



# **Corporate Governance Plan**

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NickelSearch Limited ACN 110 599 650

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## Schedule 1 Board Charter

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### 1 Purpose

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In carrying out the responsibilities and powers set out in this Charter, the board of directors of the Company (**Board**):

- (a) recognises its overriding responsibility to act honestly, fairly, diligently and in accordance with the law in serving the interests of its shareholders; and
- (b) recognises its duties and responsibilities to its employees, customers and the community.

### 2 Specific Responsibilities of the Board

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In addition to matters it is expressly required by law to approve, the Board has the following specific responsibilities:

- (a) appointment of the Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director and other senior executives and the determination of their terms and conditions including remuneration and termination;
- (b) driving the strategic direction of the Company, ensuring appropriate resources are available to meet objectives and monitoring management's performance;
- (c) reviewing and ratifying systems of risk management and internal compliance and control, codes of conduct and legal compliance;
- (d) approving and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditure, capital management and significant acquisitions and divestitures;
- (e) approving and monitoring the budget and the adequacy and integrity of financial and other reporting;
- (f) approving the annual, half yearly and quarterly accounts;
- (g) approving significant changes to the organisational structure;
- (h) approving the issue of any shares, options, equity instruments or other securities in the Company (subject to compliance with the ASX Listing Rules if applicable);
- (i) ensuring a high standard of corporate governance practice and regulatory compliance and promoting ethical and responsible decision making;
- (j) recommending to shareholders the appointment of the external auditor as and when their appointment or re-appointment is required to be approved by them (in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules if applicable); and
- (k) meeting with the external auditor, at their request, without management being present.

### 3 Composition of the Board

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- (a) The composition of the Board is to be reviewed regularly to ensure the appropriate mix of skills and expertise is present to facilitate successful strategic direction.
- (b) Prior to appointing a new member to the Board or putting forward a candidate to shareholders for election as a director, the Board must undertake appropriate checks including without limitation making enquiries of any:
  - (i) criminal history;
  - (ii) history of fraud, dishonesty, misrepresentation, concealment of material facts or breach of duty; and
  - (iii) history of personal bankruptcy or any involvement in companies that have gone into administration due to insolvency,and must provide shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.
- (c) In appointing new members to the Board, consideration is given to the ability of the appointee to contribute to the ongoing effectiveness of the Board, to exercise sound business judgement, to commit the necessary time to fulfil the requirements of the role effectively and to contribute to the development of the strategic direction of the Company.
- (d) Each Board member must enter into a written agreement with the Company setting out the terms of their appointment.
- (e) Where practical, the majority of the Board is comprised of non-executive Directors. Where practical, at least 50% of the Board will be independent. An independent Director is one who is independent of management and free from any business or other relationship, which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with, the exercise of independent judgement. Independent Directors should meet the definition of what constitutes independence as set out in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations as set out in Attachment 1.
- (f) Directors must disclose their interests. The independence of the Directors should be regularly assessed by the Board in light of the interests disclosed by them.
- (g) Directors are expected to bring their independent views and judgement to the Board and must declare immediately to the Board any potential or active conflicts of interest.
- (h) Directors must declare immediately to the Board, and the Board will determine whether to declare to the market, any loss of independence.
- (i) No member of the Board, other than one elected Managing Director, may serve for more than three years or past the third annual general meeting following their appointment, whichever is the longer, without being re-elected by the shareholders.
- (j) Prior to the Board proposing re-election of non-executive Directors, their performance will be evaluated by the Nomination Committee to ensure that they continue to contribute effectively to the Board.
- (k) The Board should comprise Directors with a mix of qualifications, experience and expertise which will assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities, as well as assisting the Company in achieving growth and delivering value to shareholders.

## **4 The role of the chairman**

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- (a) Where practical, the Chairman should be a non-executive Director. If a Chairman ceases to be an independent Director then the Board will consider appointing a lead independent Director.
- (b) Where practical, the Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director should not be the Chairman of the Company during his term as Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director or in the future.
- (c) The Chairman must be able to commit the time to discharge the role effectively.
- (d) The Chairman is responsible for the leadership of the Board, ensuring it is effective, setting the agenda of the Board, conducting the Board meetings and conducting the shareholder meetings.
- (e) The Chairman should facilitate the effective contribution of all Directors and promote constructive and respectful relations between Board members and management.
- (f) In the event that the Chairman is absent from a meeting of the Board then the Board shall appoint a Chairman for that meeting.

## **5 Board committees**

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- (a) Once the Board is of a sufficient size and structure, and the Company's operations are of a sufficient magnitude, to assist the Board in fulfilling its duties, the Board may consider establishing the following committees, each with written terms of reference:
  - (i) Audit and Risk Committee;
  - (ii) Remuneration Committee; and
  - (iii) Nomination Committee.
- (b) The charter of the Committees is approved by the Board and reviewed following any applicable regulatory changes.
- (c) The Board will ensure that the Committees are sufficiently funded to enable them to fulfil their roles and discharge their responsibilities.
- (d) Members of Committees are appointed by the Board. The Board may appoint additional Directors to Committees or remove and replace members of Committees by resolution.
- (e) The minutes of each Committee meeting shall be provided to the Board at the next occasion the Board meets following approval of the minutes of such Committee meeting.
- (f) Where the Board does not consider that the Company will gain any benefit from a particular separate committee, the full Board will carry out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to that committee under the written terms of reference for that committee.

## **6 Board meetings**

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- (a) There must be two Directors present at a meeting to constitute a quorum.
- (b) The Board will schedule formal Board meetings at least quarterly and hold additional meetings, including by teleconference, as may be required.
- (c) Non-executive Directors may confer at scheduled times without management being present.
- (d) The minutes of each Board meeting shall be prepared by the Company Secretary, approved by the Chairman and circulated to Directors after each meeting.
- (e) The Company Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the Board as far in advance as practicable on a timetable agreed by the Board.
- (f) Minutes of meetings must be approved at the next Board meeting.
- (g) Further details regarding board meetings are set out the Company's Constitution.

## **7 The company secretary**

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- (a) When requested by the Board, the Company Secretary will facilitate the flow of information to the Board, between the Board and its Committees and between senior executives and non-executive Directors.
- (b) The Company Secretary is to facilitate the induction of new Directors.
- (c) The Company Secretary is to facilitate the implementation of Board policies and procedures.
- (d) The Company Secretary is to provide advice to the Board on corporate governance matters, the application of the Company's Constitution, the ASX Listing Rules and applicable other laws.
- (e) All Directors have access to the advice and services provided by the Company Secretary.
- (f) The Board has the responsibility for the appointment and removal of the Company Secretary.

## **8 Access to advice**

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- (a) A Director has access to company records and information in accordance with any Deed of Indemnity, Insurance and Access entered into with the Company. Otherwise, the Director has access to company records and information except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.
- (b) All Directors may consult management and employees as required to enable them to discharge their duties as Directors.
- (c) The Board, Committees or individual Directors may seek independent external professional advice as considered necessary at the expense of the Company, subject to prior consultation with the Chairman and approval of external fees, which cannot be

unreasonably withheld. A copy of any such advice received is made available to all members of the Board.

## **9 The Board's relationship with management**

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- (a) The Board shall delegate responsibility for the day-to-day operations and administration of the Company to the Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director.
- (b) In addition to formal reporting structures, members of the Board are encouraged to have direct communications with management and other employees within the Group to facilitate the carrying out of their duties as Directors.
- (c) Each senior executive must enter into a written agreement with the Company setting out the terms of their appointment.

## **10 Performance review**

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The Nomination Committee shall conduct an annual performance review of the Board that:

- (a) compares the performance of the Board with the requirements of its Charter;
- (b) critically reviews the mix of the Board; and
- (c) suggests any amendments to the Charter as are deemed necessary or appropriate.

## **11 Disclosure policy**

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The Board should ensure that the Company has in place effective disclosure policies and procedures so that shareholders and the financial market are fully informed to the extent required by the applicable disclosure rules and legislation on matters that may influence the share price of the Company or its listed debt securities.

## Schedule 2 Corporate Code of Conduct

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### 1 Purpose

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The purpose of this Corporate Code of Conduct is to provide a framework for decisions and actions in relation to ethical conduct in employment. It underpins the Company's commitment to integrity and fair dealing in its business affairs and to a duty of care to all employees, clients and stakeholders. The document sets out the principles covering appropriate conduct in a variety of contexts and outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected from directors, officers, managers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries (**Personnel**).

### 2 Accountabilities

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#### 2.1 Managers and Supervisors

Managers and supervisors are responsible and accountable for:

- (a) undertaking their duties and behaving in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Code of Conduct;
- (b) the effective implementation, promotion and support of the Code of Conduct in their areas of responsibility; and
- (c) ensuring employees under their control understand and follow the provisions outlined in the Code of Conduct.

#### 2.2 Employees

All employees are responsible for:

- (a) undertaking their duties in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Code of Conduct;
- (b) reporting suspected corrupt conduct; and
- (c) reporting any departure from the Code of Conduct by themselves or others.

### 3 Personal and professional behaviour

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When carrying out your duties, you should:

- (a) behave honestly and with integrity and report other employees who are behaving dishonestly;
- (b) carry out your work with integrity and to a high standard and in particular, commit to the Company's policy of producing quality goods and services;
- (c) operate within the law at all times;
- (d) follow the policies of the Company; and

- (e) act in an appropriate business-like manner when representing the Company in public forums.

