



MANNING VENTURES

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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

with information as at September 17, 2024, *except as otherwise indicated*

This Information Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of MANNING VENTURES INC. (the “Company”) for use at the annual general meeting (the “Meeting”) of its shareholders to be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of the Meeting.

In this Information Circular, references to “the Company”, “we” and “our” refer to MANNING VENTURES INC. “Common Shares” means common shares without par value in the capital of the Company. “Beneficial Shareholders” means shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name and “intermediaries” refers to brokers, investment firms, clearing houses and similar entities that own securities on behalf of Beneficial Shareholders.

GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION

Solicitation of Proxies

The solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, but proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and regular employees of the Company. The Company will bear all costs of this solicitation. The Company has arranged for intermediaries to forward the meeting materials to beneficial owners of Common Shares held as of the record date by those intermediaries and may reimburse the intermediaries for their reasonable fees and disbursements in that regard.

Appointment of Proxyholders

The individuals named in the accompanying form of proxy (the “**Proxy**”) are officers and/or directors of the Company. **If you are a shareholder entitled to vote at the Meeting, you have the right to appoint a person or company other than either of the persons designated in the Proxy, who need not be a shareholder, to attend and act for you and act on your behalf at the Meeting. You may do so either by inserting the name of that other person in the blank space provided in the Proxy or by completing and delivering another suitable form of proxy.**

Voting by Proxyholder

The persons named in the Proxy will vote or withhold from voting the Common Shares represented thereby in accordance with your instructions on **any** ballot that may be called for. If you specify a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, your Common Shares will be voted accordingly. The Proxy confers discretionary authority on persons named therein with respect to:

- (a) each matter or group of matters identified therein for which a choice is not specified, other than the appointment of an auditor and the election of directors;
- (b) any amendment to or variation of any matter identified therein; and
- (c) any other matter that properly comes before the Meeting.

In respect of a matter for which a choice is not specified in the Proxy, the persons named in the Proxy will vote the Common Shares represented by the Proxy for the approval of such matter.

Registered Shareholders

Registered Shareholders may wish to vote by proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered Shareholders who choose to submit a proxy may do so by one of the following methods:

- (a) complete, date and sign the enclosed form of Proxy and return it to the Company's transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. ("**Computershare**"), by fax within North America at 1-866-249-7775, outside North America at (416) 263-9524, by mail to the 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5J 2Y1, or by hand delivery to the 3rd Floor, 510 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 3B9;
- (b) use a touch-tone phone to transmit voting choices to a toll free number. Registered shareholders must follow the instructions of the voice response system and refer to the enclosed Proxy for the toll free number, the holder's account number and the Proxy access number; or
- (c) log on to the internet website of the Company's transfer agent at www.investorvote.com. Registered shareholders must follow the instructions provided at the website and refer to the enclosed Proxy for the holder's account number and the Proxy access number.

Registered Shareholders must ensure the Proxy is received at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Beneficial Shareholders

The following information is of significant importance to shareholders who do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Beneficial Shareholders should note that the only proxies that can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting are those deposited by Registered Shareholders (those whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares) or as set out in the following disclosure.

If Common Shares are listed in an account statement provided to a shareholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Common Shares will not be registered in the shareholder's name on the records of the Company. Such Common Shares will more likely be registered under the names of the shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker (an "**intermediary**"). In the United States, the vast majority of such Common Shares are registered under the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (which acts as depository for many U.S. brokerage firms and custodian banks), and in Canada, under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms).

Intermediaries are required to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of meetings of shareholders. Every intermediary has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions to clients.

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

The Company is taking advantage of the provisions of National Instrument 54-101 "*Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer*" that permit it to directly deliver proxy-related materials to its NOBOs. As a result NOBOs can expect to receive a scannable Voting Instruction Form ("**VIF**") from our transfer agent, Computershare. These VIFs are to be completed and returned to Computershare in the envelope provided or by facsimile. In addition, Computershare provides both telephone voting and internet voting as described on the VIF itself which contain complete instructions. Computershare will tabulate the results of the VIFs received from NOBOs and will provide appropriate instructions at the Meeting with respect to the shares represented by the VIFs they receive.

These securityholder materials are being sent to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities of the Company. If you are a non-registered owner, and the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the intermediary holding securities on your behalf.

By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the Company (and not the intermediary holding securities on your behalf) has assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you, and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions. Please return your voting instructions as specified in your request for voting instructions.

Beneficial Shareholders who are OBOs should follow the instructions of their intermediary carefully to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

The form of proxy supplied to you by your broker will be similar to the proxy provided to Registered Shareholders by the Company. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the intermediary on how to vote your Common Shares on your

behalf. Most brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (“**Broadridge**”) in the United States and in Canada. Broadridge mails a VIF in lieu of a proxy provided by the Company. The VIF will name the same persons as the Company’s Proxy to represent your Common Shares at the Meeting. You have the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Beneficial Shareholder of the Company), other than any of the persons designated in the VIF, to represent your Common Shares at the Meeting and that person may be you. To exercise this right, you should insert the name of the desired representative (which may be yourself) in the blank space provided in the VIF. The completed VIF must then be returned to Broadridge by mail or facsimile or given to Broadridge by phone or over the internet, in accordance with Broadridge’s instructions. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of Common Shares to be represented at the Meeting and the appointment of any shareholder’s representative. **If you receive a VIF from Broadridge, the VIF must be completed and returned to Broadridge, in accordance with its instructions, well in advance of the Meeting in order to have your Common Shares voted at the Meeting or to have an alternate representative duly appointed to attend the Meeting and to vote your Common Shares at the Meeting.**

Notice to Shareholders in the United States

The solicitation of proxies involve securities of an issuer located in Canada and are being effected in accordance with the corporate laws of Canada and securities laws of the provinces of Canada. The proxy solicitation rules under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are not applicable to the Corporation or this solicitation, and this solicitation has been prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the securities laws of the provinces of Canada. Shareholders should be aware that disclosure requirements under the securities laws of the provinces of Canada differ from the disclosure requirements under United States securities laws.

Revocation of Proxies

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a Registered Shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by:

- (a) executing a proxy bearing a later date or by executing a valid notice of revocation, either of the foregoing to be executed by the Registered Shareholder or the Registered Shareholder’s authorized attorney in writing, or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal by an officer or attorney duly authorized, and by delivering the proxy bearing a later date to Computershare or at the address of the registered office of the Company at 1500 Royal Centre, 1055 West Georgia Street, P. O. Box 11117, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4N7, at any time up to and including the last business day that precedes the day of the Meeting or, if the Meeting is adjourned, the last business day that precedes any reconvening thereof, or to the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any reconvening thereof, or in any other manner provided by law, or
- (b) personally attending the Meeting and voting the Registered Shareholder’s Common Shares.

A revocation of a proxy will not affect a matter on which a vote is taken before the revocation.

INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

No director or executive officer of the Company, nor any person who has held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company, nor any nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any substantial or material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors, to confirm and approve the Company’s Share Option Plan, and for continuation, to confirm and approve the Company’s Restricted Share Unit Plan, and for continuation, and as may be set out herein.

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF VOTING SECURITIES

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company has fixed September 17, 2024 as the record date (the “**Record Date**”) for determination of persons entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the Record Date who either attend the Meeting personally or complete, sign and deliver a form of proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described above will be entitled to vote or to have their Common Shares voted at the Meeting.

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares. Effective October 12, 2023, the Company’s Common Shares were consolidated at a share ratio of four (4) pre-consolidation Common Shares, for one (1) new post-consolidated Common Share.

As of the Record Date, there were 34,009,963 Common Shares issued and outstanding, each carrying the right to one vote. No group of shareholders has the right to elect a specified number of directors and there are no cumulative or similar voting rights attached to the Common Shares.

Principal Holders of Voting Securities

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, as at September 17, 2024, except as set forth below, there are no persons or corporations that beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over, Common Shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Common Shares of the Company.

Shareholder Name ⁽¹⁾	Number of Common Shares Held ⁽¹⁾	Percentage of Issued Common Shares
CDS & Co.	33,442,226	98.33%

Note:

- (1) CDS & Co is a share depository, the beneficial ownership of which is unknown to the Company. The above information has been furnished to the Company by Computershare Investor Services Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company’s consolidated audited financial statements of the Company for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022, the report of the auditor thereon and the management discussion and analysis for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022 were filed under the Company’s SEDAR+ profile on March 27, 2024 and can be located under the Company’s SEDAR+ corporate profile at www.sedarplus.ca.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

There are currently four (4) directors of the Company. Norman Wayne Reid resigned as a director of the Company on September 1, 2024. The term of office of each of the current directors will end at the conclusion of the Meeting. Unless the director’s office is vacated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), each director elected will hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, or if no director is then elected, until a successor is elected.

