

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2024

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of shareholders (the "**Shareholders**") of Cannara Biotech Inc. (the "**Corporation**") will be held will be held via live webcast and teleconference (per the instructions below) on January 25, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. (Montreal Time).

# AUDIENCE WEBCAST URL:

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Meeting Number: 2634 285 6848

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Regardless of whether you plan to attend the Meeting via webcast, we encourage you to take the time now to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed form of proxy or voting instruction form, as applicable, so that your shares can be voted at the Meeting in accordance with your instructions. Shareholders accessing the Meeting via teleconference will <u>not</u> be able to vote or speak at the Meeting.

The Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive and consider the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the financial year ended August 31, 2023, together with the report of the auditors thereon;
- 2. to fix the number of directors of the Corporation at five (5);
- 3. to elect the directors of the Corporation for the ensuing year;
- 4. to appoint KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors of the Corporation for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors of the Corporation to fix the remuneration to be paid to the auditors for the ensuing year;
- 5. to consider and, if thought fit, to pass an ordinary resolution to approve the Corporation's stock option plan, as amended, the whole as described in the accompanying management information circular;
- 6. to consider and, if thought fit, to pass an ordinary resolution to approve the Corporation's restricted share unit compensation plan, the whole as described in the accompanying management information circular;
- 7. to consider and, if thought fit, to pass an ordinary resolution of disinterested shareholders to approve the extension of the expiry date of certain stock options previously granted to insiders of the Corporation, the whole as described in the accompanying management information circular, and
- 8. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

This notice of Meeting is accompanied by: (a) the management information circular dated December 11, 2023 (the "**Circular**"); and (b) either a form of proxy for registered Shareholders or a voting instruction form for beneficial Shareholders. **The Circular accompanying this notice of Meeting is incorporated into and shall be deemed to form part of this notice of Meeting**.

The record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof is December 5, 2023 (the "**Record Date**"). Shareholders whose names have been entered in the register of Shareholders at the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to receive notice of, and to vote, at the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Registered Shareholders and duly appointed proxyholders can attend the Meeting by joining the live webcast at the coordinates provided above, where they can participate, vote or submit questions during the Meeting via the Chat function. **Participants accessing by webcast are asked to join 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.** 

Shareholders who do not intend to speak or vote at the Meeting may also attend the Meeting by teleconference by dialing in: Participant toll free dial in number +1-650-479-3208; conference access code 26342856848 where they can listen in on the Meeting. You will <u>not</u> be able to speak or vote at the Meeting if you access through teleconference.

A Shareholder may attend the Meeting and/or may be represented by proxy. Whether or not Shareholders are able to attend the Meeting, registered and non-registered Shareholders are encouraged to read, complete, sign, date and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions set out in the proxy and in the Circular. As a Shareholder, you can choose from three different ways to vote your common shares of the Corporation by proxy: (a) by mail or delivery in the addressed envelope provided or deposited at the offices of Computershare Investor Services Inc. Proxy Department, 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, on behalf of the Corporation, so as to arrive not later than 11:00 a.m. (Montreal time) on January 23, 2024, or if the Meeting is adjourned, at the latest 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for any reconvened meeting at which the proxy is to be used; (b) by telephone at 1-866-732-8683; or (c) by going to the website www.investorvote.com. The above time limit for deposit of proxies may be waived or extended by the chair of the Meeting at his or her discretion without notice.

Non-registered Shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of an intermediary should carefully follow voting instructions provided by the intermediary. A more detailed description on returning proxies by Non-registered Shareholders can be found in the accompanying Circular.

# **Notice-and-Access and Voting**

Particulars of the foregoing matters are set forth in the Circular. The Corporation has elected to use the notice-and-access provisions under National Instrument 54-101 - *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* and National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* (collectively, the "**Notice-and-Access Provisions**") of the Canadian Securities Administrators for this Meeting. The Notice-and-Access Provisions are a set of rules developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators that reduce the volume of materials that must be physically mailed to Shareholders of the Corporation by allowing the Corporation to post the Circular and any additional meeting-related materials online. Shareholders will still receive paper copies of a notice package containing this Notice of Meeting as well as information prescribed by the Notice and Access Provisions and a form of proxy (if you are a registered Shareholder) or a voting instruction form (if you are a non-registered Shareholder), in each case with a supplemental mail list return box for Shareholders to request they receive a hard copy of the Circular and/or be included in the Corporation's supplementary mailing list for receipt of the Corporation's annual and interim financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2023.

Please review the Circular carefully and in full prior to voting in relation to the matters set out above as the Circular has been prepared to help you make an informed decision on such matters. The Circular is available on the website of the Corporation at <a href="http://www.cannara.ca">http://www.cannara.ca</a> and under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR+. Any Shareholder who wishes to receive a paper copy of the Circular should contact the Corporation's transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. Proxy Department, 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, toll-free at 1-866-732-8683. A Shareholder may also use the toll-free number noted above to obtain additional information about the Notice-and-Access Provisions.

DATED this December 11, 2023

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Zohar Krivorot

ZOHAR KRIVOROT, CEO AND CHAIRMAN

# CANNARA BIOTECH INC. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

All information as at December 11, 2023, except where indicated.

#### VOTING INFORMATION

This Management Information Circular ("Circular") is provided in connection with the solicitation of proxies ("Proxies" and each, a "Proxy") by the management of Cannara Biotech Inc. (the "Corporation") from the holders of common shares of the Corporation ("Common Shares") in respect of the annual general meeting (the "Meeting") of shareholders (the "Shareholders") of the Corporation to be held on January 25, 2024, at the time and place and for the purposes set out in the accompanying notice of meeting (the "Notice of Meeting").

While it is expected that the solicitation will be made primarily by mail, Proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers, agents and employees of the Corporation. All costs of this solicitation will be borne by the Corporation. All amounts in this document are in \$CDN unless otherwise noted.

The Meeting will be held via live webcast and teleconference (per the instructions below). Shareholders accessing the Meeting via webcast will be able to participate and vote regardless of geographic location. Whether or not you plan to attend the Meeting via webcast, we encourage you to take the time now to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed form of Proxy or voting instruction form, as applicable, so that your Common Shares can be voted at the Meeting in accordance with your instructions. Shareholders accessing the Meeting via teleconference will <u>not</u> be able to vote or speak at the Meeting.

You can join the Meeting virtually by:

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# Voting

At the Meeting, each registered Shareholder and each proxyholder (the "**Proxyholder**") (representing a registered or non-registered Shareholder) is entitled to one vote, unless a poll is required or requested, whereupon each such Shareholder and Proxyholder is entitled to one vote for each share held or represented, respectively. To approve a motion proposed at the Meeting a majority of greater than 50% of the votes cast will be required (an "**ordinary resolution**") unless the motion requires a "special resolution" in which case a majority of 66 2/3% of the votes cast will be required.

# **Appointment of Proxyholders**

A Shareholder has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Shareholder) to represent the Shareholder at the Meeting other than the persons named in the Proxy as Proxyholders. To exercise this right, the Shareholder must insert the name of the Shareholder's nominee in the space provided or complete another Proxy.

The persons named in the accompanying Proxy as Proxyholders are our directors or officers.

A Shareholder completing the enclosed Proxy may indicate the manner in which the persons named in the Proxy are to vote with respect to any matter by marking an "X" in the appropriate space. On any poll required (for the reason described above) or requested, those persons will vote or withhold from voting the shares in respect of which they are appointed in accordance with the directions, if any, given in the Proxy, provided such directions are certain.

If a Shareholder wishes to confer a discretionary authority with respect to any matter, then the space should be left blank. In such instance, the Proxyholder, if nominated by management, intends to vote the shares represented by the Proxy in favour of the motion.

The enclosed Proxy, when properly signed, confers discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to other matters which may be properly brought before the Meeting. At the time of printing of this Circular, our management is not aware that any such amendments, variations or other matters to be presented for action at the Meeting. If, however, other matters which are not now known to the management should properly come before the Meeting, the Proxies hereby solicited will be exercised on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the nominees.

The Proxy must be dated and signed by the Shareholder or the Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing. In the case of a corporation, the Proxy must be dated and duly executed under its corporate seal or signed by a duly authorized officer or attorney for the corporation.

The completed Proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it was signed or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited with our transfer agent in accordance with the instructions and before the time set out in the Proxy. Proxies received after such time may be accepted or rejected by the Chair of the Meeting at the Chair's discretion. Non-

registered Shareholders that are OBOs (as defined below under "Non-registered Shareholders") must deliver their completed Proxies in accordance with the instructions given by their financial institution or other intermediary that forwarded the Proxy to them.

# **Registered Shareholders**

Only Shareholders registered as Shareholders ("**Registered Shareholders**") in our shareholder registry maintained by our registrar and transfer agent or duly appointed Proxyholders (except as discussed below under "Non-registered Shareholders") will be recognized to make motions or vote at the Meeting.

# **Non-registered Shareholders**

Many Shareholders are "non-registered" Shareholders because the Common Shares they own are not registered in their names but are instead registered in the name of the brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which they purchased the Common Shares. More particularly, a person is not a Registered Shareholder in respect of Common Shares which are held on behalf of that person (the "Non-Registered Shareholder") but which are registered either: (a) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") that the Non-Registered Shareholder deals with in respect of the Common Shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSP's, RRIF's, RESP's, TFSA's and similar plans); or (b) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited) of which the Intermediary is a participant.

There are two kinds of Non-Registered Shareholders: those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own (called '**OBOs**' for Objecting Beneficial Owners) and those who do not object to the issuers of the securities they own knowing who they are (called '**NOBOs**' for Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners). Subject to the provisions of National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of Reporting Issuers* ("**NI 54-101**"), issuers can request and obtain a list of their NOBOs from intermediaries via their transfer agents and use the NOBO list for distribution of proxy-related materials directly to NOBOs.

#### **Notice-And-Access**

In accordance with NI 54-101, the Corporation has given notice of the Meeting in accordance with the "Notice-and-Access" procedures of NI 54-101 ("**Notice-and-Access**"), pursuant to which it has sent the Notice of Meeting and the Proxy, but not this Circular, directly to the NOBOs. Arrangements have been made to forward Proxy materials to the NOBOs.