## **4 Conflict of interest**

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- (a) Potential for conflict of interest arises when it is likely that you could be influenced, or it could be perceived that you are influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your duties. Conflicts of interest that lead to biased decision making may constitute corrupt conduct.
- (b) Some situations that may give rise to a conflict of interest include situations where you have:
  - (i) financial interests in a matter the Company deals with or you are aware that your friends or relatives have a financial interest in the matter;
  - (ii) directorships / management of outside organisations;
  - (iii) membership of boards of outside organisations;
  - (iv) personal relationships with people the Company is dealing with which go beyond the level of a professional working relationship;
  - (v) secondary employment, business, commercial, or other activities outside of the workplace which impacts on your duty and obligations to the Company;
  - (vi) access to information that can be used for personal gain; and
  - (vii) offer of an inducement.
- (c) You may often be the only person aware of the potential for conflict. It is your responsibility to avoid any conflict from arising that could compromise your ability to perform your duties impartially. You must report any potential or actual conflicts of interest to your manager.
- (d) If you are uncertain whether a conflict exists, you should discuss that matter with your manager and attempt to resolve any conflicts that may exist.
- (e) You must not submit or accept any bribe, or other improper inducement. Any such inducements are to be reported to your manager.

## **5 Public and media comment**

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- (a) Individuals have a right to give their opinions on political and social issues in their private capacity as members of the community.
- (b) Employees must not make official comment on matters relating to the Company unless they are:
  - (i) authorised to do so by the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director; or
  - (ii) giving evidence in court; or
  - (iii) otherwise authorised or required to by law.

- (c) Employees must not release unpublished or privileged information unless they have the authority to do so from the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director.
- (d) The above restrictions apply except where prohibited by law, for example in relation to "whistleblowing".

## **6 Use of company resources**

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- (a) Requests to use Company resources outside core business time should be referred to management for approval.
- (b) If employees are authorised to use Company resources outside core business times they must take responsibility for maintaining, replacing, and safeguarding the property and following any special directions or conditions that apply.
- (c) Employees using Company resources without obtaining prior approval could face disciplinary and / or criminal action. Company resources are not to be used for any private commercial purposes.

## **7 Security of information**

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Employees are to make sure that confidential and sensitive information cannot be accessed by unauthorised persons. Sensitive material should be securely stored overnight or when unattended. Employees must ensure that confidential information is only disclosed or discussed with people who are authorised to have access to it. It is considered a serious act of misconduct to deliberately release confidential documents or information to unauthorised persons, and may incur disciplinary action.

## **8 Intellectual property / copyright**

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- (a) Intellectual property includes the rights relating to scientific discoveries, industrial designs, trademarks, service marks, commercial names and designations, and inventions and is valuable to the Company.
- (b) The Company is the owner of intellectual property created by employees in the course of their employment unless a specific prior agreement has been made. Employees must obtain written permission to use any such intellectual property from the Company Secretary / Group Legal Counsel before making any use of that property for purposes other than as required in their role as employee.

## **9 Discrimination and harassment**

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- (a) Employees must not harass, discriminate, or support others who harass and discriminate against colleagues or members of the public on the grounds of sex, pregnancy, marital status, age, race (including their colour, nationality, descent, ethnic or religious background), physical or intellectual impairment, homosexuality or transgender.
- (b) Such harassment or discrimination may constitute an offence under legislation. Managers should understand and apply the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity.

## **10 Corrupt conduct**

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- (a) Corrupt conduct involves the dishonest or partial use of power or position which results in one person / group being advantaged over another. Corruption can take many forms including, but not limited to:
  - (i) official misconduct;
  - (ii) bribery and blackmail;
  - (iii) unauthorised use of confidential information;
  - (iv) fraud; and
  - (v) theft.
- (b) Corrupt conduct will not be tolerated by the Company. Disciplinary action up to and including dismissal will be taken in the event of any employee participating in corrupt conduct.

## **11 Occupational health and safety**

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- (a) It is the responsibility of all employees to act in accordance with occupational health and safety legislation, regulations and policies applicable to their respective organisations and to use security and safety equipment provided.
- (b) Specifically all employees are responsible for safety in their work area by:
  - (i) following the safety and security directives of management;
  - (ii) advising management of areas where there is potential problem in safety and reporting suspicious occurrences; and
  - (iii) minimising risks in the workplace.

## **12 Legislation**

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It is essential that all employees comply with the laws and regulations of the countries in which we operate. Violations of such laws may have serious consequences for the Company and any individuals concerned. Any known violation must be reported immediately to management.

## **13 Fair dealing**

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The Company aims to succeed through fair and honest competition and not through unethical or illegal business practices. Each employee should endeavour to deal fairly with the Company's suppliers, customers and other employees.

## **14 Insider trading**

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All employees must observe the Company's "Trading Policy". In conjunction with the legal prohibition on dealing in the Company's securities when in possession of unpublished price sensitive information, the Company has established specific time periods when Directors, management and employees are permitted to buy and sell the Company's securities.

## **15 Responsibilities to investors**

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The Company strives for full, fair and accurate disclosure of financial and other information on a timely basis.

## **16 Breaches of the Code of Conduct**

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- (a) Employees should note that breaches of certain sections of this Code of Conduct may be punishable under legislation.
- (b) Breaches of this Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action. The process for disciplinary action is outlined in Company policies and guidelines, relevant industrial awards and agreements.

## **17 Reporting matters of concern**

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Employees are encouraged to raise any matters of concern in good faith with the head of their business unit or with the Company Secretary / Group Legal Counsel, without fear of retribution.

## Schedule 3     Audit and Risk Committee Charter

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### 1     Role

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The role of the Audit and Risk Committee is to assist the Board in monitoring and reviewing any matters of significance affecting financial reporting and compliance. This Charter defines the Audit and Risk Committee's function, composition, mode of operation, authority and responsibilities.

### 2     Composition

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- (a)     The Committee must comprise at least three members.
- (b)     All members of the Committee must be non-executive Directors.
- (c)     A majority of the members of the Committee must be independent non-executive Directors in accordance with the criteria set out in Annexure A.
- (d)     The Board will appoint members of the Committee. The Board may remove and replace members of the Committee by resolution.
- (e)     All members of the Committee must be able to read and understand financial statements.
- (f)     The Chairman of the Committee may not be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and must be independent in accordance with the criteria set out in Annexure A.
- (g)     The Chairman shall have leadership experience and a strong finance, accounting or business background.
- (h)     The external auditors, the other Directors, the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and senior executives, may be invited to Committee meetings at the discretion of the Committee.

### 3     Purpose

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- (a)     The primary purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities relating to:
  - (i)     the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements, accounting policies and financial reporting and disclosure practices;
  - (ii)    compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and company policy;
  - (iii)   the effectiveness and adequacy of internal control processes;
  - (iv)    the performance of the Company's external auditors and their appointment and removal;
  - (v)    the independence of the external auditor and the rotation of the lead engagement partner; and

- (vi) the identification and management of business risks.
- (b) A secondary function of the Committee is to perform such special reviews or investigations as the Board may consider necessary.

## **4 Duties and responsibilities of the committee**

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### **4.1 Review of financial reports**

- (a) Review the appropriateness of the accounting principles adopted by management in the financial reports and the integrity of the Company's financial reporting.
- (b) Oversee the financial reports and the results of the external audits of those reports.
- (c) Assess whether external reporting is adequate for shareholder needs.
- (d) Assess management processes supporting external reporting.
- (e) Establish procedures for treatment of accounting complaints.
- (f) Review the impact of any proposed changes in accounting policies on the financial statements.
- (g) Review the quarterly, half yearly and annual results.

### **4.2 Relationship with external auditors**

- (a) Recommend to the Board procedures for the selection and appointment of external auditors and for the rotation of external auditor partners.
- (b) Review performance, succession plans and rotation of lead engagement partner.
- (c) Approve the external audit plan and fees proposed for audit work to be performed.
- (d) Discuss any necessary recommendations to the Board for the approval of quarterly, half yearly or annual reports.
- (e) Review the adequacy of accounting and financial controls together with the implementation of any recommendations of the external auditor in relation thereto.
- (f) Meet with the external auditors at least twice in each financial period without management being present and at any other time the Committee considers appropriate.
- (g) Provide pre-approval of audit and non-audit services that are to be undertaken by the external auditor.
- (h) Ensure adequate disclosure as may be required by law of the Committee's approval of all non-audit services provided by the external auditor.
- (i) Ensure that the external auditor prepares and delivers an annual statement as to their independence which includes details of all relationships with the Company.
- (j) Receive from the external auditor their report on, among other things, critical accounting policies and alternative accounting treatment, prior to the filing of their audit report in compliance with the Corporations Act.

#### **4.3 Internal audit function**

- (a) Monitor the need for a formal internal audit function and its scope.
- (b) Assess the performance and objectivity of any internal audit procedures that may be in place.
- (c) Review risk management and internal compliance procedures.
- (d) Monitor the quality of the accounting function.
- (e) Review the Internal Control Reports on a quarterly basis.