The following table sets out the names of management’s nominees for election as directors, all major offices and positions with the Company and any of its significant affiliates each now holds, each nominee’s principal occupation, business or employment (for the five preceding years for each director), the period of time during which each has been a director of the Company and the number of Common Shares of the Company beneficially owned by each, directly or indirectly, or over which each exercised control or direction, as at the date of this Information Circular. Effective October 12, 2023, the Company’s Common Shares were consolidated at a share ratio of four (4) pre-consolidation Common Shares, for one (1) new post-consolidated Common Share.

Name of Nominee; Current Position with the Company, Province and Country of Residence	Occupation, Business or Employment	Period as a Director of the Company	Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled ⁽¹⁾
Etienne Moshevich Chairman of the Board and Director British Columbia, Canada	See Director Biographies below.	November 2, 2023	Nil
Alexander Klenman ⁽⁵⁾ CEO and Director British Columbia, Canada	Mr. Klenman has held senior management and board positions in both the public and private sectors, and currently sits on the boards of multiple public companies. See Director Biographies below.	Director August 20, 2018 Officer September 20, 2018	555,555 ⁽²⁾

Name of Nominee; Current Position with the Company, Province and Country of Residence	Occupation, Business or Employment	Period as a Director of the Company	Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled ⁽¹⁾
Christopher Robert Cooper ⁽⁵⁾ Director British Columbia, Canada	Founder, President & CEO of Canadian Towers & Fiber Optics Inc. Mr. Cooper has held senior management and board positions in both the public and private sectors. See Director Biographies below.	August 20, 2018	Nil ⁽³⁾
Charanjit Hayre ⁽⁵⁾ Director British Columbia, Canada Director	Senior Manager-Enterprise Risk Services Group by Deloitte & Touche LLP. Mr. Hayre is an experienced entrepreneur and has worked with start-ups in every stage of their development process. See Director Biographies below.	August 20, 2018	Nil ⁽⁴⁾

Notes:

- (1) The number of Common Shares beneficially owned by the above nominees for directors, directly or indirectly, is based on information furnished by the nominees themselves.
- (2) Mr. Klenman holds 25,000 options to purchase 25,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.80, expiring on January 20, 2026, 125,000 options to purchase 125,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.40, expiring on February 24, 2024 and 25,000 restricted share units expiring on February 23, 2024.
- (3) Mr. Cooper holds 25,000 options to purchase 25,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.80, expiring on January 20, 2026, 50,000 options to purchase 50,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.40, expiring on February 24, 2024 and 25,000 restricted share units expiring on February 23, 2024.
- (4) Mr. Hayre holds 25,000 options to purchase 25,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.80, expiring on January 20, 2026, 50,000 options to purchase 50,000 common shares at an exercise price of \$0.40, expiring on February 24, 2024 and 25,000 restricted share units expiring on February 23 2024.
- (5) Member of the Audit Committee.

Except as disclosed below, non of the proposed nominees for election as a director of the Company are proposed for election pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between the nominee and any other person, except the directors and senior officers of the Company acting solely in such capacity.

Director Biographies

Etienne Moshevich, Chairman of the Board and Director

Mr. Moshevich has been the Chairman of the Board and a director of the Company since November 2, 2023. Mr. Moshevich brings over a decade of leadership and capital markets experience in both the public and private sectors to the Company, and currently holds a senior management and board position at Planet Ventures Inc. as well as a board position with Atco Mining Inc.

Mr. Moshevich is the President of Transcend Capital Inc., an investor relations and investment company based in Vancouver, B.C., specializing in exposing undervalued companies to the market place. Mr. Moshevich has a great ability to get in touch with prospective investors and has developed a large contact base of retail and institutional investors around the world. With a degree in economics, Mr. Moshevich has helped finance many successful mining, oil and gas, technology and biotech companies over the years, many of which have returned shareholders substantial returns.

Alexander Klenman, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Mr. Klenman was appointed as a director of the Company on August 20, 2018 and was appointed the CEO of the Company on September 20, 2018.

Mr. Klenman is an experienced junior mining executive whose career spans over 30 years in the private and public sectors. Over the past decade he has held and continues to hold leadership roles with several publicly traded resource companies, including senior officer and/or director positions with Tisdale Clean Energy Corp, Leocor Gold, Azincourt Energy, Arbor Metals, and others. During his career as a marketing, communications, and finance consultant he has worked with companies such as Roxgold Inc, Forum Uranium, Integra Gold, Midnight Sun Mining, among others. He began his professional career in television broadcasting which evolved in the late 1990's into communications, finance and marketing roles principally for publicly traded companies.

Christopher R. Cooper, Director

Mr. Cooper has been a director of the Company since August 20, 2018. Mr. Cooper has over 20 years of extensive business experience in all facets of corporate development, senior management, finance, and operations in both the private and public sectors. Mr. Cooper's experience includes spearheading growth strategies, financial reporting, quarterly and annual budgets, and overseeing corporate administration – all while achieving company objectives and maintaining internal cost controls. Mr. Cooper has served as a director of several private and public companies over the last 20 years and has founded several resource companies active internationally, as well as domestically.

Mr. Cooper received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., and his Masters of Business Administration from Dowling College in Oakdale, N.Y.

Charanjit Hayre, Director

Mr. Hayre is a highly accomplished entrepreneur with over 30 years of extensive experience in leading start-ups through all stages of development. He has been a key figure in the creation, growth, and restructuring of companies across diverse sectors, including technology, education, and consumer packaged goods (CPG). Mr. Hayre has a proven track record of facilitating business divestitures and optimizing corporate and operational structures to maximize valuation.

Building on his role as Senior Manager-Enterprise Risk Services Group by Deloitte & Touche LLP, Mr. Hayre has assumed numerous C-suite roles, providing strategic guidance to start-ups, small and medium-sized enterprises, and multinational companies across Europe and North America. His leadership extends to serving as an independent director for publicly traded companies within the natural resources, technology, and manufacturing industries.

Currently, Mr. Hayre holds directorships at a European manufacturing firm, an education services company, and a construction enterprise.

Cease Trade Orders and Bankruptcies

Other than as described below, no proposed director is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been, within ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company in respect of which the Information Circular is being prepared) that:

- (a) was subject to a cease trade or similar order that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
- (b) was subject to a cease trade or similar order that was issued after the proposed director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

No proposed director is, as at the date of this Information Circular, or has been within ten (10) years before the date of this Information Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company in respect of which the Information Circular is being prepared) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

No proposed director has, within the past ten (10) years, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement, or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

Exception

Christopher R. Cooper

Mr. Chris Cooper an officer and a director of Reparo Energy Partners Corp., formerly Northern Sun Exploration Company Inc., the shares of which were delisted from the TSX Venture Exchange following the issuance of a cease trade order on March 6, 2015 for failure to file financial statements.

Mr. Cooper is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of Aroway Energy Inc., a TSX Venture Exchange listed company at the time a cease trade order was issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission on January 4, 2016 for not having filed its annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2015 and its interim financial report for the financial period ended September 30, 2015 and its management's discussion and analysis for the periods ended June 30, 2015 and September 30, 2015. The cease trade order remains in effect.

Mr. Cooper was a director of StartMonday Technology Corp., a CSE listed company, at the time a cease trade order was issued by the BCSC on May 1, 2019 for failing to file its annual audited financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2018. The cease trade order remains in effect. Mr. Cooper resigned as a director of StartMonday Technology Corp. on April 14, 2021.

Mr. Cooper was a director of Edge Resources Inc., ("Edge") when it was cease traded on August 5, 2018, subsequent to which it was delisted. On April 29, 2016, Edge received an order of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan appointing Grant Thornton as receiver over the company's Saskatchewan-based assets and, on September 2, 2016, received an order of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta appointing Grant Thornton as receiver over the company's Alberta-based assets. The receiver was discharged on the Alberta-based assets on December 19, 2016 and on the Saskatchewan-based assets on February 1, 2017. On August 5, 2016, Edge received a cease trade order from the Alberta Securities Commission for failure to file financial statements. Since a receiver had been appointed for Edge on April 29, 2016, the officers and directors of Edge were no longer in control of the assets or undertaking of Edge, being replaced by Grant Thornton as receiver. This made it impossible, following such date, for the directors of Edge to effect the continuance of Edge's public filings. Mr. Cooper resigned as a director of Edge on April 26, 2016.

