# NOTICE OF MEETING AND INFORMATION CIRCULAR

# ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD MAY 30, 2023



**CANADIAN OVERSEAS PETROLEUM LIMITED** 

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# CANADIAN OVERSEAS PETROLEUM LIMITED

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TAKE NOTICE that an Annual and Special Meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders of Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited (the "**Company**" or "**COPL**") will be held at the Conference Room, main floor,  $715 - 5^{\text{th}}$  Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. (Calgary time) for the following purposes:

- 1. receiving the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the auditor's report thereon;
- 2. electing nominees to the board of directors to serve until the next annual general meeting of shareholders;
- 3. appointing an auditor for the ensuing year and authorizing the directors to fix their remuneration;
- 4. to consider and, and if deemed appropriate, approve, with or without variation, a special resolution authorizing an amendment to the articles of the Company to change the name of the Company to such name as the directors of the Company, in their sole discretion, may determine and as may be acceptable to the Registrar under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, as more fully described in the Information Circular accompanying this Notice;
- 5. to consider and, and if deemed appropriate, approve, with or without variation, a special resolution approving a consolidation of the issued and outstanding Common Shares on the basis of one (1) post-consolidation Common Share for up to one thousand (1,000) pre-consolidation Common Shares at such time as the board of directors may determine in its sole discretion (the "**Share Consolidation**"), the full text of which is set forth in the Information Circular accompanying this Notice; and
- 6. transacting such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

As of the date of the information circular (the "Information Circular"), we intend to hold the Meeting in person as detailed above. As a shareholder of record as of the close of business on April 12, 2023 (the "Shareholder"), you have the right to attend and vote at the Meeting as set out in the Information Circular.

There will be a corporate presentation by management following the formal portion of the Meeting.

Shareholders may use the following information to call in (audio only) to the Meeting on May 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.:

Toll free from Canada, North America and anywhere outside of North America: +1 (833) 450-1127 (conference ID 402 669 431#) Toll free from Toronto, Canada: +1 437-703-5189 (conference ID 402 669 431#) Phone Conference ID: 402 669 431#

Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting or any adjournment thereof in person and who wish to ensure that their shares will be voted are requested to complete, sign and send the proxy or voting instruction form in accordance with the instructions in this Information Circular. In order to be valid and acted upon at the Meeting, the proxy must be received by Computershare Trust Company of Canada ("**Computershare Trust**") at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the Meeting or any adjournments thereof. Shareholders are cautioned that the use of the mail to transmit proxies is at the Shareholders' risk.

The directors have fixed the record date for the Meeting as the close of business on April 12, 2023. Only Shareholders of the Company of record as at that date are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2023.

By Order of the Board of Directors

"Arthur S. Millholland"

Arthur S. Millholland, President and Chief Executive Officer

# **CANADIAN OVERSEAS PETROLEUM LIMITED**

# **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

# THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Meeting Information**

This information circular ("**Information Circular**") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the board of directors (the "**Board**") and management of Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited ("**we**" or "**COPL**" or "**the Company**") for use at the Annual and Special Meeting of shareholders (the "**Meeting**") to be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, and at any and all adjournments of that Meeting.

If you are in any doubt as to what action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial advice from your stockbroker or independent adviser authorized, if you are in the United Kingdom, under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

#### **Date of Information**

Information contained in this Information Circular is given as of April 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Currency and Exchange Rate**

All monetary figures are stated in Canadian currency, except as noted.

#### **Registered and Beneficial Shareholders**

You are a registered shareholder if your shares are held in your name and you have a share certificate or a Direct Registration System book position in your name. Otherwise, you are a beneficial shareholder.

You are a beneficial shareholder if your shares are held in the name of a nominee. That is, your certificate was deposited with a bank, trust company, securities broker, trustee or other institution. You are also called a nonregistered shareholder.

#### **Common Shares Outstanding**

At the close of business on April 1, 2023, there were 345,418,705 common shares ("**Common Shares**") outstanding. COPL's Common Shares trade under the symbol XOP on the Canadian Securities Exchange (CSE) and trade on the London Stock Exchange plc (LSE) under the symbol COPL. Each Common Share is entitled to one vote at the Meeting.

If you have sold or transferred your shares, please forward this document, together with the accompanying documents, as soon as possible, either to the purchaser or transferee or to the person who arranged the sale or transfer so they can pass these documents to the person who now holds the shares.

#### **Principal Shareholders**

As of April 1, 2023, there was no person, who to the knowledge of the Company's directors and executive officers, beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, Common Shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Common Shares of the Company.

# **VOTING INFORMATION**

#### Am I entitled to vote?

You are entitled to vote if you own Common Shares of COPL as of the close of business on April 12, 2023, the record date of the Meeting. Each Common Share is entitled to one vote.

The Company does not know for whom the Common Shares registered in the name of a bank, trust company, securities broker, trustee or other institution are held. Therefore, beneficial shareholders cannot be recognized by the Company at the Meeting unless their name has been inserted in the Voting Instruction Form. The Voting Instruction Form cannot be used as a proxy to vote shares directly at the Meeting.

# What will I be voting on?

- Election of directors
- Appointment of auditor
- Approval of change of name
- Approval of Share Consolidation
- Any other business that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment of the Meeting

#### How are matters decided?

A simple majority of votes at the Meeting (50% plus one vote) is required to approve all of these matters at the Meeting.

#### Who counts the votes?

Computershare Trust Company of Canada ("Computershare Trust").

#### Who can I talk to if I have a question?

Computershare Trust in: North America 1-800-564-6253 Other Locations 1-514-982-7555

# How many shareholders are required to have a quorum at the Meeting?

Our By-laws state that a quorum for the transaction of business at a shareholders' meeting is:

- at least two persons present in person or by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate;
- each being a Shareholder or proxyholder entitled to vote at the meeting; and
- together representing not less than 2.5% of the Common Shares of COPL.

#### **Registered Shareholders**

You are a registered shareholder if your shares are held in your name. That is, you have a share certificate or a Direct Registration System book position in your name. Otherwise, you are a beneficial shareholder.

#### **Voting Options:**

- In person at the Meeting
- By proxy (mail)
- By telephone
- By internet

See the instructions in the enclosed proxy form.

#### **Beneficial Shareholders**

You are a beneficial shareholder if your shares are held in the name of a nominee. That is, your certificate was deposited with a bank, trust company, securities broker, trustee or other institution. You are also called a non-registered shareholder.

#### **Voting Options:**

- In person at the Meeting (please refer to instructions indicated on page 4 of this Information Circular)
- By proxy (mail)
- By telephone
- By internet

See instructions in the enclosed voting instruction form.

# Will I receive materials if I am an Objecting Beneficial Owner ("OBO")

The Company pays for intermediaries to send proxyrelated materials to OBOs. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with your intermediary to exercise your voting rights.

#### **Electronic Delivery**

Shareholders are encouraged to consent to electronic delivery (e-delivery) to receive our information circulars and other continuous disclosure documents, including annual and interim reports. Shareholders who enroll in e-delivery will be notified by email when documents are made available, at which time they can be viewed and/or downloaded from our website (How you enroll depends on whether you are a registered shareholder or a beneficial shareholder.) Registered shareholders may sign up for e-delivery at the following website: www.investorcentre.com.

# **PROXY INFORMATION**

#### Who is soliciting my proxy?

Proxies are being solicited by the Board and management of COPL, mainly by mail. COPL will pay for the cost of proxy solicitation. Our officers, employees and agents may solicit proxies by telephone, email, facsimile, mail or personal interviews. COPL will not be sending its proxy solicitation materials to non-objecting beneficial holders directly. The Company will not be sending any of its materials using notice-and-access.

#### How will my proxy be voted?

You can indicate on your proxy how you want your proxyholder to vote your shares or you can let your proxyholder decide for you. If you specify on your proxy how you want your shares to be voted or withheld, then your proxyholder must vote your shares that way. If you do not specify on your proxy how you want your shares to be voted, then your proxyholder can vote your shares as he or she sees fit.

Except in the United Kingdom, where certain holders will receive different instructions in the Form of Instruction, if you appoint Mr. Arthur S. Millholland, President and CEO and Ms. Faralee A. Chanin, Corporate Secretary, set out in the enclosed proxy, and do not specify how you want your shares to be voted, your shares will be voted as follows:

•	Election of management nominees as	FOR
	directors	
•	Appointment of auditors	FOR

- Appointment of auditorsChange of Name of the CompanyFOR
- Change of Name of the Company
   Share Consolidation
   FOR

# What if there are amendments or if other matters are brought before the Meeting?

The enclosed proxy gives the persons named in it authority to use their discretion in voting on amendments or variations to matters set out in the notice and on other matters that may properly come before the Meeting.

Management does not intend to present any other business at the Meeting. We are not aware of any amendments or variations to the proposed matters or any other matters which may be presented at the Meeting. If other matters requiring the vote of Shareholders properly come before the Meeting, your proxyholder will vote on them using their best judgment.

#### **REGISTERED AND BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

#### **REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS**

You are a registered shareholder if your shares are held in your name and you have a share certificate or a Direct Registration System book position in your name. Otherwise, you are a beneficial shareholder.

#### How can I vote if I am a registered shareholder?

You may vote in any one of the following ways:

• In person at the Meeting. The Company strongly encourages Shareholders to vote by proxy in advance of the Meeting and join the Meeting (audio only) via dial-in by calling the dial-in number instead of attending the Meeting in person as below:

Toll free from North America and anywhere outside of North America: +1 (833) 450-1127 Toll free from Toronto, Canada: +1 437-703-5189 Phone Conference ID: 402 669 431#

• By signing and returning the enclosed proxy by mail appointing the named persons or some other person you choose (who does not need to be a Shareholder) to represent you as proxyholder and vote your shares at the Meeting;

#### By Mail:

Computershare Trust Company of Canada 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1

- By using a touch-tone telephone to submit your votes, toll free, to 1-866-732-8683 (North America) or 1-312-588-4290 (Outside North America) (English); or
- By internet at www.investorvote.com (English) and following the instructions given there

If you vote by telephone or internet, enter the control number located in the bottom left corner on the back of the enclosed proxy and then enter your voting instructions.

#### **BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

You are a beneficial shareholder if your shares are held in the name of a nominee, that is your certificate was deposited with a bank, trust company, securities broker, trustee or other institution. You are also called a non-registered shareholder.

# How can I vote if I am a beneficial shareholder?

Follow the instructions provided by your nominee. You may vote in any one of the following ways:

• If you plan to attend the Meeting and wish to vote your shares in person, insert your own name in the space provided on the enclosed Voting Instruction Form, then follow the signing and return instructions provided by your nominee. Your vote will be taken and counted at the Meeting so don't complete the voting instructions on the form. Please register with the transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, when you arrive;

# We encourage Shareholders to vote their Common Shares prior to the Meeting by following the instructions under this heading.

- By signing and returning the enclosed voting instruction form by mail appointing the named persons or some other person you choose (who does not need to be a Shareholder) to represent you as proxyholder and vote your shares at the Meeting;
- By using a touch-tone telephone to submit your votes to the toll free number provided in the enclosed voting instruction form; or
- By internet by accessing the website shown in the enclosed voting instruction form and following the instructions given there.

If you vote by telephone or internet, enter the control number provided on the enclosed voting instruction form and then enter your voting instructions.