#### **4.4 Risk Management**

- (a) Oversee the Company's risk management systems, practices and procedures to ensure effective risk identification and management and compliance with internal guidelines and external requirements.
- (b) Review reports by management on the efficiency and effectiveness of risk management and associated internal compliance and control procedures.

#### **4.5 Other**

- (a) The Committee will oversee the Company's environmental risk management and occupational health and safety processes.
- (b) The Committee will oversee procedures for whistleblower protection.
- (c) To assist the Board in its review and consideration of the Company's financial statements for a financial period, the Committee will declare to the Board whether, in their opinion:
  - (i) the Company's financial records have been properly maintained; and
  - (ii) the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position and performance,

and, in doing so, will confirm if their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

- (d) As contemplated by the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, and to the extent that such deviation or waiver does not result in any breach of the law, the Committee may approve any deviation or waiver from the "Corporate code of conduct". Any such waiver or deviation will be promptly disclosed where required by applicable law.
- (e) Monitor related party transactions.

#### **4.6 Meetings**

- (a) The Committee will meet at least each financial quarter and additionally as circumstances may require for it to undertake its role effectively.
- (b) Meetings are called by the Secretary as directed by the Board or at the request of the Chairman of the Committee.

- (c) Where deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Committee, meetings and subsequent approvals and recommendations can be implemented by a circular written resolution or conference call.
- (d) A quorum shall consist of two members of the Committee. In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee or their nominees, the members shall elect one of their members as Chairman of that meeting.
- (e) Decisions will be based on a majority of votes with the Chairman having a casting vote.
- (f) The Committee Chairman, through the Secretary, will prepare a report of the actions of the Committee to be included in the Board papers for the next Board meeting.
- (g) Minutes of each meeting are included in the papers for the next full Board meeting after each Committee meeting.

#### **4.7 Secretary**

- (a) The Company Secretary or their nominee shall be the Secretary of the Committee and shall attend meetings of the Committee as required.
- (b) The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings of the Committee and circulating them to Committee members and to the other members of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the Committee as far in advance as possible.

#### **4.8 Reliance on Information or Professional or Expert Advice**

Each member of the Committee is entitled to rely on information, or professional or expert advice, to the extent permitted by law, given or prepared by:

- (a) an employee of the Group whom the member believes on reasonable grounds to be reliable and competent in relation to the matters concerned;
- (b) a professional adviser or expert in relation to matters that the member believes on reasonable grounds to be within the person's professional or expert competence; or
- (c) another Director or officer of the Group in relation to matters within the Director's or officer's authority.

### **5 Access to Advice**

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- (a) A member of the Committee who is also a director of the Company, has rights of access to management and to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as a Committee member in accordance with any Deed of Indemnity, Insurance of Access entered into with the Company. Otherwise, members of the Committee have rights to access to management and to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as Committee members, except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.
- (b) Members of the Committee may meet with the auditors, both internal and external, without management being present.

- (c) Members of the Committee may consult independent legal counsel or other advisers they consider necessary to assist them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities, subject to prior consultation with the Chairman and approval of external fees, which cannot unreasonably be withheld. Any costs incurred as a result of the Committee consulting an independent expert will be borne by the Company.

## **6 Review of Charter**

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- (a) The Board will conduct an annual review of the membership to ensure that the Committee has carried out its functions in an effective manner, and will update the Charter as required or as a result of new laws or regulations.
- (b) The Charter shall be made available to members on request, to senior management, to the external auditor and to other parties as deemed appropriate and will be posted to the Company's website.

## **7 Report to the Board**

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- (a) The Committee must report to the Board formally at the next Board meeting following from the last Committee meeting on matters relevant to the Committee's role and responsibilities.
- (b) The Committee must brief the Board promptly on all urgent and significant matters.

## Schedule 4 Remuneration Committee Charter

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### 1 General Scope and Authority

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- (a) The Remuneration Committee is a Committee of the Board. The Charter may be subject to review by the Board at any time.
- (b) The primary purpose of the Committee is to support and advise the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities to shareholders by:
  - (i) reviewing and approving the executive remuneration policy to enable the Company to attract and retain executives and Directors who will create value for shareholders;
  - (ii) reviewing and approving the non-executive remuneration policy to enable the Company to attract and retain non-executive Directors in a manner that will not conflict with their obligation to bring an independent judgement to matters before the Board;
  - (iii) ensuring that the executive remuneration policy demonstrates a clear relationship between key executive performance and remuneration;
  - (iv) recommending to the Board the remuneration of executive Directors;
  - (v) fairly and responsibly rewarding executives having regard to the performance of the Group, the performance of the executive and the prevailing remuneration expectations in the market;
  - (vi) reviewing the Company's recruitment, retention and termination policies and procedures for senior management;
  - (vii) reviewing and approving the remuneration of Director reports to the Managing Director, and as appropriate other senior executives; and
  - (viii) reviewing and approving any equity based plans and other incentive schemes.
- (c) The Committee shall have the right to seek any information it considers necessary to fulfil its duties, which includes the right to obtain appropriate external advice at the Company's expense.

### 2 Composition

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- (a) The Committee shall comprise at least three Directors, the majority being independent non-executive Directors in accordance with the criteria set out in Annexure A.
- (b) The Committee will be chaired by an independent Director who will be appointed by the Board.
- (c) The Board may appoint such additional non-executive Directors to the Committee or remove and replace members of the Committee by resolution.

- (d) A quorum will comprise any two independent non-executive Director Committee members. In the absence of the Committee Chairman or appointed delegate, the members shall elect one of their number as Chairman for that meeting.

### **3 Secretary**

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- (a) The Company Secretary or their nominee shall be the Secretary of the Committee, and shall attend meetings of the Committee as required.
- (b) The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes of meeting of the Committee and circulating them to Committee members and to the other members of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the Committee as far in advance as possible.

### **4 Meetings**

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- (a) The Committee will meet at least once per year and additionally as circumstances may require.
- (b) Meetings are called by the Secretary as directed by the Board or at the request of the Chairman of the Committee.
- (c) A quorum shall comprise any two members of the Committee. In the absence of the Committee Chairman or appointed delegate, the members shall elect one of their members as Chairman.
- (d) Where deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Committee, meetings and subsequent approvals may be held or concluded by way of a circular written resolution or a conference call.
- (e) Decisions will be based on a majority of votes with the Chairman having the casting vote.
- (f) The Committee may invite any executive management team members or other individuals, including external third parties, to attend meetings of the Committee, as they consider appropriate.

### **5 Access**

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- (a) A member of the Committee who is also a director of the Company, has rights of access to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as a Committee member in accordance with any Deed of Indemnity, Insurance and Access entered into with the Company. Otherwise, members of the Committee have rights of access to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as a Committee member, except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.
- (b) The Committee may consult independent experts to assist it in carrying out its duties and responsibilities. Any costs incurred as a result of the Committee consulting an independent expert will be borne by the Company.

## 6 Duties and responsibilities

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In order to fulfil its responsibilities to the Board the Committee shall:

- (a) **(Executive remuneration policy):**
  - (i) Review and approve the Group's recruitment, retention and termination policies and procedures for senior executives to enable the Company to attract and retain executives and Directors who can create value for shareholders.
  - (ii) Review the on-going appropriateness and relevance of the executive remuneration policy and other executive benefit programs.
  - (iii) Ensure that remuneration policies fairly and responsibly reward executives having regard to the performance of the Company, the performance of the executive and prevailing remuneration expectations in the market.
- (b) **(Executive directors and senior management):**
  - (i) Consider and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration for each executive Director (including base pay, incentive payments, equity awards, retirement rights, service contracts) having regard to the executive remuneration policy.
  - (ii) Review and approve the proposed remuneration (including incentive awards, equity awards and service contracts) for the direct reports to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director. As part of this review the Committee will oversee an annual performance evaluation of the executive team. This evaluation is based on specific criteria, including the business performance of the Company and its subsidiaries, whether strategic objectives are being achieved and the development of management and personnel.
- (c) **(Executive incentive plan):** Review and approve the design of any executive incentive plans.
- (d) **(Equity based plans):**
  - (i) Review and approve any equity based plans that may be introduced (Plans) in the light of legislative, regulatory and market developments.
  - (ii) For each Plan, determine each year whether awards will be made under that Plan.
  - (iii) Review and approve total proposed awards under each Plan.
  - (iv) In addition to considering awards to executive Directors and direct reports to the Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director, review and approve proposed awards under each plan on an individual basis for executives as required under the rules governing each plan or as determined by the Committee.
  - (v) Review, approve and keep under review performance hurdles for each equity based plan.
- (e) **(Non-executive remuneration policy):**

- (i) Consider and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration for each non-executive Director (as distinct from the remuneration structures of executive directors and senior management) having regard to the non-executive remuneration policy; and
  - (ii) Review the ongoing appropriateness and relevance of the non-executive remuneration policy.
- (f) **(Other):** The Committee shall perform other duties and activities that it or the Board considers appropriate.

## **7 Approvals**

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The Committee must approve the following prior to implementation:

- (a) changes to the remuneration or contract terms of executive Directors and direct reports to the Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director;
- (b) the Plans or amendments to current equity plans or executive cash-based incentive plans;
- (c) total level of awards proposed from equity plans or executive cash-based incentive plans; and
- (d) termination payments to executive Directors or direct reports to the Managing Director. Termination payments to other departing executives should be reported to the Committee at its next meeting.

