#### **BATTERY MINERAL RESOURCES CORP.**

Suite 400, 744 West Hastings Street Vancouver, BC V6C 1A5

### MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

(As at May 27, 2022, except as indicated)
For the Annual General and Special Meeting to be held on June 28, 2022

#### **GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION**

### Information Regarding Organization and Conduct of Meeting

This management information circular ("Circular") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Battery Mineral Resources Corp. (the "Company") for use at the annual general and special meeting (the "Meeting") of shareholders (the "Shareholders") to be held as a virtual meeting on Zoom Video Communications at 1:00 p.m. (Vancouver time), on Tuesday June 28, 2022, or any adjournments thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of the Meeting (the "Notice").

Out of an abundance of caution, to proactively deal with potential issues arising from the public health impact of COVID-19, and to mitigate risks to the health of our shareholders, employees, directors and other stakeholders, the Company will hold the Meeting via a virtual-only format on Zoom Video Communications.

The virtual Meeting will be accessible on Zoom Video Communications. Shareholders should visit <a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_sNyQS7FkS3Clpdhq6E1NVw">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_sNyQS7FkS3Clpdhq6E1NVw</a> to register for and receive instructions on how to attend the Meeting. We recommend that Shareholders log-in in twenty minutes in advance of the Meeting start time of 1:00 p.m. (Vancouver Time) on June 28, 2022, to allow ample time to check into the Meeting. To access an electronic copy of this document in order to click the Meeting link, please visit the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Shareholders will not be able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered Shareholders (as defined below) and duly appointed proxyholders will be able to vote on all business brought before the Meeting as described in this Circular. Non-registered (or beneficial) Shareholders who have not appointed themselves or another person as their proxyholder will not be able to vote at the Meeting, but will be able to listen to and view the Meeting as guests. Shareholders who usually vote by proxy in advance of the Meeting will be able to do so in the normal way.

# Solicitation of Proxies

The solicitation of proxies will be made primarily by mail or electronic means (e-mail), where applicable, and may be supplemented by telephone or other personal contact by the directors, officers and employees. Directors, officers and employees will not receive any extra compensation for such activities. The cost of the solicitation will be borne directly by the Company.

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representation other than those

contained in this Circular and, if given or made, such information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company. The delivery of this Circular shall not, under any circumstances, create an implication that there has not been any change in the information set forth herein since the date hereof.

Unless otherwise stated, the information in this Circular is as of May 27, 2022.

# **Appointment of Proxyholder**

The forms of proxy accompanying this Circular are to be used by registered Shareholders who choose not to, or are otherwise unable to, attend the Meeting. Only registered Shareholders ("Registered Shareholders") or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. The persons named in the forms of proxy accompanying this Circular are the directors and/or officers of the Company. Each Registered Shareholder has the right to appoint a person or company other than the persons designated in the enclosed forms of proxy to attend and act for and on behalf of him or her at the Meeting and at any adjournment thereof. Such right may be exercised by either striking out the names of the persons specified in the forms of proxy and inserting the name of the person or company to be appointed in the blank space provided in the forms of proxy, or by completing another proper form of proxy and, in either case, delivering the completed and executed proxy to the Company in time for use at the Meeting in the manner specified in the respective notice of the meeting.

# **Voting by Proxy**

The common shares (the "Shares") represented by an appropriate form of proxy will be voted or withheld from voting on any ballot that may be conducted at the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof, in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder thereon and, if the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Shares will be voted accordingly. In the absence of instructions, such Shares will be voted FOR each of the matters referred to in the Notice as specified thereon.

The enclosed forms of proxy, when properly completed and signed, confer discretionary authority upon the persons named therein to vote on any amendments to or variations of the matters identified in the Notice and on other matters, if any, which may properly be brought before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. At the date hereof, the Company's management knows of no such amendments or variations or other matters to be brought before the Meeting. However, if any other matters which are not now known to the Company's management should properly be brought before either the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the Shares represented by such proxy will be voted on such matters in accordance with the judgment of the person named as proxy therein.

# Signing of Proxy

The form of proxy must be signed by the Shareholder or the duly appointed attorney of the Shareholder authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, by a duly authorized officer of such corporation. A form of proxy signed by the person acting as attorney of the Shareholder or in some other representative capacity, including an officer of a corporation which is

a Shareholder, should indicate the capacity in which such person is signing and should be accompanied by the appropriate instrument evidencing the qualification and authority to act of such person, unless such instrument has previously been filed with the Company. A Shareholder or his or her attorney may sign the form of proxy or a power of attorney authorizing the creation of a proxy by electronic signature provided that the means of electronic signature permits a reliable determination that the document was created or communicated by or on behalf of such Shareholder or by or on behalf of his or her attorney, as the case may be.

# **Completion and Return of Proxy**

Completed forms of proxy must be deposited at the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company, Proxy Department, 350 – 409 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1T2, not later than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the time of the Meeting, unless the chairman of the Meeting elects to exercise his discretion to accept proxies received subsequently.

# Voting at the Meeting by Registered Shareholders and Duly Appointed Proxyholders

The Company is holding the Meeting as a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted on **Zoom Video Communications.** Meeting participants will **not** be able to attend the Meeting in person. Votes for all motions and resolutions will be cast at the outset of the Meeting instead of at the time each respective motion or resolution is presented.

Registered Shareholders and duly appointed proxyholders will be prompted to speak with the Company if they wish to cast a vote or to revoke and recast a previously cast vote. It is your responsibility to ensure connectivity during the Meeting. We recommend that Shareholders register in advance and log-in twenty minutes in advance of the Meeting start time of 1:00 p.m. (Vancouver Time) on June 28, 2022, to allow ample time to check into the Meeting.

### **Non-Registered Holders**

Guests, including beneficial shareholders who have not duly appointed themselves as proxyholder, can listen to the Meeting on Zoom Video Communications by visiting <a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_sNyQS7FkS3Clpdhq6E1NVw">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_sNyQS7FkS3Clpdhq6E1NVw</a> to register and receive instructions on how to attend the Meeting. Guests will be able to listen to and view the Meeting but will not be able to vote or submit questions.

Only Registered Shareholders of the Company or the persons they appoint as their proxies are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Registered Shareholders are holders whose names appear on the Share register of the Company and are not held in the name of a brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which they purchased Shares. Whether or not you are able to attend the Meeting, Shareholders are requested to vote their proxy in accordance with the instructions on the proxy. Some Shareholders beneficially own Shares that are not registered in their names but are instead registered in the name of the brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which they purchased the shares ("Non-Registered Shareholders"). Shares beneficially owned by a Non-Registered Shareholder are registered either: (i) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") that the Non-Registered Shareholder deals with in respect of their shares

(Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans); or (ii) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited or The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation) of which the Intermediary is a participant.

There are two kinds of beneficial owners: those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own (called "OBOs" for Objecting Beneficial Owners) and those who do not object (called "NOBOs" for Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners).