#### **REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS**

# What if I want to vote in person?

If you are a registered shareholder and plan to attend the Meeting and wish to vote your shares in person, do not complete or return the proxy. Your vote will be taken and counted at the Meeting. Please register with the transfer agent, Computershare Trust, when you arrive.

We encourage Shareholders to vote their Common Shares prior to the Meeting by following the instructions under this heading.

#### **BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

# What if I want to vote in person?

If you are a beneficial shareholder who plans to attend the Meeting and wish to vote your shares in person, insert your own name in the space provided on the voting instruction form then follow the signing and return instructions provided by your nominee. Your vote will be taken and counted at the Meeting so do not complete the voting instructions on the form. Please register with the transfer agent, Computershare Trust, when you arrive.

We encourage Shareholders to vote their Common Shares prior to the Meeting by following the instructions under this heading.

#### **REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS**

# How can I vote by proxy?

Whether or not you attend the Meeting, you can appoint someone else to attend and vote as your proxyholder. You can use the enclosed proxy or any other proper form of proxy to appoint your proxyholder. The persons named in the enclosed proxy are directors or officers of COPL and they will vote on your behalf at the Meeting. However, you can choose another person to be your proxyholder by printing that person's name in the space provided, completing the rest of the proxy, signing and returning it. Your votes can only be counted if the person you appointed attends the Meeting and votes on your behalf. If you have voted by proxy, you may not cast your vote again in person at the Meeting, unless you revoke your proxy as set out below.

# What do I do with my completed proxy?

Return it to Computershare Trust in the envelope provided so that it arrives by 11:00 a.m. (Calgary time) on May 26, 2023 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the Meeting to resume. This will ensure your vote is recorded.

# What if I change my mind and want to revoke my proxy?

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is acted upon. You may do this by stating clearly, in writing, that you wish to revoke your proxy and by delivering this signed written statement to the Company's Secretary at Field LLP, 400, 444 - 7th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0X8, not later than forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or to the Chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof. You may also revoke your proxy by delivering to the Company's Transfer Agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, 100 University Avenue, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1, a properly executed proxy of later date, or in any other manner permitted by law.

#### **BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

#### How can I vote by proxy?

Whether or not you attend the Meeting, you can appoint someone else to attend and vote as your proxyholder. Use the enclosed voting instruction form to appoint your proxyholder. The persons named in the enclosed voting instruction form are directors or officers of COPL and they will vote on your behalf at the Meeting. However, you can choose another person to be your proxyholder by printing that person's name in the space provided, completing the rest of the voting instruction form, signing and returning it. Your votes can only be counted if the person you appointed attends the Meeting and votes on your behalf. If you have sent in your voting instruction form, you may not cast your vote again in person at the Meeting unless you revoke your instructions as set out below.

# What do I do with my completed voting instruction form?

Return it in the envelope provided so that it arrives by the deadline specified in the Voting Instruction Form or if the Meeting is adjourned, at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for the Meeting to resume. This will ensure your vote is recorded.

# What if I change my mind and want to revoke my instructions?

Follow the procedures provided by your nominee. Your nominee must receive your request to revoke the instructions in accordance with instructions on the Voting Instruction Form. This will give your nominee time to submit the revocation to us.

# **BUSINESS OF THE MEETING – SUMMARY**

#### **Advance Notice By-law**

The Company adopted an Advance Notice by-law (the "**By-law**") effective March 21, 2013, as confirmed by the shareholders at the Annual General and Special Meeting on May 16, 2013.

The By-law requires advance notice to be given to the Company by any shareholder who wishes to nominate a person for election as a director. For an annual meeting of shareholders, notice must be given to the Company not less than 30 days nor more than 65 days prior to the date of the meeting. Details of the nomination procedure, notice requirements and eligibility requirements for nomination are found in the By-law.

A copy of the By-law is on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

#### **Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Company are presented to Shareholders each year and representatives of the independent chartered accountants, Ernst & Young LLP, will be available at the Meeting.

# **Election of Directors**

Directors are elected each year at the Meeting. The Board and management have concluded that each nominee is well qualified to serve on COPL's Board and that the Board is the appropriate size for efficiency and effectiveness and appropriately composed to permit a diversity of views and staff the committees.

The Board operates independently from management and 5 of the 6 nominees are independent. The nominees as a whole have the relevant expertise essential to ensure appropriate strategic direction and oversight.

# **Appointment of Auditor**

The auditor reviews the financial statements and reports to the Audit Committee. All auditor's fees are pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

See page 12 for more details.

# **Approval of Name Change**

The directors consider that it is in the best interest of the Company to amend the articles of the Company to change its name to such name as the Board, in its sole discretion, may determine and as may be acceptable to the directors of the Company.

# **Approval of Share Consolidation**

The directors consider that it may be in the best interest of the Company to consolidate the Common Shares on the basis of one (1) new Common Share for up to every one thousand (1,000) pre-consolidation Common Shares in one or more consolidations (the "Share Consolidation") at such time as the Board may determine in its sole discretion. Shareholder approval of the Share Consolidation is required in advance of the decision of the Board.

#### **Other Business**

Management does not intend to present any other business at the Meeting and we are not aware of amendments to proposed matters or any other matters calling for your action.

# **Management and Board Recommendation**

We recommend that you vote FOR all items of business being brought to the Meeting. In the opinion of the Board, each of the proposals described in this Information Circular is in the best interests of Shareholders as a whole.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the auditor's report thereon were provided to each Shareholder entitled to receive a copy of the Notice of Meeting and the Information Circular.

Shareholders will not be required to vote on these financial statements.

# **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Articles of the Company currently provide that the Company shall have not less than three and not more than ten directors. The Board presently consists of five (5) directors and the Board has set the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at six (6) to serve until the next annual meeting or until their successors are duly elected or appointed. The *Canada Business Corporations Act* and the Articles of Incorporation/Amendment by which the Company is governed provide that the directors may, between annual meetings of the shareholders of the Company, appoint one or more additional directors, who shall hold office for a term expiring not later than the close of the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company, but the number of additional directors so appointed may not exceed one-third of the number of directors elected at the previous annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company, provided that the total number of directors shall not exceed the maximum number of directors fixed pursuant to the Articles. The Board of the Company does not have an executive committee. The term of the current directors will expire at the close of the upcoming Meeting.

It is proposed that the persons named below be nominated for election at the Meeting as management's nominees for election as directors. The persons designated in the enclosed proxy form, unless instructed otherwise, intend to vote for the election of these nominees. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as director, but, if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, the persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy reserve the right to vote for other nominees in their discretion. You can vote for all of these directors, vote for some of them and withhold for others, or withhold for all of them. **Unless otherwise instructed, the named proxyholders will vote FOR the election of each of the proposed nominees set forth below as directors of the Company.** 

The following table sets forth, for all persons proposed to be nominated for election as directors, all positions and offices with the Company now held by them, their principal occupations for the past five years, the periods during which they have served as directors of the Company, and the number of Common Shares of the Company beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by each of them, or over which they exercised control or direction, as of April 1, 2023.

Name & Location Of Residence	Current Positions & Offices Held	Principal Occupations During Past Five Years	No. of Common Shares <sup>1</sup>	No. of Common Share Options
Arthur S. Millholland Calgary, Alberta Canada	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer Director since August 14, 2009	Mr. Millholland has been the President and CEO of the Company since August 2009. Prior thereto, Mr. Millholland was a Director and the President and CEO of Oilexco Incorporated from 1994 until July 2009. He has been a Professional Geologist for over 38 years. Mr. Millholland has worked in a variety of regions including the UK North Sea, Canada, the Gulf of Mexico, the United States, South America, and West and North Africa. He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and a graduate of the University of Waterloo where he obtained an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Science.	3,346,016	5,172,988
Massimo C. Carello London, United Kingdom	Director since September 29, 2009	Mr. Carello has over 40 years of international senior management and board level experience who in the past ten years has operated as an independent businessman providing services as a consultant and managing his own investment portfolio. Mr. Carello is the Chair of the Company's Compensation Committee. Mr. Carello was a	95,479	1,022,396

Name & Location Of Residence	Current Positions & Offices Held	Principal Occupations During Past Five Years	No. of Common Shares <sup>1</sup>	No. of Common Share Options
		director of Canaccord Genuity Group Inc. from August 2008 until August 2018. Before moving to the UK in 1990, Mr. Carello was the President and Managing Director of Carello Group SpA. The company was the third largest European headlamp producer before being sold to the Fiat Group. Mr. Carello is a Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Francis I of the Two Sicilies, and has a degree in Political and International Sciences from the University of Turin.		
Harald H. Ludwig West Vancouver British Columbia Canada	Director and Chairman of the Board since September 29, 2009	Mr. Ludwig has over 30 years of extensive business and investment experience, and is currently the President of Ludwig Investments Corp (a diversified private equity investment company). Mr. Ludwig is the Chairman of the Board and the Chair of the Company's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. He was a Director of Seaspan Corporation (NYSE) from August 2012 until April 2018. He is a founding partner or private equity investor in a number of North American and international private equity firms, hedge funds, mezzanine lenders, growth capital providers, distressed investment firms and real estate investment vehicles.	69,852 <sup>2</sup>	1,839,193
John F. Cowan Sarnia, Ontario, Canada	Director since November 10, 2015	Mr. Cowan, a petroleum geologist, has been involved in the Canadian oil and gas industry for 40 years. During this period, he and his team founded three publicly listed Canadian junior exploration, production and storage companies. Mr. Cowan is the Chair of the Company's Audit Committee and the Health, Safety and Environment Committee. In 2004, Mr. Cowan was a founding shareholder and President of Xtivity Inc. a closely held, maintenance inventory optimization firm. The company was sold February 28, 2020, and on April 2, 2020, Mr. Cowan became a founding shareholder and President of BrineTech Inc, a privately held, petroleum-sector, industrial brine operator in Ontario.	40,417	1,077,995
Robert J. Chenery British Columbia Canada	Director since April 1, 2022	Mr. Chenery has worked in the petroleum and natural gas industry for more than 50 years. Since 1981, Mr. Chenery has been President of Chenery Dobson Resource Management Ltd, a firm specializing in the evaluation and management of oil and gas assets primarily controlled by investors, banks and other financial institutions. In addition, on behalf of some of the same clients, Mr. Chenery has been the CEO and/or Chairman of the board of several small oil and gas enterprises. Mr. Chenery is the Chair of the Company's Reserve Committee. Prior to 1981, Mr. Chenery was a member of the senior management team of the Elf/ Aquitaine Group in Canada. Academic qualifications include a Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration. Mr. Chenery is also a member, in good standing, of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA).	Nil	Nil
Thomas D. Richardson Oxfordshire United Kingdom	To be appointed as Director effective April 20, 2023	Mr Richardson has over 20 years of experience across banking and oil & gas. Mr Richardson is currently Chairman of Fenikso Limited, an Oil & Gas company listed in the UK, where he has been on the board for over 2 years. Mr Richardson has held various CEO roles including	Nil	Nil

Name & Location Of Residence	Current Positions & Offices Held	Principal Occupations During Past Five Years	No. of Common Shares <sup>1</sup>	No. of Common Share Options
		Metallon Corporation Limited, a private pan African Natural Resources and infrastructure investment company and Nice Tech Holdings AG, a private Food Tech company. Mr Richardson served as CFO of Nostrum Oil & Gas Plc (until 2020) and oversaw the Company's admission to the Premium segment of the London Stock Exchange in 2014. Prior to joining Nostrum in 2011, Mr Richardson worked for ING, JP Morgan and NM Rothschild covering investment banking, capital markets and credit & rates. Mr Richardson has a B.Sc in Economics & Politics from the University of Bristol.		

