decided by the Company's Compensation Committee. The Kilofliski Agreement contains a change in control termination clause (with certain exceptions) that entitles Mr. Kilofliski with the equivalent of a 12 months compensation, approximately \$236,250, providing the Mr. Kilofliski terminates the Consulting Agreement within 90 days following a change in control.

### **Option-Based Awards**

In fiscal 2024, Canagold did not grant any stock options to directors, officers, employees and/or consultants. As detailed above, a total of 632,247 DSUs were granted to the directors of the Company and 222,598 RSUs were granted to the officers of the Company.

### **Pension Plan Benefits**

The Company has no pension plans that provide for payments or benefits at, following, or in connection with the retirement of the Named Executive Officers.

### Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

The Company maintains an insurance policy with respect to directors' and officers' liability covering directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries as a group. The policy provides coverage to an annual limit of \$25,000,000. The annual premium for the policy period is \$31,100.

#### SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

See disclosure under "Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities" under "Statement of Executive Compensation" above for disclosure on the Company's equity compensation regime.

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table sets out equity compensation plan information as at the end of the financial year ended December 31, 2024:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, under equity compensation plans (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders – Omnibus Plan	860,000 (Options) 677,520 (RSUs) 2,169,512 (DSUs) Nil (PSUs)	\$0.51	2,828,939 (Options) 5,822,480 (RSUs) 330,488 (DSUs) 1,000,000 (PSUs)
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	N/A	N//A	N/A
Total	860,000 (Options) 677,520 (RSUs) 2,169,512 (DSUs) Nil (PSUs)	\$0.51	2,828,939 (Options) 5,822,480 (RSUs) 330,488 (DSUs) 1,000,000 (PSUs)

### **Burn Rate**

The annual burn rate<sup>(1)</sup> measures the annual usage of the Company's Common Shares for incentive purposes. The following table sets out the annual burn rate for the Company's Omnibus Plan for the three most recently completed financial years:

<b>Omnibus Incentive Plan</b>	For the fiscal year ended December 31,					
	2024	2023	2022			
Options	Nil	Nil	Nil			
DSUs	632,257(0.37%)	1,537,255 (1.05%)	Nil			
PSUs	Nil	Nil	Nil			
RSUs	222,598 (0.13%)	1,600,000 (1.10 %)	Nil			

#### **Notes:**

### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Other than disclosed in this Information Circular, at no time during the Company's last completed financial year, was any director, executive officer, employee, proposed management nominee for election as a director of the Company nor any associate of any such director, executive officer, or proposed management nominee of the Company or any former director, executive officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or indebted to another entity where such indebtedness is or has been the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than routine indebtedness.

#### INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as noted in this Information Circular, within the three most recently completed financial years ended December 31, 2024 and up to the date of this Information Circular, none of the following:

(a) director or executive officer of the Company;

<sup>(1)</sup> The annual burn rate is calculated as the number of securities granted under the arrangement during the applicable fiscal year divided by the weighted average number of securities outstanding for the applicable fiscal year.

- (b) a person or company that is direct or indirect beneficial owner of, or who exercises control or direction over, more than 10% of any class or series of outstanding voting securities of the Company; and
- (c) an associate or affiliate of any of the persons or companies referred to in the above paragraphs (a) or (b),

has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction that has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Company to the best of the Company's knowledge.

## **Related Party Transactions**

Key management includes directors (executive and non-executive) and senior management. The compensation paid or payable to key management is disclosed in the table below:

				Net balance re (payabl	
	Ye	ars ended December 3	81,	as at Deceml	ber 31,
	2024	2023	2022	2024 2023	
Key management compensation:					
Executive salaries and remuneration (1)	\$1,140,816	\$ 1,032,270	\$843,920	\$(27,992)	\$ -
Severance	NIL	180,000	166,667	-	_
Directors fees	116,000	116,000	66,423	(29,000)	(1,535)
Share-based payments	\$432,857	600,449	200,400	-	-
	1,689,673	1,928,719	1,277,410	(56,992)	(1,535)

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes key management compensation which is included in employee and director remuneration, mineral property interests, and corporate development.

The above transactions are incurred in the normal course of business.

### Loans Payable

On June 28, 2022, the Company arranged a loan for \$25,000 from a company controlled by a former director. The loan bore interest at a rate of 9% per annum, and the entire loan amount of \$25,000 was fully repaid on July 14, 2022 along with interest of \$99.

On August 15, 2022, the Company entered into a Bridge Loan Agreement with Sun Valley Investments AG ("Sun Valley"), which is currently a 48.41% control person of the Company for \$2.5 million bearing an interest rate of 5.5% per annum. The bridge loan was applied as an advance payment for the standby guaranty for the rights offering and extinguished in December 2022 when Sun Valley purchased 20,352,577 common shares. The Company paid Sun Valley a total of \$46,336 in interest and a total of \$178,085 in fees pursuant to the Standby Guaranty Agreement.

During the year ended December 31, 2024 the Company received from and provided to Sun Valley corporate and technical related services. The Company incurred \$112,000 in expenses and charged \$40,000 to Sun Valley for services and reimbursements. The amounts are outstanding at year end December 31, 2024.

Other than set out above, this Information Circular, briefly describes (and, where practicable, states the approximate amount) of any material interest, direct or indirect, of any informed person of the Company, any proposed director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director, in

<sup>(2)</sup> The company is Aztec Minerals Corp., which shared one common director until July 2022.

any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Except as set out herein, there are no management functions of the Company which are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or executive officers of the Company.

### PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

### **Omnibus Plan Amendment and Renewal**

The Omnibus Plan is described above under the heading "Statement of Executive Compensation – Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities".

There is currently a maximum of 13,688,939 Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Omnibus Plan, which represented 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of April 6, 2023, the reference date of the Omnibus Plan. On April 24, 2025, the Board approved an amendment to the Omnibus Plan to increase the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance with respect to Awards to 18,405,360 (the "Increase"), representing 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as of the date of this Circular. As part of the Increase, the Board has approved an increase to the maximum number of RSUs awarded pursuant to the Omnibus Plan to 10,000,000, and the maximum number of DSUs awarded pursuant to the Omnibus Plan to 5,000,000. The maximum number of PSUs will remain at 1,000,000.

As at December 31, 2024, the following Awards (as defined in the Omnibus Plan) were outstanding

Type of Award	Outstanding Awarded and Relative Percentage	Unallocated Securities Available for Grant and Relative Percentage
Stock Options:	860,000 (0.52%)	2,788,939 (1.60%)
DSUs	2,169,512 (1.24%)	330,488 (0.19%)
PSUs	Nil (0.00%)	1,000,000 (0.57%)
RSUs	677,520 (0.39%)	5,822,480 (3.33%)

As at May 5, 2025, the following Awards (as defined in the Omnibus Plan) are outstanding:

Type of Award	Outstanding Awarded and Relative Percentage	Unallocated Securities Available for Grant and Relative Percentage
Stock Options:	860,000 (0.46%)	1,545,630 (0.84%)
DSUs	2,169,512 (1.17%)	2,830,488 (1.54%)
PSUs	Nil	1,000,000 (0.54%)
RSUs	258,392 (0.14%)	9,741,608 (5.29%)

The Company is of the view that the Omnibus Plan provides the Company with the flexibility necessary to attract and maintain services of senior executives and other employees in competition with other businesses in the industry. At the Meeting, Shareholders of the Company will be asked to approve the increase by a majority of votes cast and the full text of the ordinary resolution to ratify, confirm and approve the Omnibus Plan Amendment and Renewal, as follows:

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

- 1. the Company's omnibus incentive plan dated for reference April 6, 2023, as amended April 24, 2025 (the "Omnibus Plan") be ratified, confirmed and approved for continuation until June 12, 2028;
- 2. all currently available and unallocated Awards issuable pursuant to the Omnibus Plan be and are hereby approved and authorized for grant until June 12, 2028;
- 3. the maximum number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Omnibus Plan shall not exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding share capital at the time any Award is granted; and
- 4. any one or more of the directors or officers of the Company be authorized to perform all such acts, deeds and things and execute all such other documents and make all such filings with the TSX that may be required to give effect to this resolution."

To pass, the resolution must be approved by a majority vote of the shares voted, in person or by Proxy, on the resolution. Should the resolution not be approved by Shareholders, all outstanding Awards, if any, will remain outstanding; however, the Company will not have the ability to grant any new Awards under the Omnibus Plan.

The management proxyholders intend to vote FOR the above resolution approving the Omnibus Plan Amendment and Renewal, except in relation to Common Shares held by a Shareholder who instructs otherwise.

## **Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation**

The Company believes that its shareholders should have the opportunity to fully understand the objectives, philosophy and principles the Board has used in its approach to executive compensation decisions and to have an advisory vote on the Board's approach to executive compensation.

Over several years, the Board has thoughtfully examined and designed an executive compensation program using external consultants, monitoring trends, extensive internal research as well as executive assessments to determine and implement an appropriate compensation structure. For additional information regarding the Company's approach to executive, shareholders should review the section "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" in this Information Circular.