Issuers can request and obtain a list of their NOBOs from Intermediaries via their transfer agents, pursuant to National Instrument 54-101 - Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer ("NI 54-101") and issuers can use this NOBO list for distribution of proxy-related materials directly to NOBOs. The Company has decided to take advantage of those provisions of NI 54-101 that allow it to directly deliver proxy-related materials to its NOBOs. As a result, NOBOs can expect to receive a voting instruction form from the Company's transfer agent, Odyssey Trust Company ("Odyssey"). These voting instruction forms are to be completed and returned to Odyssey in the accordance with the instructions contained therein. Odyssey will tabulate the results of the voting instruction forms received from NOBOs and will provide appropriate instructions at the Meeting with respect to the Shares represented by voting instruction forms they receive.

With respect to OBOs, in accordance with applicable securities law requirements, the Company will have distributed copies of the Notice, this Circular, the form of proxy or voting instruction form and the supplemental mailing list request card (collectively, the "Meeting Materials") to the clearing agencies and Intermediaries for distribution to Non-Registered Shareholders.

Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting Materials to Non-Registered Shareholders unless a Non-Registered Shareholder has waived the right to receive them. Intermediaries often use service companies to forward the Meeting Materials to Non-Registered Shareholders. Generally, Non-Registered Shareholders who have not waived the right to receive Meeting Materials will either:

- a) be given a voting instruction form which is not signed by the Intermediary and which, when properly completed and signed by the Non-Registered Shareholder and returned to the Intermediary or its service company, will constitute voting instructions (often called a "voting instruction form") which the Intermediary must follow; or
- b) be given a form of proxy which has already been signed by the Intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature), which is restricted as to the number of shares beneficially owned by the Non-Registered Shareholder but which is otherwise not completed by the Intermediary. Because the Intermediary has already signed the form of proxy, this form of proxy is not required to be signed by the Non-Registered Shareholder when submitting the proxy. In this case, the Non-Registered Shareholder who wishes to submit a proxy should properly complete the form of proxy and deposit it with the Company, c/o Odyssey Trust Company, 350 409 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1T2.

In either case, the purpose of these procedures is to permit Non-Registered Shareholders to direct the voting of their Shares they beneficially own. Should a Non-Registered Shareholder who receives one of the above forms wish to vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on behalf of the Non-Registered Shareholder), the Non-Registered Shareholder should strike out the persons named in the form of proxy and insert the Non-Registered Shareholder or such other person's name in the blank space provided. Shares held by an Intermediary can only be voted by the Intermediary (for, withheld or against resolutions) upon the instructions of the Non-Registered Shareholder. Without specific instructions, Intermediaries are prohibited from voting Shares. In either case, Non-Registered Shareholders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the proxy or voting instruction form is to be delivered.

The Company does not intend to pay for intermediaries to deliver the meeting materials to OBOs. An OBO will not receive the meeting materials unless the OBO's Intermediary assumes the cost of delivery of the meeting materials.

If a Non-Registered Shareholder does not specify a choice and the Non-Registered Shareholder has appointed one of the Management Proxyholders as proxyholder, the Management Proxyholder will vote in favour of the matters specified in the Notice and in favour of all other matters proposed by management at the Meeting.

A Non-Registered Shareholder may revoke a voting instruction form or a waiver of the right to receive Meeting Materials and to vote which has been given to an Intermediary at any time by written notice to the Intermediary provided that an Intermediary is not required to act on a revocation of a voting instruction form or of a waiver of the right to receive Meeting Materials and to vote which is not received by the Intermediary at least seven days prior to the Meeting.

# **Notice-And-Access**

The Company is not sending the Meeting Materials to Shareholders using "notice-and-access", as defined under NI 54-101.

### Revocability Of Proxy

Any Registered Shareholder who has returned a proxy may revoke it at any time before it has been exercised. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a Registered Shareholder, their attorney authorized in writing or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, a corporation under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, may revoke a proxy by instrument in writing, including a proxy bearing a later date. The instrument revoking the proxy must be deposited at the registered office of the Company, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the date of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting. Only Registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. Non-Registered Shareholders who wish to change their vote must, at least seven days before the Meeting, arrange for their Intermediary to revoke the proxy on their behalf.

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

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value, of which 171,705,612 were issued and outstanding at the close of business on May 24, 2022 (the "Record Date"). Only Shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date who either personally attend the Meeting or who complete and deliver a Proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions set out under the heading "Appointment and Revocation of Proxies" will be entitled to have their shares voted at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. At the Meeting, on a show of hands, every Shareholder present shall have one vote and, on a poll, every Shareholder shall have one vote for each Share of which he is the holder.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers, as of the date of this Circular, the following persons beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to any class of voting securities:

Name of Shareholder	Number of Common Shares Owned	Percentage of Outstanding Common Shares
Yorktown Partners LLC	102,670,138 <sup>(1)</sup>	59.8

#### Notes:

(1) 91,470,138 of such Shares are registered in the name of Weston Energy, LLC ("Weston I", and formerly held by Yorktown Energy Partners IV, L.P. and Yorktown Energy Partners VI, L.P.), 7,000,000 of such Shares are registered in the name of Weston Energy II, LLC ("Weston II"), and 4,200,000 of such Shares are registered in the name of Yorktown Energy Partners XI, L.P. ("Yorktown XI"). The outstanding voting securities of Weston I and Weston II are owned by Yorktown XI and affiliates of Yorktown Partners LLC. Yorktown Partners LLC manages the investment activities of various limited partnerships within the Yorktown group, including Yorktown XI.

# PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

#### **Presentation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Company, the auditor's report thereon and management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 will be presented to the Shareholders at the Meeting.

### **Election of Directors**

The Company proposes to fix the number of directors of the Company at five and to nominate the persons listed below for election as directors. The persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote for the election of a board of directors composed of the five persons listed in the table below. Each director is elected annually and holds office until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, unless that person ceases to be a director before then. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director. If, prior to the Meeting, any vacancies occur in the slate of nominees herein listed, it is intended that discretionary authority shall be exercised by the person named in the Proxy as nominee to vote the Shares represented by

Proxy for the election of any other person or persons as directors.

The following table sets out the details with respect to each nominee and is based on information provided by the nominee concerned:

Name, province or state and country of Residence	Principal occupation during the past five years	Served as a director since	Number of and Class of Shares Beneficially Owned Directly or Indirectly <sup>(1)</sup>
Martin Kostuik <sup>(4)</sup> Tennessee, USA Director and Chief Executive Officer	Mr. Kostuik previously served as President and director of Arizona Gold Corp., prior to which he was Senior Vice President of Operations and Development of Luna Gold Corp. (now Equinox Gold Corp.) and President and CEO of Rupert Resources Ltd.	April 5, 2021	175,640 Common
Lazaros Nikeas <sup>(2)</sup> Connecticut, USA Executive Chairman, Director	Mr. Nikeas is currently a Partner of Weston Energy LLC, a Yorktown Partners LLC portfolio company with investments in energy minerals assets. Mr. Nikeas was previously a Partner of Traxys Capital Partners, a private equity firm and Managing Director, BNP Paribas.	February 12, 2021	95,317 Common
Stephen Dunmead <sup>(2)(3)^(4)*</sup> Georgia, USA Director	Dr. Dunmead is an independent business consultant, and was previously Chief Operating Officer, SWM International. Prior to SWM, Dr. Dunmead was EVP Specialties for OM Group. While at OM Group, he was responsible for their cobalt business for more than 10 years.	February 12, 2021	300,000 Common
John Kiernan <sup>(3) (4)^*</sup> British Columbia, Canada Director	Mr. Kiernan currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of Ascot Resources Ltd., prior to which he was VP Project Development for Magellan Minerals Ltd. (acquired by Anfield Gold Corp). Previously he was Manager Project Evaluation for QuadraFNX/ KGHM International, Mining Analyst for PI Financial Corp and VP Mining/Mine Manager for Roca Mines Inc.	February 12, 2021	300,000 Common
Joseph Tuso <sup>(2)^(3)*</sup> New York, USA Director	Mr. Tuso is currently a partner of Reed Smith LLP. Mr. Tuso was previously the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of Stabilis Capital Management, LP, a New York City-based S.E.C registered investment adviser focusing on asset oriented and special situation credit transactions, with assets under management of approximately US\$1.8 billion.	January 14, 2022	Nil

#### Notes:

- (1) The information as to Common Shares beneficially owned or controlled has been provided by the nominees themselves or obtained through SEDI.
- (2) Member of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- (3) Member of the Corporate Governance, Compensation and Nominating Committee
- (4) Member of the Health, Safety, Environment, Community, and Technical Committee
- \* Denotes independent director
- ^ Denotes chair of applicable committee

# Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

Except as otherwise set out below, no proposed director is, as at the date of this Circular, or within the ten years prior to the date of this Circular has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company, including the Company, that, while that person was acting in that capacity: (a) was subject to an order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or (b) was subject to an order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or (c) 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.

On May 6, 2022, the Company received a cease trade order, issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission, for not timely filing its annual financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. Each of the proposed nominees above served as directors of the Company on May 6, 2022.

Battery Mineral Resources Limited, a company of which Lazaros Nikeas and Stephen Dunmead served as directors and/or officers, filed for voluntary administration in Australia respect of Battery Mineral Resources Limited's insolvency on November 11, 2019.

No proposed director has (a) within the ten years prior to the date of this Circular, become bankrupt or made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or been 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 that individual; or (b) been subject to any penalties or sanctions: (i) 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 (ii) imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

# **Appointment and Remuneration of Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of 111 5th Ave SW Suite 3100, Calgary, Alberta T2P 5L3 ("PwC") was appointed as auditor at the Company's last annual general meeting of shareholders held on June 30, 2021. Management recommends the re-appointment of PwC as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors. The persons named as proxies in the enclosed form of Proxy intend to cast the votes represented

by proxy in favour of the foregoing resolution unless the holder of Shares who has given such Proxy has directed that the votes be otherwise cast.

# **Approval of Stock Option Plan**

The board of Fusion Gold Ltd. ("Fusion") implemented a stock option plan (the "Stock Option Plan") in February, 2018, and the Stock Option Plan was accepted for filing by the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV") and has been subsequently approved by Shareholders at the annual shareholder meetings of Fusion, and subsequently, at the shareholder meetings of the Company, most recently on June 30, 2021. The Company has continued operation of the Stock Option Plan, pursuant to which incentive stock options to purchase Shares may be granted to executive officers, directors, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries. Stock options are nontransferable and the aggregate number of shares that may be reserved for issuance pursuant to stock options may not exceed 10% of the issued shares of the Company at the time of granting. The number of Shares which may be reserved for issuance pursuant to stock options to any one individual may not exceed 5% of the issued Shares on a yearly basis or 2% if the optionee is engaged in investor relations activities or is a technical consultant. The exercise price and vesting terms of stock options is determined by the Board of Directors of the Company at the time of grant, provided that stock options are required to have an exercise price not less than the closing market price of the Company's shares prevailing on the day that the option is granted, less applicable discount, if any, permitted by the policies of the TSXV. The Stock Option Plan contains no vesting requirements, but permits the board to specify a vesting schedule in its discretion. The maximum expiry term is ten years from the grant date. The Stock Option Plan provides that if a change of control, as defined therein, occurs, all Shares subject to option shall immediately become vested and may thereupon be exercised in whole or in part by the option holder.

Stock options issued pursuant to the Stock Option Plan may be exercised until 90 days (or 30 days in case of an optionee engaging in any investor relations activities) following the date the optionee ceases to be a director, officer or employee of the Company or a consultant or a management company employee, provided that: (a) if the cessation of such position or arrangement was by reason of death, the stock option may be exercised by the legal personal representatives of the optionee up to and including a date one year from the date of such death, in all cases subject to the expiry date of such option; and (b) if the cessation of such position or arrangement was by reason of termination for cause, as that term is interpreted by the courts of the jurisdiction in which such optionee (or, in the case of a management company employee or a consultant company, of such optionee's employer) is employed or engaged, any outstanding stock option held by such optionee on the date of such termination shall be cancelled of that date. Furthermore, stock options granted to an optionee while the Company was a CPC who did not continue as a director, officer, technical consultant or employee of the Company may be exercised until the later of 12 months after the completion of the Qualifying Transaction and 90 days after such optionee ceases to be a director, officer, technical consultant or employee of the Company.

Pursuant to TSXV policies, the Company is required to obtain shareholder approval for the Stock Option Plan on an annual basis and, accordingly, Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to approve with or without variation the following ordinary resolution, which requires a simple majority to pass:

### "BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ORDINARY RESOLUTION THAT:

- (a) the Company's Stock Option Plan, as described in the Company's Information Circular dated May 27, 2022, be and it is hereby, approved; and
- (b) any director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized and directed, acting for, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to execute or cause to be executed, under the seal of the Company or otherwise and to deliver or to cause to be delivered, all such other deeds, documents, instruments and assurances and to do or cause to be done all such other acts as in the opinion of such director or officer of the Company may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of the foregoing resolution, including the filing of all necessary documents with regulatory authorities, including the TSX Venture Exchange."

A copy of the Stock Option Plan is available at the records office of the Company at 1900 - 1040 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4H3 until the business day immediately preceding the date of the Meeting, and a copy will also be made available at the Meeting.

The directors of the Company believe the passing of the foregoing ordinary resolution is in the best interests of the Company and recommend that Shareholders of the Company vote in favour of the resolution.

The persons named as proxies in the enclosed form of Proxy intend to cast the votes represented by proxy in favour of the foregoing resolution unless the holder of Shares who has given such Proxy has directed that the votes be otherwise cast.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Management of the Company is not aware of any other matter to come before the Meeting other than as set forth in the Notice of Meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed form of Proxy to vote the Shares represented thereby in accordance with their best judgment on such matter.

# STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

For the purposes of this Statement of Executive Compensation

"compensation securities" includes stock options, convertible securities, exchangeable securities and similar instruments including stock appreciation rights, deferred share units and restricted stock units granted or issued by the company or one of its subsidiaries for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the company or any of its subsidiaries.