Notes:

1. Number of Common Shares beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly.

2. This number includes 500 Common Shares which are held by one member of Mr. Ludwig's family.

# **Independence and Board Committees**

Committees (Number of Members)								
Name	Compensation Committee (2)	Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (3)	Audit Committee (3)	Reserve Committee (3)	Health, Safety and Environment Committee (4)			
Independent Outside Directors								
Massimo C. Carello	Chairman				$\checkmark$			
Harald H. Ludwig		Chairman	$\checkmark$					
John F. Cowan			Chairman		Chairman			
Robert J. Chenery				Chairman	$\checkmark$			
	Not Independent – Management Directors							
Arthur S. Millholland				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			

# Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

Except as set forth below, no proposed director of COPL is, as at the date of this Information Circular or was within 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any corporation that: (a) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or (b) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief financial officer. For the purposes of this paragraph, "order" means a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant corporation access to any exemption under securities legislation, in each case that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

Except as set forth herein, no proposed director of COPL: (a) is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of a corporation that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or (b) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Information 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 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 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 director or executive officer.

Except as set forth herein, no proposed director of the Company 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 be likely to be considered important to a reasonable investor in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

# Arthur Millholland, Harald Ludwig, John Cowan and Massimo C. Carello (together, the "Impacted Directors")

The Impacted Directors were directors, when on April 1, 2021, the Company announced approval of an application for a management cease trade order ("MCTO") in order to secure additional time for the Company to file its audited annual financial statements and the applicable CEO and CFO certifications in respect of such filings for the financial year ended December 31, 2020 (the "2020 Annual Filings") and any other periodic disclosure required to be filed pursuant to section 146 of the Securities Act (Alberta) while the MCTO was in effect ("Other Disclosure"), which was subsequently revoked on May 13, 2021. On May 27, 2021, the Company announced approval of an application for a MCTO in order to secure additional time for the Company to prepare the unaudited interim financial statements and the applicable CEO and CFO certifications in respect of such filings for the period ended March 31, 2021 ("Q121 Interim Filings") and any Other Disclosure. On June 30, 2021, the Company announced the MCTO for the Q121 Interim Filings and Other Disclosure had been extended to July 14, 2021 and on July 16, 2021 the Company announced the MCTO for the Q121 Interim Filings and Other Disclosure had been extended to July 26, 2021. The Q121 Interim Filings MCTO was subsequently revoked on July 28, 2021. On August 18, 2021, the Company announced approval of an application for a MCTO was made by the Company in order to secure additional time for the Company to prepare the unaudited interim financial statements and the applicable CEO and CFO certifications in respect of such filings for the period ended June 30, 2021 and any Other Disclosure, which was subsequently revoked on September 3, 2021.

# Harald Ludwig

Mr. Ludwig was the Chairman of Zatikka plc on August 5, 2013, when it was announced that administrators were to be appointed in respect of that company. Mr. Ludwig subsequently resigned as a director of Zatikka plc with effect from August 8, 2013. On October 28, 2013, the administrators of Zatikka plc announced that they intended to exit the administration of that company by means of a creditors' voluntary liquidation.

# John Cowan

Mr. Cowan was a director and officer of Dundee Energy Limited until April 2017. On August 16, 2017, a court order for protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) was issued with respect to two wholly-owned entities being Dundee Oil and Gas Limited and Dundee Energy Limited Partnership. On June 11, 2018, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice approved a sale of these entities and the transaction was completed on November 16, 2018.

# Robert Chenery

Mr. Chenery served as a director of Petroteq Energy, Inc. ("**Petroteq**") from January 2022 to September 2022. He was not a director of Petroteq at the time any of the alleged violations disclosed below occurred. On 13 June 2022, Petroteq, an Ontario corporation with its common shares listed for trading on the TSX Venture Exchange, and Aleksandr Blyumkin, the former Chief Executive Officer of Petroteq, entered into a settlement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") in order to resolve an investigation by the SEC into certain violations by Petroteq and Mr. Blyumkin. Under the terms of the settlement, Petroteq and Mr. Blyumkin neither admitted nor denied the SEC's findings described in the SEC order instituting cease-and-desist proceedings pursuant to Section 8A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21C of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and dated 13 June 2022.

# Conflicts of Interest

Certain Directors and executive officers of COPL are, and may continue to be, also directors, officers or shareholders of other oil and gas companies whose operations may, from time to time, be in direct competition with those of COPL or with entities which may, from time to time, provide financing to, or make equity investments in competitors of COPL. In accordance with the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, such Directors and executive officers will be required to disclose all conflicts of interest as such conflicts arise. If a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of the Board, any Director in a conflict will disclose their interest and abstain from voting on such matter.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The Shareholders will be asked to vote for the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants, Calgary, Alberta, as auditors of the Company with the directors being authorized to fix their remuneration. Ernst & Young LLP was first appointed on March 27, 2018.

The appointment of the auditors will be effected by an ordinary resolution requiring the approval of more than 50% of the votes cast in respect of the resolution by or on behalf of Shareholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting.

Unless such authority is withheld, the management designees, if named as proxy, intend to vote the Common Shares represented by any such proxy for the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants, as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board.

Certain information regarding the Company's Audit Committee is contained under the heading "Audit Committee Report" in this Information Circular and in the Annual Information Form for COPL filed on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. A copy of such document will be provided free of charge to a Shareholder, if requested.

# APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE

At the Meeting, shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, a special resolution, which would authorize the Company to amend the articles of the Company to change its name to such name as the Board, in its sole discretion, may determine and as may be acceptable to the directors of the Company (the "**Name Change**").

The Company believes that the Name Change is in the best interests of the Company in order to reflect current business activities of the Company.

In order to pass the resolution approving the Name Change, at least two thirds of the votes cast by the shareholders present at the Meeting in person or by proxy must be voted in favour of the Name Change. If the resolution approving the Name Change does not receive the requisite shareholder approval, the Company will continue under its present name. The Board recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the Name Change.

The text of the special resolution to be voted on at the Meeting by the Shareholders is set forth below:

# BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:

- 1. The articles of the Company be amended to change the name of the Company to such name as the directors of the Company, in their sole discretion, may determine and as may be acceptable to the Registrar under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*.
- 2. Notwithstanding that this resolution has been duly passed by the shareholders of the Company, the directors of the Company be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to revoke this resolution at any time prior to the issue of a certificate of amendment giving effect to the articles of amendment and to determine not to proceed with the amendment of the articles of the Company without further approval of the shareholders of the Company.
- 3. Any director or officer of the Company be and he or she is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Company, to execute and deliver all such documents and to do all such other acts or things as he or she may determine to be necessary or advisable to give effect to this resolution, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of articles of amendment in the prescribed form to the Registrar under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, the execution of any such document or the doing of any such other act or thing being conclusive evidence of such determination.

#### **APPROVAL OF SHARE CONSOLIDATION**

#### Share Consolidation

The Board believes that it is now appropriate for the Company to consider a consolidation on the basis of one (1) Common Share for up to one thousand (1,000) existing pre-consolidation Common Shares in view of the current issued and outstanding share capital and the future financing of the Company.

#### Basis of Share Consolidation

The Board is of the opinion that, in the future, it may be in the best interests of the Company to effect the Share Consolidation, and such consolidations may enhance the marketability of the Common Shares and could facilitate additional financings to fund operations in the future. Accordingly, at the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and approve, with or without variation, by way of special resolution authorizing an amendment to the articles of the Company pursuant to subsection 173(1)(h) of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* ("**CBCA**"), to consolidate the issued and outstanding Common Shares on the basis of one (1) Common Share for up to every one thousand (1,000) existing pre-consolidation Common Shares possibly in separate consolidations, or a lesser number should the Board so decide.

Although approval for the Share Consolidation is being sought at the Meeting, such a Share Consolidation would become effective at a date in the future to be determined by the Board when the Board considers it to be in the best interests of the Company to implement such a Share Consolidation, for example in order to facilitate a financing or a corporate transaction. The special resolution will also authorize the Board to elect not to proceed with, and abandon, the Share Consolidation at any time if it determines, in its sole discretion to do so. The Share Consolidation is subject to Shareholder approval and to CSE's/LSE's approval, if required.

# Risks Associated with the Share Consolidation

There can be no assurance that the market price of the consolidated Common Shares will increase as a result of the Share Consolidation. The marketability and trading liquidity of the consolidated Common Shares may not improve. The consolidation may result in some Shareholders owning "odd lots" of Common Shares which may be more difficult for such Shareholders to sell or which may require greater transaction costs per share to sell.

# Principal Effects of the Share Consolidation

If the Board decides to proceed with the Share Consolidation at the time they deem appropriate, the principal effects of the Share Consolidation include the following:

- the fair market value of each Common Share may increase and will, in part, form the basis upon which further Common Shares or other securities of the Company will be issued (recognizing that the Board may elect to consolidate on the basis of a lesser ratio that they deem appropriate);
- the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares could be reduced from 345,418,705 to up to 345,418, based on the consolidation ratio of one (1) Common Share for up to one thousand (1,000) existing pre-consolidation Common Shares, to be done in separate consolidations at such time at the discretion of the Board;
- the exercise prices and the number of Common Shares issuable upon the exercise or deemed exercise of any stock options or warrants of the Company will be automatically adjusted based on the consolidation ratio selected by the Board; and
- as the Company will have an unlimited number of Common Shares authorized for issuance, the Share Consolidation will not have any effect on the number of Common Shares of the Company available for issuance.

# Effect on Fractional Shareholders

No fractional shares will be issued if, as a result of the Share Consolidation, a registered shareholder would otherwise become entitled to a fractional Common Share. After the consolidation, then current Shareholders will

have no further interest in the Company with respect to their fractional Common Shares. This is not, however, the purpose for which the Company is effecting the Share Consolidation.

#### Effect on Share Certificates

If the Share Consolidation is approved by the Shareholders and implemented by the Board, the registered shareholders will be required to exchange their Common Share certificates representing pre-consolidation Common Shares for new Common Share certificates representing post-consolidation Common Shares. Following the determination of the consolidation ratio by the Board and as soon as possible following the effective date of the Share Consolidation, the registered shareholders will be sent a transmittal letter by the Company's transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada. The letter of transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal") will contain instructions on how to surrender Common Share certificate(s) representing pre-consolidation Common Shares to the transfer agent. The transfer agent will forward to each registered shareholder who has sent the required documents a new Common Share certificate representing the number of post-consolidation Common Shares to which the Shareholder is entitled. Until surrendered, each Common Share certificate representing pre-consolidation Common Shares of the Company will be deemed for all purposes to represent the number of whole post-consolidation Common Shares to which the holder is entitled as a result of the Share Consolidation. Shareholders should not destroy any Common Share certificate(s) and should not submit any Common Share certificate(s) until requested to do so. The method of delivery of certificates representing Common Shares and the Letter of Transmittal and all other required documents will be at the option and risk of the person surrendering them. It is recommended that such documents be delivered by hand to Computershare Trust Company of Canada, at the address noted in the Letter of Transmittal, and a receipt obtained therefore, or, if mailed, that registered mail, with return receipt requested, be used and that proper insurance be obtained.