## **8 Prohibition against hedging unvested entitlements**

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The Committee must ensure that Key Management Personnel participating in equity based incentive plans are prohibited from entering into any transaction which would have the effect of hedging or otherwise transferring to any other person the risk of any fluctuation in the value of any unvested entitlement in the Company's securities.

## Schedule 5      **Nomination Committee Charter**

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### **1      General scope and authority**

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- (a)      The Nomination Committee is a Committee of the Board. The Charter may be subject to review by the Board at any time.
- (b)      The primary purpose of the Committee is to support and advise the Board in:
  - (i)      maintaining a Board that has an appropriate mix of skills and experience to be an effective decision-making body; and
  - (ii)     ensuring that the Board is comprised of Directors who contribute to the successful management of the Company and discharge their duties having regard to the law and the highest standards of corporate governance.

### **2      Composition**

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- (a)      The Committee shall comprise at least three non-executive Directors, the majority of whom must be independent in accordance with the criteria set out in Annexure A, one of whom will be appointed the Committee Chairman.
- (b)      The Board may appoint additional non-executive Directors to the Committee or remove and replace members of the Committee by resolution.

### **3      Secretary**

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- (a)      The Company Secretary or their nominee shall be the Secretary of the Committee and shall attend meetings of the Committee as required.
- (b)      The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings of the Committee and circulating them to Committee members and to the other members of the Board.
- (c)      The Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the Committee as far in advance as possible.

### **4      Meetings**

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- (a)      The Committee will meet at least once a year and additionally as circumstances may require.
- (b)      Meetings are called by the Secretary as directed by the Board or at the request of the Chairman of the Committee.
- (c)      Where deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Committee, meetings and subsequent approvals may be held or concluded by way of a circular written resolution or conference call.

- (d) A quorum shall comprise any two members of the Committee. In the absence of the Committee Chairman or appointed delegate, the members shall elect one of their number as Chairman.
- (e) Decisions will be based on a majority of votes with the Chairman having a casting vote.
- (f) The Committee may invite executive management team members or other individuals, including external third parties to attend meetings of the Committee, as they consider appropriate.

## **5 Access**

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- (a) A member of the Committee who is also a director of the Company, has rights of access to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as a Committee member in accordance with any Deed of Indemnity, Insurance and Access entered into with the Company. Otherwise, members of the Committee have rights of access to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as a Committee member, except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.
- (b) The Committee may consult independent experts where the Committee considers this necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Any costs incurred as a result of the Committee consulting an independent expert will be borne by the Company.

## **6 Responsibilities**

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- (a) The Committee shall periodically review and consider the structure and balance of the Board and make recommendations regarding appointments, retirements and terms of office of Directors. In particular, the Committee is to:
  - (i) identify and recommend to the Board candidates for the Board after:
    - (A) considering the necessary and desirable competencies of new Board members to ensure the appropriate mix of skills, experience, expertise and diversity; and
    - (B) assessment of how the candidates can contribute to the Company's strategic direction;
  - (ii) approve and review induction procedures for new appointees of the Board to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities;
  - (iii) assess and consider the time required to be committed by a non-executive Director to properly fulfil their duty to the Company and advise the Board.
  - (iv) consider and recommend to the Board candidates for election or re-election to the Board at each annual shareholders' meeting;
  - (v) review Directorships in other public companies held by or offered to Directors and senior executives of the Company;
  - (vi) review succession plans for the Board with a view to maintaining an appropriate balance of skills and experience on the Board;

- (vii) arrange an annual performance evaluation of the Board, its Committee and individual Directors;
  - (viii) make recommendations to the Board on the appropriate size and composition of the Board; and
  - (ix) make recommendations to the Board on the terms and conditions of appointment to, and removal and retirement from, the Board.
- (b) The Committee should maintain and provide to the Board at appropriate times a skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.

## Schedule 6 Disclosure – Performance Evaluation

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- 1.1 The Nomination Committee will arrange a performance evaluation of the Board, its Committees and its individual Directors on an annual basis. To assist in this process an independent adviser may be used.
- 1.2 The Board must disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with the process outlined below.
- 1.3 The Nomination Committee will conduct an annual review of the role of the Board, assess the performance of the Board over the previous 12 months and examine ways of assisting the Board in performing its duties more effectively.
- 1.4 The review will include:
  - (a) comparing the performance of the Board with the requirements of its Charter;
  - (b) examination of the Board's interaction with management;
  - (c) the nature of information provided to the Board by management; and
  - (d) management's performance in assisting the Board to meet its objectives.
- 1.5 A similar review will be conducted for each Committee by the Board with the aim of assessing the performance of each Committee and identifying areas where improvements can be made.
- 1.6 The Remuneration Committee will oversee the performance evaluation of the executive team. This evaluation is based on specific criteria, including the business performance of the Company and its subsidiaries, whether strategic objectives are being achieved and the development of management and personnel.

## **Schedule 7      Disclosure – Continuous Disclosure and Market Communication Policy**

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- 1.1      The Company must comply with continuous disclosure requirements arising from legislation and the ASX Listing Rules.
- 1.2      The general rule, in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.1, is that once the Company becomes aware of any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities, the Company must immediately disclose that information to the ASX.
- 1.3      The Company has in place a written policy on information disclosure and relevant procedures.
- 1.4      The focus of these procedures is on continuous disclosure compliance and improving access to information for investors.
- 1.5      The Company Secretary is responsible for:
  - (a)      overseeing and co-ordinating disclosure of information to the relevant securities exchanges and shareholders; and
  - (b)      providing guidance to Directors and employees on disclosure requirements and procedures.
- 1.6      Price sensitive information is publicly released through ASX before it is disclosed to shareholders and market participants. Distribution of other information to shareholders and market participants is also managed through disclosure to the ASX.
- 1.7      Information is posted on the Company's website after the ASX confirms an announcement has been made, with the aim of making the information readily accessible to the widest audience.

## Schedule 8 Disclosure – Risk Management

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### 1 Disclosure – risk management review procedure and internal compliance and control

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- (a) The Board determines the Company's "risk profile" and is responsible for overseeing and approving risk management strategy and policies, internal compliance and internal control.
- (b) The Board has delegated to the Audit and Risk Committee responsibility for implementing the risk management system.

### 2 The Audit and Risk Committee will submit particular matters to the Board for its approval or review

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2.1 Among other things it will:

- (a) oversee the Company's risk management systems, practices and procedures to ensure effective risk identification and management and compliance with internal guidelines and external requirements;
- (b) assist management to determine the key risks to the businesses and prioritise work to manage those risks; and
- (c) review reports by management on the efficiency and effectiveness of risk management and associated internal compliance and control procedures.
- (d) The Company's process of risk management and internal compliance and control includes:
  - (i) identifying and measuring risks that might impact upon the achievement of the Company's goals and objectives, and monitoring the environment for emerging factors and trends that affect these risks.
  - (ii) formulating risk management strategies to manage identified risks, and designing and implementing appropriate risk management policies and internal controls.
  - (iii) monitoring the performance of, and improving the effectiveness of, risk management systems and internal compliance and controls, including regular assessment of the effectiveness of risk management and internal compliance and control.
- (e) To this end, comprehensive practises are in place that are directed towards achieving the following objectives:
  - (i) compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
  - (ii) preparation of reliable published financial information.
  - (iii) implementation of risk transfer strategies where appropriate e.g. insurance.

- (f) The responsibility for undertaking and assessing risk management and internal control effectiveness is delegated to management. Management is required to assess risk management and associated internal compliance and control procedures and report back quarterly to the Audit and Risk Committee.
- (g) The Board will review assessments of the effectiveness of risk management and internal compliance and control on an annual basis.

## Schedule 9 Trading Policy

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### 1 Introduction

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- (a) These guidelines set out the policy on the sale and purchase of securities in the Company by its Key Management Personnel.
- (b) Key Management Personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any Director (whether executive or otherwise) of that entity.
- (c) The Company has determined that its Key Management Personnel are its Directors and those employees directly reporting to the Managing Director, and for the purposes of this Policy the Company Secretary.
- (d) Key Management Personnel are encouraged to be long-term holders of the Company's securities. However, it is important that care is taken in the timing of any purchase or sale of such securities.
- (e) The purpose of these guidelines is to assist Key Management Personnel to avoid conduct known as 'insider trading'. In some respects, the Company's policy extends beyond the strict requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

### 2 What types of transactions are covered by this policy?

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This policy applies to both the sale and purchase of any securities of the Company and its subsidiaries on issue from time to time.

### 3 What is insider trading?

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#### 3.1 Prohibition

Insider trading is a criminal offence. It may also result in civil liability. In broad terms, a person will be guilty of insider trading if:

- (a) that person possesses information which is not generally available to the market and, if it were generally available to the market, would be likely to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities (i.e. information that is 'price sensitive'); and
- (b) that person:
  - (i) buys or sells securities in the Company; or
  - (ii) procures someone else to buy or sell securities in the Company; or
  - (iii) passes on that information to a third party where that person knows, or ought reasonably to know, that the third party would be likely to buy or sell the securities or procure someone else to buy or sell the securities of the Company.