Although an annual vote by shareholders on our compensation practices is not mandatory in Canada, we believe it is an essential part of good governance and enhances shareholder engagement by giving the shareholders a formal opportunity to provide their views on the disclosed objectives of the executive compensation plans and on the plans themselves. While shareholders will provide their collective advisory, the Board remains fully responsible for their compensation decision and are not relieved of their responsibilities. Because the Say on Pay resolution is an advisory vote, the results are non-binding; however, the Board and Compensation Committee will take the results of the vote into account when considering future compensation policies, procedures and decisions.

The Board recognizes that Say on Pay is an evolving area in Canada and globally and will review this policy annually to ensure that it is effective in achieving its goals.

The Company's executive compensation policies and programs are based on the principle of pay-for-performance to align the interests of the Company's executive officers with those of the Company's shareholders. Shareholders are being asked at the Meeting to consider and approve the following ordinary resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that on an advisory basis, and not to diminish the role and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, the Shareholders accept the Board's approach to executive compensation disclosed in the Company's Information Circular dated May 9, 2025 delivered in advance of the Meeting."

To pass, the resolution must be approved by a majority vote of the shares voted, in person or by proxy, on the resolution.

The management proxyholders intend to vote FOR the advisory resolution approving our approach to executive compensation, except in relation to Common Shares held by a Shareholder who instructs otherwise.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding the Company and its business activities is available on the SEDAR+ website located at <a href="www.sedarplus.ca">www.sedarplus.ca</a> under "Company Profile – "Canagold Resources Ltd." The Company's financial information is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and related management discussion and analysis for its most recently completed financial year and may be viewed on the SEDAR+ website at the location noted above. Shareholders of the Company may request copies of the Company's financial statements and related management discussion and analysis by contacting the Company at <a href="mainto:info@canagoldresources.com">info@canagoldresources.com</a> or telephone: 604-685-9700.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board is not aware of any other matters which it anticipates will come before the Meeting as of the date of mailing of this Information Circular.

The contents of this Information Circular and its distribution to shareholders has been approved by the Board.

**DATED** at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(signed) "Catalin Kilofliski"

Catalin Kilofliski Chief Executive Officer

# SCHEDULE "A"



**OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN** 

#### **CANAGOLD RESOURCES LTD.**

# OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN Dated effective June 19, 2023

Canagold Resources Ltd. (the "Company") hereby establishes an omnibus incentive plan for certain qualified directors, executive officers, employees or Consultants of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

# ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Where used herein or in any amendments hereto or in any communication required or permitted to be given hereunder, the following terms shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Account" means an account maintained for each Participant on the books of the Company which will be credited with Awards in accordance with the terms of this Plan;

"Affiliates" has the meaning ascribed thereto in National Instrument 45-106 - Prospectus Exemptions;

"Annual Base Compensation" means an annual compensation amount payable to Non-Employee Directors as established from time to time by the Board;

"Associate", where used to indicate a relationship with a Participant, means (i) any domestic partner of that Participant and (ii) the spouse of that Participant and that Participant's children, as well as that Participant's relatives and that Participant's spouse's relatives, if they share that Participant's residence;

"Award" means any of an Option, DSU, RSU, or PSU granted to a Participant pursuant to the terms of the Plan;

"Black-Out Period" means a period of time when pursuant to any policies of the Company (including the Company's insider trading policy), any securities of the Company may not be traded by certain Persons designated by the Company;

"Board" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.2(1) hereof;

"Business Day" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday, when banks are generally open for business in Vancouver, British Columbia for the transaction of banking business;

"Cash Equivalent" means the amount of money equal to the Market Value multiplied by the number of vested DSUs, in the Participant's Account, net of any applicable taxes in accordance with Section 9.2, on the Filing Date;

"Cause" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 7.2(1) hereof;

"Change of Control" means, unless the Board determines otherwise, the happening, in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions, of any of the following events:

- (i) any transaction (other than a transaction described in clause (iii) below) pursuant to which any Person or group of Persons acting jointly or in concert acquires the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of securities of the Company representing 50% or more of the aggregate voting power of all of the Company's then issued and outstanding securities entitled to vote in the election of directors of the Company, other than any such acquisition that occurs upon the exercise or settlement of options or other securities granted by the Company under any of the Company's equity incentive plans;
- (ii) there is consummated an arrangement, amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction involving (directly or indirectly) the Company and, immediately after the

consummation of such arrangement, amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction, the shareholders of the Company immediately prior thereto do not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, either (A) outstanding voting securities representing more than 50% of the combined outstanding voting power of the surviving or resulting entity in such amalgamation, merger, consolidation or similar transaction or (B) more than 50% of the combined outstanding voting power of the parent of the surviving or resulting entity in such arrangement, amalgamation merger, consolidation or similar transaction, in each case in substantially the same proportions as their beneficial ownership of the outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to such transaction;

- (iii) the sale, lease, exchange, license or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of assets, rights or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries which have an aggregate book value greater than 50% of the book value of the assets, rights and properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to any other person or entity, other than a disposition to a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company in the course of a reorganization of the assets of the Company and its wholly-owned Subsidiaries;
- (iv) the passing of a resolution by the Board or shareholders of the Company to substantially liquidate the assets of the Company or wind up the Company's business or significantly rearrange its affairs in one or more transactions or series of transactions or the commencement of proceedings for such a liquidation, winding-up or re-arrangement (except where such rearrangement is part of a bona fide reorganization of the Company in circumstances where the business of the Company is continued and the shareholdings remain substantially the same following the re-arrangement);
- (v) individuals who, on the Effective Date, are members of the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board; provided, however, that if the appointment or election (or nomination for election) of any new Board member was approved or recommended by a majority vote of the members of the Incumbent Board then still in office, such new member will, for purposes of this Plan, be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board; or
- (vi) the Board adopts a resolution to the effect that a Change of Control as defined herein has occurred or is imminent.

"Company" means Canagold Resources Ltd., a company existing under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) as amended from time to time;

"Consultant" means a person, other than an employee, executive officer or director of the Company or a Subsidiary, that provides ongoing services to the Company, and includes for an individual Consultant, a corporation of which the individual Consultant is an employee or shareholder, or a partnership of which the individual Consultant is an employee or partner;

"Consulting Agreement" means, with respect to any Participant, any written consulting agreement between the Company or a Subsidiary and such Participant;

"**Deferred Payment Date**" for a Participant means the date after the Performance Period which is the earlier of (i) the date to which the Participant has elected to defer receipt of Shares in accordance with Section 6 of this Plan; and (ii) the Participant's Termination or Retirement Date;

"Dividend Equivalent" means a cash credit equivalent in value to a dividend paid on a Share credited to a Participant's Account;

"DSU" or "Deferred Share Unit" means a right awarded to a Participant to receive a payment in the form of Shares, Cash Equivalent or a combination thereof upon Termination of Service, as provided in Article 5 and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan;

- "DSU Agreement" means a document evidencing the grant of DSUs and the terms and conditions thereof;
- "DSU Settlement Amount" means the amount of Shares, Cash Equivalent, or combination thereof, calculated in accordance with Section 5.6, to be paid to settle a DSU Award after the Filing Date;
- "**Early Retirement**" in respect of a Participant means the Participant, at their election, creasing to be an Eligible Participant after attaining the age of 55 years old and the Participant's age plus number of years of continuous service is not less than a total of 65 years;
- "Eligibility Date" the effective date on which a Participant becomes eligible to receive long-term disability benefits (provided that, for greater certainty, such effective date shall be confirmed in writing to the Company by the insurance company providing such long-term disability benefits);
- "Eligible Participants" means any director, executive officer, employee or Consultant of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, but for the purposes of Article 5, this definition shall be limited to directors of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;
- **"Employment Agreement**" means, with respect to any Participant, any written employment agreement between the Company or a Subsidiary and such Participant;
- "Entitlement Date" means the date as determined by the Board in its sole discretion in accordance with the Plan, provided, in the case of Participants who are liable to taxation under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) in respect of amounts payable under this Plan, that such date, or amendment of such date as contemplated by Section 3.04 of this Plan, will not be later than December 31 of the third calendar year following the calendar year in which the services were performed in respect of the corresponding Performance Share Unit Award or such later date as may be permitted under paragraph (k) the definition of "salary deferral arrangement" in subsection 248(1) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) as amended from time to time, or other applicable provisions thereof, so as to ensure that the Plan is not considered to be a "salary deferral arrangement" for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- **Exercise Notice**" means a notice in writing signed by a Participant and stating the Participant's intention to exercise a particular Award, if applicable;
- "Filing Date" has the meaning set out in Section 5.5(1) or Section 5.5(3), as applicable;
- "Grant Agreement" means an agreement evidencing the grant to a Participant of an Award, including an Option Agreement, a DSU Agreement, an RSU Agreement, a PSU Agreement, an Employment Agreement or a Consulting Agreement;
- "Insider" has the meaning set out in the TSX Company Manual;
- "Market Value" means at any date when the market value of Shares is to be determined, (i) if the Shares are listed on the TSX, the volume weighted average trading price of the Shares on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the relevant time as it relates to an Award; (ii) if the Shares are not listed on the TSX, then as calculated in paragraph (i) by reference to the price on any other stock exchange on which the Shares are listed (if more than one, then using the exchange on which a majority of trading in the Shares occurs); or (iii) if the Shares are not listed on any stock exchange, the value as is determined solely by the Board, acting reasonably and in good faith and such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all Persons;
- "Non-Employee Director" means a member of the Board of Directors or a director of any Subsidiary of the Company who is not otherwise an employee or executive officer of the Company or a Subsidiary;
- "**Option**" means an option granted by the Company to a Participant entitling such Participant to acquire a designated number of Shares from treasury at the Option Price;
- "Option Agreement" means a document evidencing the grant of Options and the terms and conditions thereof;
- "Option Price" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.2 hereof;