# Common Shares to which the holder is entitled as a result of the Share Consolidation

Shareholders should not destroy any Common Share certificate(s) and should not submit any Common Share certificate(s) until requested to do so. The method of delivery of certificates representing Common Shares and the Letter of Transmittal and all other required documents will be at the option and risk of the person surrendering them. It is recommended that such documents be delivered by hand to Computershare Trust Company of Canada, at the address noted in the Letter of Transmittal, and a receipt obtained therefore, or, if mailed, that registered mail, with return receipt requested, be used and that proper insurance be obtained.

# Procedure for Implementing the Share Consolidation

If the special resolution is approved by the Shareholders and the Board decides to implement the Share Consolidation, the Company will promptly file Articles of Amendment pursuant to the CBCA to amend the Articles of the Company. The Share Consolidation will become effective on the date shown in the Certificate of Amendment issued pursuant to the CBCA.

# No Dissent Rights

Under the CBCA, Shareholders do not have dissent and appraisal rights with respect to the proposed Share Consolidation.

#### Special Resolution

The CBCA requires that any consolidation of shares must be approved by a special resolution of the shareholders of that corporation, being a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the shareholders who voted in respect of that resolution.

The text of the special resolution to be voted on at the Meeting by the Shareholders is set forth below.

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT as a special resolution of the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders"):

- 1. The articles of the Company be amended to change the number of issued and outstanding common shares of the Company (the "Common Shares") by consolidating the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company on the basis of one (1) new Common Share for up to one thousand (1,000) existing pre-consolidation Common Shares of the Company or for such other lesser whole or fractional number of existing Common Shares and in more than one consolidation that the directors, in their sole discretion, determine to be appropriate (the "Share Consolidation"), and in the event that the Share Consolidation would otherwise result in a holder of Common Shares holding a fraction of a Common Share, such holder shall not receive any whole new Common Shares for each such fraction, such amendment to become effective at a date in the future to be determined by the directors of the Company.
- 2. Any director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to execute and deliver or cause to be delivered Articles of Amendment to the Registrar under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* at such time as the directors determines to implement the Share Consolidation.
- 3. Notwithstanding that this special resolution has been duly passed by the holders of the Common Shares of the Company, the directors of the Company may in their sole discretion revoke this special resolution in whole or in part at any time prior to its being given effect without further notice to, or approval of, the holders of the Common Shares of the Company.
- 4. Any one director or officer of the Company be and the same is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company to execute or cause to be executed, and to deliver or cause to be delivered all such documents and filings, and to do or cause to be done all such acts and things, as in the opinion of such director or officer may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out the terms of this resolution, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such documents or the doing of any such act or thing."

The Board believes that, in the future, a Share Consolidation may be in the best interests of the Company and that, at this time, it is in the best interests of the Company to obtain shareholder approval for such a future Share Consolidation. Therefore, the Board unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favor of the special resolution.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed proxy form intend to vote proxies given in respect of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof in favour of the Share Consolidation.

# COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE AND ANALYSIS

COPL is committed to best practices in corporate governance, disclosure and transparency. This discussion of compensation practices at COPL is intended to provide a clear understanding of our compensation objectives and programs.

# **COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY**

COPL's policies and practices for executive compensation are linked to its strategic business objectives, including shareholder returns. Within that framework, the overall philosophy is to compensate executives based on performance, at a level competitive with our peers, and in a manner designed to attract and retain a talented leadership team focused on managing COPL's operations, finances and assets.

Our compensation programs are designed to meet performance and competitiveness objectives and ensure pay-forperformance; rewards are directly linked to planned performance for COPL and its divisions. Individual performance and contribution are considered in determining awards. Measures are aligned with financial and nonfinancial goals and shareholder interests. In determining base salary, and annual cash and long-term incentives for executive officers, the Compensation Committee (the "**Committee**") considers the individual's performance and recommendations from the CEO, CFO and senior Vice Presidents for their respective direct reports, in the context of market data provided by management. The Committee recommends all payments and grants of options for executive officers to the Board or independent directors for approval.

# **RISK CONSIDERATIONS IN EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's compensation practices to ensure they do not encourage executives to take risks that could have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Compensation Committee has discussed the concept of risk as it relates to the compensation programs and does not believe that the compensation program encourages excessive or inappropriate risk taking.

The compensation program is designed to align management's interests with the Company's business objectives and performance. The following characteristics of the compensation program are designed with this in mind:

- base salary is fixed to provide steady income regardless of share price and therefore does not encourage excessive risk-taking;
- the pay mix is such that it ensures sufficient fixed compensation that in total represents a mix of short, medium and long term rewards;
- bonus amounts are linked to performance and are only paid out on the approval of the Committee and the Board for the Named Executive Officers; and
- equity awards are only issued on a periodic basis which helps to ensure that performance aligns with shareholders' interests.

# **COMPENSATION OBJECTIVES**

Our compensation programs include three components: base salary, annual cash incentive and long-term incentive. We assess total compensation and consider the competitiveness of each component, both individually and in the aggregate. The overall goal is to provide total compensation for experienced, top-performing employees as compared to peer companies. COPL's position is compared against the peer market annually. For more details, please see the Compensation Committee Report included in this Information Circular.

The Board continues to monitor the competitiveness of the compensation and the risks associated with such compensation.

No NEO or director is permitted to purchase financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the NEO or director.

# **COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The Named Executive Officers ("NEO") of the Company are defined as follows:

- (a) each Chief Executive Officer (CEO) meaning an individual who served as CEO of the Company or acted in a similar capacity for any part of the most recently completed financial year;
- (b) each Chief Financial Officer (CFO) meaning an individual who served as CFO of the Company or acted in a similar capacity for any part of the most recently completed financial year;
- (c) each of the Company's three most highly compensated executive officers, including any of its subsidiaries, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, who were serving as executive officers at the end of the most recently completed financial year and whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 for that financial year; and

(d) any additional individuals for whom disclosure would have been provided under (c) except that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Company, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of the most recently completed financial year.

# SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table provides a summary of compensation earned by the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the three other most highly compensated officers. In 2019, due to the financial circumstances of COPL, the Compensation Committee was of the view that all compensation decisions should be handled by the Board and the Board put in place several measures to conserve cash pending fund-raising. This was continued in 2021 until the Company completed its acquisition of Atomic Oil & Gas LLC and its subsidiaries. The following amounts are in Canadian dollars.

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Name and Principal Position	Year Ended Dec 31	Salary (\$)	Share- based awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Option- based awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Annual incentive plans <sup>(3)</sup>	Long-term incentive plans	Pension value (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	All other compensation (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Total compensation (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>
Arthur S. Millholland <sup>(6)</sup> President and Chief	2022	671,700 <sup>(7)</sup>	Nil	1,216,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,888,200
Executive Officer	2021	471,500	Nil	Nil	126,300	Nil	Nil	Nil	597,800
(Appointed on August 7, 2009)	2020	374,200 (543,100 paid) <sup>(8)</sup>	Nil	416,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	790,200
Ryan Gaffney	2022	580,800	Nil	759,400	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,340,200
Chief Financial Officer (Appointed on July 2, 2020)	2021	404,100	Nil	Nil	125,600	Nil	Nil	Nil	529,700
	2020	274,700 <sup>(9)</sup> (321,500 paid) <sup>(10)</sup>	Nil	91,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	365,700
Rod Christensen	2022	412,000 (7)	Nil	139,400	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	551,400
Vice-President, Exploration and Exploitation (Appointed on January 9,	2021	275,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	275,000
(Appointed on January 9, 2012)	2020	231,100 (268,300 paid) <sup>(8)</sup>	Nil	37,200	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	268,300
Richard Mays	2022	316,500 (7)	Nil	139,400	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	455,900
Vice-President, Business Development and General Counsel (Appointed on September 1, 2014)	2021	316,500	Nil	Nil	62,800	Nil	Nil	Nil	379,300
	2020	256,300 (313,900 paid) <sup>(8)</sup>	Nil	37,200	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	293,500
Robert Dion	2022	254,400	Nil	139,400	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	393,800
Vice-President, Finance and Controller (Appointed on October 18, 2011)	2021	42,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	42,000

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Notes:

1. The Company did not grant share-based awards and has no pension plans.

2. Option-based awards reflect the grant date fair value of options that is estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The indicated amounts are fair value calculations rather than payments by the Company to the NEO. The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of options on the date of the grant, for inclusion as stock-based compensation expense during the financial year ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2020:

	2022	2020
Risk free interest rate	1.42%	-0.139%
Weighted average life (years)	3.0	3.0
Expected volatility	90%	90%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%

- 3. Bonuses, if any, are approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee and paid in the year following the financial year in respect of which they are awarded.
- 4. All other compensation is comprised of perquisites not generally available to all employees and that in aggregate were worth less than \$50,000 or 10% of the NEO's total salary or consulting fees for the financial year and also includes termination payments.
- 5. Total compensation is comprised in part of option-based awards that are fair value calculations and were not paid by the Company nor received by the NEO.
- 6. The individual is also a director of the Company but does not receive any additional compensation for acting in such capacity.
- 7. The remuneration includes payment for unused holiday days.
- 8. The remuneration paid also includes 2019 unpaid remuneration and payment for unused holiday days.
- 9. The total amount represents remuneration from July 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020 and consulting fees for the period from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.
- 10. The amount includes remuneration paid from July 2, 2020 to December 31, 2020, consulting fees paid for the period from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 and payment of outstanding 2019 consulting fees.

#### STOCK OPTION PLAN SUMMARY

The existing stock option plan (the "**Stock Option Plan**") was approved and adopted by the Board of the Company on March 28, 2019.

Management believes that the purpose of the Stock Option Plan should be to assist the Company in securing and retaining key personnel of outstanding ability and to motivate such personnel to exert their best efforts on behalf of the Company by providing incentives through the granting of options pursuant to the provisions of the Stock Option Plan. Under the terms of the Stock Option Plan, options may be granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company. The number of shares authorized to be issued under the terms of the Stock Option Plan shall not exceed 10% of the number of outstanding Common Shares of the Company, being 34,541,871 Common Shares as of the date of the Information Circular. In determining the number of stock options to be granted, the Compensation Committee, upon the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, considers the number and remaining term of options currently held, and the responsibilities, functions and the performance of the employee.

Certain directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company have been granted stock options pursuant to option agreements with the Company.

The Stock Option Plan provides for 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company to be reserved for granting of options to directors, officers, employees and consultants ("**Participants**") pursuant to the Stock Option Plan less any Common Shares reserved for issuance under any other stock based compensation plan. Currently there are 18,020,796 options to acquire Common Shares outstanding being 5.2% of the currently outstanding Common Shares. The price payable upon the exercise of any option is set at the time of the grant, subject to regulatory requirements. The option price must not be less than the market price of the Common Shares defined as the closing market price on the CSE on the trading day immediately prior to the grant. The Stock Option Plan restricts the granting of options to any one Participant, within a one year period, to 5% of the outstanding Common Shares. Grants of options are based on a number of factors which are determined to be relevant at the date of the grant.

#### OTHER STOCK BASED COMPENSATION PLANS

The Company does not have any other stock based compensation plan.