### **3.2 Examples**

To illustrate the prohibition described above, the following are possible examples of price sensitive information which, if made available to the market, may be likely to materially affect the price of the Company's securities:

- (a) the Company considering a major acquisition;
- (b) the threat of or actual major litigation against the Company;
- (c) the Company's revenue and profit or loss results materially exceeding (or falling short of) the market's expectations;
- (d) a material change in debt, liquidity or cash flow;
- (e) a significant new development proposal (e.g. new product or technology);
- (f) the grant or loss of a major contract;
- (g) a management or business restructuring proposal;
- (h) a share issue / capital raising proposal;
- (i) an agreement or option to acquire an interest in a mining tenement, or to enter into a joint venture or farm-in or farm-out arrangement in relation to a mining tenement; and
- (j) significant discoveries, results of material technical or engineering studies, exploration results, or changes in reserve / resource estimates from mining tenements in which the Company has an interest.

### **3.3 Dealing through third parties**

The insider trading prohibition extends to dealings by individuals through nominees, agents or other associates, such as family members, family trusts and family companies (referred to as "Associates" in these guidelines).

### **3.4 Information however obtained**

It does not matter how or where the person obtains the information – it does not have to be obtained from the Company to constitute inside information.

### **3.5 Employee share schemes**

The prohibition does not apply to acquisitions of shares or options by employees made under employee share or option schemes, nor does it apply to the acquisition of shares as a result of the exercise of options under an employee option scheme. However, the prohibition does apply to the sale of shares acquired under an employee share scheme and also to the sale of shares acquired following the exercise of an option granted under an employee option scheme.

## **4 Guidelines for trading in the Company's securities**

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### **4.1 General rule**

- (a) Key Management Personnel are not permitted to trade the Company's securities during the specific "Closed Periods" detailed below.

The Closed Periods are:

- (i) the period two weeks prior to, and 48 hours after the release of the Company's quarterly reports;
  - (ii) the period two weeks prior to, and 48 hours after the release of the Half Year Financial Report of the Company;
  - (iii) the period two weeks prior to, and 48 hours after the release of the Company's Preliminary Report and Annual Financial Report; and
  - (iv) the day of the annual general meeting.
- (b) The Company may at its discretion vary this rule in relation to a particular Closed Period by general announcement to all Key Management Personnel either before or during the period.
- (c) In particular, the Company may announce additional Closed Periods during which the Company's securities may not be traded, including while it considers matters which are exempt from immediate disclosure to ASX under the continuous disclosure rules.
- (d) However, if a member of Key Management Personnel is in possession of Price Sensitive Information which is not generally available to the market, then he or she must not deal in the Company's securities at any time, even if such trading might otherwise be permitted by the securities trading policy.

## **5 No short-term trading in the Company's securities**

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Key Management Personnel should never engage in short-term trading of the Company's securities except for the exercise of options where the resulting shares will be sold shortly thereafter.

## **6 Securities in other companies**

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Buying and selling securities of other companies with which the Company may be dealing is prohibited where an individual possesses information which is not generally available to the market and is 'price-sensitive'. For example, where an individual is aware that the Company is about to sign a major agreement with another company, they should not buy securities in either the Company or the other company.

## **7 Derivatives**

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For the avoidance of doubt, Key Management Personnel are prohibited from trading during Closed Periods in financial products issued or created over or in respect of the Company's securities.

## **8 Prohibition against hedging unvested entitlements**

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Key Management Personnel participating in equity based incentive plans are prohibited from entering into any transaction which would have the effect of hedging or otherwise transferring to any other person the risk of any fluctuation in the value of any unvested entitlement in the Company's securities.

## 9 Exceptions

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- (a) Key Management Personnel may at any time:
  - (i) acquire ordinary shares in the Company by conversion of securities giving a right of conversion to ordinary shares;
  - (ii) acquire Company securities under a bonus issue made to all holders of securities of the same class;
  - (iii) acquire Company securities under a dividend reinvestment, or top-up plan that is available to all holders or securities of the same class;
  - (iv) acquire, or agree to acquire or exercise options under a Company Share Option Plan;
  - (v) withdraw ordinary shares in the Company held on behalf of a member of Key Management Personnel in an employee share plan where the withdrawal is permitted by the rules of that plan;
  - (vi) acquire ordinary shares in the Company as a result of the exercise of options held under an employee option scheme;
  - (vii) transfer securities of the Company already held into a superannuation fund or other saving scheme in which the restricted person is a beneficiary;
  - (viii) make an investment in, or trade in units of, a fund or other scheme (other than a scheme only investing in the securities of the Company) where the assets of the fund or other scheme are invested at the discretion of a third party;
  - (ix) where a restricted person is a trustee, trade in the securities of the Company by that trust, provided the restricted person is not a beneficiary of the trust and any decision to trade during a prohibited period is taken by the other trustees or by the investment managers independently of the restricted person;
  - (x) undertake to accept, or accept, a takeover offer;
  - (xi) trade under an offer or invitation made to all or most of the security holders, such as a rights issue, a security purchase plan, a dividend or distribution reinvestment plan and an equal access buy-back, where the plan that determines the timing and structure of the offer has been approved by the Board. This includes decisions relating to whether or not to take up the entitlements and the sale of entitlements required to provide for the take up of the balance of entitlements under a renounceable pro rata issue;
  - (xii) dispose of securities of the Company resulting from a secured lender exercising their rights, for example, under a margin lending arrangement;
  - (xiii) exercise (but not sell securities following exercise) an option or a right under an employee incentive scheme, or convert a convertible security, where the final date for the exercise of the option or right, or the conversion of the security, falls during a prohibited period or the Company has had a number of consecutive prohibited periods and the restricted person could not reasonably have been expected to exercise it at a time when free to do so; or
  - (xiv) trade under a non-discretionary trading plan for which prior written clearance has been provided in accordance with procedures set out in this Policy.

- (b) In respect of any share or option plans adopted by the Company, it should be noted that it is not permissible to provide the exercise price of options by selling the shares acquired on the exercise of these options unless the sale of those shares occurs outside the periods specified in section 4.1.
- (c) Were this is to occur at a time when the person possessed inside information, then the sale of Company securities would be a breach of insider trading laws, even though the person's decision to sell was not influenced by the inside information that the person possessed and the person may not have made a profit on the sale. Where Company securities are provided to a lender as security by way of mortgage or charge, a sale that occurs under that mortgage or charge as a consequence of default would not breach insider trading laws.
- (d) Notification of periods when Key Management Personnel are not permitted to trade
- (e) The Company Secretary will endeavour to notify all Key Management Personnel of the times when they are not permitted to buy or sell the Company's securities as set out in section 4.1.

## **10 Approval and notification requirements**

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### **10.1 Approval requirements**

- (a) Any Key Management Personnel (other than the Chairman) wishing to buy, sell or exercise rights in relation to the Company's securities must obtain the prior written approval of the Chairman or the Board before doing so.
- (b) If the Chairman wishes to buy, sell or exercise rights in relation to the Company's securities, the Chairman must obtain the prior approval of the Board before doing so.

### **10.2 Approvals to buy or sell securities**

- (a) All requests to buy or sell securities as referred to in section 10.1 must include the intended volume of securities to be purchased or sold and an estimated time frame for the sale or purchase.
- (b) Copies of written approvals must be forwarded to the Company Secretary prior to the approved purchase or sale transaction.

### **10.3 Notification**

Subsequent to approval obtained in accordance with sections 10.1 and 10.2, any Key Management Personnel who (or through his or her Associates) buys, sells, or exercises rights in relation to Company securities must notify the Company Secretary in writing of the details of the transaction within five (5) business days of the transaction occurring. This notification obligation operates at all times but does not apply to acquisitions of shares or options by employees made under employee share or option schemes, nor does it apply to the acquisition of shares as a result of the exercise of options under an employee option scheme.

### **10.4 Key Management Personnel sales of securities**

Key Management Personnel need to be mindful of the market perception associated with any sale of Company securities and possibly the ability of the market to absorb the volume of shares being sold. With this in mind, the management of the sale of any significant volume of Company securities (i.e. a volume that would represent a volume in excess of 10% of the total securities held by the seller prior to the sale, or a volume to be sold that would be in excess of 10% of the average daily traded volume of the shares of the Company on the ASX for the preceding 20 trading days) by a Key Management Personnel needs to be discussed with the

Board and the Company's legal advisers prior to the execution of any sale. These discussions need to be documented in the form of a file note, to be retained by the Company Secretary.

#### **10.5 Exemption from Closed Periods restrictions due to exceptional circumstance**

Key Management Personnel who are not in possession of inside information in relation to the Company, may be given prior written clearance by the Managing Director (or in the case of the Managing Director by all other members of the Board) to sell or otherwise dispose of Company securities in a Closed Period where the person is in severe financial hardship or where there are exceptional circumstances as set out in this policy.

#### **10.6 Severe financial hardship or exceptional circumstances**

- (a) The determination of whether a Key Management Personnel is in severe financial hardship will be made by the Managing Director (or in the case of the Managing Director by all other members of the Board).
- (b) A financial hardship or exceptional circumstances determination can only be made by examining all of the facts and if necessary obtaining independent verification of the facts from banks, accountants or other like institutions.