- "Option Term" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 3.4 hereof;
- "Outstanding Issue" means the number of Shares that are issued and outstanding, on a non-diluted basis;
- "Participants" means Eligible Participants that are granted Awards under the Plan;
- "Performance Criteria" means specified criteria, other than the mere continuation of employment or the mere passage of time, the satisfaction of which is a condition for the grant, exercisability, vesting or full enjoyment of an Award;
- "Performance Period" means the period of time during which the assigned performance criteria must be met in order to determine the degree of payout and/or vesting with respect to an Award;
- "**Person**" means an individual, corporation, company, cooperative, partnership, trust, unincorporated association, entity with juridical personality or governmental authority or body, and pronouns which refer to a Person shall have a similarly extended meaning;
- "Plan" means this Canagold Resources Ltd. Omnibus Incentive Plan, including any amendments or supplements hereto made after the effective date hereof;
- "PSU" or "Performance Share Unit" means a unit credited by means of an entry on the books of the Company to a Participant, representing the right to receive on the Participant's Entitlement Date such number of Shares from treasury;
- "PSU Agreement" means a document evidencing the grant of PSUs and the terms and conditions thereof;
- "Restriction Period" means the period determined by the Board pursuant to Section 4.3 hereof;
- "Retirement" in respect of a Participant means the Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant after attaining the age of 65 years old, or 55 years old and the Participant's age plus number of years of continuous service is not less than a total of 70 years;
- "Retirement Date" means the date that a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Participant due to the Retirement or Early Retirement of the Participant;
- "**RSU**" means a right awarded to a Participant to receive a payment in the form of Shares as provided in Article 4 hereof and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan;
- "RSU Agreement" means a document evidencing the grant of RSUs and the terms and conditions thereof;
- "RSU Settlement Date" has the meaning determined in Section 4.5(1);
- "RSU Vesting Determination Date" has the meaning described thereto in Section 4.4 hereof:
- "Shares" means the common shares in the share capital of the Company;
- "Share Compensation Arrangement" means a stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan, long-term incentive plan or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Shares to one or more full-time employees, directors, officers, Insiders, or Consultants of the Company or a Subsidiary including a share purchase from treasury by a full-time employee, director, officer, Insider, or Consultant which is financially assisted by the Company or a Subsidiary by way of a loan, guarantee or otherwise provided, however, that any such arrangements that do not involve the issuance from treasury or potential issuance from treasury of Shares of the Company are not "Share Compensation Arrangements" for the purposes of this Plan;
- "Stock Exchange" means the TSX or, if the Shares are not listed or posted for trading on such stock exchange at a particular date, any other stock exchange on which the majority of the trading volume and value of the Shares are listed or posted for trading;

"Subsidiary" means a corporation, company or partnership that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company;

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

"**Termination**" means that a Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Participant, including for greater certainty, the earliest date on which both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Participant has ceased to be employed by, or otherwise have a service relationship with, the Company or any Subsidiary thereof for any reason whatsoever; and (ii) the Participant is not a member of the Board nor a director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

"Termination Date" means (i) in the event of a Participant's resignation, the date on which such Participant ceases to be a director, executive officer, employee or Consultant of the Company or one of its Subsidiaries and (ii) in the event of the termination of the Participant's employment, or position as director, executive or officer of the Company or a Subsidiary, or Consultant, the effective date of the termination as specified in the notice of termination provided to the Participant by the Company or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, and, for greater certainty, any period of contractual or common law reasonable notice after the effective date in the written notice of termination shall not be included in determining the Termination Date;

"Termination of Service" means that a Participant has ceased to be an Eligible Participant, including for greater certainty, the earliest date on which both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Participant has ceased to be employed by the Company or any Subsidiary thereof for any reason whatsoever; and (ii) the Participant is not a member of the Board nor a director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

"Trading Session" means a trading session on a day which the applicable Stock Exchange is open for trading;

"TSX" means the Toronto Stock Exchange;

"**United States**" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any State of the United States and the District of Columbia;

"U.S. Participant" means any Participant who, at any time during the period from the date an Award is granted to the date such award is exercised, redeemed, or otherwise paid to the Participant, is subject to income taxation in the United States on the income received for services provided to the Company or a Subsidiary and who is not otherwise exempt from United States income taxation under the relevant provisions of the U.S. Tax Code or the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Convention, as amended;

"U.S. Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

"U.S. Tax Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

"Vested Awards" has the meaning described thereto in Section 7.2(5) hereof.

# Section 1.2 Interpretation.

- (1) Whenever the Board is to exercise discretion or authority in the administration of the terms and conditions of this Plan, the term "discretion" or "authority" means the sole and absolute discretion of the Board.
- (2) The division of this Plan into Articles, Sections and other subdivisions and the insertion of headings are for convenient reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Plan.
- (3) In this Plan, words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa and words importing any gender include any other gender.
- (4) The words "includes" and "include" and any derivatives of such words mean "including (or includes or include) without limitation". As used herein, the expressions "Article", "Section" and other

- subdivision followed by a number, mean and refer to the specified Article, Section or other subdivision of this Plan, respectively.
- (5) Unless otherwise specified in the Participant's Grant Agreement, all references to money amounts are to Canadian currency.
- (6) For purposes of this Plan, the legal representatives of a Participant shall only include the administrator, the executor or the liquidator of the Participant's estate or will.
- (7) If any action may be taken within, or any right or obligation is to expire at the end of, a period of days under this Plan, then the first day of the period is not counted, but the day of its expiry is counted.

# ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN; GRANTING OF AWARDS

# Section 2.1 Purpose of the Plan.

The purpose of the Plan is to permit the Company to grant Awards to Eligible Participants, subject to certain conditions as hereinafter set forth, for the following purposes:

- (a) to increase the interest in the Company's welfare of those Eligible Participants, who share responsibility for the management, growth and protection of the business of the Company or a Subsidiary;
- (b) to provide an incentive to such Eligible Participants to continue their services for the Company or a Subsidiary and to encourage such Eligible Participants whose skills, performance and loyalty to the objectives and interests of the Company or a Subsidiary are necessary or essential to its success, image, reputation or activities;
- (c) to reward Participants for their performance of services while working for the Company or a Subsidiary; and
- (d) to provide a means through which the Company or a Subsidiary may attract and retain able Persons to enter its employment or service.

### Section 2.2 Implementation and Administration of the Plan.

- (1) The Plan shall be administered and interpreted by the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") or, if the Board by resolution so decides, by a committee or plan administrator appointed by the Board. If such committee or plan administrator is appointed for this purpose, all references to the "Board" herein will be deemed references to such committee or plan administrator. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional Share Compensation Arrangements or other compensation arrangements, subject to any required approval.
- (2) Subject to Article 8 and any applicable rules of a Stock Exchange, the Board may, from time to time, as it may deem expedient, adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations or vary the terms of this Plan and/or any Award hereunder for carrying out the provisions and purposes of the Plan and/or to address tax or other requirements of any applicable jurisdiction.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Plan, the Board is authorized, in its sole discretion, to make such determinations under, and such interpretations of, and take such steps and actions in connection with, the proper administration and operations of the Plan as it may deem necessary or advisable. The Board may delegate to officers or managers of the Company, or committees thereof, the authority, subject to such terms as the Board shall determine, to perform such functions, in whole or in part. Any such delegation by the Board may be revoked at any time at the Board's sole discretion. The interpretation, administration, construction and application of the Plan and any provisions hereof made by the Board, or by any officer, manager, committee or any other Person to which the Board delegated authority to perform such functions, shall be final and binding on the Company, its Subsidiaries and all Eligible

Participants.

- (4) No member of the Board or any Person acting pursuant to authority delegated by the Board hereunder shall be liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith in the administration, interpretation, construction or application of the Plan or any Award granted hereunder. Members of the Board or and any person acting at the direction or on behalf of the Board, shall, to the extent permitted by law, be fully indemnified and protected by the Company with respect to any such action or determination.
- (5) The Plan shall not in any way fetter, limit, obligate, restrict or constrain the Board with regard to the allotment or issuance of any Shares or any other securities in the capital of the Company. For greater clarity, the Company shall not by virtue of this Plan be in any way restricted from declaring and paying stock dividends, repurchasing Shares or varying or amending its share capital or corporate structure.