#### **PENSION PLAN BENEFITS**

The Company does not have any defined benefit or defined contribution pension plans or deferred compensation plans for NEO's.

#### **OPTIONS OUTSTANDING AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022**

The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company's Stock Option Plan, as at December 2022.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (\$/Sh) (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	18,020,796	0.55	9,512,401
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	N/A	N/A
Total	18,020,796		9,512,401

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information as at December 31, 2022**

# OUTSTANDING SHARE-BASED AWARDS AND OPTION-BASED AWARDS

The following table presents details of all outstanding share-based awards and outstanding unvested share-based awards for the NEOs at December 31, 2022.

		Option-b	ased Awards	Share-based Awards <sup>(3)</sup>			
Name	Number of Securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$/Share)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Number of shares or units or shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share based awards not paid out or distributed (\$)
Arthur S. Millholland	1,244,988	0.59 <sup>(2)</sup>	Sept 14, 2025	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Arthur S. Millholland	3,928,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ryan Gaffney	272,396	0.59 <sup>(2)</sup>	Sept 14, 2025	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ryan Gaffney	2,452,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rod Christensen	111,198	0.59 <sup>(2)</sup>	Sept 14, 2025	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rod Christensen	450,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Richard Mays	111,198	$0.59^{(2)}$	Sept 14, 2025	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Richard Mays	450,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Robert Dion	450,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	9,469,780						

Notes:

1. Calculated as the difference between the \$0.32 closing price of COPL Common Shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange on December 31, 2022 and the exercise price of the option. All options were vested at that date.

2. The post-consolidation option exercise price was adjusted to £0.35 and \$0.59 is the equivalent amount in Canadian dollars calculated using the exchange rate on September 14, 2020.

3. No share-based awards are held by any NEO.

# **INCENTIVE PLAN AWARDS**

The following table presents details of all awards for the NEOs that vested in the most recently completed calendar year.

Name	Option-based awards–Value vested during the year <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Share-based awards–Value vested during the year <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation–Value earned during the year (\$)
Arthur S. Millholland	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ryan Gaffney	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rod Christensen	Nil	Nil	Nil
Richard Mays	Nil	Nil	Nil
Robert Dion	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil

Notes:

- 1. All options vested on the grant date so had no immediate in-the-money value.
- 2. No share-based awards are held by any NEO.

#### **GRANTS AND EXERCISES AFTER THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

From the end of the last fiscal period to the date of this Information Circular, there were no options granted to directors, officers and employees.

From the end of the last fiscal period to the date of this Information Circular, no options were exercised by directors, officers, consultants or employees.

From the end of the last fiscal period to the date of this Information Circular, no options have expired or forfeited in 2023 until the date of the Information Circular.

A total of 18,020,796 options are outstanding as at the date of the Information Circular.

# TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, CHANGE IN RESPONSIBILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

The Company may terminate an NEO without just cause at any time by giving the NEO written notice of such termination and a payment of 1.5 times the Annual Base Salary (as defined in the employment contract) plus 1.5 times the last bonus together with 18 times the Company's monthly contributions to all benefits the NEO received. Aside from Mr. Mays, the NEO may terminate employment in the sixty (60) day period following a Change of Control, by giving the Company thirty (30) days written notice of his/her intent to do so, in which case the Company shall pay the NEO 1.5 times the Annual Base Salary plus 1.5 times the last bonus together with 18 times the Company's monthly contributions to all benefits the NEO received. In the event of termination for just cause, no payment is required and all unexercised options terminate.

Mr. Mays does not have a right to receive a payment based on a previous bonus in the event of termination and does not have a Change of Control provision.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of:

- (a) a person or persons acting jointly or in concert (as determined by the *Securities Act* (Alberta)), whether directly or indirectly, comes to beneficially own or exercise control or direction of thirty (30%) percent or thirty-five (35%) percent or more of the voting securities of COPL, whether through the acquisition of previously issued and outstanding voting securities, or voting securities that have not been previously issued, or any combination thereof, or any other transaction having a similar effect;
- (b) Thirty (30%) percent or thirty-five (35%) percent or more of the issued and outstanding voting securities of COPL become subject to a voting trust;
- (c) an amalgamation, arrangement, merger, or other consolidation or combination of COPL with another person or person;

- (d) a liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of COPL; or
- (e) the sale, lease, transfer, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of COPL, whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions over a period not exceeding two years; or the occurrence of any other transaction or arrangement which would have a similar effect as those matters referred to in subsections (a) to (e) above.

#### **DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION**

Directors receive compensation from the Company for services in their capacity as directors. Annual retainers paid to the independent directors are \$150,000 to the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board, \$75,000 to the other independent directors, \$25,000 to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, \$15,000 to the Chairman of each of the other committees and \$2,000 to each committee member. Independent directors also receive a fee of \$1,500 for each director's meeting and committee meeting attended. They are also compensated through grants of stock options. The Board believes that the compensation of independent directors realistically reflects the responsibilities and risk involved in being an effective director.

Please see the following chart for a summary of the fees paid to directors in 2022.

Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Fees earned \$	Share- based awards \$ <sup>(2)</sup>	Option- based awards \$ <sup>(3)</sup>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation \$	Pension value \$	All other compensation \$	Total \$
Harald H. Ludwig	188,500 (95,000 paid)	Nil	449,100	Nil	Nil	Nil	637,600
Massimo C. Carello	116,500 (58,000 paid)	Nil	247,800	Nil	Nil	Nil	364,300
John F. Cowan	147,000 (71,000 paid)	Nil	247,800	Nil	Nil	Nil	394,800
Robert J. Chenery <sup>(4)</sup>	85,500 (27,500 paid)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	85,500
Nigel Little <sup>(5)</sup>	100,500 (51,000 paid)	Nil	154,900	Nil	Nil	Nil	255,400
TOTAL	638,000	Nil	1,099,600	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,737,600

#### **2022 Director Compensation Table**

Notes:

1. Disclosure for those directors who also act as officers has been disclosed in the Summary Compensation table on page 13.

2. No share-based awards are held by any director.

3. Option-based awards reflect the grant date fair value of options that is estimated using the Black Scholes option pricing model. The indicated amounts are fair value calculations rather than payments by the Company to the NEO. The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of options on the date of grant, for inclusion as stock-based compensation expense during the financial year ended December 31, 2022.

	2022
Risk free interest rate	1.42%
Weighted average life (years)	3.0
Expected volatility	90%
Expected dividend yield	0%

4. Mr. Chenery was appointed on April 1, 2022.

5. Mr. Little resigned as a director on January 22, 2023.

The following table sets forth for each non-management director all outstanding option-based awards and sharebased awards outstanding at December 31, 2022.

	Option-based Awards				Share-based Awards <sup>(4)</sup>		
Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$/Share)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Number of shares or units or shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share- based awards that have not vested (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed (\$)
Harald H. Ludwig	389,193	0.59 <sup>(5)</sup>	Sept 14, 2025	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Harald H. Ludwig	1,450,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Massimo C. Carello	222,396	$0.59^{(5)}$	Sept 14, 2025	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Massimo C. Carello	800,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
John F. Cowan	277,995	$0.59^{(5)}$	Sept 14, 2025	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
John F. Cowan	800,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Robert J. Chenery <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nigel Little <sup>(3)</sup>	500,000	0.54	Jan 29, 2027	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	4,439,584						

Notes:

- 1. Disclosure for those directors who also act as officers has been disclosed in the Summary Compensation table on pages 13 and 14.
- 2. Mr. Chenery was appointed as a director on April 1, 2022.
- 3. Mr. Little resigned as a director on January 22, 2023.
- 4. Calculated as the difference between the \$0.32 closing price of COPL Common Shares on the Canadian Securities Exchange on December 31, 2022 and the exercise price of the option. All options were vested at that date.
- 5. The post-consolidation option exercise price was adjusted to £0.35 and \$0.59 is the equivalent amount in Canadian dollars calculated using the exchange rate on September 14, 2020.
- 6. No share-based awards are held by any director.

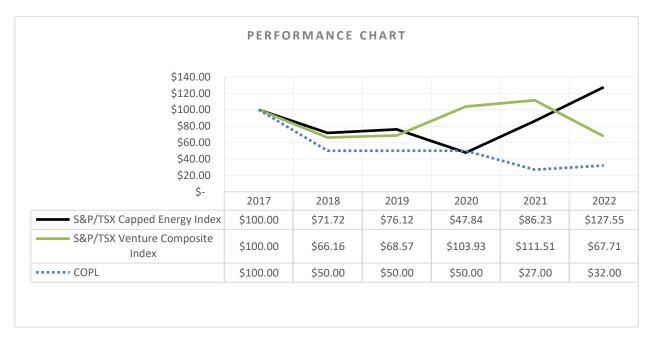
The following table sets forth for each non-management director, the value of option-based awards and share-based awards vested during 2022 and the value of non-equity incentive plan compensation earned during the financial year ended December 31, 2022.

Name	Option-based awards Value vested during the year (\$)	Share-based awards Value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation Value earned during the year (\$)
Harald H. Ludwig	Nil	Nil	Nil
Massimo C. Carello	Nil	Nil	Nil
John F. Cowan	Nil	Nil	Nil
Robert J. Chenery <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nigel Little <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil	Nil

Note:

- 1. All options vested on the grant date so had no immediate in the money value.
- 2. Mr. Chenery was appointed a director on April 1, 2022.
- 3. Mr. Little resigned as a director on January 22, 2023.

#### **PERFORMANCE GRAPH**



The above chart illustrates the Company's cumulative shareholder total return for last five years ended December 31, 2022 as measured by the average closing price of the Company's Common Shares each year, assuming an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2017, compared to the indexes' total return during that time.

The Company operates in a commodity business and the Common Share price is directly impacted by the market prices for oil and natural gas, which fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors that are difficult to predict and beyond the Company's control. The Compensation Committee evaluates financial performance by reference to the Company's operating performance. The Compensation Committee believes that this method of evaluation favours long-term Common Share price performance and that this is more appropriate than a focus on short-term Common Share price fluctuations that may be caused by prevailing economic and industry conditions.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board has established five committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Reserves Committee and the Health, Safety and Environment Committee. All committees are comprised of independent directors except the Reserve Committee and the Health, Safety and Environment Committee which has management participation.

The Audit Committee reviews the annual financial statements of COPL and meets with the external independent auditors to review and consider audit procedures and to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of COPL's policies, business practices, internal controls and management information systems which impact the financial integrity of COPL. The members of the Audit Committee have direct access to the external auditors of COPL. The Audit Committee also reviews the unaudited quarterly financial statements and management's discussion and analysis of financial results.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for ensuring that an appropriate corporate governance system is in place for the Board's overall stewardship responsibility and the discharge of its obligations to the stakeholders of the Company. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is also responsible for proposing new nominees to the Board and for assessing the overall performance of the Board and the committees of the Board.

The Reserves Committee is mandated to review the selection of COPL's independent engineers, review the reserves estimates and evaluations prepared by such engineers, including methodologies applied, and review the procedures for providing, and the reliability of, the information COPL's independent engineers relied upon in their work.

The Compensation Committee determines policies for executive compensation, including key human resources policies, the remuneration policy, reviewing management's recommendations and the compensation and performance objectives of COPL's executive officers, and recommending to the Board any bonuses to be paid.