#### **10.7 Financial hardship**

- (a) Key Management Personnel may be in severe financial hardship if they have a pressing financial commitment that cannot be satisfied other than by selling the securities of the Company.
- (b) In the interests of an expedient and informed determination by the Managing Director (or all other members of the Board as the context requires), any application for an exemption allowing the sale of Company securities in a Closed Period based on financial hardship must be made in writing stating all of the facts and be accompanied by copies of relevant supporting documentation, including contact details of the person's accountant, bank and other such independent institutions (where applicable).
- (c) Any exemption, if issued, will be in writing and shall contain a specified time period during which the sale of securities can be made.

#### **10.8 Exceptional circumstances**

- (a) Exceptional circumstances may apply to the disposal of Company securities by a Key Management Personnel if the person is required by a court order, a court enforceable undertaking for example in a bona fide family settlement, to transfer or sell securities of the Company, or there is some other overriding legal or regulatory requirement to do so.
- (b) Any application for an exemption allowing the sale of Company securities in a Closed Period based on exceptional circumstances must be made in writing and be accompanied by relevant court and / or supporting legal documentation (where applicable).
- (c) Any exemption, if issued, will be in writing and shall contain a specified time period during which the sale of securities can be made.

### **11 ASX notification for Directors**

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- (a) The ASX Listing Rules require the Company to notify the ASX within 5 business days after any dealing in securities of the Company (either personally or through an

Associate) which results in a change in the relevant interests of a Director in the securities of the Company.

- (b) Directors must notify the Company Secretary immediately on acquiring or disposing of a relevant interest in any securities of the Company to ensure that the compliance requirements of the ASX are met.
- (c) The Company Secretary will arrange for the appropriate ASX appendix 3X, 3Y or 3Z notification to be lodged with ASX within 5 business days.
- (d) In addition, the ASX Listing Rules require the disclosure by listed companies in Appendix 3Ys of instances where trading by Directors occurred during a Closed Period where prior written clearance was required, and if so, whether that clearance was provided.

## **12 Material changes to this Policy**

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For purposes of the ASX Listing Rules, amendments to this policy that would constitute a material change and which would require that the amended policy be given to ASX for release to the market include:

- (a) changes to the periods specified in the trading policy when the Company's Directors and employees are prohibited from trading in the Company's securities;
- (b) changes with respect to the trading that is excluded from the operation of the Company's trading policy; and
- (c) changes with respect to the exceptional circumstances in which the Company's Directors and employees may be permitted to trade during a Closed Period.

## **13 Effect of Compliance with this Policy**

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Compliance with these guidelines for trading in the Company's securities does not absolve that individual from complying with the law, which must be the overriding consideration when trading in the Company's securities.

## Schedule 10 Diversity Policy

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### 1 Introduction

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- (a) The Company and all its related bodies corporate are committed to workplace diversity.
- (b) The Company recognises the benefits arising from employee and Board diversity, including a broader pool of high quality employees, improving employee retention, accessing different perspectives and ideas and benefiting from all available talent.
- (c) Diversity includes, but is not limited to, gender, age, ethnicity and cultural background.
- (d) To the extent practicable, the Company will address the recommendations and guidance provided in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations.
- (e) The Diversity Policy does not form part of an employee's contract of employment with The Company, nor gives rise to contractual obligations. However, to the extent that the Diversity Policy requires an employee to do or refrain from doing something and at all times subject to legal obligations, the Diversity Policy forms a direction of the Company with which an employee is expected to comply.

### 2 Objectives

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- (a) The Diversity Policy provides a framework for the Company to achieve:
  - (i) a diverse and skilled workforce, leading to continuous improvement in service delivery and achievement of corporate goals;
  - (ii) a workplace culture characterised by inclusive practices and behaviours for the benefit of all staff;
  - (iii) improved employment and career development opportunities for women;
  - (iv) a work environment that values and utilises the contributions of employees with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives through improved awareness of the benefits of workforce diversity and successful management of diversity; and
  - (v) awareness in all staff of their rights and responsibilities with regards to fairness, equity and respect for all aspects of diversity,(collectively, the **Objectives**).
- (b) The Diversity Policy does not impose on the Company, its directors, officers, agents or employee any obligation to engage in, or justification for engaging in, any conduct which is illegal or contrary to any anti-discrimination or equal employment opportunity legislation or laws in any State or Territory of Australia or of any foreign jurisdiction.

### **3 Responsibilities**

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#### **3.1 The Board's commitment**

- (a) The Board is committed to workplace diversity, with a particular focus on supporting the representation of women at the senior level of the Company and on the Board.
- (b) The Board is responsible for developing measurable objectives and strategies to meet the Objectives of the Diversity Policy (Measurable Objectives) and monitoring the progress of the Measurable Objectives through the monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms listed below.
- (c) The Board may also set Measurable Objectives for achieving gender diversity and monitor their achievement.
- (d) The Board will conduct all Board appointment processes in a manner that promotes gender diversity, including establishing a structured approach for identifying a pool of candidates, using external experts where necessary.

#### **3.2 Strategies**

The Company's diversity strategies include:

- (a) recruiting from a diverse pool of candidates for all positions, including senior management and the Board;
- (b) reviewing succession plans to ensure an appropriate focus on diversity;
- (c) identifying specific factors to take account of in recruitment and selection processes to encourage diversity;
- (d) developing programs to develop a broader pool of skilled and experienced senior management and Board candidates, including, workplace development programs, mentoring programs and targeted training and development;
- (e) developing a culture which takes account of domestic responsibilities of employees; and
- (f) any other strategies the Board develops from time to time.

### **4 Monitoring and Evaluation**

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- (a) The Chairman will monitor the scope and currency of this policy.
- (b) The Company is responsible for implementing, monitoring and reporting on the Measurable Objectives.
- (c) Measurable Objectives as set by the Board will be included in the annual key performance indicators for the Chief Executive Officer / Managing Director and senior executives.
- (d) In addition, the Board will review progress against the Objectives as a key performance indicator in its annual performance assessment.

## 5 Reporting

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The Board will include in the Annual Report each year:

- (a) the Measurable Objectives, if any, set by the Board;
- (b) progress against the Objectives; and
- (c) the proportions of women and men employees in the whole organisation, at senior management level and at Board level (including how 'senior management level' is defined for these purposes).

## Schedule 11 Shareholder Communications Strategy

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- 2.1 The Board of the Company aims to ensure that the shareholders are informed of all major developments affecting the Company's state of affairs and to facilitate two-way communication with investors.
- 2.2 Information is communicated to shareholders through:
- (a) the Annual Report delivered electronically, or upon request by post and which is also placed on the Company's website;
  - (b) the half yearly report which is placed on the Company's website;
  - (c) the quarterly reports which are placed on the Company's website;
  - (d) disclosures and announcements made to the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) copies of which are placed on the Company's website;
  - (e) notices and explanatory memoranda of Annual General Meetings (AGM) and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) copies of which are placed on the Company's website;
  - (f) the Chairman's address and the Managing Director's address made at the AGMs and the EGMs, copies of which are placed on the Company's website;
  - (g) the Company's website on which the Company posts all announcements which it makes to the ASX; and
  - (h) the auditor's lead engagement partner being present at the AGM to answer questions from shareholders about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.
- 2.3 Shareholders are encouraged to attend and participate in general meetings. Accordingly, meetings are held during normal business hours and at a location considered to be most convenient for the greatest possible number of shareholders to attend.
- 2.4 Shareholders can register with the Company's Registrar to receive email notifications of when an announcement is made by the Company to the ASX, including the release of the annual, half yearly and quarterly reports. Links are made available to the Company's website on which all information provided to the ASX is immediately posted.
- 2.5 Shareholders are encouraged to receive communications from the Company and its share registry electronically.
- 2.6 The Company is reviewing its website to identify ways in which it can promote its greater use by shareholders and make it more informative.
- 2.7 At least three historical years of the Company's Annual Report are provided on the Company's website.
- 2.8 Shareholders' queries should be referred to the Company Secretary in the first instance.

## Schedule 12     **Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy**

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### **1     Introduction**

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- (a)     The Company is committed to conducting its operations and business activities with integrity and preventing bribery or corruption by any of its Directors, Officers, Employees or any other party acting on its behalf. The Company is committed to complying with all laws that apply to it, including anti-bribery and corruption laws.
- (b)     The purpose of the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (**Policy**) is to:
  - (i)     supplement the Company's Code of Conduct by setting out the conduct expected by the Company to minimise the risk of bribery or corruption occurring in connection with its operations and activities; and
  - (ii)    provide guidance on how to deal with instances of bribery or corruption.

### **2     Application of this Policy**

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This Policy applies to the Company and its Directors, Officers, Employees, secondees, and other individuals or entities that are effectively controlled by the Company (**Personnel**).

### **3     Prohibition on bribery and corruption**

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- (a)     Bribery and corruption in any form are prohibited.
- (b)     Bribery involves the offering, giving, soliciting or accepting of a benefit (monetary or otherwise) to any person where the benefit is:
  - (i)     not legitimately due;
  - (ii)    offered or given to that person with the intention of influencing them in the exercise of their duties or functions; and
  - (iii)   offered or given with the intention of obtaining business or a business advantage that is not legitimately due to the Company.
- (c)     For the avoidance of any doubt:
  - (i)     this prohibition on bribery applies irrespective of whether the person sought to be influenced works in the public or private sector;
  - (ii)    the prohibition applies throughout the world;
  - (iii)   it is irrelevant whether a bribe is accepted or ultimately provided. Merely offering a bribe is a contravention of this Policy and usually is sufficient for an offence to be committed; and
  - (iv)    this prohibition is not subject to any local customs or business practices.
- (d)     Also for the avoidance of doubt, in this Policy Public Official means anyone who is:

- (i) a member of any legislative, administrative or judicial body;
- (ii) a party official or a candidate for political office;
- (iii) an employee, official or contractor of a government body or a wholly or partially state-owned enterprise;
- (iv) an official, employee or contractor of any public international organisation (such as the United Nations, the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund);
- (v) a person who holds themselves out to be an intermediary of a Public Official;
- (vi) a member of a royal family; or
- (vii) a commercial entity, or the directors, officers or employees of a commercial entity, in which a government body has a significant ownership interest or over which it otherwise exerts control (i.e. a foreign public enterprise).