Mr. Cooper is a director of Sweet Earth Holdings Corporation, On November 3, 2023, a cease trade order was issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission and Ontario Securities Commission in connection with the late filing of its annual financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and officers' certifications for the period ended June 30, 2023. Revocation Order dated November 24, 2023, the company having filed its June 30, 2023 audited financial documents.

Mr. Cooper is a director of New Leaf Ventures Inc. On May 7, 2024 the British Columbia Securities Commission issued a cease trade order for the non filing of its annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, its annual management's discussion & analysis for the year ended December 31, 2023 and its certifications of annual filings for the year ended December 31, 2023. This CTO remains in effect. Mr. Cooper resigned as a director of New Leaf Ventures Inc. on July 31, 2023.

Penalties and Sanctions

No proposed director of the Company has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, or has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

For the purposes of (a) above, "order" means: (i) a cease trade order; (ii) an order similar to a cease trade order; or (iii) an order that denied the relevant corporation access to any exemption under securities legislation; that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

Advance Notice Provision

At the Company's August 17, 2023 annual general and special meeting, the shareholders of the Company approved the adoption of new articles, of which is new articles includes an advance notice provisions (the "**Advance Notice Provision**"). The Advance Notice Provision provides for advance notice to the Company in circumstances where nominations of persons for election to the Board are made by shareholders of the Company other than pursuant to: (I) a requisition of a meeting made pursuant to the provisions of the BCA; or (ii) a shareholder proposal made pursuant to the provisions of the BCA.

The purpose of the Advance Notice Provision is to foster a variety of interests of the shareholders and the Company by ensuring that all shareholders - including those participating in a meeting by proxy rather than in person - receive adequate notice of the nominations to be considered at a meeting and can thereby exercise their voting rights in an informed manner. Among other things, the Advance Notice Provision fixes a deadline by which holders of Common Shares must submit director

nominations to the Company prior to any annual or special meeting of shareholders and sets forth the minimum information that a shareholder must include in the notice to the Company for the notice to be in proper written form.

The Advance Notice Provision also requires all proposed director nominees to deliver a written representation and agreement that such candidate for nomination, if elected as a director of the Company, will comply with all applicable corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality, share ownership, majority voting and insider trading policies and other policies and guidelines of the Company applicable to directors and in effect during such person's term in office as a director.

The foregoing is merely a summary of the Advance Notice Provision, is not comprehensive and is qualified by the full text of such provision which is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

The Company has not received notice of a nomination in compliance with the Advance Notice Provision and, as such, any nominations other than nominations by or at the direction of the Board or an authorized officer of the Company will be disregarded at the Meeting.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the election of the Nominees.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT EACH SHAREHOLDER VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE ABOVE NOMINEES AS DIRECTORS.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

At the Meeting, SHIM & Associates LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, located at Suite 900 – 777 Hornby Street, Vancouver, British Columbia Canada V6Z 1S4, will be recommended by management and the Board of Directors for re-appointment as auditor of the Company. SHIM & Associates LLP has been the Company's auditor since December 20, 2021.

Unless otherwise directed, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to vote FOR the appointment of SHIM & Associates LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Company until the close of the next annual general meeting.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE IN FAVOR OF APPOINTMENT OF SHIM & ASSOCIATES LLP.

AUDIT COMMITTEE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH AUDITOR

National Instrument 52-110 of the Canadian Securities Administrators ("NI 52-110") requires the Company, as a venture issuer, to disclose annually in its Information Circular certain information concerning the constitution of its audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditor, as set forth below.

The current members of the Company's Audit Committee are: Christopher R. Cooper (Chair), Alexander Klenman and Charanjit Hayre. The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board, including overseeing the work of the independent auditors who report directly to the Audit Committee.

The specific responsibilities of the Audit Committee, among others, include:

- (a) evaluating the performance and assessing the qualifications of the independent directors and recommending to the Board and the shareholders the appointment of the Company's external auditor;
- (b) determining and approving the engagement of and compensation for audit and non-audit services of the Company's external auditor;
- (c) reviewing the Company's financial statements and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations and recommending to the Board whether or not such financial statements and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be approved by the Board;
- (d) conferring with the Company's external auditor and with management regarding the scope, adequacy and effectiveness of internal financial reporting controls;
- (e) establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding its accounting controls, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential and anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting and auditing matters; and
- (f) reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor, as appropriate, the Company's guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including major financial risk exposure and

investment and hedging policies and the steps taken by management to monitor and control the Company's exposure to such risks.

Audit Committee Charter

The Audit Committee Charter is attached to this Information Circular as Schedule A.

Composition of Audit Committee and Independence

The following are the members of the Audit Committee:

Christopher Robert Cooper	Independent ⁽¹⁾	Financially literate
Alexander Klenman	Non-Independent	Financially literate ⁽¹⁾
Charanjit Hayre	Independent ⁽¹⁾	Financially literate

Note

⁽¹⁾ Alexander Klenman is Non-Independent (Chief Executive Officer)

Relevant Education and Experience

Refer to Director Biographies above.

Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee is required to pre-approve all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the external auditor, together with approval of the engagement letter for all non-audit services and estimated fees thereof. The pre-approval process for non-audit services will also involve a consideration of the potential impact of such services on the independence of the external auditor.

External Auditor Service Fees

The following table sets out the aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditors, SHIM & Associates LLP for the periods indicated:

Nature of Services	Fees Paid to SHIM & Associates LLP in Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2022	Fees Paid to SHIM & Associates LLP in Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2023
Audit Fees ⁽¹⁾	\$18,000	\$22,000
Audit-Related Fees ⁽²⁾	\$Nil	\$Nil
Tax Fees ⁽³⁾	\$Nil	\$2,000
All Other Fees ⁽⁴⁾	\$Nil	\$Nil
Total	\$18,000	\$24,000

Notes:

- "Audit Fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and quarterly reviews of the Company's financial statements. Audit Fees include fees for review of tax provisions and for accounting consultations on matters reflected in the financial statements. Audit Fees also include audit or other attest services required by legislation or regulation, such as comfort letters, consents, reviews of securities filings and statutory audits.
- "Audit-Related Fees" include services that are traditionally performed by the auditor. These audit-related services include employee benefit audits, due diligence assistance, accounting consultations on proposed transactions, internal control reviews and audit or attest services not required by legislation or regulation.
- "Tax Fees" include fees for all tax services other than those included in "Audit Fees" and "Audit-Related Fees". This category includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. Tax planning and tax advice includes assistance with tax audits and appeals, tax advice related to mergers and acquisitions, and requests for rulings or technical advice from tax authorities.

(4) “All Other Fees” include all other non-audit services.

Reliance on Certain Exemptions

The Company is relying on the exemption in section 6.1 of NI 52-110 from the requirements of Parts 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and 5 (*Reporting Obligations*).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

General

Corporate governance refers to the policies and structure of the board of directors of a company, whose members are elected by and accountable to shareholders of the company. Corporate governance encourages establishing a reasonable degree of independence of the board of directors from executive management and the adoption of policies to ensure the board of directors recognizes the principles of good management. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices as such practices are both in the interests of shareholders and help to contribute to effective and efficient decision-making. This section sets out the Company’s approach to corporate governance and addresses the Company’s compliance with National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*.

Board of Directors

In order to identify and manage risks, the Board requires management to provide complete and accurate information with respect to the Company’s activities and to provide relevant information concerning the industry in which the Company operates. The Board is responsible for monitoring the Company’s officers, who in turn are responsible for the maintenance of internal controls and management information systems.

Directors are considered to be independent if they have no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A “material relationship” is a relationship which could, in view of the Company’s Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director’s independent judgment.

At the date of this Information Circular, the Board consists of four directors: Etienne Moshevich, Alexander Klenman, Christopher Robert Cooper and Charanjit Hayre.

Etienne Moshevich, Christopher Robert Cooper and Charanjit Hayre are considered to be “independent” within the meaning of NI 58-101 (by way of Section 1.4 of NI 52-110). Alexander Klenman is not independent by virtue of his being the CEO of the Company.

Board Mandate

The Board adopted a Mandate of the Board of Directors on December 1, 2018. A copy of the Board Mandate can be accessed on the Company’s corporate website at <https://manning-ventures.com/corporate-governance/>.

The Board Mandate facilitates independent supervision of management through meetings of the Board and through frequent informal discussions among independent members of the Board and management. In addition, the Board will have access to the Company’s external auditors, legal counsel and to any of the Company’s officers.