# Section 2.3 Participation in this Plan.

- (1) The Company makes no representation or warranty as to the future market value of the Shares or with respect to any income tax matters affecting any Participant resulting from the grant of an Award, the exercise of an Option or transactions in the Shares or otherwise in respect of participation under the Plan. Neither the Company, nor any of its directors, officers, employees, shareholders or agents shall be liable for anything done or omitted to be done by such Person or any other Person with respect to the price, time, quantity or other conditions and circumstances of the issuance of Shares hereunder, or in any other manner related to the Plan. For greater certainty, no amount will be paid to, or in respect of, a Participant under the Plan or pursuant to any other arrangement, and no additional Awards will be granted to such Participant to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the price of the Shares, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant for such purpose. The Company and its Subsidiaries do not assume and shall not have responsibility for the income or other tax consequences resulting to any Participant and each Participant is advised to consult with his or her own tax advisors.
- (2) Participants (and their legal representatives) shall have no legal or equitable right, claim, or interest in any specific property or asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. No asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall be held in any way as collateral security for the fulfillment of the obligations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under this Plan. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, this Plan shall be unfunded. To the extent any Participant or his or her estate holds any rights by virtue of a grant of Awards under this Plan, such rights (unless otherwise determined by the Board) shall be no greater than the rights of an unsecured creditor of the Company.
- (3) Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Company shall not offer financial assistance to any Participant in regards to the exercise of any Award granted under this Plan.
- (4) The Board may also require that any Eligible Participant in the Plan provide certain representations, warranties and certifications to the Company to satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, including, without limitation, exemptions from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, and applicable U.S. state securities laws.

### Section 2.4 Shares Subject to the Plan.

- (1) The aggregate number of Shares issuable under Awards outstanding under this Plan at any time, subject to adjustment pursuant to Article 8 hereof, shall not exceed 10% of the number of issued and outstanding Shares (on a non-diluted basis) at that time, less any awards outstanding under any other Share Compensation Arrangement of the Company at that time. Subject to adjustment pursuant to Article 8, the securities that may be acquired by Participants under this Plan shall consist of authorized but unissued Shares.
- (2) No Award that can be settled in Shares issued from treasury may be granted if such grant would have the effect of causing the total number of Shares subject to such Award to exceed the total numbers of Shares reserved for issuance as set out in Section 2.5, pursuant to the settlement of Awards.

(3) Unless otherwise indicated, the Plan is an "evergreen" plan, as Shares of the Company covered by Awards which have been exercised or settled, as applicable, and Awards which expire or are forfeited, surrendered, cancelled or otherwise terminated or lapse for any reason without having been exercised, will be available for subsequent grant under the Plan and the number of Awards that may be granted under the Omnibus Plan increases if the total number of issued and outstanding Shares of the Company increases. Shares will not be deemed to have been issued pursuant to the Plan with respect to any portion of an Award that is settled in cash.

# Section 2.5 Limits with Respect to other Share Compensation Arrangements, Insiders, Individual Limits, and Annual Grant Limits.

- (1) The maximum number of Shares issuable to Eligible Participants who are Insiders, at any time, under this Plan and any other Share Compensation Arrangement, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Outstanding Issue from time to time.
- (2) The maximum number of Shares issued to Eligible Participants who are Insiders, within any one year period, under this Plan and any other Share Compensation Arrangement, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Outstanding Issue from time to time.
- (3) Any Award granted pursuant to the Plan, or securities issued under any other Share Compensation Arrangement, prior to a Participant becoming an Insider, shall be excluded from the purposes of the limits set out in Section 2.5(2) and Section 2.5(3).

#### Section 2.6 Granting of Awards.

Any Award granted under the Plan shall be subject to the requirement that, if at any time the Company shall determine that the listing, registration or qualification of the Shares subject to such Award, if applicable, upon any stock exchange or under any law or regulation of any jurisdiction, or the consent or approval of any stock exchange or any governmental or regulatory body, is necessary as a condition of, or in connection with, the grant of such Awards or exercise of any Option or the issuance or purchase of Shares thereunder, if applicable, such Award may not be accepted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained on conditions acceptable to the Board. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Company to apply for or to obtain such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval.

#### Section 2.7 Limits with Respect to Non-Employee Directors.

The Board may make Awards to Non-Employee Directors under the Plan provided that the annual grant of Awards under this Plan to any one Non-Employee Director shall not exceed \$150,000 in value (based on a Black-Scholes calculation or such other similar and acceptable methodology, applied consistently and appropriately as determined by the Board), of which no more than \$100,000 may comprise Options.

# ARTICLE 3 OPTIONS

#### Section 3.1 Nature of Options.

An Option is an option granted by the Company to a Participant entitling such Participant to acquire a designated number of Shares from treasury at the Option Price, but subject to the provisions hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, no Dividend Equivalents shall be granted in connection with an Option.

#### Section 3.2 Option Awards.

Subject to the provisions set forth in this Plan and any shareholder or regulatory approval which may be required, the Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive Options under the Plan, (ii) fix the number of Options, if any, to be granted to each Eligible Participant and the date or dates on which such Options shall be granted, (iii) determine the price per

Share to be payable upon the exercise of each such Option (the "**Option Price**") and the relevant vesting provisions (and the Option Term, the whole subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this Plan or in any Option Agreement, and any applicable rules of a Stock Exchange.

## Section 3.3 Option Price.

The Option Price for Shares that are the subject of any Option shall be determined and approved by the Board when such Option is granted, but shall not be less than the Market Value of such Shares at the time of the grant.

#### Section 3.4 Option Term.

- (1) The Board shall determine, at the time of granting the particular Option, the period during which the Option is exercisable, which shall not be more than ten (10) years from the date the Option is granted ("Option Term").
- (2) Should the expiration date for an Option fall within a Black-Out Period or within nine (9) Business Days following the expiration of a Black-Out Period, such expiration date shall be automatically extended without any further act or formality to that date which is the tenth (10th) Business Day after the end of the Black-Out Period, such tenth (10th) Business Day to be considered the expiration date for such Option for all purposes under the Plan.

# Section 3.5 Exercise of Options.

Prior to its expiration or earlier termination in accordance with the Plan, each Option shall be exercisable at such time or times and/or other vesting conditions as the Board at the time of granting the particular Option, may determine in its sole discretion. For greater certainty, any exercise of Options by a Participant shall be made in accordance with the Company's insider trading policy.

#### Section 3.6 Method of Exercise and Payment of Purchase Price.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of the Plan, an Option granted under the Plan shall be exercisable (from time to time as provided in Section 3.5 hereof) by the Participant (or by the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) by delivering a fully completed Exercise Notice to the Company at its registered office to the attention of the Corporate Secretary of the Company (or the individual that the Corporate Secretary of the Company may from time to time designate) or give notice in such other manner as the Company may from time to time designate, which notice shall specify the number of Shares in respect of which the Option is being exercised and shall be accompanied by full payment, by cash, certified cheque, bank draft or any other form of payment deemed acceptable by the Board of the purchase price for the number of Shares specified therein and, if required by Section 9.2, the amount necessary to satisfy any taxes.
- (2) Upon the exercise, the Company shall, as soon as practicable after such exercise but no later than ten (10) Business Days following such exercise, issue such Shares to the Participant. The Company will forthwith cause the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares either to:
  - (a) deliver to the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) a certificate in the name of the Participant representing in the aggregate such number of Shares as the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall have then paid for and as are specified in such Exercise Notice; or
  - (b) in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, cause the issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant (or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall have then paid for and as are specified in such Exercise Notice to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Company to be maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares.

#### Section 3.7 Option Agreements.

Options shall be evidenced by an Option Agreement, in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine. The Option Agreement may contain any such terms that the Company considers necessary in order that the Option will comply with any provisions respecting options in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

# ARTICLE 4 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

#### Section 4.1 Nature of RSUs.

A Restricted Share Unit is an Award in the nature of a bonus for services rendered that, upon settlement, entitles the recipient Participant to acquire Shares as determined by the Board, pursuant and subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Board may determine at the time of grant, unless such RSU expires prior to being settled.

#### Section 4.2 RSU Awards.

- (1) The Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive RSUs under the Plan, (ii) fix the number of RSUs, if any, to be granted to each Eligible Participant and the date or dates on which such RSUs shall be granted, (iii) determine the relevant conditions and vesting provisions and the Restriction Period of such RSUs, (provided, however, that no such Restriction Period shall exceed the 3 years referenced in Section 4.3) and (iv) any other terms and conditions applicable to the granted RSUs.
- (2) Subject to the vesting and other conditions and provisions in this Plan and in the RSU Agreement, each vested RSU awarded to a Participant shall entitle the Participant to receive one Share no later than the last day of the Restriction Period, upon confirmation by the Board that the vesting conditions have been met.