#### **4 Gifts and Entertainment**

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- (a) The Company does not permit the exchange of gifts or involvement in hospitality activities that is beyond general commercial practice or that occurs in circumstances that could be considered to give rise to undue influence.
- (b) The offer or acceptance of gifts or hospitality is permitted where it meets all of the following requirements:
  - (i) is for a legitimate business purpose, which may include developing business relationships;
  - (ii) it is customary and proper under the circumstances and gives no appearance of impropriety;
  - (iii) it does not take place with Public Officials from which a decision regarding any licence, permit, authorisation or any other official act or decision is pending;
  - (iv) involves, or is reasonably likely to involve, a third party paying for travel or accommodation, and that payment is approved by the Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary;
  - (v) complies with the local law and government policies of the country in which the expenditure is made;
  - (vi) is given in an open and transparent manner;
  - (vii) does not include cash, loans or cash equivalents (such as gift certificates or vouchers);
  - (viii) it does not impose any sense of obligation on the recipient to the donor;
  - (ix) it does not result in any kind of special or favoured treatment of the donor;
  - (x) it cannot be viewed as extravagant, excessive or too frequent considering all of the circumstances; and

- (xi) complies with the financial approval requirements referred to below.
- (c) The Company's Personnel must obtain approval from their direct supervisor (or in the case of Directors or Officers from the Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary before accepting or offering any gift or hospitality where it is reasonably foreseeable that the gift or hospitality will exceed AU\$500 in value (**Threshold Value**).
- (d) A declaration must be made in the Gifts and Entertainment Register where the offer or acceptance of gifts (including personal favours) or hospitality is over the Threshold Value. The entry must:
  - (i) include the value (or approximate value) of the gift or hospitality and whether the gift or invitation to participate in hospitality was accepted or declined; and
  - (ii) must be accurate and must not distort or disguise the true nature of the entry.
- (e) The Gifts and Entertainment Register will be reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer and / or Company Secretary every six months.

## **5 Prohibition on facilitation payments and secret commissions**

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- (a) The making of facilitation payments is prohibited. Facilitation payments are typically minor unofficial payments to Public Officials made either directly or indirectly to expedite or secure the performance of a routine government action (for example, to facilitate the expedition of applications for visas or licences.
- (b) The giving or receiving of secret commissions is prohibited. Secret commissions typically arise where a person or entity (such as an employee) offers or gives a commission to an agent or representative of another person (such as a contractor) of which is not disclosed by that agent or representative to their principal. Such a payment is made as an inducement to influence the conduct of the principal's business.

## **6 Donations**

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### **6.1 Political donations**

- (a) Personnel must not, on behalf of the Company, make a political donation to any political party, politician or candidate for public office in any country unless the donation has been approved in advance by the Board and complies with the local law and government policies of the jurisdiction where the donation is made. It must also be recorded accurately in the Company's accounts.
- (b) Attendance at political gatherings, meetings and functions in a professional capacity is permitted where there is a legitimate business purpose. Records of attendance (and the cost of attendance) must be declared in the Gifts and Entertainment Register.

### **6.2 Charitable donations and social programs**

- (a) Apart from political donations, the Company may make charitable donations and contribute to social programs (e.g. community education and health programs) as permitted by local laws and practices. No charitable donation or social programs may be offered or made on behalf of the Company without the prior approval of the Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary.

- (b) Care must be taken to ensure that charitable donations and social programs are applied for a legitimate and appropriate purpose.

## **7 Engaging with third party contractors, agents and intermediaries**

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- (a) It is prohibited by this Policy and the law to offer, give, solicit or receive a bribe indirectly, through a third party.
- (b) It is important that appropriate controls are implemented in respect of the Company's engagement of third parties to ensure that the actions of the third parties do not affect the Company adversely.
- (c) Third party agents and intermediaries that pose particular risk to the Company of breaching anti-bribery laws include those that are involved in negotiating any business arrangements or transactions with the public or private sector on behalf of the Company.
- (d) In the circumstances set out at section 7.3, it is important that:
  - (i) the standards of conduct set out in this Policy are clearly communicated;
  - (ii) sufficient due diligence is performed to ensure that it is appropriate for the third party to represent the Company. This includes completion of an appropriate due diligence report. In many instances it will be appropriate to conduct reference checks;
  - (iii) the fees payable to the representative must be reasonable and at market rates for the services being rendered and not provide an incentive to act improperly;
  - (iv) success based or percentage-based fees are not negotiated or paid without the express prior approval of the Managing Director;
  - (v) the appointment of the representative is documented in a written agreement which:
  - (vi) contains anti-bribery provisions that satisfy the requirements of this Policy; and
  - (vii) expressly reserves the Company's right to conduct performance monitoring and regular audits; and
  - (viii) the appointment must be approved by the Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary.
- (e) Due diligence enquiries will also be made in respect of third party contractors performing services in developing or emerging economies if the nature of the services poses a material risk of breaching anti-bribery laws.

## **8 Joint Ventures and Acquisitions**

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- (a) Where a joint venture partnership or acquisition is under consideration, a due diligence report must be completed and signed off by the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary and / or the Company's internal General Counsel or external legal advisers before entering into contractual relations.

- (b) Contracts with proposed joint venture partners should include standard terms concerning the issues addressed by this Policy and the Company should work with its partners to adhere to the standards outlined in this Policy.

## **9 Accounting, Books and Records**

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- (a) Internal financial recording and accounting systems and procedures must be maintained to make and keep books and records which accurately and fairly reflect, in reasonable detail, the parties, the payment arrangements and the purpose of all transactions and disposition of assets.
- (b) No undisclosed or unrecorded fund or account may be established for any purpose.

## **10 Compliance with local laws required**

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- (a) This Policy reflects the laws applicable to the Company. As such, compliance with the Policy should generally result in compliance with local laws. Nevertheless, Personnel should ensure that they are familiar with local laws and, where a law imposes a higher standard than the Policy, Personnel operating in that country must fully comply with the higher standard.
- (b) In appropriate instances, the Company will provide country-specific directions for Personnel and the Company's subsidiaries operating in countries outside of Australia.

## **11 Consequences of non-compliance**

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- (a) Bribery and the other types of improper payments prohibited by this Policy are prohibited under the laws of the countries in which commercial dealings on behalf of the Company take place.
- (b) Under relevant laws, for companies, possible consequences of contravention include the imposition of substantial fines, exclusion from tendering for government or private contracts and reputational damage. For individuals, possible consequences include criminal and civil liability with associated significant fines and / or lengthy terms of imprisonment.
- (c) Further, any breach of this Policy by Personnel or third parties acting on the Company's behalf is a serious matter that will be investigated and addressed by the Company. It may result in disciplinary action, including immediate termination of employment or engagement with the Company.

## **12 Reporting procedure and queries**

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- (a) Personnel must report any instance where they believe that non-compliance with the Policy has occurred, is occurring, or is being planned, as soon as they become aware of it.
- (b) The report should be made to the Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary and / or the Company's internal General Counsel or external legal advisers. Reports may be made anonymously. The Company will make available an email address for this purpose.

- (c) All disclosures will be taken seriously, thoroughly investigated and treated with the utmost confidentiality.
- (d) Personnel are also encouraged to contact the Company Secretary if they have any questions or concerns regarding this Policy or subject matter to which this Policy relates. Any enquiries will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

### **13 Protection from sanction**

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- (a) Personnel will not be subjected to any form of punishment or reprisal from the Company for:
  - (i) raising a concern regarding, or reporting, any instance of, non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with this Policy, provided the report is made in good faith; or
  - (ii) refusing to provide or receive a bribe or for refusing to participate in corrupt activity.
- (b) Any retaliatory action by against any individual who:
  - (i) refuses to follow any directive or participate in any activity in circumstances where they are concerned that doing so may amount to a breach of this Policy; and / or
  - (ii) is involved in the reporting of conduct which they believe or suspect amounts to non-compliance with this Policy,is prohibited regardless of whether or not the targeted individual is Personnel.

### **14 Review**

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The Board will review this Policy annually and this Policy may be amended by resolution of the Board.

### **15 Disclosure of Policy**

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This Policy and any updated will be made available on the Company's website [www.nickelsearch.com.au](http://www.nickelsearch.com.au) in a clearly marked "Corporate Governance" section.

## Schedule 13 Whistleblower Policy

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### 1 Purpose

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The Company and its subsidiaries requires its directors, officers, employees, consultants and contractors (**Company Staff**) to observe high standards of business conduct and ethics, as well as full compliance with all applicable government laws, rules and regulations, corporate reporting and disclosure, accounting practices, accounting controls, auditing practices and other matters relating to fraud against shareholders.