The Corporation does not intend to pay for Intermediaries such as stockbrokers, securities dealers, banks, trust companies, trustees, and their agents and nominees to forward the Notice of Meeting, Proxy, or "request for voting" instructions made by Intermediary (54-107F7) to OBOs. Accordingly, OBOs will not receive the Notice of Meeting, Proxy, or "request for voting" instructions made by Intermediary unless their respective Intermediaries assume the cost of forwarding such documents to them.

Instead of mailing this Circular to Shareholders, this Circular is being made available to Shareholders at <u>https://www.cannara.ca</u> and under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR+ and has not been mailed to Shareholders. Shareholders may request, without any charge to them, a paper copy of the Circular (and the audited financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis for the Corporation's last financial year and any other documents referred to in the Circular) and further information on Notice-and-Access by contacting the Corporation as follows:

E-mail: brian.sherman@cannara.ca

Mail: 200-333 Décarie Blvd., Montreal, Quebec H4N 3M9

Requests for paper copies of the Circular (and any other related documents) must be received by no later than 12:00 noon (Montreal time) on January 15, 2024 in order for Shareholders to receive paper copies of such documents and return their completed Proxies by the deadline for Proxy submission of 11:00 a.m. (Montreal time) on January 23, 2024.

While it is expected that the solicitation will be primarily by mail, Proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone or electronically by the directors and regular employees of the Corporation or other proxy solicitation services. All costs of solicitation will be borne by the Corporation.

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

The enclosed form of Proxy is being solicited by the management of the Corporation for use at the **Meeting.** While it is expected that the solicitation will be primarily by mail, Proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone or electronically by the directors and regular employees of the Corporation or other proxy solicitation services. All costs of solicitation will be borne by the Corporation.

#### **Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners**

Under the provisions of NI 54-101, we will be directly delivering proxy-related materials to our NOBOs who have not waived the right to receive them. As a result, NOBOs can expect to receive a Voting Instruction Form ("**VIF**"), together with the Notice of Meeting, this Circular and related documents from our transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. These VIFs are to be completed and returned to Computershare Investor Services Inc. in the envelope provided, or by facsimile, or voted using the telephone or internet alternatives included on the VIF. In this regard, Computershare Investor Services Inc. is required to follow the voting instructions properly received from NOBOs.

Our transfer agent will tabulate the results of the VIFs received from NOBOs and will provide appropriate instructions at the Meeting with respect to the Common Shares represented by the VIFs they receive. NOBOs should carefully follow the instructions of Computershare Investor Services Inc., including those regarding when and where to complete the VIFs that are to be returned to Computershare Investor Services Inc.

Should a NOBO wish to vote at the Meeting, the NOBO must insert the name of the NOBO (or the name of the person that the NOBO wants to attend and vote on the NOBO's behalf) in the space provided on the VIF and return it to Computershare Investor Services Inc. If Computershare Investor Services Inc. or the Corporation receives a written request that the NOBO or its nominee be appointed as Proxyholder, and if management is holding a Proxy with respect to Common Shares beneficially owned by such NOBO, we will arrange, without expense to the NOBO, to appoint the NOBO or its nominee as Proxyholder in respect of those Common Shares. Under NI 54-101, unless corporate law does not allow it, if the NOBO or its nominee, as applicable, must be given the authority to attend, vote and otherwise act for and on behalf of management in respect of all matters that come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. If we receive such instructions at least one business day before the deadline for submission of Proxies, we are required to deposit the Proxy within that deadline, in order to appoint the NOBO or its nominee as Proxyholder, the

NOBO or its appointed nominee, as applicable, will need to attend the meeting in order for the NOBOs vote to be counted.

# NOBOs that wish to change their vote must, at least two business days in advance of the Meeting, contact Computershare Investor Services Inc. to arrange to change their vote.

These securityholder materials are being sent to both Registered Shareholders and Non-Registered Shareholders. If you are a Non-Registered Shareholder and we (or our agent) have sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding on your behalf.

By choosing to send these materials to you directly, we (and not the Intermediary holding on your behalf) have assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you, and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in the request for voting instructions. We do not intend to pay the costs of Intermediaries forwarding the securityholder materials to OBOs. In the case of an OBO, the OBO will only receive the securityholder materials where the Intermediary has assumed such costs.

In accordance with the requirements of NI 54-101, we have distributed copies of the Notice of Meeting, this Circular, the form of Proxy and related documents (collectively, the "**Meeting Materials**") to the clearing agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to OBOs. Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs unless in the case of certain proxy-related materials the OBO has waived the right to receive them. Very often, Intermediaries will use service companies to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs. With those Meeting Materials, Intermediaries or their service companies should provide OBOs of Common Shares with a "request for voting instruction form" which, when properly completed and signed by such OBO and **returned to the Intermediary or its service company**, will constitute voting instructions which the Intermediary must follow. The purpose of this procedure is to permit OBOs of Common Shares to direct the voting of the Common Shares that they beneficially own.

Should an OBO of Common Shares wish to vote at the Meeting in person, insert the OBO's name (or the name of the person the OBO wants to attend and vote on the OBO's behalf) in the space provided for that purpose on the request for voting instructions form and return it to the OBO's Intermediary or send your Intermediary another written request that the OBO or its nominee be appointed as Proxyholder. The Intermediary is required under NI 54-101 to arrange, without expense to the OBO, to appoint the OBO or its nominee as Proxyholder in respect of the OBO's Common Shares. Under NI 54-101, unless corporate law does not allow it, if the Intermediary makes an appointment in this manner, the OBO or its nominee, as applicable, must be given authority to attend, vote and otherwise act for and on behalf of the Intermediary (who is the Registered Shareholder) in respect of all matters that come before the meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the meeting. An Intermediary who receives such instructions at least one business day before the deadline for submission of proxies is required to deposit the proxy within that deadline, in order to appoint the OBO or its nominee as Proxyholder. If an OBO requests that the Intermediary appoint the OBO or its nominee as proxyholder, the OBO or its appointed nominee, as applicable, will need to attend the meeting in order for the OBO's vote to be counted.

OBOs should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the completed request for voting instructions is to be delivered. Only Registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a Proxy. OBOs of Common Shares who wish to change their vote must, at least two business days in advance of the Meeting, arrange for their respective Intermediaries to change their vote and if necessary revoke their Proxy in accordance with the revocation procedures set out below.

Shareholders with questions respecting the voting of Common Shares held through a stockbroker or other financial Intermediary should contact that stockbroker or other Intermediary for assistance.

#### **Revocation of Proxies**

Shareholders have the power to revoke Proxies previously given by them. Revocation can be effected by an instrument in writing (which includes a Proxy bearing a later date) signed by a Shareholder or the Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing and in the case of a corporation, duly executed under its corporate seal or signed by a duly authorized officer or attorney for the corporation, and either delivered to our registered office at 200-333 Décarie Blvd., Montreal, Quebec H4N 3M9, attn: Brian Sherman, or to our transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. by mail to the Proxy Department, 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, by telephone at 1-866-732-8683 or by going to the website www.investorvote.com at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or deposited with the Chair of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting.

# Exercise of Discretion

If the instructions in a Proxy are certain, the Common Shares represented thereby will be voted on any poll by the persons named in the Proxy, and, where a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon has been specified in the Proxy, the Common Shares represented thereby will, on a poll, be voted or withheld from voting in accordance with the specifications so made.

# Where no choice has been specified by the Shareholder, and the management Proxyholders have been appointed, such Common Shares will, on a poll, be voted in accordance with the notes to the form of Proxy.

The enclosed Proxy, when properly completed and delivered and not revoked, confers discretionary authority upon the persons appointed Proxyholder thereunder to vote with respect to any amendments or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and this Circular and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting.

#### Interest of Certain Persons in Matters to be Acted Upon

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Corporation, except as disclosed herein, no Person has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors, the approval of the Stock Option Plan (as defined below), the approval of the RSU Plan (as defined below) in the case of the directors and certain executive officers, and the approval of the extension of certain stock options granted to insiders of the Corporation. For the purpose of this paragraph, "Person" shall include each person or company: (a) who has been a director or executive officer of the Corporation at any time since the commencement of the Corporation's last financial year; (b) who is a proposed nominee for election as a director of the Corporation; and (c) who is an associate or affiliate of a person or company included in subparagraphs (a) or (b).

#### Indebtedness of Directors and Executive Officers

As at the date of this Circular, no executive officer, director, employee or former executive officer, director or employee of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries is indebted to the Corporation, or any of its

subsidiaries, nor are any of these individuals indebted to another entity which indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Corporation, or any of its subsidiaries.

# Interest of Certain Persons in Material Transactions

Except as disclosed herein or in the Corporation's audited financial statements, since the commencement of the Corporation's most recently completed financial year, no informed person of the Corporation, nominee for director or any associate or affiliate of an informed person or nominee, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Corporation; (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of the Corporation; (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Corporation or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and (d) the Corporation itself, if and for so long as it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its Common Shares.

# Voting Securities and Principal Holders of Voting Securities

Our authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value and an unlimited number of preferred shares without par value.

As at December 5, 2023, the record date for this Meeting (the "**Record Date**"), we have issued and outstanding 90,018,952 fully paid and non-assessable Common Shares, each share carrying the right to one vote.

Any Shareholder of record at the close of business on the Record Date is entitled to vote in person or by Proxy at the Meeting. The quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of Shareholders is one person who is, or who represents by Proxy, Shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued Common Shares entitled to be voted at the meeting.

To the best of the knowledge of our directors and senior officers, there are no Persons who, or corporations which, beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, Common Shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to all of our outstanding Common Shares, other than:

Name of Shareholder	Number of Shares	Percentage
Javaa Private Equity Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	24,258,982	26.95%
Olymbec Investments Inc./Derek Stern <sup>(2)</sup>	19,890,797	22.10%

<sup>(1)</sup> Javaa Private Equity Inc. is owned and controlled by Zohar Krivorot.

<sup>(2) 19,514,757</sup> Common Shares are held by Olymbec Investments Inc., a company in which Mr. Stern holds a significant interest. Mr Stern also personally holds 376,040 Common Shares.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

#### Number of Directors

The board of directors of the Corporation (the "**Board of Directors**" or the "**Board**") presently consists of five (5) directors. Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to approve an ordinary resolution to set the number of directors elected for the ensuing year at five (5), subject to such increases and changes as may be permitted by the articles of the Corporation and the provisions of the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) ("**Business Corporations Act**").