#### Section 4.3 Restriction Period.

The applicable restriction period in respect of a particular RSU shall be determined by the Board but in all cases shall end no later than December 31 of the calendar year which is three (3) years after the calendar year in which the vesting criteria for which such RSU is granted, occurred ("**Restriction Period**"). All unvested RSUs shall be cancelled on the RSU Vesting Determination Date (as such term is defined in Section 4.4) and, in any event, all unvested RSUs shall be cancelled no later than the last day of the Restriction Period.

#### Section 4.4 RSU Vesting Determination Date.

The vesting determination date means the date on which the Board determines if the vesting conditions with respect to an RSU have been met (the "**RSU Vesting Determination Date**"), and as a result, establishes the number of RSUs that become vested, if any. For greater certainty, the RSU Vesting Determination Date must fall after the end of the vesting period, if any, but no later than December 15 of the calendar year which is three (3) years after the calendar year in which the vesting criteria for which such RSU is granted, occurred. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for any U.S. Participant, the RSU Vesting Determination Date shall occur no later than March 15 of the calendar year following the end of the vesting period.

#### Section 4.5 Settlement of RSUs.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in the RSU Agreement, all of the vested RSUs covered by a particular grant shall be settled as soon as practicable and in any event within ten (10) Business Days following their RSU Vesting Determination Date and, no later than the end of the Restriction Period (the "RSU Settlement Date").
- (2) Settlement of RSUs shall take place promptly following the RSU Settlement Date, no later than the end of the Restriction Period. Settlement of RSUs shall be subject to Section 9.2 and shall take place

#### through:

- (a) delivery to the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) of a certificate in the name of the Participant representing in the aggregate such number of Shares as the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive (unless the Participant intends to simultaneously dispose of any such Shares); or
- (b) in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant (or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Company to be maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares.
- (3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for any U.S. Participant, the RSU Settlement Date and delivery of Shares, if any, shall each occur no later than March 15 of the calendar year following the end of the vesting period.

#### **Section 4.6 Determination of Amounts.**

(1) For the purposes of determining the number of Shares to be issued or delivered to a Participant upon settlement of RSUs pursuant to Section 4.5, such calculation will be made on the RSU Settlement Date based on the whole number of Shares equal to the whole number of vested RSUs then recorded in the Participant's Account to settle in Shares.

## Section 4.7 RSU Agreements.

RSUs shall be evidenced by an RSU Agreement in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine. The RSU Agreement may contain any such terms that the Company considers necessary in order that the RSU will comply with any provisions respecting restricted share units in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

### Section 4.8 Award of Dividend Equivalents.

Dividend Equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of unvested RSUs in a Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Shares on the relevant record date. Dividend Equivalents, if any, will be credited to the Participant's Account in additional RSUs, the number of which shall be equal to a fraction where the numerator is the product of (i) the number of RSUs in such Participant's Account on the date that dividends are paid multiplied by (ii) the dividend paid per Share and the denominator of which is the Market Value of one Share calculated on the date that dividends are paid. Any additional RSUs credited to a Participant's Account as a Dividend Equivalent pursuant to this Section 4.8 shall have an RSU Vesting Determination Date which is the same as the RSU vesting Determination Date for the RSUs in respect of which such additional RSUs are credited. In the event that the Participant's applicable RSUs do not vest, all Dividend Equivalents, if any, associated with such RSUs will be forfeited by the Participant and returned to the Company's account.

#### Section 4.9. Maximum Number of Restricted Share Units.

The maximum number of RSUs made available for the Plan shall not exceed 10,000,000 RSUs.

# ARTICLE 5 DEFERRED SHARE UNITS

#### Section 5.1 Nature of DSUs.

A Deferred Share Unit is an Award attributable to a Participant's duties as a Non-Employee Director and that, upon settlement, entitles the recipient Participant to receive such number of Shares as determined by the Board, or to receive the Cash Equivalent or a combination thereof, as the case may be, and is payable after Termination of Service of the Participant.

#### Section 5.2 DSU Awards.

The Board shall, from time to time by resolution, in its sole discretion, (i) designate the Eligible Participants who may receive DSU Awards under the Plan, and (ii) fix the number of DSU Awards to be granted to each Eligible Participant and the date or dates on which such DSU Awards shall be granted, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in this Plan and in any DSU Agreement. Each DSU awarded shall entitle the Participant to one Share, or the Cash Equivalent, or a combination thereof, as determined pursuant to Section 5.5(2).

### Section 5.3 Payment of Annual Base Compensation.

- (1) Each Participant may elect to receive in DSUs any portion or all of his or her Annual Base Compensation by completing and delivering a written election to the Company on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year ending immediately before the calendar year with respect to which the election is made. Such election will be effective with respect to compensation payable for fiscal quarters beginning during the calendar year following the date of such election.
- (2) Further, where an individual becomes a Participant for the first time during a fiscal year and, for individuals that are U.S. Participants, such individual has not previously participated in a plan that is required to be aggregated with this Plan for purposes of Section 409A of the U.S. Tax Code, such individual may elect to defer Annual Base Compensation with respect to fiscal quarters of the Company commencing after the Company receives such individual's written election, which election must be received by the Company no later than thirty (30) days after the later of the Plan's adoption or such individual's appointment as a Participant. For greater certainty, new Participants will not be entitled to receive DSUs for any Annual Base Compensation earned pursuant to an election for the quarter in which they submit their first election to the Company or any previous quarter.
- (3) All DSUs granted with respect to Annual Base Compensation will be credited to the Participant's Account when such Annual Base Compensation is payable (the "**Grant Date**").
- (4) The Participant's Account will be credited with the number of DSUs calculated to the nearest thousandths of a DSU, determined by dividing the dollar amount of compensation payable in DSUs on the Grant Date by the Market Value of the Shares. Fractional Deferred Share Units will not be issued and any fractional entitlements will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

# Section 5.4 Additional Deferred Share Units.

In addition to DSUs granted pursuant to Section 5.3, the Board may award such number of DSUs to a Participant as the Board deems advisable to provide the Participant with appropriate equity-based compensation for the services rendered to the Company. The Board shall determine the date on which such DSUs may be granted and the date as of which such DSUs shall be credited to a Participant's Account. An award of DSUs pursuant to this Section 5.4 shall be subject to a DSU Agreement evidencing the Award and the terms applicable thereto.

### Section 5.5 Settlement of DSUs.

(1) A Participant may receive their Shares, or Cash Equivalent, or a combination thereof, to which such Participant is entitled upon Termination of Service, by filing a redemption notice on or before December 15 of the first calendar year commencing after the date of the Participant's Termination of Service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Participant does not file such notice on or before that December 15 and in all cases for each U.S. Participant, the Participant will be deemed to have filed the redemption notice on December 15 (the date of the filing or deemed filing of the redemption notice, the "Filing Date").

- When and if DSUs are redeemed, in settlement of such DSUs the Participant shall have the discretionary right to request payment from the Company of a cash amount equal to the Cash Equivalent calculated pursuant to Section 5.6(1). If such a request is made by the Participant, then the Company must comply with the request and issue a payment of cash equal to the Cash Equivalent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company in its discretion decides it currently has insufficient capital resources available to satisfy the Participant's request, the Company shall not be required to issue a cash payment. In this regard, such DSUs may be settled through the issuance of Shares or a combination of a cash settlement and issuance of Shares pursuant to subsection (4)(b) below. The Company will make payment of the DSU Settlement Amount as soon as reasonably possible following the Filing Date and in any event no later than the end of the first calendar year commencing after the Participant's Termination of Service.
- (3) In the event of the death of a Participant, the Company will, subject to Section 9.2, make payment of the DSU Settlement Amount within two months of the Participant's death to or for the benefit of the legal representative of the deceased Participant. For the purposes of the calculation of the Settlement Amount, the Filing Date shall be the date of the Participant's death.
- (4) Subject to the terms of the DSU Award Agreement, including the satisfaction or, at the discretion of the Board, waiver of any vesting conditions, settlement of DSUs shall take place promptly following the Filing Date, and take the form as determined by the Board, in its sole discretion. Settlement of DSUs shall be subject to Section 9.2 and shall take place through:
  - (a) in the case of settlement of DSUs for their Cash Equivalent, delivery of a cheque to the Participant representing the Cash Equivalent;
  - (b) in the case of settlement of DSUs for Shares:
    - (i) delivery to the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) of a certificate in the name of the Participant representing in the aggregate such number of Shares as the Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive (unless the Participant intends to simultaneously dispose of any such Shares); or
    - (ii) in the case of Shares issued in uncertificated form, issuance of the aggregate number of Shares as the Participant (or the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant) shall be entitled to receive to be evidenced by a book position on the register of the shareholders of the Company to be maintained by the transfer agent and registrar of the Shares; or
  - (c) in the case of settlement of the DSUs for a combination of Shares and the Cash Equivalent, a combination of (a) and (b) above.