### "NEO" or "Named Executive Officer" means:

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer, including an individual performing functions similar to a chief executive officer ("CEO");
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently

- completed financial year, served as chief financial officer, including an individual performing functions similar to a chief financial officer ("CFO");
- (c) the most highly compensated executive officer of the Company other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, at December 31, 2021, whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 for the most recently completed financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be named an executive officer under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at December 31, 2021.

# **Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation**

The following table sets forth all compensation (excluding compensation securities) paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company to each NEO and director for each of the Company's two most recently completed financial years ending December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021:

TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES							
Name and Position	Year	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committ ee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites (\$)	Value of all Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
January Vandale <sup>(1)</sup>	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Former CEO, Former Director	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lazaros Nikeas <sup>(2)</sup>	2021	150,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	150,000
Former President, Former CEO, Executive Chairman, Director	2020	150,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	150,000

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Name and Position	Year	Salary, Consulting Fee, Retainer or Commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committ ee or Meeting Fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites (\$)	Value of all Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Martin Kostuik <sup>(8)</sup>	2021	202,500	63,218	Nil	Nil	Nil	265,718
CEO, Director	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jack R. Cartmel <sup>(3)</sup>	2021	187,500	60,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	247,500
CFO	2020	150,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	150,000
Victoria J. McMillan <sup>(4)</sup>	2021 2020	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil
Former CFO							
Jacob Willoughby <sup>(5)</sup> Vice President, Corporate Development & Strategy	2021	\$100,000 Nil	\$100,0 00 Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	\$100,000 Nil
Peter Doyle <sup>(6)</sup>	2021	240,000	60,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	300,000
Vice President, Exploration	2020	240,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	240,000
Stephen Dunmead <sup>(7)</sup> Director	2021 2020	48,000 48,000	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	48,000 48,000
John Kiernan <sup>(8)</sup>	2021	48,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	48,000
Director	2020	48,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	48,000

#### Notes:

- (1) January Vandale was the CEO, Corporate Secretary and a director of Fusion Gold Ltd. ("Fusion") from February 7, 2018 until February 12, 2021. Ms. Vandale received no compensation from Fusion during each of Fusion's two most recently completed financial years. On February 12, 2021, Fusion completed a qualifying transaction (the "Qualifying Transaction") whereby it acquired all of the issued and outstanding securities of Battery Mineral Resources Corp. ("Former BMR") by way of a three corned amalgamation and changed its name to become the Company. Complete details of the terms of the Qualifying Transaction are set out in the Company's filing statement dated as of February 5, 2021 (the "Filing Statement"), and in the Company's news releases dated March 25, 2020, May 15, 2020, September 1, 2020, December 31, 2020 and February 11, 2021. The Filing Statement and news releases are available on SEDAR under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com. The Filing Statement was filed on SEDAR on February 10, 2021. Upon request, the Company will promptly provide a copy of any such news releases or the Filing Statement free of charge to any Shareholder.
- (2) Lazaros Nikeas was President and CEO of Former BMR from November 26, 2019 until February 12, 2021. Mr. Nikeas was appointed as a director of Former BMR on November 26, 2019 and continued as a director of the Company following completion of the Qualifying Transaction. During the financial year ended December 31,

- 2020, Mr. Nikeas was paid consulting fees for providing services as Chief Executive Officer to Former BMR, through a consulting agreement between the Former BMR and New Canaan Capital Advisors, LLC, a company controlled by Mr. Nikeas. Mr. Nikeas did not receive compensation for his service as a director.
- (3) Jack R. Cartmel was appointed as CFO of Former BMR on November 26, 2019 and continued as CFO of the Company upon completion of the Qualifying Transaction. During the financial year ended December 31, 2021, Mr. Cartmel was paid consulting fees for providing services as Chief Financial Officer to Former BMR, through a consulting agreement between Former BMR and Numis Consulting Inc., a company controlled by Mr. Cartmel.
- (4) Victoria J. McMillan was CFO of Fusion from February 7, 2018 until February 12, 2021. Ms. McMillan received no compensation from Fusion during each of Fusion's two most recently completed financial years.
- (5) Mr. Willoughby was appointed as Vice President, Corporate Development & Strategy on July 1, 2021.
- (6) During the financial year ended December 31, 2020, Peter Doyle was Vice President, Exploration of Former BMR.
- (7) Stephen Dunmead was appointed as a director of Former BMR on December 13, 2019 and continued as a director of the Company following completion of the Qualifying Transaction.
- (8) John Kiernan was appointed as a director of Former BMR on December 13, 2019 and continued as a director of the Company following completion of the Qualifying Transaction.
- (9) Mr. Kostuik was appointed as CEO and a director of the Company on April 5, 2021.

# **Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities**

COMPENSATION SECURITIES						
Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	# of Compensation Securities, # of Underlying Securities, and % of Class	Date of Issuance or Grant	Closing Price of Security Underlying Security on Date of Grant (\$)	Closing Price of Security Underlying Security at Year End (\$)	Expiry Date
January Vandale <sup>(1)</sup> Former CEO, Former Director	Stock Options	12,500 / 12,500 / 0.0%	September 21, 2018	N/A	\$0.415	September 21, 2023
Lazaros Nikeas <sup>(2)</sup> Former President, Former CEO,	Stock Options	1,500,000 / 1,500,000 / 18.1%	April 1, 2021	\$0.58	\$0.415	April 1, 2029
Executive Chairman, Director	RSUs	3,000,000 / 3,000,000 / 41.3%	September 9, 2021	\$0.68	\$0.415	N/A

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Name and Position	Type of Compensation Security	# of Compensation Securities, # of Underlying Securities, and % of Class	Date of Issuance or Grant	Closing Price of Security Underlying Security on Date of Grant (\$)	Closing Price of Security Underlying Security at Year End (\$)	Expiry Date
Martin Kostuik <sup>(3)</sup> CEO, Director	Stock Options	2,000,000 / 2,000,000 / 24.1%	April 1, 2021	\$0.58	\$0.415	April 1, 2029
	RSUs	250,000 / 250,0000 / 3.4%	September 9, 2021	\$0.68	\$0.415	N/A
Jack R. Cartmel <sup>(4)</sup>	Stock Options	1,000,000 / 1,000,000 / 12.1%	April 1, 2021	\$0.58	\$0.415	April 1, 2029
	RSUs	1,000,000 / 1,000,000 / 9.2%	September 9, 2021	\$0.68	\$0.415	N/A
Jacob Willoughby <sup>(5)</sup> Vice President, Corporate	Stock Options	1,000,000 / 1,000,000 / 12.1%	July 1, 2021	\$0.58	\$0.415	July 1, 2029
Development & Strategy	RSUs	200,000 / 200,000 / 9.2%	September 9, 2021	\$0.68	\$0.415	N/A
Peter Doyle <sup>(6)</sup> Vice President,  Exploration	Stock Options	250,000 / 250,000 / 3.0%	April 1, 2021	\$0.58	\$0.415	April 1, 2029
Exploration	RSUs	200,000 / 200,000 / 2.8%	September 9, 2021	\$0.68	\$0.415	N/A
Stephen Dunmead <sup>(7)</sup> Director	Stock Options	125,000 / 125,000 / 1.5%	April 1, 2021	\$0.58	\$0.415	April 1, 2029
Director	RSUs	300,000 / 300,000 / 4.1%	September 9, 2021	\$0.68	\$0.415	N/A
John Kiernan <sup>(8)</sup> Director	Stock Options	125,000 / 125,000 / 1.5%	April 1, 2021	\$0.58	\$0.415	April 1, 2029
	RSUs	300,000 / 300,000 / 4.1%	September 9, 2021	\$0.68	\$0.415	N/A