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the approval of the resolution setting the number of directors at five (5). In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Corporation in the enclosed form of Proxy intend to vote FOR the approval of the resolution setting the number of directors at five (5).

# Election of Directors

The Board of Directors currently consists of five directors, being Zohar Krivorot, Mary Durocher, Donald Olds, Jack M. Kay and Derek Stern. The term of office of each of the present directors expires at the Meeting. **The persons named below will be presented for election at the Meeting as management's nominees**. Management does not contemplate that any of these nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

Each director elected will hold office until our next annual meeting of Shareholders or until his or her successor is elected or appointed, unless his or her office is earlier vacated in accordance with our Articles or with the provisions of the Business Corporations Act.

At the Meeting, we will ask Shareholders to vote for the election of the five nominees proposed by us as directors. Each holder of Common Shares will be entitled to cast their votes for or withhold their votes from the election of each director.

#### Nominees

The following table provides information on the five nominees proposed for election as directors, the province or state and country in which each is ordinarily resident and the period during which each has served as a director.

The table also details the principal occupation of each nominee during the last five years as well as the nominees' current equity ownership consisting of Common Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or controlled or directed, options and warrants (each equivalent in value to a common share) credited to each nominee as at the date hereof.

Name, position and place of residence	Principal occupation or employment during the past five years	Director since	Number of securities beneficially owned, controlled or directed, directly or indirectly <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Mary Durocher, Director South Woodslee, Ontario	President and Chief Consultant at Fox D Consulting Incorporated (2012- Present)	May 25, 2020	25,000 stock options

Jack M. Kay, Director Toronto, Ontario	President and CEO of Apotex Pharmaceuticals (1982-2019)	May 25, 2019,	219,000 Common Shares 20,000 stock options
Zohar Krivorot, Director Montreal, Québec	CEO of the Corporation (2019-Present) CEO of Connexon Telecom (2006- Present)	December 31, 2018	24,258,982 Common Shares <sup>(3)</sup> 749,808 RSUs (as defined below)
Donald Olds, Director Montreal, Québec	Consultant (June 2019-Present) President and CEO of NEOMED Institute (November 2017- May 2019) Chief Operating Officer of Telesta Therapeutics Inc. (January 2014- September 2017)	November 10, 2020	115,562 Common Shares <sup>(4)</sup> 50,000 stock options
Derek Stern, Director Montreal, Québec	Vice President at Olymbec Development Inc. (real estate developer) (1990- Present)	December 31, 2018	19,890,797 Common Shares <sup>(5)</sup> 10,000 stock options 39,375 RSUs

(1) The information as to Common Shares beneficially owned, not being within the knowledge of the Corporation, has been obtained from SEDI or furnished by the proposed directors individually.

(2) The Common Shares issuable pursuant to stock options are subject to adjustment following the consolidation of the Common Shares on a 10-to-1 basis, whereby one Common Share will be received for every 10 stock options exercised (the "Consolidation").

(3) All of the Common Shares are held by Javaa Private Equity Inc., a company owned by Zohar Krivorot.

(4) 58,362 of the Common Shares are held indirectly by Donald Olds' spouse.

(5) 19,514,757 of the Common Shares are held by Olymbec Investments Inc., a company in which Mr. Stern has a significant interest. Mr. Stern also personally holds 376,040 Common Shares.

Each of the above nominees has served as director of the Corporation since the date of last year's management information circular.

To the best of management's knowledge, other than described herein, no proposed director is, or has been within the last ten years, a director or executive officer of any company that:

- (a) while that person was acting in that capacity was the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (b) after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director or executive officer, was the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order which resulted from an event that happened while the director acted in that capacity that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (c) 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.

To the best of management's knowledge, no proposed director has, within the ten years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

None of our directors has been subject to (a) 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 (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the appointment of each of the nominees as directors. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Corporation in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote FOR the election of the directors set out in the table above.

# Appointment and Remuneration of Auditor

Shareholders will be asked to approve the appointment of KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as our auditor to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders at remuneration to be fixed by the directors.

KPMG LLP was appointed as the Corporation's auditor on September 7, 2018.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the appointment of KPMG LLP as our auditor to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders, at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors.

# Stock Option Plan and Other Incentive Plans

The Corporation currently has in place a stock option plan (the "**Option Plan**"), and a restricted share unit compensation plan (the "**RSU Plan**"). The Corporation is seeking Shareholder approval of the Option Plan and the RSU Plan, which is required on an annual basis due to the "rolling" nature (as described further below) of the plans, in accordance with TSX-V Policy 4.4 – "*Security Based Compensation*" ("**TSX-V Policy 4.4**"). The TSX-V has provided its conditional acceptance of the Option Plan and the RSU Plan pursuant to TSX-V Policy 4.4, subject to the Corporation obtaining Shareholder approval for such plans.

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Option Plan and the RSU Plan and the proposed resolutions relating thereto.

#### Approval of Stock Option Plan

On January 23, 2023, the Shareholders approved certain amendments to the Option Plan and the creation of the RSU Plan, whereby the maximum number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to the Option Plan, when combined with all other Common Shares subject to grants made under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the RSU Plan) would not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

#### **Description of Stock Option Plan**

The Option Plan provides for the issuance of stock options (an "**Option**") to acquire at any time up to a maximum of the lesser of (i) 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares, including previously granted stock options; and (ii) such number of Common Shares as, when combined with all other Common Shares subject to grants made under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the RSU Plan) would not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares. The Option Plan is

considered a "rolling" stock option plan as the number of Shares reserved under the Option Plan increases with the number of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Shares.

The purpose of the Option Plan is to provide certain directors, officers and key employees of, and certain other persons who provide services to, the Corporation and its subsidiaries with an opportunity to purchase Shares of the Corporation and benefit from any appreciation in the value of such Shares. This will provide an increased incentive for these individuals to contribute to the future success and prosperity of the Corporation, thus enhancing the value of the Shares for the benefit of all the Shareholders and increasing the ability of the Corporation and its subsidiaries to attract and retain skilled and motivated individuals in the service of the Corporation.

Under the Option Plan, an Option must be exercised within a period of 10 years from the date of grant. Within this 10-year period, the Board may determine a shorter period during which an Option can be exercised. Any amendment to the Option Plan may require Shareholder approval. If ratification of the Plan or a modified version thereof is not obtained, the Corporation will not proceed to grant Options under the Plan.

The following is a summary of the principal terms of the Option Plan:

# **Eligible Participants**

The Option Plan provides that Options may be granted to the Corporation's directors, officers, employees and consultants (and those of its subsidiaries).

# Shares Available for Issuance

The Option Plan is considered a "rolling" stock option plan, as the number of shares available for issue under the Option Plan increases with the number of the Corporation's issued and outstanding shares. The maximum number of Common Shares that may be issuable under the Option Plan is a number equal to the lesser of (i) 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares, including previously granted Options; and (ii) such number of Common Shares as, when combined with all other Common Shares subject to grants made under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the RSU Plan) would not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

The Option Plan is also considered an "evergreen" stock option plan, as when an Option is exercised or expires or otherwise terminates for any reason, the number of Shares reserved for issuance under that expired or terminated Option again become available for the purposes of the Option Plan. Any Option outstanding when the Option Plan is terminated will remain in effect until such Option is exercised or it expires.

# Limitations on the Grant of Options

The Option Plan provides that it is solely within the discretion of the Board to determine who should receive Options, in what amounts and for what term, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The maximum number of Shares which may be reserved for issuance under the Plan shall be equal to the lesser of (i) 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares, including previously granted Options; and (ii) such number of Common Shares as, when combined with all other Common Shares subject to grants made under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the RSU Plan) would not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares;

- (b) The maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance to Insiders (as such term is defined under the Securities Act (Quebec)) under the Plan at any point in time, when combined other grants made to Insiders under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the RSU Plan), shall not exceed 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares;
- (c) The maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance to any one Option holder under the Plan shall be 5% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated at the date the Option is granted to any such person;
- (d) The maximum number of Options which may be granted to Insiders (as a group), combined with other grants made to Insiders under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the RSU Plan), shall be 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated at the date the Option is granted to any such Insider;
- (e) The maximum number of Options which may be granted in any 12-month period shall be 10% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares;
- (f) The maximum number of Options which may be granted to any one Option holder in any 12-month period shall be 5% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares;
- (g) The maximum number of Options which may be granted to any one consultant of the Corporation in any 12-month period, combined with all other grants made to such consultant under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the RSU Plan), shall be 2% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated at the date the Option is granted to any such consultant;
- (h) The maximum number of Options which may be granted in any 12-month period to all persons retained to provide investor relations services to the Corporation shall be 2% of the Corporation's issued and outstanding Common Shares, calculated at the date the Option is granted to any such person; and
- (i) The expiry date of an Option shall be no later than the tenth anniversary of the grant date of such Option.

#### **Exercise Price**

The price at which an Option holder may purchase a Common Share upon the exercise of an Option will be as set out in the option certificate issued in respect of the Option. In no case will an Option be exercisable at a price less than the minimum prescribed by the TSX-V or the applicable regulatory authorities that would apply to the award of the stock option in question.

#### **Expiration or Termination**

Under the Option Plan, an Option holder may exercise an Option in whole or in part at any time and from time to time during the exercise period. Any Option or part thereof not exercised within the exercise period shall terminate and become null, void and of no effect as of the expiry time. The expiry date of an Option

shall be the date so fixed by the Board at the time the Option is granted as set out in the option certificate or, if no such date is set out in for the option certificate, the date established, as applicable, in paragraphs (a) or (b) below:

- (a) Ceasing to Hold Office In the event that the Option holder holds his or her Option as an Executive and such Option holder ceases to hold such position other than by reason of death or Disability, the expiry date of the Option shall be, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Option Certificate, the 90th day following the date the Option holder ceases to hold such position unless the Option holder ceases to hold such position as a result of:
  - (i) ceasing to meet the qualifications set forth in the corporate legislation applicable to the Corporation;
  - (ii) a special resolution having been passed by the Shareholders of the Corporation removing the Option holder as a director of the Corporation or any subsidiary; or
  - (iii) an order made by any Regulatory Authority having jurisdiction to so order;

in which case the expiry date shall be the date the Option holder ceases to hold such position; OR

- (b) Ceasing to be Employed or Engaged In the event that the Option holder holds his or her Option as an Employee or Consultant, other than an Option holder who is engaged in Investor Relations Activities (as such term is defined in TSX-V Policy 1.1), and such Option holder ceases to hold such position other than by reason of death or Disability, the expiry date of the Option shall be, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Option Certificate, the 90th day following the date the Option holder ceases to hold such position, or, in the case of an Option holder that is engaged in Investor Relations Activities, the 30th day after the date such Option holder ceases to hold such position, unless the Option holder ceases to hold such position as a result of:
  - (i) termination for cause;
  - (ii) resigning or terminating his or her position; or
  - (iii) an order made by any Regulatory Authority having jurisdiction to so order;

in which case the expiry date shall be the date the Option holder ceases to hold such position.