#### Section 5.6 Determination of DSU Settlement Amount.

- (1) For purposes of determining the Cash Equivalent of DSUs to be made pursuant to Section 5.5 such calculation will be made on the Filing Date based on the Market Value on the Filing Date multiplied by the number of vested DSUs in the Participant's Account to settle in cash.
- (2) For the purposes of determining the number of Shares to be issued or delivered to a Participant upon settlement of DSUs pursuant to Section 5.5, such calculation will be made on the Filing Date based on the whole number of Shares equal to the whole number of vested DSUs then recorded in the Participant's Account to settle in Shares.

#### Section 5.7 DSU Agreements.

DSUs shall be evidenced by a DSU Agreement in such form not inconsistent with the Plan as the Board may from time to time determine. The DSU Agreement may contain any such terms that the Company considers necessary in order that the DSU will comply with any provisions respecting deferred share units in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the Participant may from time to time be resident or citizen or the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company.

#### Section 5.8 Award of Dividend Equivalents.

Dividend Equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of DSUs in a Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Shares on the relevant record date. Dividend Equivalents, if any, will be credited to the Participant's Account in additional DSUs, the number of which shall be equal to a fraction where the numerator is the product of (i) the number of DSUs in such Participant's Account on the date that dividends are paid multiplied by (ii) the dividend paid per Share and the denominator of which is the Market Value of one Share calculated on the date that dividends are paid. Any additional DSUs credited to a Participant's Account as a Dividend Equivalent pursuant to this Section 5.8 shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as the underlying DSU Award.

#### Section 5.9 Maximum Number of Deferred Share Units

The maximum number of DSUs made available for the Plan shall not exceed 5,000,000 DSUs.

# Article 6 PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS

#### Section 6.1 PSU Awards

The Company will have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to grant PSU Awards to any Participant, subject to the Plan and with such provisions, performance conditions and restrictions as the Company may determine. The number of PSUs awarded will be credited to the Participant's Account, effective as of the date of the PSU Agreement. Each PSU vests on its Entitlement Date, as determined by the Board, provided that the Board will have discretion to amend the Entitlement Date after such grant. The Board will establish criteria for the grant of PSUs to Participants.

# **Section 6.2 PSU Agreements**

Each PSU granted under the Plan will be evidenced by a PSU Agreement. Such PSU Agreement will be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of the Plan and may be subject to any other terms and conditions which are not inconsistent with the Plan and which the Board deems appropriate for inclusion in a PSU Agreement. The provisions of the various PSU Agreements issued under the Plan need not be identical. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the Plan and the PSU Agreement or any other communications, the Plan will prevail.

#### Section 6.3 Entitlement Date

Upon the grant of PSUs to a Participant, the Board will determine the Entitlement Date applicable to such PSUs. For the avoidance of doubt, except as otherwise set forth in this Section 6, a Participant will have no right or entitlement whatsoever to receive Common Shares until the Entitlement Date. Except as otherwise set forth in this Section 6, a PSU Award granted to a Participant will entitle the Participant, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions, performance conditions or measures, restrictions or limitations imposed under this Plan or the applicable PSU Agreement, to receive on the Participant's Entitlement Date or the Deferred Payment Date, as the case may be, a payment in Common Shares.

#### Section 6.4 Payment of Dividends

Dividend Equivalents may, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, be awarded in respect of PSUs in a

Participant's Account on the same basis as cash dividends declared and paid on Shares as if the Participant was a shareholder of record of Shares on the relevant record date. Dividend Equivalents, if any, will be credited to the Participant's Account in additional PSUs, the number of which shall be equal to a fraction where the numerator is the product of (i) the number of PSUs in such Participant's Account on the date that dividends are paid multiplied by (ii) the dividend paid per Share and the denominator of which is the Market Value of one Share calculated on the date that dividends are paid. Any additional PSUs credited to a Participant's Account as a Dividend Equivalent pursuant to this Section 6.4 shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as the underlying PSU Award.

# Section 6.5 Death or Disability of Participant

Unless the Board determines otherwise, a Participant's Entitlement Date will be accelerated as follows: (i) in the event of the death of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will be the date of death; and (ii) in the event of the total disability of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will be the date on which the Participant becomes totally disabled.

#### Section 6.6 Termination Prior to Entitlement Date

In the event of the Termination with cause of a Participant prior to the Entitlement Date, any PSUs held by the Participant will immediately terminate and be of no further force or effect, provided that the Board has the absolute discretion to waive such termination. In the event of the Termination without cause of a Participant prior to the Entitlement Date, the Participant's Entitlement Date will be accelerated on a pro-rata basis calculated on the actual performance achievement realized at the time of Termination.

#### **Section 6.7 Retirement or Early Retirement**

In respect of Retirement or Early Retirement of the Participant, unless determined otherwise by the Board, a Participant's Entitlement Date will be determined as follows: (i) in the event of Retirement of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will not be altered; and (ii) in the event of Early Retirement of the Participant, the Participant's Entitlement Date will be accelerated on a pro-rata basis calculated by dividing the number of months that have elapsed between the applicable Grant Date and the Retirement Date by the total number of months between the Grant Date and the Entitlement Date.

### Section 6.8 Maximum Number of PSUs

The maximum number of PSUs made available for the Plan shall not exceed 1,000,000 PSUs.

# ARTICLE 7 GENERAL CONDITIONS

# Section 7.1 General Conditions Applicable to Awards.

Each Award, as applicable, shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) **Vesting Period**. Each Award granted hereunder shall vest in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement entered into in respect of such Award. The Board has the right to accelerate the date upon which any Award becomes exercisable notwithstanding the vesting schedule set forth for such Award, regardless of any adverse or potentially adverse tax consequence resulting from such acceleration.
- (2) Employment. Notwithstanding any express or implied term of this Plan to the contrary, the granting of an Award pursuant to the Plan shall in no way be construed as a guarantee by the Company or a Subsidiary to the Participant of employment or another service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary. The granting of an Award to a Participant shall not impose upon the Company or a Subsidiary any obligation to retain the Participant in its employ or service in any capacity. Nothing contained in this Plan or in any Award granted under this Plan shall interfere in any way with the rights of the Company or any of its Affiliates in connection with the employment, retention or termination of any such Participant. The loss of existing or potential profit in Shares underlying Awards granted under this Plan shall not constitute an element of damages in the event of termination of a Participant's

employment or service in any office or otherwise.

- (3) **Grant of Awards**. Eligibility to participate in this Plan does not confer upon any Eligible Participant any right to be granted Awards pursuant to this Plan. Granting Awards to any Eligible Participant does not confer upon any Eligible Participant the right to receive nor preclude such Eligible Participant from receiving any additional Awards at any time. The extent to which any Eligible Participant is entitled to be granted Awards pursuant to this Plan will be determined in the sole discretion of the Board. Participation in the Plan shall be entirely voluntary and any decision not to participate shall not affect an Eligible Participant's relationship or employment with the Company or any Subsidiary.
- (4) **Rights as a Shareholder**. Neither the Participant nor such Participant's personal representatives or legatees shall have any rights whatsoever as shareholder in respect of any Shares covered by such Participant's Awards by reason of the grant of such Award until such Award has been duly exercised, as applicable, and settled and Shares have been issued in respect thereof. Subject to Section 4.8 and Section 5.8, no adjustment shall be made for dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such Shares have been issued.
- (5) **Conformity to Plan**. In the event that an Award is granted or a Grant Agreement is executed which does not conform in all particulars with the provisions of the Plan, or purports to grant Awards on terms different from those set out in the Plan, the Award or the grant of such Award shall not be in any way void or invalidated, but the Award so granted will be adjusted to become, in all respects, in conformity with the Plan.
- (6) **Non-Transferrable Awards**. Except as specifically provided in a Grant Agreement approved by the Board, each Award granted under the Plan is personal to the Participant and shall not be assignable or transferable by the Participant, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, except by will or by the laws of succession of the domicile of the deceased Participant. No Award granted hereunder shall be pledged, hypothecated, charged, transferred, assigned or otherwise encumbered or disposed of on pain of nullity.
- (7) **Participant's Entitlement**. Except as otherwise provided in this Plan or unless the Board permits otherwise, upon any Subsidiary of the Company ceasing to be a Subsidiary of the Company, Awards previously granted under this Plan that, at the time of such change, are held by a Person who is a director, executive officer, employee or Consultant of such Subsidiary of the Company and not of the Company itself, whether or not then exercisable, shall automatically terminate on the date of such change.