#### **Notes:**

- (1) As of December 31, 2021, Mrs. Vandale held nil stock options.
- (2) As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Nikeas held 1,500,000 stock options, entitling him to purchase 1,500,000 common shares of the Company at the exercise price. The options vest as to 1/3rd on the first year anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3rd on the second year anniversary of the date of grant, and 1/3rd on the third year anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Nikeas held (through New Canaan Capital Advisors LLC) 3,000,000 RSUs, entitling him to 3,000,000 common shares of the Company upon conversion of such RSUs into common shares. The RSUs vest on March 1, 2024.
- (3) As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Kostuik held 2,000,000 stock options, entitling him to purchase 2,000,000 common shares of the Company at the exercise price. The options vest as to 1/3rd on the first year anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3rd on the second year anniversary of the date of grant, and 1/3rd on the third year anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Kostuik held 250,000 RSUs, entitling him to 250,000 common shares of the Company upon conversion of such RSUs into common shares. The RSUs vest as to 1/3rd on March 1, 2022, 1/3rd on March 1, 2023, and 1/3rd on March 1, 2024.
- (4) As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Cartmel held 1,000,000 stock options, entitling him to purchase 1,000,000 common shares of the Company at the exercise price. The options vest as to 1/3rd on the first year anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3rd on the second year anniversary of the date of grant, and 1/3rd on the third year anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Cartmel held (through NUMIS Consulting Inc.) 1,000,000 RSUs, entitling him to 1,000,000 common shares of the Company upon conversion of such RSUs into common shares. The RSUs vest as to 1/3rd on March 1, 2022, 1/3rd on March 1, 2023, and 1/3rd on March 1, 2024.
- (5) As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Willoughby held 1,000,000 stock options, entitling him to purchase 1,000,000 common shares of the Company at the exercise price. The options vest as to 1/3rd on the first year anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3rd on the second year anniversary of the date of grant, and 1/3rd on the third year anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Willoughby held 200,000 RSUs, entitling him to 200,000 common shares of the Company upon conversion of such RSUs into common shares. The RSUs vest as to 1/3rd on March 1, 2022, 1/3rd on March 1, 2023, and 1/3rd on March 1, 2024.
- (6) As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Doyle held 250,000 stock options, entitling him to purchase 250,000 common shares of the Company at the exercise price. The options vest as to 1/3rd on the first year anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3rd on the second year anniversary of the date of grant, and 1/3rd on the third year anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Doyle held 200,000 RSUs, entitling him to 200,000 common shares of the Company upon conversion of such RSUs into common shares. The RSUs vest as to 1/3rd on March 1, 2022, 1/3rd on March 1, 2023, and 1/3rd on March 1, 2024.
- (7) As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Dunmead held 125,000 stock options, entitling him to purchase 125,000 common shares of the Company at the exercise price. The options vest as to 1/3rd on the first year anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3rd on the second year anniversary of the date of grant, and 1/3rd on the third year anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Dunmead held (through Dunmead Global Solutions LLC) 300,000 RSUs, entitling him to 300,000 common shares of the Company upon conversion of such RSUs into common shares. The RSUs vested on March 1, 2022.
- (8) As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Kiernan held 125,000 stock options, entitling him to purchase 125,000 common shares of the Company at the exercise price. The options vest as to 1/3rd on the first year anniversary of the date of grant, 1/3rd on the second year anniversary of the date of grant, and 1/3rd on the third year anniversary of the date of grant. As of December 31, 2021, Mr. Kiernan held (through Kierstone Capital Inc.) 300,000 RSUs, entitling him to 300,000 common shares of the Company upon conversion of such RSUs into common shares. The RSUs vested on March 1, 2022.

# **Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEOs**

No compensation securities were exercised by directors of the Company, or NEOs of the Company during the year-ended December 31, 2021.

### **External Management Companies**

The Company has not engaged the services of an external management company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly.

# **Stock Option Plan and Other Incentive Plans**

See "Approval of Stock Option Plan" above for the material terms of the Company's Stock Option Plan. The Stock Option Plan was previously approved by Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on June 30, 2021, and will be placed before the Meeting for Shareholder approval.

# **Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements**

Former BMR entered into consulting or employment agreements with each Named Executive Officer or companies controlled by them, for the provision of executive services to the Company in their respective functions (the "NEO Agreements"), and the Company has continued to engage the current Named Executive Officers through such NEO Agreements following the completion of the Qualifying Transaction.

Each NEO Agreement contains provisions with respect to a base salary or fee (in the amounts in the table described above), reimbursement of certain business-related expenses, annual bonus provisions, and participation in the equity incentive plans of the Company as it may enter into from time to time.

The NEO Agreements for all NEOs other than Mr. Doyle provide for a severance payment in the event of termination without cause, and in the case of Mr. Doyle, in the event of disability, of (i) any unpaid salary or fees due and owing up to the effective date of termination including unused accrued vacation, if any (ii) a lump sum payment equal to one month of the applicable annual consulting fee or salary at the time of termination for every completed year of service with the Company, subject to a minimum of three months, a maximum of 18 months, (iii) any accrued but unpaid bonuses for the previous year; and (iv) an amount in respect of a bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination occurs as determined by the Company's board of directors, provided that such bonus amount shall not be less than 20% of the then current annual consulting fee or salary prorated to the date of termination.

The NEO Agreements for Mr. Doyle provide for a severance payment in the event of termination without cause or in the event of disability, of (i) any unpaid salary or fees due and owing up to the effective date of termination including unused accrued vacation, if any (ii) a lump sum payment equal to one month of the applicable annual consulting fee or salary at the time of termination for every completed year of service with the Company, subject to a maximum of 18 months, (iii) any accrued but unpaid bonuses for the previous year; and (iii) an amount in respect of a bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination occurs as determined by the Company's board of directors,

provided that such bonus amount shall not be less than 15% of the then current annual consulting fee or salary prorated to the date of termination.

If the NEO is terminated for cause, he will not be entitled to notice or payment in lieu of notice however the Company must pay such named executive officer: (i) unpaid salary or fees due and owing up to the effective date of termination including unused accrued vacation, if any; and (ii) if approved by the board of directors, any unpaid bonus in respect of the preceding financial year.

In the event of a "Change of Control" (as defined below) and within 12 months of the effective date of the Change of Control either (i) the NEO terminates his employment or consulting agreement and there is Good Reason (as defined below) or (ii) the Company terminates the employment or consulting agreement without cause the Company shall provide the NEO with the following, in full, final and complete satisfaction of any and all claims that the NEO may have against the Company:

- (a) unpaid salary or fees due and owing up to the effective date of termination including unused accrued vacation, if any;
- (b) a lump sum payment equal to one month of the annual consulting fee or salary at the time of termination for every completed year of service, with a minimum of four months and a maximum of 18 months;
- (c) accrued and unpaid bonuses for the previous year; and
- (d) an amount in respect of a bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination occurs as determined by the Company's board of directors, provided that such bonus amount shall not be less than 15% or 20% of the then current annual consulting fee or salary prorated to the date of termination.