In the event that the Option holder ceases to hold the position of executive, employee or consultant for which the Option was originally granted, but comes to hold a different position as an executive, employee or consultant prior to the expiry of the Option, the Board may, in its sole discretion, choose to permit the Option to stay in place for that Option holder with such Option then to be treated as being held by that Option holder in his or her new position. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, in no case will an Option be exercisable later than the earlier of (a) the expiry date of the Option, or (b) 12 months following the date on which the Option holder ceases to be eligible to receive Options.

# Death or Disability

# Death of Option holder

In the event of the Option holder's death, any Options held by such Option holder shall pass to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the Option holder and shall be exercisable by such executor or

administrator on or before the date which is the earlier of six months following the date of death and the applicable Option expiry date.

#### Disability of Option Holder

If the employment or engagement of an Option holder as an employee or consultant or the position of an Option holder as a director or officer of the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation is terminated by the Corporation by reason of such Option holder's disability (as defined in the Option Plan), any Options held by such Option holder shall be exercisable by such Option holder (or by the personal representative entitled by law to act on behalf of such Option holder) on or before the date which is the earlier of six months following the termination of employment, engagement or appointment as a director or officer and the applicable Option expiry date.

# Vesting

Options granted to executives, employees or consultants will vest as determined by the Board. The Board may elect, at any time, to accelerate the vesting schedule of one or more Options. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Options granted to providers of investor relations services shall vest in stages over a period of not less than 12 months, with no more than 25% of such Options vesting within each of the first three, six, nine and 12- month periods, and such vesting periods with respect to Options granted providers of investor relations services cannot be accelerated without prior approval of the TSX-V.

# Amendments to the Plan

Subject to any required regulatory approvals, the Board of Directors of the Corporation may amend any existing Option or the Option Plan or the terms and conditions of any Option thereafter to be granted provided that where such amendment relates to an existing Option and it would:

- (a) Materially decrease the rights or benefits accruing to an Option holder; or
- (b) Materially increase the obligations of an Option holder;

then, unless otherwise excepted out by a provision of the Option Plan, the Board of Directors must also obtain the written consent of the Option holder in question to such amendment. If at the time the exercise price of an Option is reduced and the Option holder is an Insider of the Corporation, the Insider must not exercise the Option at the reduced exercise price until the reduction in exercise price has been approved by disinterested Shareholders of the Corporation.

#### Shareholder Approval

The resolution respecting the re-approval of the Option Plan, as amended, and the grants of Options thereunder (the "**Option Plan Resolution**") must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by Shareholders of the Corporation present or represented by proxy at the Meeting.

The text of the Option Plan Resolution is set out below.

#### **Resolution Approving the Option Plan**

The ordinary resolution to approve the Option Plan, as amended, which will be presented at the Meeting and, if deemed appropriate, adopted with or without variation is as follows:

#### "IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Subject to the Corporation receiving any other regulatory approvals if so required, the Option Plan as described in the management information circular dated December 11, 2023, and all unallocated entitlements issuable pursuant to the Option Plan are hereby approved and ratified and authorized for issuance, as applicable; and
- 2. Any one director or officer of the Corporation is authorized and directed on behalf of the Corporation to execute all documents and to do all such other acts and things as such director or officer may determine to be necessary or advisable to give effect to the foregoing provisions of this resolution."

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the Stock Option Plan Resolution. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Corporation in the enclosed form of Proxy intend to vote FOR the Stock Option Plan resolution set out above.

# Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan

The RSU Plan is designed to provide certain directors, officers, consultants and other key employees (an "Eligible Person") of the Corporation and its related entities with the opportunity to acquire restricted share units ("RSUs") and/or performance share units ("PSUs") and together with RSUs, collectively "Share Units") of the Corporation, thereby offering an Eligible Person potential to receive certain discretionary bonuses and similar awards as an incentive and reward for selected Eligible Persons related to the achievement of long-term financial and strategic objectives of the Corporation and the resulting increases in shareholder value. The RSU Plan is intended to promote a greater alignment of interests between the Shareholders and the selected Eligible Persons by providing an opportunity to participate in increases in the value of the Corporation. Below is a summary of the key components of the RSU Plan:

The RSU Plan allows the Corporation to grant Share Units, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Plan, which may be exercised to purchase up to a number not exceeding the lesser of (i) such number of Common Shares as is equal to 10% of the aggregate number of Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time; and (ii) such number of Common Shares as, when combined with all other Common Shares subject to grants made under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the Option Plan) would not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

# Benefits of the RSU Plan

The RSU Plan is designed to be a long term incentive for the directors, officers, consultants and other key employees of the Corporation. RSUs provide the Corporation with an additional compensation tool to help retain and attract highly qualified directors, officers, consultants and employees.

# Nature and Administration of the RSU Plan

Eligible Persons are eligible to participate in the RSU Plan (as "**Recipients**"), and the Corporation reserves the right to restrict eligibility or otherwise limit the number of persons eligible for participation as Recipients in the RSU Plan. Eligibility to participate as a Recipient in the RSU Plan does not confer upon any person a right to receive an award of RSUs.

Subject to certain restrictions, the Board or its appointed committee, can, from time to time, award RSUs to Eligible Persons. RSUs will be credited to an account maintained for each Recipient on the books of the

Corporation as of the award date. The number of RSUs to be credited to each Recipient's account shall be determined at the discretion of the Board and pursuant to the terms of the RSU Plan.

Each award of RSUs vests on the date(s) that is the later of the Trigger Date (as defined below) and the date upon which the relevant performance condition or other vesting condition set out in the award has been satisfied, subject to the requirements of the RSU Plan.

RSUs and all other rights, benefits or interests in this Plan are non-transferable and may not be pledged or assigned or encumbered in any way and are not subject to attachment or garnishment, except that if a Recipient dies the legal representatives of the Recipient will be entitled to receive the amount of any payment otherwise payable to the Recipient hereunder in accordance with the provisions hereof.

# Resignation, Termination, Leave of Absence or Death

If the Recipient voluntarily resigns from employment with the Corporation, then any RSUs credited to him or her under the RSU Plan which have not vested on or before the separation date for the Recipient are forfeited, cancelled and terminated without payment.

In the event a Recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person due to the death or Total Disability (as defined in the RSU Plan), unvested RSUs will remain outstanding and vest in accordance with the terms of the RSU plan as if such person was an Eligible Person, unless decided otherwise by the Board.

# Adjustments

In the event of any dividend paid in shares, share subdivision, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation, spin-off or other distribution of Corporation assets to shareholders, or any other change in the capital of the Corporation affecting Common Shares, the Board will make adjustments with respect to the number of RSUs outstanding and any proportional adjustments as it, in its discretion, considers appropriate to reflect the change.

#### Vesting

The Board has discretion to grant Share Units to Eligible Persons as it determines is appropriate, and can impose conditions on vesting as it sees fit in addition to the Performance Conditions (as defined in the RSU Plan) if any. Vesting occurs on the later of (i) December 1 of the third calendar year following the date of the grant (the "**Trigger Date**"); and (ii), and the date upon which the relevant Performance Condition or other vesting condition has been satisfied, subject to the limitations of the RSU Plan, provided that (iii) PSUs shall only vest on the Trigger Date to the extent that the Performance Conditions or other vesting conditions set out in the applicable PSU award have been satisfied on or before the Trigger Date; and (iv) no Share Unit will remain outstanding for any period which exceeds the Expiry Date of such Share Unit.

The Board may accelerate the Trigger Date of any Share Unit at its election. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Trigger Date of a given Share Unit may not be accelerated to less than one year from the date of issuance unless such acceleration is in connection with the death of a Recipient, or a change of control, take-over bid, reverse takeover, or other similar transaction of the Corporation.

# Payment of Share Units

Subject to the terms of the RSU Plan, the Corporation will pay out vested Share Units issued under the

RSU Plan and credited to the account of a Recipient by paying or issuing (net of any applicable withholding tax) to such Recipient, on or subsequent to the Trigger Date but no later than December 31 of the fourth calendar year commencing after the date of grant (the "**Expiry Date**") of such vested Share Unit, an award payout of either Common Shares or a cash amount equal to the fair market value of such Common Shares as at such date.

In the case of PSUs, which are subject to the attainment of certain performance conditions, the number of Common Shares or cash amount granted as such award payout will be subject to a payout factor, whereby the number of Common Shares or cash award to be granted will multiplied by a percentage (ranging from 0% to 200% or such other range determined by the Board) corresponding with the level performance achievement realized as of the applicable date of vesting of such PSU, as determined in accordance with the performance conditions or measures and other terms of such PSU. The Corporation may make payment in cash in lieu of Common Shares where Common Shares cannot be issued due to the grant/issuance limitations as set forth under the RSU Plan.

# Forfeiture, Cancellation and Termination of Share Units

Share Units which do not vest on or before the Expiry Date of such Share Unit will be automatically forfeited, without further act or formality and without compensation.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested Share Units held by any employee or consultant and all rights in respect thereof will be automatically cancelled, without further act or formality and without compensation, immediately in the event of such employee or consultant ceasing to be employed or engaged by the Corporation or a related entity.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all unvested Share Units held by an officer or director and all rights in respect thereof will be automatically forfeited, without further act or formality and without compensation, immediately in the event that such officer or director ceases to hold such position other than by reason of death or total disability.

If a Recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person due to death or total disability, unvested Share Units will not be cancelled but will remain outstanding and vest in accordance with the terms of the RU Plan as if such person was an Eligible Person

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any Share Unit shall expire within a reasonable period (not to exceed 12 months) following the date on which the participant ceases to be an Eligible Person.