The Health, Safety and Environment Committee provides advice and makes recommendations to the Board of COPL and all of the corporation's fully owned subsidiaries, in fulfilling its health, safety and environment ("**HSE**") responsibilities to employees, contractors and the communities in which it operates. The role of the Committee is to support and advise the Board to enable it to meet its responsibilities in relation to compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and also to ensure the development, implementation and monitoring of the COPL's policies, standards and practices are leading edge in HSE stewardship.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee is directly responsible for appointing (subject to shareholder approval), compensating and overseeing auditors. The auditor is accountable to and reports directly to the Committee, and understands that it must maintain an open and transparent relationship with the Committee, as a representative of the shareholders.

The Committee assists the Board in overseeing internal accounting and financial reporting controls, internal and external audit processes, and implementation of the Code of Business Conduct. Mr. John Cowan, Chairman of the Audit Committee, pre-approves non-audit services on behalf of the Audit Committee.

Management is responsible for our internal controls and financial reporting process. The auditors are responsible for performing and reporting on an independent audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements according to generally accepted auditing standards. The Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

# Key Activities in 2022

- Met privately *in camera* with the auditors every quarter as well as at year-end prior to each audit committee meeting
- Met separately with management to review financial statements and year-end financial statements and MD&A for December 31, 2022 and the interim periods
- Reviewed and approved Audit Services Plan
- Pre-approved non-audit fees to be paid to auditor
- Recommended acceptance of the statements for filing on SEDAR and dissemination to shareholders
- Reviewed and approved Annual Information Form
- Reviewed report on internal control testing
- Reviewed enhanced reporting
- Reviewed mandate of Audit Committee

# **Audit Partner Rotation**

In compliance with applicable rules, the lead audit partner of our auditor is replaced every five years.

# **Auditor Engagement**

Before the auditor is engaged by COPL or its subsidiaries to render audit or non-audit services, the engagement is approved by the Committee. All audit-related, tax and other services provided by the auditor, have been approved by the Committee.

For a copy of the Audit Committee's Charter and certain other information, please see Appendix D of the Annual Information Form for COPL filed on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. A copy of such document will be provided free of charge to a shareholder.

# Submitted on behalf of the Audit Committee:

John F. Cowan (Chairman) Massimo C. Carello Harald H. Ludwig

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee assists the Board in overseeing implementation of our corporate governance programs, recommending nominees for director appointments and evaluating the Board to ensure COPL is implementing best-in-class corporate governance practices.

# **Principles and Systems for the Management of Corporate Governance**

COPL's Board and management are committed to best practices in corporate governance as evidenced by the Committee's annual activities and its commitment to continuous improvement.

Our governance practices are reported in Schedule A which sets out our compliance in regard to National Instrument 58-101 - Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices.

The Board exercises its independent supervision over the Company's management through a combination of formal meetings of the Board as well as informal discussions amongst the Board members. The independent directors can also hold scheduled meetings at which non- independent directors and members of management are not in attendance. Where matters arise at Board meetings which require decision making and evaluation that is independent of management and interested directors, the meeting breaks into an *in camera* session among the independent and disinterested directors. *In camera* sessions are scheduled at the beginning and end of each Board meeting. Shareholders may obtain a copy of National Instrument 58-101 at the Alberta Securities Commission website at www.albertasecurities.com.

# **Identifying Qualified Candidates for Board and Committee Appointments**

The Committee reviews the make-up of the Board and committee appointments of all directors annually and makes recommendations to the Board. The Committee considers the independence tests set out in our categorical standards, together with the skills and preferences of the directors, in making its recommendations.

# **Performance Evaluations**

The full Board participates in the assessment of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and the contribution of individual directors through discussions and written evaluations.

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

Mr. Millholland, President of the Company, conducts an orientation for any new directors.

The Board encourages continuing education for directors. Directors maintain the skill and knowledge necessary to meet their obligations as directors through a combination of their existing education, experience as businessmen and managers, service as directors of other issuers and advice from the Company's legal counsel, auditor and other advisers.

# Key Activities in 2022

- Reviewed composition of the Board, committees and committees and chairs of committees
- Reviewed mandate of Corporate Governance Committee
- Reviewed policies and other mandates

#### **Committee Approval**

The Committee has reviewed and discussed the corporate governance disclosure in this document and has recommended to the Board that it be included in the Information Circular.

Submitted on behalf of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee:

Harald H. Ludwig (Chairman) Massimo C. Carello John F. Cowan

# **RESERVES COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Reserves Committee assists the Board in meeting its responsibilities to review the qualifications, experience, reserve evaluation approach and costs of the independent engineering firms that perform the reserve evaluation, contingent and prospectus resources evaluation and to review annual independent engineering reports. The Committee reviews, and recommends for approval by the Board at least on an annual basis, the statements of reserve data and other information specified in Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 51-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities.

# Key Activities in 2022

- Received regular updates on reserves-related regulatory developments
- Discussed the appointment of independent qualified reserves evaluators and their engagements for other services
- Reviewed the process for determining the mid-year and year-end reserves estimates, including procedures for providing information to the independent qualified reserves evaluators
- Reviewed the process for determining the mid-year contingent and prospective resources estimates, including procedures for providing information to the independent qualified reserves evaluators
- Assessed and revised the reserves policy in light of regulatory developments and best practices
- *In camera* meeting with independent engineers to determine support and transparency of COPL personnel and information available to them and to confirm the results of independent evaluation
- Assessed and reviewed reserves report after acquisition of the assets of Cuda Energy LLC

# **Committee Approval**

The Committee has met with management and recommended approval of COPL's annual reserves report and related oil and gas disclosures to the Audit Committee and the Board.

# Submitted on behalf of the Reserves Committee:

Robert J. Chenery (Chairman) Arthur S. Millholland John F. Cowan

#### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Compensation Committee assists the Board in overseeing key compensation and human resources policies, CEO and executive management compensation, and executive management succession and development. The Committee reports to the Board, as set out in its mandate, and the Board or independent directors give final approval to compensation matters. It is comprised solely of independent directors. The Compensation Committee makes specific recommendations regarding compensation of the Company's executive officers, including the objectives of the compensation program, what the program is designed to reward and the elements of compensation.

The Company's policy is to provide a total package which will both attract and retain qualified executive officers and employees and at the same time closely link incentives to corporate performance and increases in shareholder value. Currently the compensation program for employees of the Company is composed of salary and benefits, a possible bonus and stock options as more particularly described below.

The Company's executive compensation program has been designed to attract and retain highly qualified and motivated individuals, and to provide fair and competitive compensation in accordance with industry standards and with the individual's expertise and experience. The compensation program consists of three principal components: (i) base salaries; (ii) annual bonuses; and (iii) stock options. Compensation is more heavily weighted towards long-term compensation through the granting of stock options in order to align the interests of officers and employees with the performance of the Company and with the interests of shareholders. The Compensation Committee reviews the various aspects of the compensation program from time to time to ensure its effectiveness and whether it adequately reflects the Company's business objectives.

1. <u>Base Salary:</u> base salary is paid on the basis of position held and related responsibilities and functions performed by the executive officer, having regard to base salary ranges for similar positions in a comparative group. In addition, individual and corporate performance is taken into account.

The annual base salaries for the President and Chief Executive Officer and for the Chief Financial Officer are intended to be comparable to amounts paid to executives of similar sized companies in Canada and the USA. The overall goal is to provide total compensation for experienced, top-performing employees in the top quartile as compared to peer companies. Salary increases for each executive are established based on the performance of the executive and competitiveness with the market. The Compensation Committee also takes into account the Company's stage of development, operational and financial performance. As the Company matures and increases revenues, the Compensation Committee intends to review the appropriateness of executive compensation levels. This is typically determined by periodically participating in third party salary surveys, engaging with independent advisors and, as well as by reviewing other external market data.

2. <u>Bonuses:</u> A discretionary bonus, based upon performance during the year, is available to executive officers.

Each of the executive officers is eligible for an annual bonus based on the performance of the Company, including performance relative to its peers, and on the officer's individual performance. Bonuses are generally paid by March 31 of the year following the financial year ended December 31 in respect of which any bonuses are awarded. Factors considered in determining bonus amounts include financial criteria such as cash flow, net earnings and share price performance, as well as operational criteria such as growth in oil production volumes, operating cost efficiencies, safety record and reserve growth on an absolute basis and on a per share basis.

3. <u>Stock Options:</u> The Company's long-term incentive program involves the granting of stock options to the executive officers as well as employees and consultants of the Company. The purpose of the Stock Option Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by encouraging directors, officers, employees, consultants and other eligible service providers of the Company and its subsidiaries to acquire Common Shares, thereby increasing their proprietary interest in the Company, encouraging them to remain associated with the Company and furnishing them with additional incentive in their efforts on behalf of the Company in the conduct of its affairs.

The Named Executive Officers' compensation is comprised of the components described above and determined in accordance with the parameters and principles discussed above. Stock options are granted on the basis of the level of responsibility and to maintain a competitive level with industry counterparts.

In summary, the Committee believes that long term shareholder value will be enhanced by compensation that is closely aligned with corporate performance achievement, and the policies of the Company are intended to reflect that belief.

#### **Relevant Experience of Compensation Committee Members**

	Status	Relevant Education and Experience
Massimo C. Carello	Compensation experience and independent	Mr. Carello has over 40 years of international senior management and board level experience, who in the past ten years has operated as an independent businessman providing services as a consultant and managing his own investment portfolio. Mr. Carello is the Chair of the Company's Compensation Committee. Mr. Carello was a director of Canaccord Genuity Group Inc. from August 2008 until August 2018. Before moving to the UK in 1990, Mr. Carello was the President and Managing Director of Carello Group SpA. The company was the third largest European headlamp producer before being sold to the Fiat Group. Mr. Carello is a Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Francis I of the Two Sicilies, and has a degree in Political and International Sciences from the University of Turin.
Harald H. Ludwig	Compensation experience and independent	Mr. Ludwig has over 30 years of extensive business and investment experience, and is currently the President of Ludwig Investments Corp (a diversified private equity investment company). Mr. Ludwig is the Chairman of the Board and the Chair of the Company's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. He was a Director of Seaspan Corporation (NYSE) from August 2012 until April 2018. He is a founding partner or private equity investor in a number of North American and international private equity firms, hedge funds, mezzanine lenders, growth capital providers, distressed investment firms and real estate investment vehicles.

# Key Activities in 2022

- Reviewed compensation philosophy
- Reviewed existing compensation programs and investigated methods of improving the administration of the programs
- Review of compensation and remuneration policy for employees
- Reviewed performance objectives, compensation and benefits package for CEO, CFO and senior management positions

# **Committee Approval**

The Committee has reviewed and discussed the compensation disclosure included in this document, including the information in the Compensation Overview section on pages 12 to 17, in the Directors' Compensation section on pages 17 to 19 and in the Compensation Committee Report on pages 26 to 27, and has recommended to the Board that it be included in the Information Circular.

