

PRE-APPROVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR ENGAGEMENTS OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The responsibilities of the Company's audit committee are set out in the Company's Audit Committee Charter, which responsibilities include pre-approving audit and non-audit services provided by the independent auditors in order to ensure the services do not impair the auditors' independence. Applicable securities commissions and accounting standards boards have issued rules specifying the permissible services independent auditors may provide to audit clients, as well as the pre-approval of fees. Accordingly, the Company's Audit Committee has adopted the following Pre-Approval Policy and Procedure.

Under the Audit Committee's approach, an annual program of work will be approved each year for the following categories of services: Audit, Audit-Related, and Tax. Each engagement or category of service will be presented in appropriate detail by business function and geographic area to provide the Audit Committee sufficient understanding of the services provided. Additional engagements may be brought forward from time to time for pre-approval by the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee will consider whether any service to be obtained from the independent auditors is consistent with applicable rules on auditor independence. Also, the Audit Committee will consider the level of Audit and Audit-Related fees in relation to all other fees paid to the independent auditors, and will review such level each year. In carrying out this responsibility, the Audit Committee may obtain input from Company management on the general level of fees, and the process for determining and reporting fees from the numerous locations where the Company operates and the independent auditors provide services.

The term of any pre-approval applies to the Company's financial year. Thus, Audit fees for the financial year may include work performed after the close of the calendar year. The pre-approval for Audit-Related and Tax fees is on a calendar-year basis. Unused pre-approval amounts will not be carried forward to the next financial year. Pre-approvals will apply to engagements within a category of service, and cannot be transferred between categories. If fees might otherwise exceed pre-approved amounts for any category of permissible services, then time will be scheduled so that incremental amounts can be reviewed and pre-approved prior to commitment.

Audit Services

Audit services include the annual financial statement audit engagement (including required quarterly reviews), affiliate and subsidiary statutory audits, and other procedures required to be performed by the independent auditors to render an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Audit services also include information systems reviews, tests performed on the system of internal controls, and other procedures necessary to support the independent auditors' attestation of management's report on

internal controls for financial reporting consistent with applicable securities legislation, as applicable.

The independent auditors are responsible for cost-effectively providing audit services and confirming that audit services are not undertaken prior to review and pre-approval by the Audit Committee. The independent auditors and Company management will jointly manage a process for collecting and reporting Audit fees billed by the independent auditors to Company each year.

Audit-Related Services

Audit-Related services include services that are reasonably related to the review of the Company's financial statements. These services include benefit plan and joint venture audits, attestation procedures related to cost certifications and government compliance, consultations on accounting issues, and due diligence procedures. Each year the Audit Committee will review the proposed services to ensure the independence of the independent auditors is not impaired.

Pre-approval will occur each year coincident with pre-approval of Audit services. Company management will monitor the engagement of the independent auditors for Audit-Related services using designated process owners. This process will help provide assurance that the aggregate dollar amount of services obtained does not exceed pre-approval amounts at any time, and that new engagements not initially identified are pre-approved prior to commitment.

Tax Services

The Audit Committee concurs that the independent auditors may provide certain Tax services without impairing independence. These services include preparing local tax filings and related tax services, tax planning, preparing individual employee expatriate tax returns, and other services permitted by applicable securities regulations. The Audit Committee will not permit engaging the independent auditors (1) in connection with a transaction, the sole purpose of which may be impermissible tax avoidance, or (2) for any tax services that may be prohibited by applicable securities rules now or in the future. Company management will monitor the engagement of the independent auditors or other firms for such Tax services to help provide assurance that aggregate dollar amounts of services obtained from the independent auditors do not exceed pre-approval amounts at any time.

All Other Services

The Company does not envision obtaining other services from the independent auditors, except for the Audit, Audit-Related, and Tax services described previously. If permissible other services are requested by the Company, each engagement must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee. Such requests should be supported by endorsement of the Chief Financial Officer prior to review with the Audit Committee.

Prohibited Services

Current securities regulations specify that independent auditors may not provide the following prohibited services: Bookkeeping, Financial Information Systems Design and Implementation, Appraisals or Valuation (other than Tax), Fairness Opinions, Actuarial Services, Internal Audit Outsourcing, Management Functions, Human Resources such as Executive Recruiting, Broker-Dealer Services, Legal Services, or Expert Services such as providing expert testimony or opinions where the purpose of the engagement is to advocate the client's position in an adversarial proceeding. Company personnel may not under any circumstances engage the independent auditors for prohibited services. Potential engagements not clearly permissible should be referred to the Chief Financial Officer.

Delegation

The Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members. The member or members to whom such authority is delegated shall report any pre-approval decisions to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee may not delegate to management the Audit Committee's responsibilities to pre-approve services performed by the independent auditor.