The Board may terminate the RSU Plan at any time, but no termination will, without the consent of the Recipient or unless required by law, adversely affect the rights of a Recipient with respect to Share Units to which the Recipient is then entitled under the RSU Plan. In no event will a termination of the RSU Plan accelerate the vesting of Share Units or the time at which a Recipient would otherwise be entitled to receive any payment in respect of Share Units under the RSU Plan.

#### Limitations under the RSU Plan

Unless disinterested Shareholder Approval is obtained (or unless permitted otherwise by the rules of the TSX-V):

(a) the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued to an Eligible Person pursuant to

RSUs under the Plan may not exceed the lesser of (i) such number of Common Shares as is equal to 10% of the issued Common Shares calculated on the date of grant of such RSUs (each a "**Grant Date**") (on a non-diluted basis); and (ii) such number of Common Shares as, when combined with all other Shares subject to grants made under the Corporation's other share compensation arrangements (including the Corporation's Option Plan) would not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares;

- (b) the maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issuance to Insiders (as a group) under the RSU Plan and under other share compensation arrangement may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);
- (c) the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued to any one Eligible Person pursuant to RSUs under the Plan and under any other share compensation arrangement, may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);
- (d) the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued to an Eligible Person who is a Consultant pursuant to RSUs under the RSU Plan and under any other share compensation arrangement, may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis);
- (e) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued in any 12-month period to an Eligible Person who is a Consultant pursuant to RSUs under the RSU Plan and under any other share compensation arrangement, may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis); and
- (f) the maximum number of Shares that may be issued in any 12-month period to any one Eligible Person pursuant to RSUs under the RSU Plan and under any other share compensation arrangement, may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares calculated on the Grant Date (on a non-diluted basis).

# Amendment or Termination of the RSU Plan

Subject to all necessary approvals of the TSX-V, the Board may amend or terminate the RSU Plan at any time, but the consent of the Recipient is required for any such amendment that adversely affects the rights of the Recipient, unless the amendment or termination is required by law. A termination of the RSU Plan will not accelerate the vesting of RSUs or the time which a Recipient would otherwise be entitled to receive payment in respect of the RSUs.

# Approval of the RSU Plan

At the Meeting, the Corporation will ask the Shareholders to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve the following ordinary resolution to approve the RSU Plan (the **"RSU Plan Shareholder Resolution"**):

"**RESOLVED THAT**, as an ordinary resolution, with or without variation, subject to the acceptance by the TSX-V:

1. Subject to the Corporation receiving any other regulatory approvals so required, the RSU Plan described in the Corporation's management information circular dated December 11, 2023, and all unallocated entitlements issuable pursuant to the RSU Plan are hereby approved and ratified and authorized for issuance, as applicable; and

2. Any one director or officer of the Corporation is authorized and directed on behalf of the Corporation to execute all documents and to do all such other acts and things as such director or officer may determine to be necessary or advisable to give effect to the foregoing provisions of this resolution."

The RSU Plan Resolution will be an ordinary resolution, which is a resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes cast in person or by proxy by the shareholders of the Corporation at a general meeting. The resolution must also be approved by a simple majority of votes of disinterested shareholders only.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the RSU Plan Resolution. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Corporation in the enclosed form of Proxy intend to vote FOR the RSU Plan Resolution set out above.

# Extension of Term of Insiders' Options

At the Meeting, the Shareholders of the Corporation will be asked to consider and approve an ordinary resolution (the **"Option Amendment Resolution**") as set forth below to extend the term of certain outstanding Options of the Corporation previously granted to directors and officers of the Corporation (the **"Insider Options**") by two years each (the **"Option Term Extension**"). All other terms of the Insider Options will remain unchanged. The Option Term Extension is subject to the final approval of the Exchange.

Recognizing that the Insider Options are a critical element of the Corporation's compensation policy, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Corporation to approve the Option Extension in order to continue to motivate such Option holders and allow them the benefit of additional time to share in the growth of the Corporation.

Name and Position	Number of Options	Original Date of Grant	Exercise Price (\$)	Original Expiry Date	Amended Expiry Date
Nicholas Sosiak CFO	50,000	2019-05-01	1.80	2024-05-01	2026-05-01
	300,000	2020-07-24	1.80	2025-07-24	2027-07-24
	250,000	2021-12-07	1.80	2026-12-07	2028-12-07
	750,000	2022-09-29	1.00	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
	1,250,000	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
Avi Krivorot CTO	5,000	2018-12-17	1.80	2023-12-17	2025-12-17
	5,000	2021-02-01	1.80	2026-02-01	2028-02-01

The Insider Options were granted to the following directors and officers (the "**Insider Option Holders"**) of the Corporation:

	20,000	2021-07-27	1.80	2026-07-27	2028-07-27
	12,500	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
Anthony Manouk General Manager and VP Compliance	50,000	2020-05-01	1.80	2025-05-01	2027-05-01
	100,000	2021-12-07	1.80	2026-12-07	2028-12-07
	12,500	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
Noemi Follain VP Finance	25,000	2020-11-09	1.80	2025-11-09	2027-11-09
	25,000	2020-12-15	1.80	2025-12-15	2027-12-15
	100,000	2021-12-07	1.80	2026-12-07	2028-12-07
	12,500	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
Mary Durocher Director	15,000	2020-07-24	1.80	2025-07-24	2027-07-24
	5,000	2021-12-07	1.80	2026-12-07	2028-12-07
	5,000	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
Jack M. Kay Director	10,000	2019-04-25	1.80	2024-04-25	2026-04-25
	5,000	2021-12-07	1.80	2026-12-07	2028-12-07
	5,000	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
Donald Olds Director	25,000	2020-11-10	1.80	2025-11-10	2027-11-10
	12,500	2021-12-07	1.80	2026-12-07	2028-12-07
	12,500	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
Derek Stern Director	10,000	2018-12-17	1.80	2023-12-17	2025-12-17
Brian Sherman General Counsel and VP Legal Affairs	100,000	2021-12-07	1.80	2026-12-07	2028-12-07
	12,500	2022-09-29	1.80	2027-09-29	2029-09-29
TOTAL:	3,185,000				

The policies of the TSX-V require that the Option Term Extension be approved by shareholders of the Corporation, excluding the Common Shares held by the Insider Option Holders (the "**Disinterested Shareholders**"). Based on the present shareholdings of the Insider Option Holders and their associates, a total of 22,490,309 Shares will be excluded from voting on the Option Amendment Resolution, representing approximately 24.98% of the total issued and outstanding Shares as of the Record Date. Accordingly, the Disinterested Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to pass the following Option Amendment Resolution:

# "BE IT RESOLVED, AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION, WITH VOTES OF CERTAIN INSIDERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES EXCLUDED THEREFROM, THAT:

- 1. subject to the acceptance of the TSX-V, the expiry date of an aggregate of up to 3,185,000 common shares in the capital of the Corporation, as more particularly described in the information circular of the Corporation dated December 11, 2023, is hereby extended by two years each;
- 2. the board of directors of the Corporation is hereby authorized in its absolute discretion to determine whether or not to proceed with the above resolution without further ratification or approval by the shareholders; and
- 3. any one director or officer of the Corporation is authorized, on behalf of the Corporation, to execute and deliver all other documents and do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolutions."

The Board of Directors recommends that Disinterested Shareholders vote "FOR" the Option Amendment Resolution. In the absence of a contrary instruction, the persons designated by management of the Corporation in the enclosed form of Proxy intend to vote FOR the Option Amendment Resolution set out above.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Unless otherwise noted, the following information is for the Corporation's last completed financial year ended August 31, 2023.

#### **Named Executive Officers**

For the purposes of this Circular, a Named Executive Officer ("**NEO**") of the Corporation means each of the following individuals:

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") of the Corporation;
- (b) the Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**") of the Corporation;
- (c) the three most highly compensated executive officers, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year and whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 per year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Corporation, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of the most recently completed financial year.

# **Director and Named Executive Office Compensation**

The following table sets forth a summary of the compensation paid to the NEOs and the Directors for the most recently completed financial year:

	TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES								
Name and Position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total compensation (\$)		
Zohar Krivorot CEO/Director	2023	300,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	300,000		
Nicholas Sosiak CFO	2023	240,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	240,000		
Avi Krivorot CTO	2023	300,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	300,000		
Noemi Follain VP Finance	2023	175,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	175,000		
Anthony Manouk General Manager and VP Compliance	2023	160,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	160,000		
Mary Durocher Director	2023	Nil	Nil	17,500	Nil	Nil	17,500		
Jack M. Kay Director	2023	Nil	Nil	20,000	Nil	Nil	20,000		
Donald Olds Director	2023	Nil	Nil	32,500	Nil	Nil	32,500		
Derek Stern Director	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		

None of the NEOs receives perquisites or personal benefits worth in aggregate 10% or more of their total salary, or any post-retirement benefits (including insurance).

The Corporation has entered into an employment agreement with Zohar Krivorot to act as the CEO of the Corporation. Pursuant to the terms of such agreement, the Corporation may terminate the employment of Mr. Krivorot without cause at any time by notice in writing. In such event, the Corporation shall pay Mr. Krivorot an amount equal to 12 months of his then-current monthly salary, plus one additional month for each year served after the first anniversary. If the Corporation terminates Mr. Krivorot with cause, Mr. Krivorot is not entitled to any termination payment from the Corporation.

The Corporation has also entered into an employment agreement with Nicholas Sosiak to act as the CFO of the Corporation. Pursuant to the terms of such agreement, the Corporation may terminate the employment of Mr. Sosiak without cause at any time by notice in writing. In such event, the Corporation shall pay Mr. Sosiak an amount equal to 12 months of his then-current monthly salary, and all stock options granted to Mr. Sosiak will continue to vest as scheduled. If the Corporation terminates Mr. Sosiak with cause, Mr. Sosiak is not entitled to any termination payment from the Corporation.