A "Change of Control" transaction means any of the following events: (i) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person or group of persons acting in concert, as such terms are defined in the Securities Act (British Columbia), of Shares which, when added to all other Shares at the time held directly or indirectly by such person or persons acting in concert, totals for the first time more than 50% of the outstanding Shares; (ii) the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person or group of persons acting in concert, as such terms are defined in the Securities Act (British Columbia), of Shares which, when added to all other Shares at the time held directly or indirectly by such person or persons acting in concert, totals for the first time 30% of the outstanding Shares followed, within 12 months of such event, by the removal, by extraordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company, of more than 51% of the then incumbent directors of Company, or the election of a majority of directors to the Board who were not nominees of the incumbent board at the time immediately preceding such election; (iii) consummation of a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the consummation of a reorganization, merger or other transaction which has substantially the same effect; or (iv) any plan of arrangement, reorganization, merger or other transaction which has substantially the same effect as (i) to (iii) above. For clarity, the Qualifying Transaction did not constitute a "Change of Control."

"Good Reason" means the occurrence of any of the following without the named executive officer's express consent:

- any material change in the NEO's position, title, job description, authority, reporting relationship, or the nature or status of his duties and/or responsibilities, unless any such change provides a materially equivalent outcome for, or a promotion of, the named executive officer in the normal course of business;
- a material reduction in the NEO's base salary or fee or target bonus incentive opportunity under any bonus or incentive plan, or any change in the basis upon which the named executive officer's annual fee or salary or bonus or incentive is determined, if the change is or will be adverse to the named executive officer;
- the failure by the Company to continue in effect, or a material change in the terms of the NEO's participation in benefits under any bonus or benefits plan, the effect of which would be to materially reduce the total value, in the aggregate, of the NEO's benefits under such plans;
- a change in the principal place of work of the NEO to a location more than 50 kilometers from the then-current place of work; and
- any other circumstances which would constitute a constructive dismissal of an employee at common law, without regard to whether or not a named executive officer is not providing services in the capacity of an employee.

The agreements contain a non-solicitation provision binding on the NEO applicable for 18 months after the date of termination, and confidentiality provisions in place indefinitely after termination.

The following table sets out the estimated payments in the event of termination of employment and termination with "Good Reason" within one year following a Change of Control for each of the NEOs, assuming (i) that the event giving rise to the payment occurred on December 31, 2021; and (ii) no accrued and unpaid or prorated bonus amounts.

Amount Payable (\$)					
NEO	Change of Control – Minimum <sup>(1)</sup>	Change of Control – Maximum <sup>(2)</sup>	Termination Without Cause for Reason other than Change of Control		
Lazaros Nikeas	50,000	225,000	50,000		
Martin Kostuik	90,000	405,000	90,000		
Jack Cartmel	66,667	300,000	66,667		
Jacob Willoughby	66,667	300,000	66,667		
Peter Doyle	80,000	360,000	80,000		

#### **Notes:**

- (1) Based on a minimum change of control payment equal to 4 months of base salary or consulting fee, as the case may be.
- (2) Based on a maximum change of control payment equal to 18 months of base salary or consulting fee, as the case may be.

# Oversight and Description of Director and Named Executive Officer Compensation

The Company's Corporate Governance, Compensation and Nominating Committee (the "GCN Committee"), which is comprised of Stephen Dunmead (Chair), Joseph Tuso, and John Kiernan, is responsible for the compensation program for Directors and Executive Officers of the Company, details of which are provided under "Corporate Governance Disclosure" below.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

See "Approval of Stock Option Plan" above for the material terms of the Company's Stock Option Plan.

The following table sets out information as of the end of the Company's most recently completed financial year as of December 31, 2021 with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance:

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 (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuances under equity compensation plan (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders: Stock Option Plan <sup>(1)</sup>	9,383,332	\$0.78	7,787,229
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders: Performance Share Unit and Restricted Share Unit Plan	7,272,499	N/A	6,237,598
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	-	-	-
Total	16,655,831	\$0.78	14,024,827

#### Notes

(1) The maximum number of common shares reserved for issuance under the Stock Option Plan is 10% of the outstanding common shares of the Corporation on a rolling basis.

### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As of May 27, 2022, there was no indebtedness outstanding of any current or former director, executive officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is owing to the Company or its subsidiaries, or, which is owing to another entity which indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, entered into in connection with a purchase of securities or otherwise.

No individual who is, or at any time during the most recently completed financial year was, a

director or executive officer of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the company and no associate of such persons: (a) is or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year of the company has been, indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or (b) whose indebtedness to another entity is, or at any time since the beginning of the most recently completed financial year 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.

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

Other than as disclosed above or as otherwise disclosed in the Circular, no director or executive officer of the Company or any proposed nominee of management for election as a director, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors and the appointment of auditors.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSON IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

On September 9, 2020, Former BMR acquired 89.2% of the issued and outstanding common shares of ESI Energy Services Inc. (CSE:OPI) ("ESI"), a pipeline and renewables equipment rental and sales company with principal operations in Leduc, Alberta and Phoenix, Arizona, from Yorktown IV, Yorktown VI and Yorktown XI, for aggregate consideration of 30 million Former BMR Shares at a deemed price of \$0.65 per share (an aggregate value of \$19.5 million). Additional details regarding this transaction are set out in the Company's Filing Statement dated as of February 5, 2021, available on SEDAR under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com. The Filing Statement was filed on SEDAR on February 10, 2021. Weston Energy, LLC, Weston Energy II, LLC and Yorktown XI, each of 410 Park Avenue, New York, NY, USA, collectively own or control Shares of the Company carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Shares of the Company (see "Voting Securities and Principal Holders of Voting Securities" above for details of these shareholdings). Subsequently, as detailed in the Company's news release dated May 26, 2021 and available on SEDAR under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com, ESI completed a going private transaction with the result that the Company now owns 100% of the issued and outstanding common shares of ESI. Upon request, the Company will promptly provide a copy of the aforementioned news release or the Filing Statement free of charge to any Shareholder.

Other than as disclosed above or as otherwise disclosed in the Circular, none of the directors, executive officers or principal shareholders of the Company, or associates or affiliates of any of these persons, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since January 1, 2021, being the beginning of the Company's last financial year, or in any proposed transaction which, in either case, has materially affected or would materially affect the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

The Company's management functions are not, to any substantial degree, performed by a person or persons other than the Company's directors or senior officers, other than as disclosed herein.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE**

Pursuant to the Section 224 of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) and National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"), the Company is required to have an audit committee comprised of not less than three directors, a majority of whom are not executive officers, employees or control persons of the Company or an affiliate of the Company. NI 52-110 requires the company as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its information circular certain information concerning the composition of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below.