## Section 7.2 General Conditions Applicable to Options.

Each Option shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) **Termination for Cause**. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for Cause, any vested or unvested Option granted to such Participant shall terminate automatically and become void immediately. For the purposes of the Plan, the determination by the Company that the Participant was discharged for Cause shall be binding on the Participant. "**Cause**" shall include, among other things, gross misconduct, theft, fraud, breach of confidentiality or breach of the Company's codes of conduct and any other reason determined by the Company to be cause for termination.
- (2) **Termination not for Cause**. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of his or her employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary being terminated without Cause, (i) any unvested Option granted to such Participant shall terminate and become void immediately and (ii) any vested Option granted to such Participant may be exercised by such Participant. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, in its sole discretion, such Option shall only be exercisable within the earlier of ninety (90) days after the Termination Date, or the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Grant Agreement, after which the Option will expire.
- (3) **Resignation**. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of his or her resignation from the Company or a Subsidiary, (i) each unvested Option granted to such Participant shall

terminate and become void immediately upon resignation and (ii) each vested Option granted to such Participant will cease to be exercisable on the earlier of the thirty (30) days following the Termination Date and the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Grant Agreement, after which the Option will expire.

- (4) **Permanent Disability/Retirement**. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of Retirement or permanent disability, (i) any unvested Option shall terminate and become void immediately, and (ii) any vested Option will cease to be exercisable on the earlier of the ninety (90) days from the Retirement Date or the date on which the Participant ceases his or her employment or service relationship with the Company or any Subsidiary by reason of permanent disability, and the expiry date of the Option set forth in the Grant Agreement, after which the Option will expire.
- (5) **Death**. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of death, any vested Option granted to such Participant may be exercised by the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the Participant for that number of Shares only which such Participant was entitled to acquire under the respective Options (the "**Vested Awards**") on the date of such Participant's death. Such Vested Awards shall only be exercisable within twelve (12) months after the Participant's death or prior to the expiration of the original term of the Options whichever occurs earlier.

# Section 7.3 General Conditions Applicable to RSUs.

Each RSU shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) **Termination for Cause and Resignation**. Upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for Cause or as a result of his or her resignation from the Company or a Subsidiary, the Participant's participation in the Plan shall be terminated immediately, all RSUs credited to such Participant's Account that have not vested shall be forfeited and cancelled, and the Participant's rights to Shares or Cash Equivalent or a combination thereof that relate to such Participant's unvested RSUs shall be forfeited and cancelled on the Termination Date.
- (2) **Death or Termination**. Except as otherwise determined by the Board from time to time, at its sole discretion, upon a Participant ceasing to be an Eligible Participant as a result of (i) death, (ii) Retirement, (iii) Termination for reasons other than for Cause, (iv) his or her employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary being terminated by reason of injury or disability or (v) becoming eligible to receive long-term disability benefits, all unvested RSUs in the Participant's Account as of such date relating to a Restriction Period in progress shall be terminated.
- (3) **General**. For greater certainty, where a Participant's employment or service relationship with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated pursuant to Section 7.3(1) or Section 7.3(2) hereof following the satisfaction of all vesting conditions in respect of particular RSUs but before receipt of the corresponding distribution or payment in respect of such RSUs, the Participant shall remain entitled to such distribution or payment.

# ARTICLE 8 ADJUSTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

#### Section 8.1 Adjustment to Shares.

In the event of (i) any subdivision of the Shares into a greater number of Shares, (ii) any consolidation of Shares into a lesser number of Shares, (iii) any reclassification, reorganization or other change affecting the Shares, (iv) any merger, amalgamation or consolidation of the Company with or into another corporation, or (iv) any distribution to all holders of Shares or other securities in the capital of the Company, of cash, evidences of indebtedness or other assets of the Company (excluding an ordinary course dividend in cash or shares, but including for greater certainty shares or equity interests in a subsidiary or business unit of the Company or one of its subsidiaries or cash proceeds of the disposition of such a subsidiary or business unit) or any transaction or change having a similar effect, then the Board shall in its sole discretion, subject to the required approval of any Stock Exchange, determine the appropriate adjustments or substitutions to be made in such circumstances

in order to maintain the economic rights of the Participant in respect of such Award in connection with such occurrence or change, including, without limitation:

- (a) adjustments to the exercise price of such Award without any change in the total price applicable to the unexercised portion of the Award;
- (b) adjustments to the number of Shares to which the Participant is entitled upon exercise of such Award; or
- (c) adjustments to the number or kind of Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan.

# Section 8.2 Change of Control.

- (1) In the event of a potential Change of Control, the Board shall have the power, in its sole discretion, subject to Section 8.3, to modify the terms of this Plan and/or the Awards to assist the Participants to tender into a take-over bid or to participate in any other transaction leading to a Change of Control.
- (2) If the Company completes a transaction constituting a Change of Control and within twelve (12) months following the Change of Control (i) a Participant who was also an officer or employee of, or Consultant to, the Company prior to the Change of Control has their position, employment or consulting agreement terminated, or the Participant is constructively dismissed, or (ii) a Non- Employee Director ceases to act in such capacity, then all unvested RSUs shall immediately vest and shall be paid out, and all unvested Options shall vest and become exercisable. Any Options that become exercisable pursuant to this Section 8.2(2) shall remain open for exercise until the earlier of their expiry date as set out in the Award Agreement and the date that is 90 days after such termination or dismissal.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, this Section 8.2 shall not apply with respect to any DSUs held by a Participant where such DSUs are governed under paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the Tax Act or any successor to such provision.

#### Section 8.3 Amendment or Discontinuance of the Plan.

- (1) The Board may suspend or terminate the Plan at any time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any suspension or termination of the Plan shall be such that the Plan continuously meets the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the Tax Act or any successor to such provision.
- (2) The Board may from time to time, in its absolute discretion and without approval of the shareholders of the Company amend any provision of this Plan or any Award, subject to any regulatory or stock exchange requirement at the time of such amendment, including, without limitation:
  - (i) any amendment to the general vesting provisions, if applicable, of the Plan or of the Awards;
  - (ii) any amendment regarding the effect of termination of a Participant's employment or engagement;
  - (iii) any amendment which accelerates the date on which any Option may be exercised under the Plan:
  - (iv) any amendment necessary to comply with applicable law or the requirements of the TSX or any other regulatory body;
  - (v) any amendment of a "housekeeping" nature, including to clarify the meaning of an existing provision of the Plan, correct or supplement any provision of the Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of the Plan, correct any grammatical or typographical errors or amend the definitions in the Plan;
  - (vi) any amendment regarding the administration of the Plan;

- (vii) any amendment to add provisions permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with Shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or clawback, and any amendment to a provision permitting the grant of Awards settled otherwise than with Shares issued from treasury, a form of financial assistance or clawback which is adopted; and
- (viii) any other amendment that does not require the approval of the shareholders of the Company under Section 8.3(3)(b).

#### (3) Notwithstanding Section 8.3(2):

- (a) no such amendment shall alter or impair the rights of any Participant, without the consent of such Participant except as permitted by the provisions of the Plan;
- (b) the Board shall be required to obtain shareholder approval to make the following amendments:
  - (i) any increase to the maximum number of Shares issuable under the Plan, except in the event of an adjustment pursuant to Article 8;
  - (ii) any amendment that extends the term of Options beyond the original expiry date;
  - (iii) any amendment which extends the expiry date of any Award, or the Restriction Period, or the Performance Period of any RSU beyond the original expiry date or Restriction Period or Performance Period;
  - (iv) except in the case of an adjustment pursuant to Article 8, any amendment which reduces the exercise price of an Option or any cancellation of an Option and replacement of such Option with an Option with a lower exercise price;
  - (v) any amendment which increases the maximum number of Shares that may be (i) issuable to Insiders at any time; or (ii) issued to Insiders under the Plan and any other proposed or established Share Compensation Arrangement in a one-year period, except in case of an adjustment pursuant to Article 8;
  - (vi) any amendment to the definition of an Eligible Participant under the Plan; and
  - (vii) any amendment to the amendment provisions of the Plan.
- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any amendment of the Plan shall be such that the Plan continuously meets the requirements of paragraph 6801(d) of the regulations under the Tax Act or any successor to such provision.

# ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 9.1 Use of an Administrative Agent and Trustee.

The Board may in its sole discretion appoint from time to time one or more entities to act as administrative agent or trustee to administer the Awards granted under the Plan and to act as trustee to hold and administer the assets that may be held in respect of Awards granted under the Plan, the whole in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the Board in its sole discretion. The Company and the administrative agent will maintain records showing the number of Awards granted to each Participant under the Plan.

#### Section 9.2 Tax Withholding.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, all distributions, delivery of Shares or payments to a Participant (or to the liquidator, executor or administrator, as the case may be, of the estate of the

Participant) under the Plan shall be made net of such withholdings, including in respect of applicable taxes and source deductions, as the Company determines. If the event giving rise to the withholding obligation involves an issuance or delivery of Shares, then, the withholding may be satisfied in such manner as the Company determines, including by (a) having the Participant elect to have the appropriate number of such Shares sold by the Company, the Company's transfer agent and registrar or any trustee appointed by the Company pursuant to Section 9.1 hereof, on behalf of and as agent for the Participant as soon as permissible and practicable, with the proceeds of such sale being delivered to the Company, which will in turn remit such amounts to the appropriate governmental authorities, or (b) any other mechanism as may be required or determined by the Company as appropriate.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 9.2(1), the applicable tax withholdings may be waived where a Participant directs in writing that a payment be made directly to the Participant's registered retirement savings plan in circumstances to which subsection 100(3) of the regulations made under the Tax Act apply.