# **Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities**

The following table sets out for each NEO and Director of the Corporation all compensation securities granted or issued to each for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Corporation as at the Record Date:

Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities and percentage of class <sup>(1)</sup>	Date of issue or grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Closing price of security or underlying security on date of grant (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Expiry date	
Zohar Krivorot	RSUs	749,808 RSUs	2023-02-10	N/A	0.90	1.03	2025-02-10	
		0.7% of class						
Nicholas Sosiak	Stock options	50,000 stock options	2019-05-01	1.80	1.75	1.03	2024-05-01	
CFO		300,000 stock options 250,000 stock	2020-07-24	1.80	0.95		2025-07-24	
		options 750,000 stock	2021-12-07	1.80	1.30		2026-12-07	
		options 1,250,000 stock	2022-09-29	1.00	1.15		2027-09-29	
		options	2022-09-29	1.80	1.15		2027-09-29	
		2.77% of class						
Avi Krivorot CTO	Stock options	5,000 stock options <sup>(4)</sup>	2018-12-17	1.80	N/A <sup>(4)</sup>	1.03	2023-12-17	
		5,000 stock options	2021-02-01	1.80	0.105		2026-02-01	
		20,000 stock options	2021-07-27	1.80	1.75		2026-07-27	
		12,500 stock options 0.05% of class	2022-09-29	1.80	1.15		2027-09-29	
Anthony Manouk	Stock options	50,000 stock options	2020-05-01	0.18	1.15	1.03	2025-05-01	
General Manager and		100,000 stock options	2021-12-07	0.18	1.30		2026-12-07	
VP Compliance		12,500 stock options	2022-09-29	0.18	1.15		2027-09-29	

Noemi Follain	Stock options	25,000 stock	2020-11-09	1.80	0.90	1.03	2025-11-09
VP Finance		options					
		25,000 stock options	2020-12-15	1.80	0.85		2025-12-15
		100,000 stock options	2021-12-07	1.80	1.30		2026-12-07
		12,500 stock options	2022-09-29	1.80	1.15		2027-09-29
		0.2% of class					
Mary Durocher Director	Stock options	15,000 stock options	2020-07-24	1.80	0.95	1.03	2025-07-24
		5,000 stock options	2021-12-07	1.80	1.30		2026-12-07
		5,000 stock options	2022-09-29	1.80	1.15		2027-09-29
		0.03% of class					
Jack M. Kay Director	Stock options	10,000 stock options	2019-04-25	1.80	1.80	1.03	2024-04-25
		5000 stock options	2021-12-07	1.80	1.30		2026-12-07
		5,000 stock options	2022-09-29	1.80	1.15		2027-09-29
		0.02% of class					
Donald Olds Director	Stock options	25,000 stock options	2020-11-10	1.80	0.85	1.03	2025-11-10
		12,500 stock Options	2024 42 07	4 00	1.30		2026-12-07
		12,500 stock	2021-12-07	1.80			2027-09-29
		Options 0.05% of class	2022-09-29	1.80	1.15		
Derek Stern Director	Stock options	10,000 stock options <sup>(4)</sup>	2018-12-17	1.80	N/A <sup>(4)</sup>	1.03	2023-12-17
	RSUs	39,375 RSUs 0.01% of class	2023-02-10	N/A	0.90		2025-02-10

The percentage of class is based on the total number of Common Shares and stock options and RSU's outstanding as at the (1) Record Date: 90,018,952 Common Shares and an aggregate of 4,617,983 stock options and RSU's.

As adjusted in accordance with the Consolidation.

(2) (3) (4) Following Consolidation.

Options granted prior to the Corporation being listed on a public exchange.

Other than as disclosed above, there were no compensation securities exercised by any NEO during the year ended August 31, 2023.

#### Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets out, as at the Record Date, information regarding outstanding options, warrants and rights granted by the Corporation under its equity compensation plans.

# Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	issued upon exercise of exercise price of outstanding options, outstanding options,	
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by Shareholders	4,621,128	1.65	5,280,956
Equity compensation plans not approved by Shareholders	Nil	Nil	N/A
Total	4,621,128	1.65	5,280,956

# Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Corporation's human resources and governance committee (the "**HR/Governance Committee**") assists in the oversight of compensation programs and determining compensation of the Corporation's directors and executive officers.

The HR/Governance Committee's responsibilities include with respect to compensation, but are not limited to:

- Evaluating and providing recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the equity-based and incentive compensation plans and programs of the Corporation;
- Evaluating and providing recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding compensation, incentive compensation and equity-based plans and programs for the executive officers and directors of the Corporation;
- Evaluating and providing recommendations to the Board regarding executive development and succession planning for senior executives of the Corporation; and
- Evaluating and providing recommendations to the Board concerning employment contracts and/or separation agreements involving the executives of the Corporation.

In determining compensation for executive officers, the HR/Governance Committee considers industry standards and the Corporation's financial situation. In particular, the HR/Governance Committee seeks to accomplish the following goals:

- To recruit and subsequently retain highly qualified executive officers by offering competitive overall compensation;
- To motivate executives to achieve important corporate and personal performance objectives and reward them when such objectives are met;

- To align the interests of executive officers with the long-term interests of Shareholders through participation in the Corporation's equity based compensation plans; and
- To reward performance, both on an individual basis and with respect to operations generally.

#### **Director Compensation**

The Corporation has adopted a director remuneration policy with a view to (a) attracting and retaining the services of the most qualified individuals, (b) compensating the directors in a manner that is commensurate with the risks and responsibilities assumed in board and board committee membership, and (c) align the interests of the directors with those of the long-term shareholders. In addition. each independent director, if any, may be entitled to participate in any security based compensation arrangement or other plan adopted by the Corporation with the approval of the Board and/or Shareholders, as may be required by applicable law or TSX-V policies.

# **Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance**

Directors and officers participate in the Corporation's directors and officers' liability insurance program. The Corporation pays for the entire premium for this policy.

# DISCLOSURE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that the Corporation identifies and implements effective corporate governance practices, which are both in the interest of its Shareholders and contribute to effective and efficient decision making.

In accordance with National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* (the "**Disclosure Instrument**") and National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines* (the "**Guidelines**") the Corporation is required to disclose, on an annual basis, its approach to corporate governance. In addition, the Corporation is subject to National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"), which prescribes certain requirements in relation to audit committees and defines the meaning of independence with respect to directors. These reflect current regulatory guidelines of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

In light of these guidelines, the HR/Governance Committee serves to assist the Board in implementing corporate governance principles and best practices. The HR/Governance Committee's approach to significant issues of corporate governance is designed to ensure that the business and affairs of the Corporation are effectively managed to enhance Shareholder value.

As part of its duties, the HR/Governance Committee shall make a statement in the annual report about its role and activities, the process used for appointments, the membership of the committee, the number of committee meetings held throughout the year and attendance at those meetings.

Importantly, the HR/Governance Committee shall keep under review the leadership needs of the Corporation with a view to ensuring the continued ability of the Corporation to compete effectively in the marketplace.

# **Board of Directors and Directorships**

The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the governance of the Corporation. It establishes the policies and standards of the Corporation with the assistance of the HR/Governance Committee. The Board

meets on a regularly scheduled basis. In addition to these meetings the directors are kept informed of operations through regular reports and analyses by, and discussions with, management.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation is currently comprised of five directors, each of whom are proposed to be nominated for election as set out in pages 8 through 10 of this Circular.

NI 52-110 defines an "independent" director as one who has no direct or indirect "material relationship" with the Corporation. A "material relationship" is defined as a relationship that could, in the view of the Board of Directors, reasonably be expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgement. NI 52-110 also sets out certain situations where a director will automatically be considered to have a material relationship with the Corporation.

Applying the definition set out in NI 52-110, three of the five members of the Board are independent, namely: Mary Durocher, Jack Kay and Donald Olds. Zohar Krivorot is not independent by virtue of the fact that he is an executive officer of the Corporation. Derek Stern is not independent by virtue of his significant interest in Olymbec Investments Inc., a "control person" of the Corporation.

The Board meets quarterly, as necessary when operations warrant, and following an annual meeting of Shareholders of the Corporation. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board requires management of the Corporation to prepare and submit budgets and programs for approval of the Board. These budgets and programs, and any updates, are to be reviewed at the Board's quarterly meetings.

In addition to their position on the Board, the following director also serves as director of the following reporting issuers or reporting issuer equivalent(s):

Name of Director	Reporting Issuer(s) or Equivalent(s)
Donald Olds	Goodfood Markets (TSX:FOOD)
	Agrinam Acquisition Corp. (TSX: AGRI-U)

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

Upon election or appointment of new directors, the HR/Governance Committee will provide new directors with an information package of the Corporation, including, among other things, its policies, procedures and disclosures. Generally, the Corporation expects that the board members have a familiarity with the business of cannabis. Professional advisors may be invited to attend Board meetings, as needed. The Corporation also relies on the relatively straightforward nature of its business and the established qualifications and expertise of its board members.

# Ethical Business Conduct

The Board has adopted a written Code of Conduct (the "**Code**"). The Code is available from the Corporation upon request.

Under corporate legislation, a director is required to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of a company and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. In addition, if a director of a company also serves as a director or officer of another company engaged in similar business activities to the first company, that director must comply with the conflict of interest provisions of the Business Corporations Act, as well as the relevant

securities regulatory instruments, in order to ensure that directors exercise independent judgement in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or officer has a material interest. Any interested director would be required to declare the nature and extent of his interest and would not be entitled to vote at meetings of directors that evoke such a conflict.

The audit committee of the Corporation (the "Audit Committee") will monitor compliance with the Code by receiving reports from management as to any actual or alleged violations, as appropriate. In accordance with the provisions of the Code and applicable corporate law, any director or executive officer who holds a material interest in a proposed transaction or agreement involving the Corporation will be required to disclose that interest to the Audit Committee and abstain from voting on approval of such transactions as appropriate.

# **Nomination of Directors & Compensation**

At present, the Corporation does not have a Nomination and Compensation Committee. Instead, the HR/Governance Committee is responsible for screening nominees to the Board and annually assessing the skills and qualifications of directors and nominees to ensure the Board members have the skills and qualifications appropriate to the current needs of the Corporation.

The HR/Governance Committee is also responsible for reviewing and approving directors' and executive compensation based on the Corporation's goals and objectives, reviewing and approving the Corporation's incentive compensation and equity-based plans and arrangements, and reporting regularly to the Board on the activities of the committee.

The HR/Governance Committee conducts reviews regarding the directors' and the Chief Executive Officer's compensation once a year. To make its recommendation on directors' and the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, this committee takes into account the types of compensation and the amounts paid to directors and chief executive officers of comparable publicly-traded Canadian companies.

# Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is currently composed of three independent directors: Jack M. Kay, Mary Durocher and Donald Olds, with Donald Olds assuming the role of Chair.

All members of the Audit Committee have a broad understanding of the accounting principles that are applied to the preparation of financial statements. All members of the Audit Committee are financially literate in accordance with NI 52-110. The full text of the Audit Committee Charter is attached as Schedule "A" to this Circular.

#### Mandate and responsibilities of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee's mandate and responsibilities are detailed in its charter and include: (i) reviewing and recommending for approval to the Board the financial statements, accounting policies that affect the statements, annual MD&A and associated press releases; (ii) being satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements and periodically assessing those procedures; (iii) establishing and maintaining complaint procedures regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters; (iv) overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing such other audit, review

or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting; (v) pre-approving all non-audit services to be provided to the Corporation or its subsidiary entities by the external auditor; (vi) reviewing and monitoring the processes in place to identify and manage the principal risks that could impact the financial reporting of the Corporation; and (vii) reviewing and approving the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees, and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Corporation.

The Audit Committee is to meet at least quarterly to review financial statements and MD&A and to meet with the Corporation's external auditor at least once a year. Directors are invited to hold in-camera sessions at any time, including after Board and committee meetings. During these in-camera sessions, members of management are not present. The Corporation believes that these in-camera sessions contribute to the Board's independent oversight.

# Complaints

The Audit Committee has established a "Whistleblower Policy" which outlines procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees regarding the Corporation's compliance with all applicable government laws, rules and regulations, corporate reporting and disclosure, accounting practices, accounting controls, auditing practices and other matter relating to fraud against shareholders (the "**Accounting Concerns**"), without fear of retaliation of any kind. If an applicable individual has any concerns about any of the Accounting Concerns which they consider to be questionable, incorrect, misleading or fraudulent, the applicable individual is urged to come forward with any such information, complaints or concerns, without regard to the position of the person or persons responsible for the subject matter of the relevant complaint or concern.

The applicable individual may report their concern in writing, by telephone or e-mail and forward it to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. All submissions will be treated on a confidential and anonymous basis, except when the Accounting Concerns refer to violation of any applicable law, rule or regulation that relates to the corporate reporting and disclosure, and to violation of the Corporation's Code, when the person making the submission must be identified for purposes of performing the investigation. Further, the Corporation will not discharge, discipline, demote, suspend, threaten or in any manner discriminate against any person who submits in good faith an Accounting Concern.

Promptly following the receipt of any complaints submitted to it, the Audit Committee will investigate each complaint and take appropriate corrective actions. The "Whistleblower Policy" is to be reviewed by the Audit Committee on an annual basis.

# Audit Committee Oversight

Since the commencement of the Corporation's most recently completed financial year, there has not been a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor that was not adopted by the Board of Directors.

# Reliance on Exemptions in NI 52-110 regarding De Minimis Non-audit Services or on a Regulatory Order Generally

In respect of the Corporation's most recently completed financial year, the Corporation has not relied on the exemption in section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*) of NI 52-110 or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted by a securities regulator under Part 8 (*Exemptions*) of NI 52-110.

In respect of the most recently completed financial year, the Corporation is relying on the exemption set out in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 with respect to compliance with the requirements of Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described in the Audit Committee Charter.

# External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

The following table discloses the fees billed to the Corporation by its external auditor during the two last financial years.

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Audit Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
August 31, 2023	246,100	60,900	31,992	0
August 31, 2022	214,000	64,200	29,227	2,140

(1) The aggregate fees billed by the Corporation's auditor for audit fees.

(2) The aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Corporation's financial statements and are not disclosed in the "Audit Fees" column.

(3) The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the Corporation's auditor for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning.
(4) All other fees billed by the auditor for products and services not included in the foregoing categories.

#### Other Committees Of The Board

The Audit Committee and the HR/Governance Committee are the only standing committees of the Corporation.

#### HR/Governance Committee

The members of the HR/Governance Committee are: Donald Olds, Jack M. Kay and Mary Durocher, with Jack M. Kay assuming the role of Chair. All members of the HR/Governance Committee are independent.

The Board established the HR/Governance Committee on November 10, 2020. The HR/Governance Committee oversees the nomination and compensation of directors. See also "Nomination of Directors and Compensation" above for further particulars regarding the role of this Committee.

#### Assessments

It is the responsibility of the HR/Governance Committee to ensure that the strategic direction of the Corporation is reviewed annually and that the Board and each of its committees carry out their respective functions in accordance with an appropriate process. The committee is also responsible for assessing the

effectiveness of individual directors and the Board as a whole, and recruiting and nominating new directors as needed.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

While there is no other business other than that business mentioned in the Notice of Meeting to be presented for action by the Shareholders at the Meeting, it is intended that the Proxies hereby solicited will be exercised upon any other matters and proposals that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof, in accordance with the discretion of the persons authorized to act thereunder.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Corporation may be found under the Corporation's profile on Ok+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Financial information about the Corporation may be found in the Corporation's financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for its most recently completed financial year and may be viewed on the SEDAR+ website at the location noted above.

Shareholders may contact the Corporation by mail at 333 Décarie Blvd. Suite 200, Saint-Laurent, Quebec H4N 3M9 or by telephone at (514) 543-4200 to request copies of the Corporation's financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis.

# APPROVAL BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board has approved the contents of this Circular and has authorized its delivery.

DATED this December 11, 2023.

# ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Zohar Krivorot

Zohar Krivorot Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

# SCHEDULE A

# CANNARA BIOTECH INC. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

The members of the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") shall be appointed by the board of directors (the "**Board**") of Cannara Biotech Inc. (the "**Company**") and shall report to the Board. The Audit Committee shall be responsible to:

- (a) assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight of the Company's financial integrity, specifically by assisting the Board's oversight of:
  - (i) the integrity of the Company's financial statements and other financial reporting;
  - the qualifications and independence of any independent auditor and/or registered public accounting firm engaged by the Company for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company (the "External Auditor");
  - (iii) the performance of the Company's internal audit functions and internal auditor, if and when one is appointed;
  - (iv) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
  - (v) the process by which the Company assesses and manages risk; and
  - (vi) any other matters as defined by the Board;
- (b) manage, on behalf of the shareholders, the relationship between the Company and the External Auditor by:
  - having direct responsibility for appointing, retaining and determining the compensation of the External Auditor (in the Audit Committee's capacity as a committee of the Board and subject to the rights of shareholders and applicable law);
  - (ii) overseeing the work of the External Auditor, including the resolution of any disagreements between management and the External Auditor regarding financial reporting, as well as;
  - (iii) reviewing with the External Auditor any audit problems or difficulties and management's response, including any restrictions on the scope of the External Auditor's activities or on access to requested information
  - (iv) determining and approving compensation for all audit and audit-related services and pre-approving all audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided to the Company or its subsidiaries by the Company's External Auditor;

- (v) ensuring that the External Auditor report directly to the Audit Committee and meets with the Audit Committee or the Board without management present at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee and at least annually with the full Board;
- (vi) facilitating communication between the Company and the External Auditor; and

This Charter and any subsequent revisions thereto require the approval of the Board.

The Audit Committee has the authority to conduct any investigation appropriate to fulfilling its responsibilities, and it has unrestricted access to communicate directly with the internal and External Auditor, management, members of the Board, employees of, or consultants to, the Company and any relevant information. The Audit Committee has the authority to retain independent legal, accounting or other advisers, consultants or experts it deems necessary in the performance of its duties, and the Audit Committee shall have the authority to set the compensation for any such advisors subject to a budget approved by the Board.

Subject to a budget approved by the Board, the Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for payment of (i) compensation to the External Auditor to prepare and issue an audit report or perform other audit, review or attest services for the Company, (ii) compensation to any outside advisers, consultants or experts employed by the Audit Committee, and (iii) ordinary administrative expenses of the Audit Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out the Audit Committee's duties.

# II. COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall be composed of at least three non-management directors of the Company who are appointed by the Board (and may be removed or replaced by the Board at any time as needed), annually at the meeting of the Board immediately following the annual general shareholders meeting. A Member shall cease to be a Member upon ceasing to be a member of the Board, or once their qualified successor is appointed, as the case may be. The Board will fill vacancies on the Committee by the appointment of other qualified directors, subject to satisfying all applicable independence requirements. The Chairman of the Audit Committee shall be designated by the full Board, or if the Board does not do so, the members of the Audit Committee, by majority vote, may designate a Chairman.

Each member shall be neither an officer nor employee of the Company or any of its affiliates. Each member shall be independent of management and must be free from any direct or indirect relationship which could, or, in the view of the Board, could reasonably be perceived to, interfere with the exercise of that member's independent judgement in carrying out the responsibilities as a member. No member may have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any current subsidiary of the Company at any time during the previous three years. No member may, other than in his or her capacity as a member of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors, or any other Board committee, accept directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other "compensatory fee" (as such term is defined under applicable securities laws and stock exchange rules) from, or be an "affiliated person" (as such term is defined under applicable securities laws and stock exchange rules) of, the Company or any subsidiary of the Company unless approved by the Board.

All members of the Audit Committee shall be financially literate at the time of their election to the Audit Committee, which means that they will have the ability to read and understand fundamental financial statements (including a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement), including a set of financial statements that present a breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

Ideally at least one member of the Audit Committee shall be an "audit committee financial expert" as such term is defined by the Regulations of the Quebec Securities Commission and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. At least one member of the Audit Committee shall have past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in the individuals financial sophistication, including but not limited to being or having been a chief executive officer, chief financial officer, other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities. The Board shall make determinations as to whether any particular member of the Audit Committee satisfies these requirements.

A quorum of any Audit Committee meeting will be a majority of the members of the Audit Committee. The Secretary of the Audit Committee shall be such person as nominated by the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

# III. MEETINGS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities but no less than four times per year. The External Auditor shall receive notice of every meeting of the Audit Committee and shall be invited to attend and participate in such meetings. The Audit Committee, in its discretion, may also ask members of management or others to attend its meetings (or portions thereof) and to provide pertinent information as necessary.

The Audit Committee Chairman shall approve an agenda in advance of each meeting and shall cause that agenda and related materials to be distributed to members and the External Auditor in advance of said meeting. The Audit Committee shall maintain minutes of its meetings and records relating to those meetings and the Audit Committee's activities and provide copies of such minutes to the Board. The Audit Committee may also meet by telephone conference call or by virtual teleconference or by any other means permitted by law or by the Company's by-laws.