# Submitted on behalf of the Compensation Committee:

Massimo C. Carello (Chairman) Harald H. Ludwig

# HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Health, Safety and Environment Committee provides advice and makes recommendations to the Board of COPL and all of the Company's fully owned subsidiaries, in fulfilling its HSE responsibilities to employees, contractors and the communities in which it operates. The role of the Committee is to support and advise the Board to enable it to meet its responsibilities in relation to compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and also to ensure the development, implementation and monitoring of the COPL's policies, standards and practices are leading edge in HSE stewardship

# Key Activities in 2022

- Identified HSE program gaps and began developing the policies/procedures/protocols required to support regional regulatory compliance
- Training
- Development of HSE culture
- Implementation of Inspections, Audits and Reviews
- Process Safety Manual (PSM) Development & Training
- Fire Plan and Training
- Emergency Response Plan Stages of Formal Development and Documentation

#### **Committee Approval**

The Health, Safety and Environment Operations Committee has met with management and recommended approval of COPL's annual health, safety and environment report and related disclosures to the Health, Safety and Environment Committee and the Board.

# Submitted on behalf of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee:

John F. Cowan (Chairman) Arthur S. Millholland Massimo C. Carello Robert J. Chenery

# INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

No present or former executive officers, directors or employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or their associates, are or have been indebted to the Company since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year of the Company (i.e. January 1, 2022), other than routine indebtedness for travel or expense advances. In addition, no indebtedness of any of these persons to another entity is or has been the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year.

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

Management of the Company is not aware of any material interest of any director or nominee for director or senior officer or anyone who has held office as such since the beginning of the Company's last financial year (i.e. January 1, 2022) or of any associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting, except as disclosed herein or in the Annual Information Form.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as disclosed below, the Company is not aware of any material interest, direct or indirect, of any informed person of the Company, any proposed director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year (i.e. January 1, 2022) or in any proposed transaction of the Company which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries. An "informed person" is (a) director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of the Company, or (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of the Company or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Company.

#### 1. Related Employment

The Company employs a family member of a member of key management under normal commercial terms. Total salary and benefits paid to the individual for the year ended December 31, 2022 amounted to \$288,000 (2021 - \$168,000). In addition, on January 29, 2022, this individual was granted 400,000 stock options to acquire Common Shares of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.54 per share. The options vested immediately and expire five years from the date of grant.

During the year ended 2021, a family member of a member of key management provided consulting services under normal commercial terms. Total consulting fee paid to this individual for the year ended December 31, 2021 amounted to \$1,500. No such services were provided by this individual during the year ended December 31, 2022.

The Audit Committee Charter requires the Audit Committee to review material related party transactions. There are no other specific policies and procedures for the review, approval or ratification of transactions with related persons. The Company believes that existing legal protections are sufficient. The *Canada Business Corporations Act* requires a director or an officer of a corporation to disclose to the corporation the nature and extent of any interest that he or she has in a material contract or material transaction with the corporation, and to refrain from voting on any resolution to approve the contract or transaction. In addition, there are rules under the Canadian securities laws for the protection of minority security holders in certain special transactions, including related party transactions. Those rules may require, depending on the circumstances and subject to the availability of certain exemptions, disclosure, a formal valuation, independent director review and minority shareholder approval.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company is on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Securityholders who wish to obtain copies of the Company's financial statements and Management's Discussion & Analysis may contact the Company at Suite 3200, 715 - 5th Avenue SW, Calgary Alberta T2P 2X6 or call the Company at 1-403-262-5441.

Financial information is provided in the Company's audited consolidated comparative financial statements and Management's Discussion & Analysis as well as the Annual Information Form for its most recently completed financial year.

# **DIRECTORS' APPROVAL**

This Information Circular and the sending thereof to Shareholders have been authorized by the Board.

## **SCHEDULE A**

# CANADIAN OVERSEAS PETROLEUM LIMITED

# STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

# **Statement of Corporate Governance Practices**

COPL's board of directors (the "**Board**") believes in the importance of maintaining sound corporate governance practices, and has therefore established the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee to periodically review, evaluate and modify governance processes as necessary. The following table summarizes COPL's governance procedures according to National Instrument 58-101 and the *Canada Business Corporations* Act.

Guideline 1. Board of Directors			
(a) Disclose the identity of directors who are independent	The independent directors Massimo C. Carello Harald H. Ludwig John F. Cowan Robert J. Chenery	s are:	
(b) Disclose the identity of directors who are not independent, and describe the basis for that determination		esident and Chief Executive Offi	icer
(c) Disclose whether or not a majority of directors are independent	A majority of the Board is	s independent.	
(d) If a director is presently a director of	Name of Director	Other Directorship	Stock Exchange Listing
any other issuer that is a reporting issuer (or the equivalent) in a jurisdiction or a foreign jurisdiction, identify both the director and the other issuer	Robert Chenery	Worldwide Resources Corp.	NEX
(e) Disclose whether or not the independent directors hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non- independent directors and members of management are not in attendance.	<ul><li>All committees consist of a majority of independent directors. <i>In camera</i> sessions are scheduled for each Board meeting.</li><li>Given the size of the Board and the nature of the Company, the Board is currently satisfied that effective communication exists with shareholders and between management and the independent Board members. The independent Board members informally but regularly communicate directly with members of the senior management team and with each other.</li></ul>		
(f) Disclose whether or not the chair of the Board is an independent director. If the Board has a chair or lead director who is an independent director, disclose the identity of the independent chair or lead director, and describe his or her role and responsibilities.	independent director. The statutory authority and o	Board of Directors is Mr. Hat e Chairman functions in a lead obligation to preside over meet ercise the powers assigned by th	dership capacity, and has a etings of the Board, and to
(f) Disclose the attendance record of each director for all Board meetings held since the beginning of the issuer's most recently completed financial year.	Arthur S. Millholland Massimo C. Carello Harald H. Ludwig John F. Cowan Nigel Little Robert J. Chenery	7 of 7 7 of 7 7 of 7 7 of 7 7 of 7 5 of 5 6 of 6	

CSA Corporate Governance Comm	ients
Guideline	
2. Board Mandate	
Disclose the text of the Board's written mandate.	The Board has adopted a mandate (see Appendix A) which includes:
	<ul> <li>adoption of a corporate strategic planning process;</li> <li>managing risks and protecting shareholder value;</li> <li>succession planning including appointing, developing and monitoring senior management;</li> <li>communications policy;</li> <li>internal corporate controls and management information systems;</li> <li>corporate governance; and</li> <li>knowledge and understanding of the business; and business conduct and integrity.</li> </ul>
3. Position Descriptions	
(a) Disclose whether or not the Board has developed written position descriptions for the chair and the chair of each Board committee.	The Board has adopted written position descriptions for the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of each Committee.
(b) Disclose whether or not the Board and CEO have developed a written position description for the CEO.	The Board has adopted a written position description for the President and Chief Executive Officer.
4. Orientation & Continuing Education	n
(a) Briefly describe what measures the Board takes to orient new directors regarding	
(i) the role of the Board, its committees and its directors, and	Mr. Millholland, President of the Company, conducts an orientation for any new directors.
(ii) the nature and operation of the issuer's business.	At each Board meeting, the Chairman reviews and discusses current business issues, challenges and opportunities. Senior managers, other COPL employees and external advisors, make periodic presentations at Board meetings on a variety of business issues and strategies. The Board members have regular access to the senior staff.
(b) Briefly describe what measures the Board takes to provide continuing education for its directors.	The Corporate Secretary provides information to the directors on external education opportunities. The Company pays tuition and expenses for courses and membership dues.
5. Ethical Business Conduct	
(a) Disclose whether or not the Board has adopted a written code for the directors, officers and employees. If the Board has adopted a written code:	The Board of Directors has approved a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the Company that is applicable to all directors, officer and employees.
(i) disclose how a person or company may obtain a copy of the code;	The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics will be mailed to anyone on request by contacting COPL's Chief Financial Officer and is posted on COPL's website and filed on SEDAR.
(ii) describe how the Board monitors compliance with its code, or if the Board does not monitor compliance	All new employees are required to read and sign off of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics as part of the orientation process.
Board does not monitor compliance, explain whether and how the Board satisfies itself regarding compliance with its code; and	Employees annually confirm compliance with COPL's policies, including the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

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(iii) provide a cross-reference to any material change report filed since the beginning of the issuer's most recently completed financial year that pertains to any conduct of a director or executive officer that constitutes a departure from the code.	The Board has not granted any waiver of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.	
(b) Describe any steps the Board takes to ensure directors exercise independent judgment in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or executive officer has a material interest.	The Board is involved in the strategic direction of the Company and also approves the annual operating and capital budgets. Major decisions outside the ordinary course of business are also within the purview of the Board. The Board reviews operations and finances compared to plan at every meeting. COPL's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics outlines the Company's conflict of	
	interest guidelines.	
	If a director has a material interest in a specific topic, they are not permitted to be present when the matter is discussed or voted upon. Care is taken to ensure all director conflicts are documented in the meeting minutes.	
(c) Describe any other steps the Board takes to encourage and promote a culture of ethical business conduct.	Ethical business conduct is a constant focus of the Board. Board members are encouraged to interact with employees and members of the management team. The Board encourages senior management to promote ethical conduct amongst all employees.	
6. Nomination of Directors		
(a) Describe the process by which the Board identifies new candidates for Board nomination.	The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying new candidates for recommendation to the Board for ultimate recommendation to the shareholders. There is no specific written process for the nomination process.	
(b) Disclose whether or not the Board has a nominating committee composed entirely of independent directors.	The nomination process is the responsibility of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, which is composed entirely of independent directors.	
(c) If the Board has a nominating committee, describe the responsibilities, powers and operation of the nominating committee.	See response in the above comments.	
7. Compensation		
(a) Describe the process by which the Board determines the compensation for the issuer's directors and officers.	The Compensation Committee receives data on salary levels from the Company and from independent surveys. Compensation is based upon top quartile levels of pee companies as determined by industry salary publications for comparable positions and on individual performance and experience in the position taking into account the Company's stage of development. All compensation levels are reviewed annually.	
(b) Disclose whether or not the Board has a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors.	Compensation matters are a responsibility of the Compensation Committee, which is composed entirely of independent directors.	

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Guideline (c) If the Board has a compensation committee, describe the responsibilities, powers and operation of the compensation committee.	The Compensation Committee is responsible for (i) reviewing the compensation philosophy and remuneration policy for employees of the Company including human resources policies and recommending to the Board changes to improve the Company's ability to recruit, retain and motivate employees; (ii) disclosure of compensation policies and analysis in regulatory filings and shareholder materials; (iii) reviewing and recommending to the Board the retainer and fees to be paid to members of the Board; (iv) reviewing and recommending to the Board performance objectives and the compensation package for the Chief Executive Officer and senior officers; (v) recommending to the Board, on the direction of the Chief Executive Officer, the compensation and benefits package for senior management positions within the Company; (vi) reviewing management's recommendations for proposed stock option or share purchase plans and benefit plans and making recommendations in respect thereof to the Board; (vii) recommending any bonuses to be paid.
8. Other Board Committees	
If the Board has standing committees other than the audit, compensation and nominating committees, identify the committees and describe their function.	The Board has no active Committees other than the Audit Committee, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Reserve Committee and the Health, Safety and Environment Committee.
9. Assessments	
Disclose whether or not the Board, its committees and individual directors are regularly assessed with respect to their effectiveness and contribution. If assessments are regularly conducted, describe the process used for the assessments. If assessments are not regularly conducted, describe how the Board satisfies itself that the Board, its committees, and its individual directors are performing effectively.	The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has the responsibility for assessing the Board's effectiveness as a whole. As the Board is small, there is significant communication among the directors with respect to effectiveness. This process examines the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and specifically reviews areas that Board members believe could be improved to ensure the continued effectiveness of the Board in the execution of its responsibilities. An assessment of each individual director is not performed. Board assessment questionnaires are distributed and reviewed periodically by the Board.
10. Director Term Limits and Other Mechanisms of Board Renewal	
	The Company has not adopted term limits as it has not been an issue to date given the current years of service of the directors.