The Board will have a stewardship responsibility to supervise the management of and oversee the conduct of the business of the Company, provide leadership and direction to management, evaluate management, set policies appropriate for the business of the Company and approve corporate strategies and goals.

The day-to-day management of the business and affairs of the Company will be delegated by the Board to the senior officers of the Company. The Board will give direction and guidance through the CEO to management and will keep management informed of its evaluation of the senior officers in achieving and complying with goals and policies established by the Board.

To facilitate open and candid discussion among its independent directors, such directors will be encouraged to communicate with each other directly to discuss ongoing issues pertaining to the Company.

The mandate of the Board, as prescribed by the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), is to manage or supervise management of the business and affairs of the Company and to act with a view to the best interests of the Company. In doing so, the Board oversees the management of the Company’s affairs directly and through its committees.

Directorships

The following are the directors of the Company who currently serve on boards of other reporting companies (or equivalent):

Name of Director	Name of Reporting Issuer	Exchange Listed
Etienne Moshevich	Atco Mining Inc.	CSE
Alexander Klenman	Arbor Metals Corp.	TSXV
	Atco Mining Inc.	CSE
	Azincourt Energy Corp.	TSXV
	Intrepid Metals Corp.	TSXV
	Leocor Gold Inc.	CSE
	Nexus Gold Corp.	TSXV
	Oberon Uranium Corp.	CSE
	Ord Mountain Resources Corp.	TSXV
Christopher Robert Cooper	Akanda Corp.	Nasdaq
	American Salars Lithium Inc.	CSE
	Atco Mining Inc.	CSE
	Coloured Ties Capital Inc. (formerly GrowMax Resources Corp.)	TSXV
	Goldhaven Resource Corp.	CSE
	Reparo Energy Partners Corp.	TSXV
	Mojave Brands Inc.	CSE
	Navco Pharmaceuticals Inc.	TSXV
	Planet Ventures Inc.	CSE
	Starlo Ventures Ltd.	CSE
	Sweet Earth Holdings Corporation	CSE
	Xcite Resources Inc.	CSE
Charanjit Hayre	Atco Mining Inc.	CSE
	Leocor Gold Inc.	CSE
	Victory Opportunities 1 Corp.	TSXV

Orientation and Continuing Education

When new directors are appointed, they receive orientation, commensurate with their previous experience, on the Company's properties, business, technology and industry and on the responsibilities of directors. Directors are also encouraged to take part in training courses or information sessions provided by regulatory bodies to keep abreast of current developments in corporate governance requirements.

Board meetings are always commenced with an update and/or presentation by the Company's management team to give the directors additional insight into the Company's business and progress.

Ethical Business Conduct

On December 1, 2018 the Board adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. A copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics can be accessed on the Company's website at <https://manning-ventures.com/corporate-governance/>.

A copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics was filed under the Company's SEDAR+ corporate profile at www.sedarplus.ca on July 13, 2022.

Each member of the Board has been made aware of the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the governing corporate legislation and the common law applicable to the Company and the restrictions on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest. The Board finds that the knowledge of its members of these legal restrictions is sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company. Where a Board member has an interest in a transaction involving the Company, that director must declare his interest in advance of its consideration by the Board and must refrain from voting on any resolution approving the transaction. Further, the Company's auditors have full and unrestricted access to the audit committee at all times to discuss their audit and their related findings as to the integrity of the financial reporting process.

Nomination of Directors

The Board considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to nominate for election at the annual general meeting of shareholders, taking into account the size of the Company, its asset base and the number of members required to carry out the Board's duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of views and experience.

The Board does not have a nominating committee, and these functions are currently performed by the Board as a whole. However, if there is a change in the number of directors required by the Company, this policy will be reviewed.

Compensation

Other than as set out in this Information Circular, the directors receive no cash compensation for acting in their capacity as directors of the Company. The compensation for senior management of the Company is determined by and at the discretion of the Board. The Board determines compensation for the directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer.

Other Board Committees

The Board has no committees other than the audit committee.

Assessments

The Board has not developed written descriptions or objectives for its executives and looks to generally accepted industry standards as adequately delineating the roles and responsibilities of such persons. There is no formal process for regular assessment of the Board, its committees and individual directors. Rather the Board informally assesses performance through ongoing dialogue amongst Board members.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

For the purposes of this Information Circular:

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

"named executive officer" or **"NEO"** means each of the following individuals:

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer, including an individual performing functions similar to a chief executive officer;
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer, including an individual performing functions similar to a chief financial officer;
- (c) in respect of the company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000;

- (d) each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

DIRECTOR AND NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

During financial year ended November 30, 2023, based on the definition above, the NEOs of the Company were: Alexander Klenman, CEO and Director, Brian Shin, CFO and Corporate Secretary and Heidi Gutte, former CFO and Corporate Secretary. The Directors of the Company who were not NEOs during financial year ended November 30, 2023 were: Etienne Moshevich, Chairman of the Board and Director, and Directors: Charanjit Hayre, Christopher R. Cooper and Newman Wayne Reid.

Etienne Moshevich was appointed Chairman of the Board and a Director of the Company on November 2, 2023.

Heidi Gutte resigned as CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company on January 31, 2023.

Brian Shin was appointed CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company on January 7, 2023.

Norman Wayne Reid resigned as a Director of the Company on September 1, 2024.

During financial year ended November 30, 2022, based on the definition above, the NEOs of the Company were: Alexander Klenman, CEO and Director, Zula Kropivnitski, former CFO, Corporate Secretary and Director, and Heidi Gutte, CFO and Corporate Secretary. The Directors of the Company who were not NEOs during financial year ended November 30, 2022 were: Charanjit Hayre, Christopher C. Cooper and Newman Wayne Reid.

Zula Kropivnitski resigned as CFO and Corporate Secretary on February 8, 2022. Heidi Gutte was appointed CFO and Corporate Secretary on February 8, 2022.

Director and NEO Compensation, Excluding Options and Compensation Securities

The following table sets forth, for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022, all compensation (other than stock options and other compensation securities) paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company to each NEO and director, in any capacity.

TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES							
Name and Position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Value of all Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Etienne Moshevich ⁽²⁾ <i>Chairman of the Board and Director</i>	2023	10,000	50,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	60,000
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alexander Klenman ⁽³⁾ <i>CEO and Director</i>	2023	65,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	65,000
	2022	65,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	65,000
Brian Shin ⁽⁴⁾ <i>CFO, Corporate Secretary</i>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Heidi Gutte ⁽⁵⁾ <i>Former CFO, Former Corporate Secretary</i>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

TABLE OF COMPENSATION EXCLUDING COMPENSATION SECURITIES							
Name and Position	Year	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of perquisites ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Value of all Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Christopher R. Cooper ⁽⁶⁾ <i>Director</i>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Charanjit Hayre ⁽⁶⁾ <i>Director</i>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Newman Wayne Reid ⁽⁷⁾ <i>Director</i>	2023	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2022	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Notes:

- (1) Includes perquisites provided to an NEO or director that are not generally available to all employees. An item is generally a perquisite if it is not integrally and directly related to the performance of the director's or NEO's duties. If something is necessary for a person to do his or her job, it is integrally and directly related to the job and is not a perquisite, even if it also provides some amount of personal benefit. For the purposes of the table, perquisites are valued on the basis of the aggregate incremental cost to the Company and its subsidiaries.
- (2) Mr. Moshevich was appointed Chairman of the Board and a Director of the Company on November 2, 2023.
- (3) Mr. Klenman did not receive any compensation from the Company in his capacity as a director of the Company. Mr. Klenman was appointed as a director of the Company on August 20, 2018 and as CEO of the Company on September 20, 2018.
- (4) Mr. Shin was appointed CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company on January 7, 2023.
- (5) Ms. Gutte was CFO and Corporate Secretary from February 8, 2022 to January 31, 2023.
- (6) Mr. Cooper and Mr. Hayre were appointed as directors of the Company on August 20, 2018.
- (7) Mr. Reid was appointed a director of the Company on from July 30, 2019. Mr. Reid resigned as a director of the Company on September 1, 2024.

Stock Option Plans and Other Incentive Plans

A. 10% "rolling" Share Option Plan (Option based)

The Company has a 10% "rolling" share option plan dated for reference January 18, 2021, which was approved for adoption by shareholders at the Company's August 17, 2022 Annual General Meeting (the "**Option Plan**").