The Audit Committee shall also meet separately with management as it deems appropriate.

The Secretary shall circulate the minutes of the meetings to members of the Board, members of the Audit Committee and the head of the External Auditor.

# IV. REMUNERATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No member of the Audit Committee may, other than in his or her capacity as a member of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors, or any other Board committee, accept directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory, or other "compensatory fee" (as such term is defined under applicable securities laws and stock exchange rules) from the Company or any subsidiary of the Company unless approved by the Board.

# V. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### (a) Selection and Evaluation of External Auditor

The Audit Committee is responsible for selecting and evaluating the External Auditor, and for managing, on behalf of the Company's shareholders, the relationship between the Company and its External Auditor. In furtherance of this responsibility, as delegated by the Board, the Audit Committee shall

- review and recommend to the Board, subject to the rights of shareholders, for the selection, appointing, retaining and determining the compensation of the External Auditor. The External Auditor must be a top tier national firm with operations across Canada and the United States.
- (ii) review and approve the External Auditor's annual engagement letter, including the proposed audit plan and fees contained therein.
- (iii) oversee the work of the External Auditor, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the External Auditor regarding financial reporting.
- (iv) receive the report from the External Auditor covering the outcome of their annual audit of the Company.
- (v) review the performance of the External Auditor and, if warranted recommend replacement or termination the External Auditor to the full Board.
- (vi) oversee the qualifications and independence of the External Auditor by, among other things:
  - A. at least on an annual basis, evaluating the qualifications, performance and independence of the External Auditor and the senior audit partners having primary responsibility for the audit.
  - B. obtaining and reviewing a report from the External Auditor at least annually regarding: (i) the External Auditor's internal quality-control procedures, (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the firm, or raised by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, (iii) any steps taken to deal with any issues, (iv) all relationships between the External Auditor and the Company, and (v) the independence of the External Auditor as required by applicable law.
  - C. establish and periodically assess policies and procedures for the review and pre-approval of all audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided by the External Auditor to the Company or its subsidiaries.
  - D. review and, if deemed desirable, pre-approve all audit and permitted nonaudit services to be provided by the External Auditor to the Company or its subsidiaries which pre-approval may be delegated to one or more members in accordance with applicable law.

- E. requiring the External Auditor to deliver to the Audit Committee, at least annually, a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the External Auditor and the Company and confirming their independence from the Company.
- F. actively engaging in a dialogue with the External Auditor with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the External Auditor and taking, or recommending that the Board take, appropriate action to satisfy itself of the auditor's independence.

# (b) Financial Statements and Reports

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the accounting and financial reporting process of the Company and the audits of the financial statements of the Company. In furtherance of this responsibility, as delegated by the Board, the Audit Committee shall:

- (i) review and approve the External Auditor's annual audit plan, including the scope of the External Auditor's quarterly reviews and all related fees.
- (ii) confirm through private discussions with the External Auditor that no restrictions are being placed on either the scope or the effectiveness of the External Auditor's work.
- (iii) review all material written communications between the External Auditor and management, including post audit or management letters containing recommendations of the External Auditor, management's response and follow up with respect to the identified weaknesses.
- (iv) as part of the Audit Committee's review of the Company's quarterly audited annual financial statements, review and discuss with management and the External Auditor:
  - A. the External Auditor's report on the audited annual financial statements.
  - B. the quality of, and any major issues regarding, the Company's accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including all critical accounting policies, accounting practices and financial disclosure practices used and any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles.
  - C. all significant issues and judgements made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements to determine if and how they should be reported or disclosed.
  - D. any problems experienced by the External Auditor in performing audits.
  - E. The use of any "pro forma" or "adjusted" information not in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles;

- F. Any earnings press releases and press releases containing financial information extracted from the financial statements of the Company, as well as financial information and earnings guidance, if any, provided to analysts and ratings agencies, it being understood that such discussions may, in the discretion of the Committee, be done generally (i.e., by discussing the types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made) and that the Committee need not discuss in advance each earnings release or instance in which the Company gives earnings guidance;
- G. Any Company disclosure containing "financial outlooks" or "future oriented financial information", each as defined in National Instrument 51-102 Continuous Disclosure Obligations, it being understood that such discussions may, in the discretion of the Committee, be done generally (i.e., by discussing the types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made) and that the Committee need not discuss in advance each earnings release or instance in which the Company gives earnings guidance; the content and presentation of sales or earnings press releases and any financial information or earnings guidance (if any) provided to analysts and rating agencies.
- H. any outstanding or anticipated litigation or legal claims or actions which may materially affect the financial position of the Company.

# (c) Financial Reporting Process and Internal Controls

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the design, implementation and on-going effectiveness of policies and procedures for providing reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements ("**Internal Controls**"). In furtherance of this responsibility, as delegated by the Board, the Committee shall:

- establish (under the supervision of the Company's Chief Financial Officer, and President and Chief Executive Officer), monitor and review a system of Internal Controls.
- (ii) consult with the External Auditor regarding the adequacy of Internal Controls and review any significant findings concerning the adequacy of Internal Controls raised by the External Auditor in its report on the Internal Controls.

- (iii) review management's report on its assessment of the Internal Controls of the Company and the steps taken to monitor, control and report financial risks and exposures.
- (iv) consider the effectiveness of the Internal Controls, and review with the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the External Auditor: (A) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of the Company's Internal Controls that could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits with applicable securities regulators within the required time periods, and (B) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management of the Company or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's Internal Controls.
- (v) address, on a regular basis, any perceived shortcomings in the Company's Internal Controls.

# (d) Risk Management

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the process by which the Company assesses and manages risk, including the relationship of the Company's compensation policies and practices to risk management. In furtherance of this responsibility, as delegated by the Board, the Audit Committee shall:

- (i) identify risks inherent in the Company's business;
- (ii) maintain policies and procedures that address such risks on a reasonable, costeffective basis;
- (iii) in conjunction with management, review, on an annual basis, all aspects of the Company's risk management program, including all significant policies and procedures relating to insurance coverage, foreign exchange exposures and investments (including the Company's use of financial risk management instruments);
- (iv) review the involvement of officers and directors in any matter related to business ethics or potential conflict of interest and advise the Board on the appropriate course of action;
- (v) review policies and practices with respect to off-balance sheet transactions and trading and hedging activities, and consider the results of any review of these areas by the External Auditor; and
- (vi) review management's processes in place to prevent and detect fraud.

#### (e) **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

The Audit Committee shall:

- (i) review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and the results of management's investigation and follow-up (including disciplinary action) of any fraudulent acts or non-compliance.
- (ii) obtain regular updates from management and the Company's legal counsel regarding compliance matters that may have a material impact on the Company's financial statements or compliance policies.
- (iii) obtain from management adequate assurances that all statutory payments and withholdings have been in compliance with relevant laws and regulations; and
- (iv) review the findings of any examinations by regulatory agencies and any correspondence with, or published reports by, regulators or governmental agencies which raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.

# (f) Related Party Transactions and Off-Balance Sheet Structure

The Audit Committee shall:

- review all proposed related-party transactions for potential conflicts of interest, including those between the Company and its officers or directors and, if deemed appropriate, recommend to the Board an appropriate course of action with respect to any particular transaction (including approval, rejection or ratification);
- (ii) annually review any ongoing related party transactions and report to the Board thereon; and
- (iii) review all material off-balance sheet structures to which the Company is a party.

A "**related party**" is a director or officer of the Company, or an immediate family member of a director or officer of the Company (which means any spouse, parents, children, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-inlaw, and anyone who resides in such person's home (other than domestic employees)).

#### (g) Hiring Policies

The Audit Committee shall review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and any former External Auditor of the Company.

#### (h) **Complaint Procedure**

The Audit Committee shall establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters and procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, and monitor compliance with the Company's Whistleblower Protection Policy on Financial Matters and oversee, coordinate and review all investigations undertaken thereunder.

# VI. CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson's primary role is to ensure that the Audit Committee functions properly, meets its obligations and responsibilities, fulfills its purpose and that its organisation and mechanisms are in place and are working effectively. More specifically, the Chairperson shall:

- (a) chair meetings of the Audit Committee;
- (b) in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board, the Lead Director (if one is elected), the members of the Audit Committee, the CFO and Corporate Secretary, as necessary, set the agendas for the meetings of the Audit Committee;
- (c) in collaboration with the Chairperson of the Board, the Lead Director (if one is elected), the CEO, the CFO and the Corporate Secretary, ensure that agenda items for all Audit Committee meetings are ready for presentation and that adequate information is distributed to members of the Audit Committee in advance of such meetings to allow the members to properly inform themselves on matters to be acted upon;
- (d) assign work to members of the Audit Committee;
- (e) approve the expense report of the Chairperson of the Board and CEO of the Company;
- (f) act as liaison and maintain communication with the Chairperson of the Board, the Lead Director (if one is elected) and the Board to optimize and coordinate input from directors, and to optimize the effectiveness of the Audit Committee;
- (g) provide leadership to the Audit Committee with respect to its functions as described in this Charter and as otherwise may be appropriate; and
- (h) be available to the CFO one full business day per calendar quarter to provide advice and guidance if necessary..

# VII. EVALUATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER AND COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE

Annually, the Audit Committee shall review and assess the adequacy of the Audit Committee charter, report to the Board on the results of such assessment, and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

The Audit Committee shall also perform an annual evaluation of the performance of the Audit Committee and report to the Board on the results of such evaluation.

While the Audit Committee has the oversight duties and responsibilities set forth in this charter, the Audit Committee is not responsible for planning or conducting the audit or for determining whether the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Management has the responsibility for preparing the financial statements and implementing internal controls and the External Auditor has the responsibility of auditing the financial statements.

In discharging its duties, each member of the Audit Committee shall be obliged only to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Nothing in this Charter, including designating any member of the Audit Committee as an "audit committee financial expert" is intended, or should be determined to impose on any member of the Audit Committee a standard of care or diligence that is in any way more onerous or extensive than the standard to which all members of the Board are subject.

The essence of the Audit Committee's responsibilities is to monitor and review the activities described in this Charter to gain reasonable assurance (but not to ensure) that such activities are being conducted properly and effectively by the Company.