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11. Policies Regarding the Representation of Women on the Board	
(a) Disclose whether the issuer has adopted a written policy relating to the identification and nomination of women directors. If the issuer has not adopted such a policy, disclose why it has not done so.	The Company has not adopted a written policy as potential directors are evaluated on their merits and not their sex.
(b) If an issuer has adopted a policy referred to in (a), disclose the following in respect of the policy:	N/A
(i) a short summary of its objectives and key provisions,	N/A
(ii) the measures taken to ensure that the policy has been effectively implemented,	N/A
(iii) annual and cumulative progress by the issuer in achieving the objectives of the policy, and	N/A
(iv) whether and, if so, how the board or its nominating committee measures the effectiveness of the policy.	N/A
12. Consideration of the Representation of Women in the Director Identification and Selection Process	
Disclose whether and, if so, how the board or nominating committee considers the level of representation of women on the board in identifying and nominating candidates for election or re-election to the board. If the issuer does not consider the level of representation of women on the board in identifying and nominating candidates for election or re-election to the board, disclose the issuer's reasons for not doing so.	The Board and Nominating Committee do not consider the level of representation of women on the Board in identifying and nominating candidates for election to the Board as candidates are evaluated on their merits.
13. Consideration Given to the Representation of Women in Executive Officer Appointments	
Disclose whether and, if so, how the issuer considers the level of representation of women in executive officer positions when making	The Company does not consider the level of representation of women in executive officer appointments as such appointments are made based on merits.

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executive officer appointments. If the issuer does not consider the level of representation of women in executive officer positions when making executive officer appointments, disclose the issuer's reasons for not doing so.	
14. Issuer's Targets Regarding the Representation of Women on the Board and in Executive Officer Positions	
(a) For purposes of this Item, a "target" means a number or percentage, or a range of numbers or percentages, adopted by the issuer of women on the issuer's board or in executive officer positions of the issuer by a specific date	
	The Company has not adopted a target regarding women on the Company's Board because all candidates are evaluated on their merits.
(c) Disclose whether the issuer has adopted a target regarding women in executive officer positions of the issuer. If the issuer has not adopted a target, disclose why it has not done so.	The Company has not adopted a target regarding women in executive officer positions because all candidates are evaluated on their merits.
(d) If the issuer has adopted a target referred to in either (b) or (c), disclose:	N/A
(i) the target, and	N/A
(ii) the annual and cumulative progress of the issuer in achieving the target.	N/A
<b>15. Number of Women on the Board and in Executive Officer Positions</b>	
(a) Disclose the number and proportion (in percentage terms) of directors on the issuer's board who are women.	None (0%)
(b) Disclose the number and proportion (in percentage terms) of executive officers of the issuer, including all major subsidiaries of the issuer, who are women	As of December 31, 2022 none of the Company's executive leadership team, which is comprised of the Company's executive officers, was a woman.

#### Canada Business Corporations Act – Diversity Disclosure

There are no director nominees that are a woman, an aboriginal person, a member of a visible minority or have a disability. The Board has not established a target regarding the number of women, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, or persons with Aboriginal status on the Board. The Board has determined that, at this time, additional targets would not be the most effective way of ensuring the board is comprised of individuals with diverse attributes and backgrounds.

In appointing individuals to its senior leadership team, comprised of executive offices and senior leaders reporting directly to executive officers, COPL weighs a number of factors: the skills and experience required in roles, the skills experience and attributes of prospective candidates, and the representation of women, indigenous people, visible minorities, persons with disabilities and LGBTQ+ persons in senior leadership roles.

There are no members of COPL's executive leadership team that have identified as being indigenous, a member of a visible minority or identify as having a disability.

COPL does not set representation targets in executive officer or senior leadership positions. Rather, it believes the most effective way to achieve a goal of increasing diversity at all levels of leadership is to work to achieve an inclusive and respectful workplace for all. Furthermore, we identify high potential candidates, enable the development of their skills, and make available opportunities to become effective leaders. To this end, COPL regularly evaluates its selection and development processes to identify and remove systemic barriers to advancement of minority persons.

## **SCHEDULE B**

### <u>BOARD MANDATE</u> <u>Adopted and confirmed at Board Meeting held on March 29, 2011</u> <u>and reviewed annually</u>

## **GENERAL**

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") has the responsibility to oversee the conduct of the business of the Company and to oversee the activities of management who are responsible for the day-to-day conduct of the business. The primary responsibilities of the Board are:

- (a) enhancing and preserving long term shareholder value;
- (b) ensuring the Company meets its legal obligations on an ongoing basis; and
- (c) ensuring that the Company operates in a reliable and safe manner.

In performing its functions, the Board should also consider the legitimate interests of other stakeholders in the Company, such as employees, customers and communities. In broad terms, the Board's stewardship of the Company requires involvement in strategic planning, risk management and mitigation, the hiring of senior management, communication planning, and internal control integrity.

# **COMPOSITION AND OPERATION**

The Board consists of a minimum of 3 directors and a maximum of 10 directors. At least one-quarter of the directors must be residents of Canada, and a majority of the directors must be independent.

The Board operates by delegating certain of its authorities to management and by reserving certain powers to itself. The Board retains the responsibility of managing its own affairs including selecting its chair, nominating candidates for election to the Board, constituting committees and determining director compensation. Subject to the articles and by-laws of the Company and all applicable laws, the Board may constitute, seek the advice of, and delegate powers, duties and responsibilities to committees of the Board.

The Board establishes general authority guidelines that place limits on management's approval authority depending on the nature and size of any proposed transaction. These limits anticipate that some flexibility exists within approved budgets but otherwise must not be exceeded without prior Board or appropriate committee approval.

Directors and committee members may, as necessary or desirable, retain independent advisors or consultants to assist them in the performance of their responsibilities, on the terms and conditions, including fees, the Board or committees consider appropriate.

Directors will have full access to senior management of the Company and other employees on request to discuss the business and affairs of the Company. The Board expects that there will be regular opportunities for directors to meet with the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the "CEO") and other members of management in board and committee meetings and in other formal or informal settings.

### MANDATE

The Board's specific duties and responsibilities are set forth below.

#### **Overall Responsibility**

The Board is responsible for meeting the Company's legal requirements and for properly preparing, approving and maintaining the Company's documents and records.

The Board has the following statutory responsibilities:

(a) manage the business and affairs of the Company;

- (b) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company;
- (c) exercise the care, diligence and skill that responsible, prudent people would exercise in comparable circumstances; and
- (d) act in accordance with its obligations contained in the Company's articles and by-laws and all relevant legislation and regulations.

Further, the Board is responsible for considering the following matters (which in law may not be delegated to management or a committee of the Board):

- (a) any submission to the shareholders of a question or matter requiring the approval of the shareholders;
- (b) the filling of a vacancy on the Board, or the appointment of additional directors;
- (c) the issuance of securities;
- (d) the declaration of dividends;
- (e) the purchase, redemption or any other loan or acquisition of securities issued by the Company;
- (f) the payment of a commission to any person who purchases, agrees to purchase, or facilitates the purchase by others, the Company's securities;
- (g) the approval of management information circulars of the Company;
- (h) the approval of financial statements of the Company; and
- (i) the adoption, amendment or repeal of governing laws of the Company.

#### **Appointing and Monitoring Senior Management**

The Board has the responsibility to determine that management is developing corporate strategy and long-term goals and that a strategic planning processes in place for the Company. The Board participates with management directly or through its committees in approving the corporate strategy, and the strategic plan by which the Company proposes to achieve its goals. It is the role of the Board to review, question, validate and approve material changes in the strategies of the Company.

The Board has the responsibility to appoint the CEO, to monitor and assess CEO performance, to determine CEO compensation, and to provide advice and counsel in the execution of the CEO's duties.

The Board also has the obligation to approve the appointment and remuneration of all officers; and to satisfy itself that adequate provision has been made to train and develop management and for the orderly succession of management.

# **Governance Procedures**

The Board should be aware of, and ensure that the Company complies with National Policy 58-201 "Corporate Governance Guidelines" and National Instrument 58-101 "Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices" and must assess the Company's compliance with these policies. The Board should also be aware of and satisfy itself that the Company complies with applicable securities legislation or policies of any stock exchange on which the Company's securities are listed for trading regarding corporate governance. The Board will have some latitude in determining the form that the Company's substantive compliance takes.

The Board, along with the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee (as applicable), is responsible for:

(a) establishing appropriate practices for the regular evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board, its committees and its members;

- (b) establishing committees and approving those committees' mandates;
- (c) reviewing and re-assessing the adequacy of the Audit Committee Mandate on a regular basis, but not less frequently than annually; and
- (d) establishing limits on the authority delegated to management.

#### **Risk Management**

The Board has the responsibility to understand the principal risks of the business in which the Company is engaged, to achieve a proper balance between risks incurred and the potential return to security holders, and to confirm that there are systems in place which effectively monitor and manage those risks with a view to the long term viability of the Company. It is the responsibility of management ensure that the Board and the appropriate committees are kept well informed of changing risks on a timely basis.

#### **Public Disclosure**

The Board has overall responsibility for the Company's disclosure obligations, and must therefore:

- (a) verify that the financial performance of the Company is adequately reported to shareholders and other stakeholders of the Company and regulators on a timely and regular basis;
- (b) verify that the financial results are reported fairly and in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards;
- (c) verify the timely reporting of any other developments that have a significant and material impact on the value of the Company;
- (d) verify the Company has policies and programs in place to enable the Company to communicate effectively with its securityholders, other stakeholders and the public; and
- (e) verify compliance with appropriate financial controls and internal reporting.

### **Compliance Monitoring**

The Board is also charged with the responsibility of monitoring the Company's overall compliance with material legal obligations.

In this regard, the Board has the following obligations:

- (a) verify that the Company operates at all times within applicable laws and regulations to the appropriate ethical and moral standards;
- (b) approve and monitor compliance with significant policies and procedures by which the Company is operated;
- (c) verify the Company sets high environmental standards in its operations and is in compliance with environmental laws and legislation;
- (d) verify the Company has in place appropriate programs and policies for the health and safety of its employees in the workplace;
- (e) monitor the Company's progress towards its goals and objectives and revise and alter its direction through management in response to changing circumstances;
- (f) take action when performance falls short of its goals and objectives or when other special circumstances warrant; and

(g) verify that the Company has implemented adequate internal control and information systems which ensure the effective discharge of its responsibilities.

### **Other Duties**

The Board may perform any other activities consistent with this Mandate, the Company's by-laws and articles and any other governing laws as the Board deems necessary or appropriate including, but not limited to:

- (a) calling meetings of the Board at such time and place as may be determined, giving 48 hours notice of such meeting to all directors, provided that such meeting and notice are in compliance with the Company's By-laws;
- (b) ensuring that Board meetings are properly attended by directors;
- (c) ensuring that a majority of directors are present in order to transact any business; and
- (d) ensuring that all decision making at Board meetings are made by a majority of votes or in accordance with the Company's Bylaws, and in the event that decisions are made by written resolution, that such resolution is signed by all of the directors.