### **The Audit Committee's Charter**

The Company's audit and risk committee (the "Audit Committee") is governed by the Audit Committee Charter, the text of which is attached as Schedule "A" to this Circular.

# **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is comprised of the following members: Lazaros Nikeas, Stephen Dunmead and Joseph Tuso (Chair). Each of the Audit Committee members is financially literate within the meaning of NI 52-110. A director is "financially literate" within the meaning of NI 52-110 if he has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

Stephen Dunmead and Joseph Tuso are considered to be independent within the meaning of NI 52-110. Lazaros Nikeas is not independent as he was previously the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company within the past three years.

# **Relevant Education and Experience**

Lazaros Nikeas is currently a principal investment manager for Weston, a portfolio company of New York private equity group, Yorktown Partners LLC. Prior to this, he was a Partner of Traxys Capital Partners, a private equity vehicle focused on mining, chemicals and industrial investments in partnership with The Carlyle Group. Before moving into private equity, he served as the Head of Corporate Finance Advisory for Materials, Mining and Chemicals for North America for BNP Paribas for five years. Other investment banking roles included Partner in Mergers & Acquisitions Advisory at Hill Street Capital for eight years and as a Corporate Finance Analyst at Morgan Stanley, where he began his career. Mr. Nikeas holds a Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College in Massachusetts, U.S.

Stephen Dunmead is currently an industrial consultant and an independent director for Eden Innovations Ltd., a clean tech and nanomaterials company listed on the ASX. He is a senior global business executive with over 30 years of strong operational leadership experience in the advanced materials and specialty chemicals industries. Previously, he served as Chief Operating Officer at SWM International ("SWM") where he was responsible for over 3,000 employees across 20 sites of SWM's global operations in North and South America, Europe and Asia. Prior to SWM, Dr. Dunmead spent 15 years at OM Group ("OMG") where he had responsibility for six businesses with more than 6,500 employees across 32 sites. He has a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering

from the University of California at Davis, as well as a M.Sc. and a B.Sc. degree in ceramic engineering from The Ohio State University.

Joseph Tuso is currently a partner of Reed Smith LLP. He was previously the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of Stabilis Capital Management, LP, a New York City-based S.E.C registered investment adviser focusing on asset oriented and special situation credit transactions, with assets under management of approximately US\$1.8 billion.

# **Audit Committee Oversight**

Since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year, the Company's board of directors has not failed to adopt a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor.

# **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemptions in section 2.4 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), subsection 6.1.1(4) (*Circumstance Affecting the Business or Operations of the Venture Issuer*), subsection 6.1.1(5) (*Events Outside Control of Members*), or subsection 6.1.1(6) (*Death, Incapacity or Resignation*) of NI 52-110, or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110.

# **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has adopted specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services as described in the Audit Committee Charter, the text of which is attached as Schedule "A" to this Circular.

# **External Auditors Service Fees (By Category)**

The aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditors in each of the last two fiscal years for audit fees are as follows

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees	Audit-Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
2021	\$460,149	\$27,938	\$50,300	\$44,625
2020	\$338,049	\$ -	\$400	\$115,000

The Auditors Service Fees noted above, consist of Battery Mineral Resources Corp. Audit Fees for December 31, 2021: \$460,149 (December 31, 2020: \$334,000). Fusion Gold Ltd. Audit Fees for December 31, 2021: \$Nil (December 31, 2020: \$4,048). Battery Mineral Resources Corp. Tax Fees for December 31, 2021: \$50,300 (December 31, 2020: \$Nil). Fusion Gold Ltd. Tax Fees for December 31, 2021: \$Nil (December 31, 2020: \$400). Battery Mineral Resources Corp. also incurred other fees related to the filing statement and amalgamation of Fusion Gold Ltd. of \$44,625 for the year ending December 31, 2020 (December 31, 2020: \$115,000).

### Exemption

The Company is relying on the exemption provided by section 6.1 of NI 52-110 which provides that the Company, as a venture issuer, is exempt from the requirements of Part 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE**

Corporate governance relates to the activities of the board of directors (the "Board"), the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the Shareholders, and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the Board and who are charged with the day to day management of the Company. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices which are both in the interest of its Shareholders and contribute to effective and efficient decision making.

National Policy 58-201 — *Corporate Governance Guidelines* establishes corporate governance guidelines (the "Governance Guidelines") which apply to all public companies. The Governance Guidelines deal with such matters as the constitution and independence of corporate boards, their functions, the effectiveness and education of board members and other items dealing with sound corporate governance practices. The Company has reviewed its own corporate governance practices in light of these Governance Guidelines. In certain cases, the Company's practices comply with the Governance Guidelines, however, the Board considers that some of the Governance Guidelines are not suitable for the Company at its current stage of development and therefore these Governance Guidelines have not been adopted. National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("NI 58-101") mandates disclosure of corporate governance practices which disclosure is set out below.

### **Independence of Members of Board**

The Board has considered the relationships of each of the directors to the Company and determined that three of the five current members of the Board qualify as an independent director. The Board reviews independence in light of the requirements of the Governance Guidelines and NI 58-101. None of the independent directors has a material relationship with the Company which could impact their ability to make independent decisions.

Stephen Dunmead, John Kiernan and Joseph Tuso are independent. Martin Kostuik is not independent as he is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Lazaros Nikeas is not independent as he was previously the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company within the past three years.

# Management Supervision by Board

The current operations of the Company do not support a large Board and the Board has determined that the current constitution of the Board is appropriate for the Company's current stage of development. Independent supervision of management is accomplished through choosing management who demonstrate a high level of integrity and ability.

# **Participation of Directors in Other Reporting Issuers**

The following table discloses directors and nominees who are currently directors of other reporting issuers:

Name of Director	Other Reporting Issuer
Lazaros Nikeas	Eden Innovations Ltd.; Minto Metals Corporation
Stephen Dunmead	Eden Innovations Ltd.

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Company does not have formal orientation and training programs in place for its new directors and, instead, has adopted a tailored approach depending on the particular needs and focus of the director being appointed. New Board members are provided with:

- 1. information respecting the functioning of the Board, committees and copies of the Company's corporate governance policies;
- documents from recent Board meetings;
- 3. access to recent, publicly filed documents of the Company, technical reports and the Company's internal financial information;
- 4. access to management and technical experts and consultants; and
- 5. a summary of significant corporate and securities responsibilities.

In addition, directors and management are provided with, review and discuss, developments in corporate governance, accounting practices, financing and the resource industry generally.

Board members are encouraged to communicate with management, auditors and technical consultants; to keep themselves current with industry trends and developments and changes in legislation with management's assistance; and to attend related industry seminars and visit the Company's operations. Board members have full access to the Company's records.

Directors are expected to attend all scheduled Board and committee meetings. Directors are also expected to prepare thoroughly in advance of each meeting, and to stay for the entire meeting, in order to actively participate in the Board's deliberations and decisions. If there are unforeseen circumstances and a Director is unable to attend a meeting, he is expected to contact the Chief Executive Officer of the Company as soon as possible after the meeting for a briefing on the substantive elements of the meeting.