# Section 9.3 US Tax Compliance.

- (1) DSU Awards granted to U.S. Participants are intended to be comply with, and Option and RSU Awards granted to U.S. Participants are intended to be exempt from, all aspects of Section 409A of the U.S. Tax Code and related regulations ("Section 409A"). Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, all taxes associated with participation in the Plan, including any liability imposed by Section 409A, shall be borne by the U.S. Participant.
- (2) For purposes of interpreting and applying the provisions of any DSU or other Award to subject to Section 409A, the term "termination of employment" or similar phrase will be interpreted to mean a "separation from service," as defined under Section 409A, provided, however, that with respect to an Award subject to the Tax Act, if the Tax Act requires a complete termination of the employment relationship to receive the intended tax treatment, then "termination of employment" will be interpreted to only include a complete termination of the employment relationship.
- (3) If payment under any DSU or other Award subject to Section 409A is in connection with the U.S. Participant's separation from service, and at the time of the separation from service the Participant is subject to the U.S. Tax Code and is considered a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then any payment that would otherwise be payable during the six-month period following the separation from service will be delayed until after the expiration of the six-month period, to the extent necessary to avoid taxes and penalties under Section 409A, provided that any amounts that would have been paid during the six-month period may be paid in a single lump sum on the first day of the seventh month following the separation from service.

#### Section 9.4 Clawback.

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Plan, any Award which is subject to recovery under any law, government regulation or stock exchange listing requirement, will be subject to such deductions and clawback as may be required to be made pursuant to such law, government regulation or stock exchange listing requirement (or any policy adopted by the Company pursuant to any such law, government regulation or stock exchange listing requirement). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may provide in any case that outstanding Awards (whether or not vested or exercisable) and the proceeds from the exercise or disposition of Awards or Shares acquired under Awards will be subject to forfeiture and disgorgement to the Company, with interest and other related earnings, if the Participant to whom the Award was granted violates (i) a non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality or other restrictive covenant by which he or she is bound, or (ii) any policy adopted by the Company applicable to the Participant that provides for forfeiture or disgorgement with respect to incentive compensation that includes Awards under the Plan. In addition, the Board may require forfeiture and disgorgement to the Company of outstanding Awards and the proceeds from the exercise or disposition of Awards or Shares acquired under Awards, with interest and other related earnings, to the extent required by law or applicable stock exchange listing standards, including and any related policy adopted by the Company. Each Participant, by accepting or being deemed to have accepted an Award under the Plan, agrees to cooperate fully with the Board, and to cause any and all permitted transferees of the Participant to cooperate fully with the Board, to effectuate any forfeiture or disgorgement required hereunder. Neither the Board nor the Company nor any other person, other than the Participant and his or her permitted transferees, if any, will be

responsible for any adverse tax or other consequences to a Participant or his or her permitted transferees, if any, that may arise in connection with this Section 8.4.

#### Section 9.5 Securities Law Compliance.

- (1) The Plan (including any amendments to it), the terms of the grant of any Award under the Plan, the grant of any Award and exercise of any Option, and the Company's obligation to sell and deliver Shares in respect of any Awards, shall be subject to all applicable federal, provincial, state and foreign laws, rules and regulations, the rules and regulations of applicable Stock Exchanges and to such approvals by any regulatory or governmental agency as may, as determined by the Company, be required. The Company shall not be obliged by any provision of the Plan or the grant of any Award hereunder to issue, sell or deliver Shares in violation of such laws, rules and regulations or any condition of such approvals.
- (2) No Awards shall be granted in the United States and no Shares shall be issued in the United States pursuant to any such Awards unless such Shares are registered under the U.S. Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws or an exemption from such registration is available. Any Awards granted in the United States, and any Shares issued pursuant thereto, will be "restricted securities" (as such term is defined in Rule 144(a)(3) under the U.S. Securities Act). Any certificate or instrument representing Awards granted in the United States or Shares issued in the United States pursuant to such Awards pursuant to an exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws shall bear substantially the following legend restricting transfer under applicable United States federal and state securities laws:

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY [and for Awards, the following will be added: AND THE SECURITIES ISSUABLE PURSUANT HERETO] HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "U.S. SECURITIES ACT"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT (A) TO THE COMPANY, (B) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS, (C) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY (1) RULE 144 THEREUNDER, IF AVAILABLE, OR (2) RULE 144A THEREUNDER, IF AVAILABLE, AND IN EACH CASE IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR (D) IN A TRANSACTION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OR ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS, AND, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO (C)(1) OR (D) ABOVE, THE SELLER HAS FURNISHED TO THE COMPANY AN OPINION OF COUNSEL OF RECOGNIZED STANDING OR OTHER EVIDENCE, IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY, TO THAT EFFECT. DELIVERY OF THIS CERTIFICATE MAY NOT CONSTITUTE "GOOD DELIVERY" IN SETTLEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS ON STOCK EXCHANGES IN CANADA.

- (3) No Awards shall be granted, and no Shares shall be issued, sold or delivered hereunder, where such grant, issue, sale or delivery would require registration of the Plan or of the Shares under the securities laws of any jurisdiction or the filing of any prospectus for the qualification of same thereunder, and any purported grant of any Award or purported issue or sale of Shares hereunder in violation of this provision shall be void.
- (4) The Company shall have no obligation to issue any Shares pursuant to this Plan unless upon official notice of issuance such Shares shall have been duly listed with a Stock Exchange. Shares issued, sold or delivered to Participants under the Plan may be subject to limitations on sale or resale under applicable securities laws.
- (5) If Shares cannot be issued to a Participant upon the exercise of an Option due to legal or regulatory restrictions, the obligation of the Company to issue such Shares shall terminate and any funds paid to the Company in connection with the exercise of such Option will be returned to the applicable Participant as soon as practicable.

#### Section 9.6 Reorganization of the Company.

The existence of any Awards shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, reclassification, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Company or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Company or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to affect the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise.

#### Section 9.7 Quotation of Shares.

So long as the Shares are listed on one or more Stock Exchanges, the Company must apply to such Stock Exchange or Stock Exchanges for the listing or quotation, as applicable, of the Shares underlying the Awards granted under the Plan, however, the Company cannot guarantee that such Shares will be listed or quoted on any Stock Exchange.

#### Section 9.8 No Fractional Shares.

No fractional Shares shall be issued upon the exercise or vesting of any Award granted under the Plan and, accordingly, if a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Share upon the exercise or settlement of such Award, or from an adjustment permitted by the terms of this Plan, such Participant shall only have the right to purchase or receive, as the case may be, the next lowest whole number of Shares, and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional interest so disregarded.

#### Section 9.9 Governing Laws.

The Plan and all matters to which reference is made herein shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

# Section 9.10 Severability.

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

#### Section 9.11 Effective Date of the Plan

The Plan was ratified by the shareholders of the Company and shall take effect on June 19, 2023.

# CANAGOLD RESOURCES LTD. Award Agreement to Omnibus Incentive Plan

Canagold Resources Ltd. ("**Us**" or "**Our**") hereby grants the following Award(s) to you subject to the terms and conditions of this Award Agreement (the "**Agreement**"), together with the provisions of Our Omnibus Incentive Plan dated effective April 6, 2023 (the "**Plan**") in which you qualify as a "Participant", all the terms of which are hereby incorporated into this Agreement:

Name and Address of Participant:

	Date of Grant:	
	Type of Award:	
	Total Number of Awards Granted:	
	Vesting Date(s):	
1.	The terms and conditions of the Plan are hereby incorporated by reference as to this Agreement and all capitalized terms used herein, unless expressly defined in a the meanings ascribed thereto in the Plan.	
2.	Each notice relating to the Award must be in writing and signed by the Participant or the Participant's legal representative. All notices to Us must be delivered personally or by prepaid registered mail and must be addressed to Our Corporate Secretary. All notices to the Participant will be addressed to the principal address of the Participant on file with Us. Either the Participant or Us may designate a different address by written notice to the other. Any notice given by either the Participant or Us is not binding on the recipient thereof until received.	
3.	Nothing in the Plan, in this Agreement, or as a result of the grant of an Award to you, will affect Our right, or that of any Affiliate of Ours, to terminate your employment or term of office or engagement at any time for any reason whatsoever. Upon such termination, your rights to exercise Award will be subject to restrictions and time limits, complete details of which are set out in the Plan.	
CANAGOLD RESOURCES LTD.		
	By:Authorized Signatory	
and co	e read the foregoing Agreement and hereby accept the Award in accordance with and conditions of the Agreement and the Plan. I agree to be bound by the terms and cond rning the Award.	
Date /	e Accepted Signature	