

## **Advance Notice of Nominations of Directors**

### **Nomination Procedures**

Subject to the Act and the articles, only persons who are nominated in accordance with the following procedures shall be eligible for election as directors of the Corporation at any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation. Nominations of persons for election to the board may be made at any annual meeting of shareholders, or at any special meeting of shareholders if one of the purposes for which the special meeting was called was the election of directors:

- a. by or at the direction of the board, including pursuant to a notice of meeting;
- b. by or at the direction or request of one or more shareholders pursuant to a proposal or a requisition made in accordance with the provisions of the Act; or
- c. by any person (a "Nominating Shareholder"): (A) who, at the close of business on the date of the giving of the notice provided for below and on the record date for notice of such meeting, is a registered holder or beneficial owner of shares that are entitled to be voted at such meeting; and (B) who complies with the notice procedures set forth below.

## **Timely Notice**

In addition to any other applicable requirements, for a nomination to be made by a Nominating Shareholder, the Nominating Shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation in accordance with this document.

# **Manner of Timely Notice**

To be timely, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the secretary of the Corporation must be made:

- a. in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders, not less than 30 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of shareholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting of shareholders is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date (the "Notice Date") on which the first public announcement of the date of the annual meeting was made, notice by the Nominating Shareholder may be made not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the Notice Date; and
- b. in the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors (whether or not called for other purposes as well), not later than the fifteenth (15th) day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the special meeting of shareholders was made.



## **Proper Form of Timely Notice**

To be in proper written form, a Nominating Shareholder's notice to the secretary of the Corporation must set forth:

- a. as to each person whom the Nominating Shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a director (each, a "**Proposed Nominee**"): (A) the name, age, business address and residential address of the person; (B) the principal occupation or employment of the person for the last five years; (C) the status of such person as a "resident Canadian" as defined in the Act; (D) the number of shares of the Corporation beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, by the Proposed Nominee as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and shall have occurred) and as of the date of such notice; and (E) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Act and Applicable Securities Laws; and
- b. as to the Nominating Shareholder giving the notice: (A) the name, age, business and residential address of such Nominating Shareholder; (B) the number of shares of the Corporation beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, by the Nominating Shareholder as of the record date for the meeting of shareholders (if such date shall then have been made publicly available and shall have occurred) and as of the date of such notice; and (C) any other information relating to such Nominating Shareholder that would be required to be disclosed in a dissident's proxy circular in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Act and Applicable Securities Laws.

The Corporation may require any Proposed Nominee to furnish such other information as may reasonably be required by the Corporation to determine the eligibility of such Proposed Nominee to serve as an independent director of the Corporation or that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such Proposed Nominee.

#### **Date of Information**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 1.4, all information to be provided in a timely notice pursuant to Section 1.4 shall be provided as of the date of such notice. To be considered timely and in proper written form, a Nominating Shareholder's notice shall be promptly updated and supplemented, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice shall be true and correct as of the record date for the meeting.

# **Information to be Made Publicly Available**

Subject to applicable law, all information provided by the Proposed Nominee or Nominating Shareholder which has been requested by the Corporation shall (as soon as practicable after receipt of the information) be made publicly available to shareholders by the Corporation.

# **Eligibility for Nomination as a Director**

No person shall be eligible for election as a director of the Corporation unless nominated in accordance with the provisions of this by-law; provided, however, that nothing in this by-law shall be deemed to preclude discussion by a shareholder (as distinct from the nomination of directors) at a meeting of shareholders of any matter in respect of which it would have been entitled to submit a proposal pursuant to the provisions of the Act. The chair of the meeting shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination was made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the foregoing provisions and, if any proposed nomination is not in compliance with such foregoing provisions, to declare that such defective nomination shall be disregarded.



## **Delivery of Notice**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law, notice given to the secretary of the Corporation pursuant to this document may only be given by personal delivery, facsimile transmission or by email (at such email address as stipulated from time to time by the secretary of the Corporation for purposes of this notice), and shall be deemed to have been given and made only at the time it is served by personal delivery, email (at the aforesaid address) or sent by facsimile transmission (provided that receipt of confirmation of such transmission has

been received) to the secretary at the address of the principal executive offices of the Corporation; provided that if such delivery or electronic communication is made on a day which is not a business day or later than 5:00 p.m. (Montreal time) on a day which is a business day, then such delivery or electronic communication shall be deemed to have been made on the subsequent day that is a business day.

### **Board Discretion**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement in this document.