The Option Plan complies with the current policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange and the amendments to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) which impose withholding obligations on taxable benefits arising at the time options are exercised. The Stock Option Plan was established to provide incentive to qualified parties to increase their proprietary interest in the Company and thereby encourage their continuing association with the Company. The Option Plan is administered by the Board, or by a Committee of the Board and provides that options will be issued to directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company. The Option Plan provides that the number of Common Shares issuable under the Option Plan may not exceed 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding Common Shares. Pursuant to the Option Plan all Options expire on a date not later than 10 years after the date of grant of an option.

Material Terms of the Option Plan

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Option Plan:

- (a) persons who are consultants to the Company or its affiliates, or who are providing services to the Company or its affiliates, are eligible to receive grants of Options under the Option Plan;

- (b) Options granted under the Option Plan are non-assignable, and non-transferable;
- (c) an Option granted to any consultants will expire within 30 days after the date the Option Holder (as defined in the Option Plan) ceases to be employed by or provide services to the Company unless the Option Holder ceases to hold such position as a result of (i) termination for cause; (ii) resigning his or her position; or (iii) an order made by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction to so order, in which case the expiry date of the date the Option Holder ceases to hold such position;
- (d) if an Option Holder dies, any Options held by such Option Holder shall pass to the personal representative of the Option Holder and shall be exercisable by the personal representative on or before the date which is the earlier of one year following the date of death and the applicable Expiry Date;
- (e) the exercise price of each Option will be set by the Board on the effective date of the Option and will not be less than the Market Value (as defined in the Option Plan);
- (f) the vesting schedule for an option, if any, shall be determined by the Board and shall be set out in the Option Certificate (as defined in the Option Plan) issued in respect of the option; and
- (g) the Board reserves the right in its absolute discretion to amend, suspend, terminate or discontinue the Option Plan with respect to all Option Plan Common Shares in respect of options which have not yet been granted under the Option Plan.

CSE Policy Ratification of Stock Option Plan

The Company's Option Plan is an "evergreen plan" (also known as a rolling plan) under the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE"). In accordance with the policies of the CSE, an issuer that has a rolling stock option plan must have its shareholders approve the plan within three years after institution and within every three years thereafter. Accordingly, Shareholders will be asked to approve and confirm the Company's Option Plan and to be re-approved by the Shareholders no later than October 29, 2027. There are currently 200,000 Options outstanding under this Plan.

Refer to "**PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON – Approval of Stock Option Plan, and for Continuation**", below.

A copy of the Option Plan is attached as Schedule C to this Information Circular.

B. 10% "rolling" Restricted Share Unit Plan (Share-based)

The Company has a 10% "rolling" restricted share unit plan dated for reference January 18, 2021, which was approved for adoption by shareholders at the Company's August 17, 2022 Annual General Meeting (the "**RSU Plan**").

The RSU Plan provides that the maximum number of Common Shares made available for issuance pursuant to the RSU Plan shall be determined from time to time, subject to adjustments as provided in the RSU Plan. The RSU Plan is a "rolling plan" and therefore when RSUs are cancelled (whether or not upon payment with respect to vested RSUs) or terminated, Common Shares shall automatically be available for issuance pursuant to the RSU Plan.

Nature and Administration of the RSU Plan

All Directors, Officers, Consultants and Employees (as defined in the RSU Plan) of the Company and its related entities ("**Eligible Persons**") are eligible to participate in the RSU Plan (as "**Participants**"), and the Company reserves the right to restrict eligibility or otherwise limit the number of persons eligible for participation as Participants in the RSU Plan. Eligibility to participate as a Participant in the RSU Plan does not confer upon any person a right to receive an award of RSUs.

Subject to certain restrictions, the Board or its appointed committee (the "**Board**"), can, from time to time, award RSUs to Eligible Persons. RSUs will be credited to an account (an "**Account**") maintained for each Participant on the books of the Company as of the award date. The number of RSUs to be credited to each Participant's account shall be determined at the discretion of the Board and pursuant to the terms of the RSU Plan.

RSUs and all other rights, benefits or interests in the RSU Plan are not transferable or assignable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be exercisable during the lifetime of the Participant only by the Participant and after death only by the Participant's legal representative.

Credit for Dividends

A Participant's Account will be credited with additional RSUs (the "**Dividend RSUs**") as of each dividend payment date in respect of which cash dividends are paid on Common Shares. The number of Dividend RSUs credited to a Participant's Account in connection with the payment of dividends on Common Shares will be based on the actual amount of cash dividends that would have been paid to such Participant had he or she been holding such number of Common Shares equal

to the number of RSUs credited to the Participant's Account on the date on which cash dividends are paid on the Common Shares and the market price of the Common Shares on the payment date. Note that the Company is not obligated to pay dividends on Common Shares.

Resignation, Termination, Leave of Absence or Death

Generally, if a Participant's employment or service is terminated, or if the Participant resigns from employment with the Company, then all RSUs held by the Participant (whether vested or unvested) shall terminate automatically upon the termination of the Participant's service or employment.

In the event a Participant is terminated by reason of (i) termination by the Company other than for cause or (ii) the Participant's death, the Participant's unvested RSUs shall vest automatically as of such date. In the event the termination of the Participant's services by reason of voluntary resignation, only the Participant's unvested RSUs shall terminate automatically as of such date.

Change of Control

In the event of a Change of Control, the Board may, in its discretion, without the necessity or requirement for the agreement or consent of any Participant: (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit, the vesting date of any RSU; (ii) permit the conditional settlement of any RSU, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of the RSU, including for greater certainty permitting Participants to settle any RSU, to assist the Participants to tender the underlying Common Shares to, or participate in, the actual or potential Change of Control Event (as defined in the RSU Plan) or to obtain the advantage of holding the underlying Common Shares during such Change of Control Event; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of such Change of Control Event, on such terms as it sees fit, the RSUs not settled prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control Event, including, without limitation, for no payment or other compensation. The determination of the Board in respect of any such Change of Control Event shall for the purposes of this RSU Plan be final, conclusive and binding.

Adjustments

In the event there is a change in the outstanding Common Shares by reason of any stock dividend or split, recapitalization, amalgamation, consolidation, combination or exchange of shares, or other corporate change, the Board shall make, subject to the prior approval of the CSE where necessary, appropriate substitution or adjustment in (i) the number or kind of Common Shares or other securities reserved for issuance pursuant to the RSU Plan, and (ii) the number and kind of Common Shares or other securities subject to unsettled and outstanding RSUs granted pursuant to the RSU Plan.

Vesting

Each award of RSUs vests on the date(s) (the "**Vesting Date**") specified by the Board on the award date, and reflected in the applicable RSU agreement certificate.

Limitations under the RSU Plan

The maximum number of Common Shares made available for issuance pursuant to the RSU Plan shall be determined from time to time by the Board, but in any case, shall not exceed 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time, subject to adjustments as provided in the RSU Plan.

CSE Policy Ratification of Restricted Share Unit Plan

The RSU Plan is an "evergreen plan" (also known as a rolling plan) under the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE"). In accordance with the policies of the CSE, an issuer that has a rolling plan must have its shareholders approve the plan within three years after institution and within every three years thereafter. Accordingly, Shareholders will be asked to approve and confirm the Company's Restricted Share Unit Plan and to be re-approved by the Shareholders no later than October 29, 2027. There are currently NIL Restricted Share Units under this Plan.

Refer to "**PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON – Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan, and for Continuation**", below.

A copy of the RSU Plan is attached as Schedule C to this Information Circular.

Stock Options and Other Compensation Securities

Outstanding Compensation Securities

The following table discloses all compensation securities granted or issued to each NEO of the Company and to a director who was not an NEO of the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company, in the most recently completed financial year ended

November 30, 2023 for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company.

Compensation Securities							
Name and position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities, and percentage of class⁽¹⁾	Date of Issue or Grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security on date of grant (\$)	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end (\$)⁽²⁾	Expiry date
Brian Shin <i>CFO</i>	Options	75,000 0.22%	February 7, 2023	\$0.40	\$0.20	\$0.06	February 7, 2028

Notes:

- (1) Percentage of class represents % of compensation securities granted over the total number of compensation securities of the Company outstanding common shares as of November 30, 2023.
- (3) Closing price of the Company's common shares as at November 30, 2023.

Exercise of Compensation Securities by NEOs and Directors

There were no incentive stock options or restricted share units exercised by NEOs and directors of the Company who were not NEOs during the financial year ended November 30, 2023.

Employment, Consulting and Management Agreements

Other than as described below, at November 30, 2023, none of the NEOs or directors of the Company have been retained or employed by an external management company which has entered into an understanding, arrangement or agreement with the Company to provide executive management services to the Company, directly or indirectly.