# **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board views good corporate governance as an integral component to the success of the Company and to meet responsibilities to Shareholders. The Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics ("Code") and has instructed its management and (future) employees to abide

by the Code. The Board intends that it will review compliance with the Code on an annual basis until the Company has grown to a size which warrants more frequent monitoring.

The Board encourages and promotes an overall culture of ethical business conduct by promoting compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations; providing guidance to Directors, officers and (future) employees to assist them in recognizing and dealing with ethical issues, promoting a culture of open communication, honesty and accountability; promoting a safe work environment; and ensuring awareness of disciplinary action for violations of ethical business conduct. The Board, through its meetings with management and other informal discussions with management, encourages a culture of ethical business conduct and believes the Company's high caliber management team promotes a culture of ethical business conduct throughout the Company's operations and is expected to monitor the activities of the Company's (future) employees, consultants and agents in that regard.

### **Nomination of Directors**

The GCN Committee assesses potential Board candidates to fill perceived needs on the Board for required skills, expertise, independence and other factors. Members of the Board and representatives of the Company's industry sector are consulted for possible candidates.

### Compensation

The Company's GCN Committee is responsible for the compensation program for directors and executive officers of the Company. The GCN Committee's role is to assist in discharging the Board's oversight responsibilities relating to the attraction, compensation, evaluation and retention of key senior management employees, and in particular the Chief Executive Officer, with the skills and expertise needed to enable the Company to achieve its goals and strategies at fair and competitive compensation and appropriate performance incentives.

Following completion of the Qualifying Transaction, the Company has adopted a holistic executive compensation program designed to reinforce a strong link between pay and performance in order to attract leading talent, retain and motivate top performers, promote a pay for performance culture with an emphasis on variable compensation, specifically annual incentives, and align with good or best market practices for a TSXV-listed company.

Compensation of the Company's executives will consist primarily of a salary component, with both short-term and long-term incentive components available. The salary may be paid directly, in an employment relationship, or through consulting fees. The component of compensation that is not at risk comprises base salary or fee, which is designed to compensate the executive officers for fulfilling their day-to-day responsibilities, and to ensure the Company is able to attract and motivate talent given that market practice for compensation of executives in the mineral exploration sector includes a significant component of compensation being not at risk, particularly for a company at the Company's current stage of development.

The design of the short-term incentive plan will be to introduce structure to the compensation program while allowing the Board to exercise informed judgment when evaluating performance. The short-term incentive plan design will consider the Company's stage of development and

operating environment. As financial and operational measures may be difficult to define for the Company while it is in the exploration stage, the objectives for short-term incentives will largely focus on milestones to meeting the Company's longer-term strategy until the Company can use quantifiable operating metrics on a regular basis, and as such, the expected number of formal objectives, or criteria for the short-term incentive component may be limited. The short-term incentive plan objectives will include advancement of the exploration and evaluation of the Cobalt District Exploration Project, the expansion and promotion of the Company's non-Canadian assets, and activities to advance sustainability, health and safety within the Company.

The long-term incentive component of the compensation program will be designed to focus management on longer-term results (e.g. 3-5 years), increase retention (as awards will generally be forfeited upon exit from the organization), ensure the Company's compensation program is competitive within its peer group, and align the interests of management with shareholders through both direct and notional equity ownership.

Meetings of the GCN Committee will be held periodically, but in any case at least once per year, to review compensation policies and to consider the overall compensation to be paid by the Company to its employees, executive officers (including the Chief Executive Officer) and directors. Following review of data and discussion by members of the GCN Committee, recommendations will be made to the Board. In making compensation recommendations, the GCN Committee will consider each executive's performance and other relevant factors against the achievement of any identified short-term and long-term objectives, the scope of each executive's position and responsibilities, the current business and operating environment and any anticipated changes, as well as executive retention and recruitment considerations. The GCN Committee may engage outside counsel or other outside advisors as it deems appropriate to assist the GCN Committee in the performance of its functions.

### **Board Committees**

The Company currently has an Audit Committee, a GCN Committee, and a Health, Safety, Environment, Community, and Technical Committee (the "HSECT Committee") . A full description of the Audit Committee's functions is provided above under "Audit Committee Disclosure."

The GCN Committee's functions include, among other things:

- 1. help management to develop and monitor the Corporation's general approach to corporate governance;
- review and recommend to the Board for approval corporate goals and objectives relevant to
  the chief executive officer of the Corporation, the chief financial officer of the Corporation,
  the other executive officers of the Corporation and the directors of the Corporation,
  including all matters relating to the stewardship role of the Board in respect of the
  management of the Corporation;
- help management to develop and monitor the Corporation's general approach to compensation and make recommendations to the Board regarding incentive and equitybased compensation plans for management and Directors;

- 4. ensure that the size, structure, and composition of the Board and its Committees is appropriate, and as may be required, identify suitable candidates for the Board and make recommendations to the Board regarding nominating candidates for election to the Board; and
- 5. ensure that management and the Board addresses the issue of succession plans for the CEO, CFO, and other key employees of the Corporation.

# The HSECT Committee's functions include, among other things:

- 1. review, approve, and enhance, as appropriate, company practices and policies relating to health, safety, environment, community and technical matters;
- 2. assist the Corporation to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and engage in HSECT best practices, as appropriate, during exploration, development, operations, rehabilitation & closure activities;
- 3. assist the Corporation to achieve internationally recognized best practices, accountabilities and programs in HSECT arenas;
- 4. monitor, on behalf of the Board, how the Corporation's management is progressing on various HSECT matters;
- 5. monitor, on behalf of the Board, the Corporation's important permits and permitting processes;
- oversee the Corporation's compliance with community and other stakeholder agreements;
- 7. monitor the Corporation's risk exposures as they relate to HSECT matters and oversee the Corporation's risk assessment strategy;
- 8. monitor the Corporation's external reporting in relation to health, safety, environmental and community conduct;
- 9. providing a forum within the Corporation for discussion of emerging HSECT issues and solutions for key stakeholders;
- 10. assisting in identifying and engaging with our communities of interest in timely, inclusive, ethical, transparent and culturally-respectful dialogue prior to undertaking significant activities throughout the life of a project;
- 11. establishing formal grievance mechanisms as part of our overall community engagement process;
- 12. implementing meaningful and effective strategies for community engagement and sustainable practices beyond the life of the operations of the mine; and
- 13. promoting a safe environment for local communities and foster a work environment free from discrimination or gender bias respecting the social, economic and cultural rights of local people.

#### **Assessments**

The Board does not consider that formal assessments would be useful at this stage of the Company's development. The Board conducts informal annual assessments of the Board's effectiveness, the individual directors and its Audit Committee. To assist in its review, the Board conducts informal surveys of its directors. As part of these assessments, the Board or the Audit Committee may review their respective mandate/charters and conduct reviews of applicable corporate policies.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its most recently completed financial year, and available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Shareholders may request additional copies by (i) mail to Suite 400, 744 West Hastings Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 1A5; or (ii) telephone to: 604-229-3830.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Martin Kostuik"

Martin Kostuik
Chief Executive Officer and Director

# Schedule "A"

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

[See Attached]