Pursuant to its charter, the Audit and Risk Committee (**Committee**) of the Board is responsible for ensuring that a confidential and anonymous process exists whereby persons can report suspected incidents of corrupt, illegal or unethical work related behaviour in breach of the Company Code of Conduct relating to the Company. In order to carry out its responsibilities under its Charter, the Committee has adopted this Whistleblower Policy (**Policy**).

The purpose of this Policy is to promote the responsibility of Company Staff to report suspected incidents of corrupt, illegal or unethical work related behaviour in breach of the Company's Code of Conduct

The Company is committed to maintaining a positive culture of openness, responsible corporate governance and ethical behaviour where Company Staff are able to report incidents of corrupt, illegal or unethical work related conduct without fear of reprisal.

The Company is committed to ensuring that our employees do not suffer disadvantage for reporting instances of wrongdoing to management.

It is a breach of this Policy for any employee to cause disadvantage to a whistleblower and this might result in disciplinary action which could include termination of employment.

This Policy has been prepared in accordance with the Company Code of Conduct and with reference to the Corporations Act Part 9.4AAA.

### 2 Objectives

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The specific objectives of this Policy are to:

- (a) promote the responsibility of Company Staff to report corrupt, illegal or unethical work related conduct;
- (b) outline the channels for reporting corrupt, illegal or unethical work related conduct;
- (c) outline the process for dealing with reports of corrupt, illegal or unethical work related conduct; and
- (d) provide Company Staff with assurance that all reports will be taken seriously, treated as confidential and handled without fear of reprisal.

### **3 Reportable Conduct**

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Corrupt, illegal or unethical work related conduct, which is considered reportable under this Policy includes any conduct, which in the view of the whistleblower, acting in good faith, involves:

- (a) breach of Company Code of Conduct;
- (b) breach of Laws (including theft, drug sale / use, violence or threatened violence, criminal damage against property);
- (c) obtaining a financial advantage by deception;
- (d) theft of Company property (including cash or assets);
- (e) payment or receipt of secret commissions;
- (f) collusive tendering;
- (g) receiving inappropriate gifts or entertainment;
- (h) internet or e-mail misuse;
- (i) leaking of confidential or private information;
- (j) commercial bribes or kickbacks;
- (k) nepotism and favouritism;
- (l) conflicts of interests;
- (m) discrimination;
- (n) harassment;
- (o) bullying;
- (p) abuse of position;
- (q) unsafe work practices;
- (r) environmental vandalism;
- (s) inappropriate or anti-social behaviour in the community;
- (t) damages to Company's reputation; and / or
- (u) any other activity detrimental to Company's financial position or the general interests of the business.

### **4 Whistleblower Protection**

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Whistleblowers will be protected and laws exist to discourage or penalise acts of reprisal:

- (a) whilst personal contact between whistleblowers and the reporting channels is desired, anonymity is assured if requested or required; and

- (b) Whistleblowers may request action to be taken to ensure additional protection (such as job relocation to another team or area of the business or leave of absence during investigations) where it is not possible to maintain the anonymity of the whistleblower.

#### **4.2 Reporting**

Whistleblowers can report wrongdoing through the following channels:

- (a) Chief Executive Officer / Company Secretary;
- (b) Chairman; or
- (c) any other Director.

Company Staff are encouraged, where they are comfortable, to raise issues with Company Management first to enable early resolution of concerns or issues.

#### **4.3 Protection**

Employees can choose to disclose their name, or if their identity becomes apparent through making a report, they can request the Company Secretary to ensure Whistleblower protection is assured.

The Company Secretary will contact the employee to discuss the protection that might be needed. Available protection depends on the situation and may include:

- (a) ensuring confidentiality in the investigation and protecting the employee's identity;
- (b) monitoring and managing the behaviour of other employees;
- (c) offering a leave of absence while a matter is investigated;
- (d) relocating employees to a different working group or department; and
- (e) taking steps to ensure the employee is not treated unfairly.

#### **4.4 Reporting Procedure**

Employees wishing to make a report are encouraged to do so as soon as possible:

- (a) to enable early resolution where possible;
- (b) to prevent unnecessary delay and / or escalation through satisfactory resolution; and
- (c) to ensure appropriate escalation where required.

The Company Secretary has been delegated as the Whistleblower Protection Officer (**WPO**) and is the permanent point of contact for investigations. The Whistleblower Protection Officer has the responsibility of providing individual employees with protection from disadvantage and will contact the person to discuss their needs.

The Committee has delegated responsibility for:

- (d) review of Whistleblower Reports, reporting and providing appropriate protection for the Whistleblower to the Company Secretary;
- (e) managing reviews and coordinating investigations to the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary will provide a report to the Committee on:

- (i) the matters raised in the Whistleblower Report;
- (ii) any investigation undertaken and any actions implemented to address the matters raised in the Whistleblower Report.

Where any Whistleblower Report relates to the WPO, these reports will be provided directly to the Chairperson of the Committee for review and the Chairperson shall be responsible for coordinating the investigation and implementation of any recommendations.

## **5 Investigation**

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The following shall apply with respect to Whistleblower communication and participation:

- (a) the Whistleblower report will be confidentially provided to the WPO within 24 hours of receipt;
- (b) the WPO will determine how the complaint shall be dealt with, either through internal or external parties to conduct any investigation;
- (c) the WPO shall ensure fairness is applied throughout any investigation;
- (d) appropriate feedback will be provided to the Whistleblower, by the WPO, where they have not remained anonymous including acknowledgement of the report and details of an initial interview;
- (e) the WPO shall oversee any investigation and resolution of the complaint, seeking assurance from management that where practical, any wrongdoing verified by the investigation is rectified; and
- (f) the WPO may engage external expertise to provide support with the investigation process, to ensure that due process is followed.

The investigation may vary depending on the precise nature of the conduct being investigated. All investigations will be conducted in a manner that is fair, objective and affords natural justice to all involved.

## **6 Action**

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A range of actions are available once the investigation has concluded. These may include:

- (a) appropriate sanctions against the wrongdoer in accordance with employment laws;
- (b) where illegal conduct has occurred, this may involve reporting the matter to relevant authorities and in some cases the police; and / or
- (c) changes to the Company's procedures and requirements to prevent reoccurrence of the Unethical Conduct, if appropriate.

## **7 Good faith**

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This Policy applies for serious and sensitive issues. Although the Whistleblower is not expected to prove the truth of an allegation, he or she should be able to demonstrate, in making a Whistleblower report that the report is being made in good faith and on reasonable grounds.

Whistleblower reports involving staff which are found to be malicious, wholly unsubstantiated or of a vexatious nature will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. No action will be taken where the Whistleblower report was made in good faith even though no wrongdoing was identified.

In circumstances where a Whistleblower report from an external party is found to be malicious, wholly unsubstantiated or of a vexatious nature, these will be referred to an appropriate external party, for example, the Police.

## **8 Communication**

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This Policy will be communicated and promoted at all levels of the Company's business and will be disclosed on the Company website for reference by external stakeholders.

## **9 Review of Policy**

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This Policy will be reviewed at least every two years annually to ensure its effectiveness.

## Schedule 14 Definitions

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General terms and abbreviations used in this Plan have the meanings set out below.

- (a) **Board** means the board of Directors of the Company.
- (b) **Director** means a director of the Company.
- (c) **Managing Director** means the managing director of the Company.
- (d) **Chairman** means the chairman of the Board.
- (e) **Chief Financial Officer** means the chief financial officer of the Company.
- (f) **Chief Operating Officer** means the chief operating officer of the Company.
- (g) **Code of Conduct** means the code of conduct of the Company.
- (h) **Company** or **Group** means NickelSearch Limited ACN 110 599 650 and its subsidiaries.
- (i) **Company Secretary** means the company secretary of the Company.
- (j) **Company Staff** means any Director(s), officers, employees, consultants and/or contractors of the Company
- (k) **Employee** means any employee of the Company.
- (l) **Gifts and Entertainment Register** means a register of gifts and hospitality accepted or offered (or which are proposed to be accepted or offered) by or to any Employee where it is reasonably foreseeable that the gift or hospitality will exceed \$500 in value.
- (m) **Officer** has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.
- (n) **WPO** means the Whistleblower Protection Officer.

## Attachment 1 Definition of independence

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ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations

An independent Director is a non-executive Director (i.e. is not a member of management) and:

- holds less than 5% of the voting shares of the Company and is not an officer of, or otherwise associated directly or indirectly with, a shareholder of more than 5% of the voting shares of the Company;
- within the last three years has not been employed in an executive capacity by the Company or another group member, or been a Director after ceasing to hold any such employment;
- within the last three years has not been a principal of a material professional adviser or a material consultant to the Company or another group member, or an employee materially associated with the service provided;
- is not a material supplier or customer of the Company or other group member, or an officer of or otherwise associated directly or indirectly with a material supplier or customer;
- has no material contractual relationship with the Company or another group member other than as a Director of the Company;
- has not served on the board for a period which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the Director's ability to act in the best interests of the Company; and
- is free from any interest and any business or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the Director's ability to act in the best interests of the Company.

The materiality thresholds are assessed on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the relevant Director's specific circumstances, rather than referring to a general materiality threshold.