Executive Employment Agreement (Etienne Moshevich)

Etienne Moshevich has been employed as Chairman of the Board of the Company since November 2, 2023. The Company entered into an executive employment agreement with Etienne Moshevich dated November 10, 2023 (the "**Moshevich Agreement**"), wherein Moshevich is to report to the Board on his duties, responsibilities, and authority as are normally associated with his position as Chairman of the Board.

Pursuant to the Moshevich Agreement, the Company agreed to pay \$120,000 per annum effective November 1, 2023 and a one-time bonus of \$50,000. The Moshevich Agreement may be terminated by the Company with 30 days' written notice.

Other than as stated above, there are no employment contracts, agreements, plans or other arrangements in place with any NEO or director that provide for payment to a NEO or a director in connection with any termination, resignation, retirement, change in control of the Company or change in responsibilities of such NEO or director.

Oversight and Description of Director and Name Executive Officer Compensation

Director Compensation

The Company currently does not have a compensation committee. Compensation being awarded or paid to the Company's directors and NEOs consists primarily of management fees or salary, stock options and bonuses. Payments may be made from time to time to NEOs, or companies they control, for the provision of consulting or management services. Such services are

paid for by the Company at competitive industry rates for work of a similar nature by reputable arm's length services providers. In addition, the Board may award bonuses, in its sole discretion, to NEOs from time to time.

In assessing the compensation of its directors and NEOs, the Company currently does not have in place any formal objectives, criteria or analysis. Compensation payable to directors and NEOs are approved by the full Board, on an annual basis. The Company has not established any specific performance criteria or goals to which total compensation or any significant element of total compensation to be paid to any NEO is dependent. NEOs' performance is reviewed in light of the Company's objectives from time to time and such officers' compensation is also compared to that of executive officers of companies of similar size and stage of development in the industry.

Compensation

At present, the Board as a whole determines the compensation of the Company's CEO and CFO and does so with reference to industry standards and the financial situation of the Company. The Board has the sole responsibility for determining the compensation of the directors of the Company.

Given the Company's size and lack of revenues, the Board does not plan to form a compensation committee to monitor and review the salary and benefits of the executive officers of the Company at the present time. The Board will carry out these functions until such time as it considers the formation of a compensation committee to be warranted.

Elements of NEO Compensation Program

The responsibilities relating to executive and director compensation, including reviewing and recommending compensation of the Company's officers and employees and overseeing the Company's base compensation structure and equity-based compensation program is performed by the Board as a whole. The Board also assumes responsibility for reviewing and monitoring the long-range compensation strategy for the Company's senior management. The Board generally reviews the compensation of senior management on an annual basis taking into account compensation paid by other issuers of similar size and activity and the performance of officers generally and in light of the Company's goals and objectives.

The compensation program for the senior management of the Company is designed within this context with a view that the level and form of compensation achieves certain objectives, including:

- (a) attracting and retaining qualified executives;
- (b) motivating the short and long-term performance of these executives; and
- (c) better aligning their interests with those of the Company's shareholders.

In compensating its senior management, the Company has employed a base salary. Recommendations for senior management compensation are presented to the Board for review.

Base Salary or Consulting Fees

In the Board's view, paying base salaries which are reasonable in relation to the level of service expected while remaining competitive in the markets in which the Company operates is a first step to attracting and retaining qualified and effective executives.

Base salary ranges for the executive officers were initially determined upon a review of companies within the industry, which were of the same size as the Company, at the same stage of development as the Company and considered comparable to the Company.

In determining the base salary or consulting fees of an executive officer, the Board considers the following factors:

- (a) the particular responsibilities related to the position;
- (b) salaries paid by other companies in the same industry which were similar in size as the Company;
- (c) the experience level of the executive officer;
- (d) the amount of time and commitment which the executive officer devotes to the Company; and
- (e) the executive officer's overall performance and performance in relation to the achievement of corporate milestones and objectives.

Bonus Incentive Compensation

The Company’s objective is to achieve certain strategic objectives and milestones. The Board considers executive bonus compensation dependent upon the Company meeting those strategic objectives and milestones and sufficient cash resources being available for the granting of bonuses. The Board approves executive bonus compensation dependent upon compensation levels based on recommendations of the CEO. Such recommendations are generally based on information provided by issuers that are similar in size and scope to the Company’s operations.

Equity Participation

The Company believes that encouraging its executives and employees to become shareholders is the best way of aligning their interests with those of its shareholders. Equity participation is accomplished through the Company’s stock option plan and its restricted share unit plan. Stock options (“**Options**”) and restricted share units (“**RSUs**”) are awarded to executives and employees taking into account a number of factors, including the amount and term of options and RSUs previously granted, base salary and bonuses and competitive factors. The amounts and terms of options and RSUs granted are determined based on recommendations put forward by the CEO. Due to the Company’s limited financial resources, the Company emphasizes the provisions of stock option grants and RSU awards to maintain executive motivation.

Except for the grant of incentive share options and restricted share unit awards to the NEOs and any compensation payable pursuant to an executive compensation agreement between the CEO and CFO and the Company, there are no arrangements under which NEOs were compensated by the Company during the two most recently completed financial years for services in the capacity as NEOs, directors or consultants.

Key Management Compensation and Related Party Balances and Transactions

The Company’s related parties consist of key management personnel and companies owned directly or indirectly by key management personnel. Key management personnel compensation Key management includes directors and key officers of the Company, including the President, Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”).

The remuneration of key management personnel for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022 is summarized as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Consulting fee	259,936	60,000
Management fee	130,000	5,000
Payroll	60,000	-
Share-based compensation	12,864	61,732
Total	462,800	126,732

Amounts due to and from key management personnel

As at November 30, 2023, a total amount of \$5,250 (2022 - \$Nil) was due to key management personnel and was included in account payables and accrued liabilities. This amount is non-interest bearing and due on demand.

Compensation Review Process

Risks Associated with the Company’s Compensation Program

The Company’s directors have not considered the implications of any risks to the Company associated with decisions regarding the Company’s compensation program. The Company intends to formalize its compensation policies and practices and will take into consideration the implications of the risks associated with the Company’s compensation program and how it might mitigate those risks.

The Company did not retain a compensation consultant during the financial year ended November 30, 2023.

Benefits and Perquisites

The Company does not, as of the date of this Form, offer any benefits or perquisites to its NEOs other than potential grants of incentive stock options and RSUs as otherwise disclosed and discussed herein.

Hedging by Directors or NEOs

The Company has not, to date, adopted a policy restricting its executive officers and directors from purchasing financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange

funds, which are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by executive officers or directors. The Company is not, however, aware of any directors of officers having entered into this type of transaction.

As of the date of this Form, entitlement to grants of incentive stock options under the Company’s Stock Option Plan and restricted share unit awards under the Company’s Restricted Share Unit Plan are the only equity security elements awarded by the Company to its executive officers and directors.

Pension Disclosure

The Company does not currently provide any pension plan benefits for directors or NEOs.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The Company has two equity compensation plans:

- 1) a 10% “rolling” share option plan dated January 18, 2021.
- 2) a 10% “rolling” restricted share unit plan dated January 18, 2021.

The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company’s equity compensation plans as at the November 30, 2023 fiscal year end:

Equity Compensation Plan Information			
	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, restricted share units	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, restricted share units (\$)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Plan Category	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders – the Share Option Plan and the Restricted Share Unit Plan.	575,000 Options 95,750 Restricted Share Units	\$1.16 Options N/A Restricted Share Units	2,730,246
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	575,000 Options 95,750 Restricted Share Units		2,730,246

INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No directors, proposed nominees for election as directors, executive officers or their respective associates or affiliates, or other management of the Company were indebted to the Company as of the date of completion of the most recent fiscal year or as at the date hereof.

INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than disclosed below or at the date of this Information Circular, to the knowledge of management of the Company, no informed person of the Company, proposed director of the Company, or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director of the Company has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company’s financial year ended November 30, 2023 or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

December 30, 2022 closing of a common share non-brokered private placement

Charanjit Hayre, director of the Company, participated in a common share non-brokered private placement that closed on December 30, 2022 for 2,000,000 common shares through 1184091 BC Ltd., a company of which he controls, at a price of \$0.20 per common share.

Etienne Moshevich was appointed Chairman of the Board and a Director of the Company on November 2, 2023. On December 22, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement on December 30, 2022, of which Mr. Moshevich purchased 2,000,000 common shares through Transcend Capital Inc, a company which he controls. Mr. Moshevich was not an Insider of the Company when he participated in this private placement.

November 3, 2023 closing of a unit non-brokered private placement

Alexander Klenman, director, CEO of the Company, participated in unit non-brokered private placement that closed on November 3, 2023 for 555,555 units at a purchase price of \$0.09 per unit, with 555,555 warrants at a warrant exercise price of \$0.12, expiring on November 3, 2024.

Etienne Moshevich, director of the Company, participated in a non-brokered unit private placement that closed on November 3, 2023 for 2,305,555 units through Transcend Capital Inc., a company of which he controls, at a purchase price of \$0.09 per unit, with 2,305,555 warrants at a warrant exercise price of \$0.12, expiring on November 3, 2024.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Other than disclosed in this Information Circular, there are no management functions of the Company, which are to any substantial degree performed by a person or company other than the directors or senior officers of the Company.

PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

A. Approval of Stock Option Plan, and for Continuation

As set out in this Information Circular above, the Company's Stock Option Plan dated for reference January 18, 2021 (the "**Option Plan**") is an "evergreen plan" (also known as a rolling plan) under the policies of the CSE. In accordance with the policies of the CSE, an issuer that has a rolling stock option plan must have its shareholders approve the plan within three years after institution and within every three years thereafter. Accordingly, Shareholders are being asked to approve the Stock Option Plan and to re-approve the Stock Option Plan by the Shareholders no later than October 29, 2027.

The Stock Option Plan is attached as Schedule B to this Information Circular.

Approval

The Stock Option Plan Resolution set out below, must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present at the Meeting in person or by proxy in order to become effective.

STOCK OPTION PLAN RESOLUTION

The Shareholders will be requested at the Meeting to pass the following ordinary resolution:

"IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Stock Option Plan, in the form and substance attached as Schedule B to the Company's Information Circular dated September 20, 2024, be and is hereby confirmed and approved.
2. The Company be and is hereby authorized to grant Options to acquire up to 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares in the capital of the Company from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Stock Option Plan and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of such Options.
3. The options to be issued under the Stock Option Plan, and all unallocated options and other option grants under the Stock Option Plan, be and are hereby approved.
4. The Stock Option Plan shall be re-approved by the shareholders of the Company by no later than October 29, 2027 in accordance with the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange.
5. Any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Company to do and perform or cause to be done or performed all such things, to take or cause to be taken all such actions, to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all such agreements, documents and instruments, contemplated by, necessary or desirable in connection therewith, or as such director or officer in his discretion may consider necessary, advisable or appropriate in order to give effect to the intent and purposes of the foregoing

resolutions, and the doing of such things, the taking of such actions and the execution of such agreements, documents and instruments shall be conclusive evidence that the same have been authorized and approved hereby.”

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE STOCK OPTION PLAN RESOLUTION.

Unless otherwise directed, it is the intention of the management designees to vote proxies in the accompanying form FOR the Stock Option Plan Resolution.

B. Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan, and for Continuation

As set out in this Information Circular above, the Company’s Restricted Share Unit Plan dated for reference January 18, 2021 is a an “evergreen plan” (also known as a rolling plan) under the policies of the CSE. In accordance with the policies of the CSE, an issuer that has a rolling plan must have its shareholders approve the plan within three years after institution and within every three years thereafter. Accordingly, Shareholders are being asked to approve the Restricted Share Unit Plan and to re-approve the Restricted Share Unit Plan by the Shareholders no later than October 29, 2027.

The Restricted Share Unit Plan is attached as Schedule C to this Information Circular.

Approval

The Restricted Share Unit Plan Resolution set out below, must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders present at the Meeting in person or by proxy in order to become effective.

RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN RESOLUTION

The Shareholders will be requested at the Meeting to pass the following resolution:

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Restricted Share Unit Plan, in the form and substance attached as Schedule C to the Company’s Information Circular dated September 20, 2024, be and is hereby confirmed and approved.
2. The Company be and is hereby authorized to grant Restricted Share Units to acquire up to 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares in the capital of the Company from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Restricted Share Unit Plan and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of such Restricted Share Units.
3. The Restricted Share Units to be issued under the Restricted Share Unit Plan, and all unallocated Restricted Share Units and other Restricted Share Unit awards under the Restricted Share Unit Plan, be and are hereby approved.
4. The Restricted Share Unit Plan shall be re-approved by the shareholders of the Company by no later than October 29, 2027 in accordance with the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange.
5. Any one director or officer of the Company is hereby authorized for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Company to do and perform or cause to be done or performed all such things, to take or cause to be taken all such actions, to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all such agreements, documents and instruments, contemplated by, necessary or desirable in connection therewith, or as such director or officer in his discretion may consider necessary, advisable or appropriate in order to give effect to the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions, and the doing of such things, the taking of such actions and the execution of such agreements, documents and instruments shall be conclusive evidence that the same have been authorized and approved hereby.”

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN RESOLUTION.

Unless otherwise directed, it is the intention of the management designees to vote proxies in the accompanying form FOR the Restricted Share Unit Plan Resolution.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company can be found in the Company’s consolidated audited financial statements for fiscal years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022, the report of the auditor and the related management’s discussion and analysis thereon, may be obtained from the Company’s SEDAR+ corporate profile at www.sedarplus.ca and upon request from the Company at Suite 303, 750 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Tel.: 604-681-0084. Copies

of documents will be provided free of charge to security holders of the Company. The Company may require the payment of a reasonable charge from any person or company who is not a security holder of the Company, who requests a copy of any such document.

The contents of this Information Circular and its distribution to shareholders have been approved by the Board.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, September 20, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

s/Alexander Klenman

Alexander Klenman
Chief Executive Officer and Director

**SCHEDULE A
MANNING VENTURES INC.
AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

I. MANDATE

The Audit Committee (the "**Committee**") of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Manning Ventures Inc. (the "**Company**") will assist the Board in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities under this mandate are to serve as an independent and objective party to monitor:

1. The quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements and other financial information;
2. The compliance of such statements and information with legal and regulatory requirements;
3. The qualifications and independence of the Company's independent external auditor (the "**Auditor**"); and
4. The performance of the Company's internal accounting procedures and Auditor.

II. STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

A. Composition

The Committee will be comprised of three members, a majority of which will be independent.

B. Qualifications

Each member of the Committee must be a member of the Board.

A majority of the members of the Committee will not be officers or employees of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company.

Each member of the Committee must be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Company's balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement.

C. Appointment and Removal

The members of the Committee will be appointed by the Board and will serve until such member's successor is duly elected and qualified or until such member's earlier resignation or removal. Any member of the Committee may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board.

D. Chair

Unless the Board will select a Chair, the members of the Committee will designate a Chair by the majority vote of all of the members of the Committee. The Chair will call, set the agendas for and chair all meetings of the Committee.

E. Sub-Committees

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more members when appropriate, including the authority to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services, provided that a decision of such subcommittee to grant a pre-approval will be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

F. Meetings

The Committee will meet at least once in each fiscal year, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. The Auditor will be given reasonable notice of, and be entitled to attend and speak at, each meeting of the Committee concerning the Company's annual financial statements and, if the Committee feels it is necessary or appropriate, at every other meeting. On request by the Auditor, the Chair will call a meeting of the Committee to consider any matter that the Auditor believes should be brought to the attention of the Committee, the Board or the shareholders of the Company.

At each meeting, a quorum will consist of a majority of members that are not officers or employees of the Company or of an affiliate of the Company.

As part of its goal to foster open communication, the Committee may periodically meet separately with each of management and the Auditor to discuss any matters that the Committee believes would be appropriate to discuss privately. In addition, the Committee should meet with the Auditor and management annually to review the Company's financial statements in a manner consistent with Section III of this Charter.

The Committee may invite to its meetings any director, any manager of the Company, and any other person whom it deems appropriate to consult in order to carry out its responsibilities. The Committee may also exclude from its meetings any person it deems appropriate to exclude in order to carry out its responsibilities.

III. DUTIES

A. Introduction

The following functions will be the common recurring duties of the Committee in carrying out its purposes outlined in Section I of this Charter. These duties should serve as a guide with the understanding that the Committee may fulfill additional duties and adopt additional policies and procedures as may be appropriate in light of changing business, legislative, regulatory or other conditions. The Committee will also carry out any other responsibilities and duties delegated to it by the Board from time to time related to the purposes of the Committee outlined in Section I of this Charter.

The Committee, in discharging its oversight role, is empowered to study or investigate any matter of interest or concern which the Committee in its sole discretion deems appropriate for study or investigation by the Committee.

The Committee will be given full access to the Company's internal accounting staff, managers, other staff and Auditor as necessary to carry out these duties. While acting within the scope of its stated purpose, the Committee will have all the authority of, but will remain subject to, the Board.

B. Powers and Responsibilities

The Committee will have the following responsibilities and, in order to perform and discharge these responsibilities, will be vested with the powers and authorities set forth below, namely, the Committee will:

Independence of Auditor

1. Review and discuss with the Auditor any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the Auditor and, if necessary, obtain a formal written statement from the Auditor setting forth all relationships between the Auditor and the Company, consistent with Independence Standards Board Standard 1.
2. Take, or recommend that the Board take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the Auditor.
3. Require the Auditor to report directly to the Committee.
4. Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the Auditor and former independent external auditor of the Company.

Performance & Completion by Auditor of its Work

5. Be directly responsible for the oversight of the work by the Auditor (including resolution of disagreements between management and the Auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work.
6. Review annually the performance of the Auditor and recommend the appointment by the Board of a new, or re-election by the Company's shareholders of the existing, Auditor.
7. Pre-approve all auditing services and permitted non-audit services (including the fees and terms thereof) to be performed for the Company by the Auditor unless such non-audit services:
 - (a) which are not pre-approved, are reasonably expected not to constitute, in the aggregate, more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid by the Company to the Auditor during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided;
 - (b) were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
 - (c) are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee by Management and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee who are members of the Board to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

Internal Financial Controls & Operations of the Company

8. Establish procedures for:
 - (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and

- (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

Preparation of Financial Statements

- 9. Discuss with management and the Auditor significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, any major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies.
- 10. Discuss with management and the Auditor any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any employee complaints or published reports which raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.
- 11. Discuss with management and the Auditor the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures on the Company's financial statements.
- 12. Discuss with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies.
- 13. Discuss with the Auditor the matters required to be discussed relating to the conduct of any audit, in particular:
 - (a) The adoption of, or changes to, the Company's significant auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the Auditor or management.
 - (b) Any difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management.

Public Disclosure by the Company

- 14. Review the Company's annual and quarterly financial statements, management discussion and analysis (MD&A), annual information form, and management information circular before the Board approves and the Company publicly discloses this information.
- 15. Review the Company's financial reporting procedures and internal controls to be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from its financial statements, other than disclosure described in the previous paragraph, and periodically assessing the adequacy of those procedures.
- 16. Review any disclosures made to the Committee by the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer during their certification process of the Company's financial statements about any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls or material weaknesses therein and any fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls.

Manner of Carrying Out its Mandate

- 17. Consult, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate, with the Auditor but without the presence of management, about the quality of the Company's accounting principles, internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.
- 18. Request any officer or employee of the Company or the Company's outside counsel or Auditor to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Committee.
- 19. Meet, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate, with management and the Auditor in separate executive sessions at least quarterly.
- 20. Have the authority, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate, to retain independent legal, accounting or other consultants to advise the Committee advisors.
- 21. Make regular reports to the Board.
- 22. Review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
- 23. Annually review the Committee's own performance.
- 24. Provide an open avenue of communication among the Auditor the Board.

25. Not delegate these responsibilities other than to one or more independent members of the Committee the authority to pre-approve, which the Committee must ratify at its next meeting, non-audit services to be provided by the Auditor.

C. Limitation of Audit Committee's Role

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of management and the Auditor.

Approved by the Board of Directors: December 1, 2018

SCHEDULE B
MANNING VENTURES INC.
STOCK OPTION PLAN DATED FOR REFERENCE JANUARY 18, 2021

MANNING VENTURES INC.
STOCK OPTION PLAN

Effective as of January 18, 2021

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STOCK OPTION PLAN

SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

As used herein, unless there is something in the subject matter or context inconsistent therewith, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- (a) "**Administrator**" means such Executive or Employee of the Company as may be designated as Administrator by the Committee from time to time, or, if no such person is appointed, the committee itself.
- (b) "**Associate**" means, where used to indicate a relationship with any person:
 - (i) any relative, including the spouse of that person or a relative of that person's spouse, where the relative has the same home as the person;
 - (ii) any partner, other than a limited partner, of that person;
 - (iii) any trust or estate in which such person has a substantial beneficial interest or as to which such person serves as trustee or in a similar capacity; and
 - (iv) any corporation of which such person beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the corporation.
- (c) "**Black-Out**" means a restriction imposed by the Company on all or any of its directors, officers, employees, insiders or persons in a special relationship whereby they are to refrain from trading in the Company's securities until the restriction has been lifted by the Company.
- (d) "**Board**" means the board of directors of the Company.
- (e) "**Change of Control**" means an occurrence when either:
 - (i) a Person or Entity, other than the current "control person" of the Company (as that term is defined in the *Securities Act*), becomes a "control person" of the Company; or
 - (ii) a majority of the directors elected at any annual or extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company are not individuals nominated by the Company's then-incumbent Board.
- (f) "**Committee**" means a committee of the Board appointed in accordance with this Plan or if no such committee is appointed, the Board itself.
- (g) "**Company**" means Manning Ventures Inc.
- (h) "**Consultant**" means an individual who:

- (i) is engaged to provide, on an ongoing *bona fide* basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Company or any Subsidiary other than services provided in relation to a "distribution" (as that term is described in the *Securities Act*);
- (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Company or any Subsidiary and the individual or a Consultant Entity (as defined in clause (h)(v) below);
- (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Company, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or any Subsidiary; and
- (iv) has a relationship with the Company or any Subsidiary that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Company or is otherwise permitted by applicable Regulatory Rules to be granted Options as a Consultant or as an equivalent thereof,

and includes:

- (v) a corporation of which the individual is an employee or shareholder or a partnership of which the individual is an employee or partner (a "**Consultant Entity**"); or
- (vi) an RRSP or RRIF established by or for the individual under which he or she is the beneficiary.

- (i) "**CSE**" means the Canadian Securities Exchange.
- (j) "**Disability**" means a medically determinable physical or mental impairment expected to result in death or to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, and which causes an individual to be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity, or any other condition of impairment that the Committee, acting reasonably, determines constitutes a disability.

(k) "**Employee**" means:

- (i) an individual who works full-time or part-time for the Company or any Subsidiary and such other individual as may, from time to time, be permitted by applicable Regulatory Rules to be granted Options as an employee or as an equivalent thereto; or
- (ii) an individual who works for the Company or any Subsidiary either full-time or on a continuing and regular basis for a minimum amount of time per week providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Company or any Subsidiary over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at source,

and includes:

- (iii) a corporation wholly-owned by such individual; and
- (iv) any RRSP or RRIF established by or for such individual under which he or she is the beneficiary.

- (l) **"Executive"** means an individual who is a director or officer of the Company or a Subsidiary, and includes:
 - (i) a corporation wholly-owned by such individual; and
 - (ii) any RRSP or RRIF established by or for such individual under which he or she is the beneficiary.
- (m) **"Exercise Notice"** means the written notice of the exercise of an Option, in the form set out as Schedule "B" hereto, duly executed by the Option Holder.
- (n) **"Exercise Period"** means the period during which a particular Option may be exercised and is the period from and including the Grant Date through to and including the Expiry Time on the Expiry Date provided, however, that the Option has vested pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Plan and that no Option can be exercised unless and until all necessary Regulatory Approvals have been obtained.
- (o) **"Exercise Price"** means the price at which an Option is exercisable as determined in accordance with section 5.3.
- (p) **"Expiry Date"** means the date the Option expires as set out in the Option Certificate or as otherwise determined in accordance with sections 5.4, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 or 11.4.
- (q) **"Expiry Time"** means the time the Option expires on the Expiry Date, which is 5:00 p.m. local time in Vancouver, British Columbia on the Expiry Date.
- (r) **"Grant Date"** means the date on which the Committee grants a particular Option, which is the date the Option comes into effect provided however that no Option can be exercised unless and until all necessary Regulatory Approvals have been obtained.
- (s) **"Insider"** means an insider as that term is defined in the *Securities Act*;
- (t) **"Option"** means an incentive share purchase option granted pursuant to this Plan entitling the Option Holder to purchase Shares of the Company.
- (u) **"Option Certificate"** means the agreement, in substantially the form set out as Schedule "A" hereto, evidencing the Option.
- (v) **"Option Holder"** means a Person or Entity who holds an unexercised and unexpired Option or, where applicable, the Personal Representative of such person.
- (w) **"Outstanding Issue"** means the number of Shares that are outstanding (on a non-diluted basis) immediately prior to the Share issuance or grant of Option in question.
- (x) **"Person or Entity"** means an individual, natural person, corporation, government or political subdivision or agency of a government, and where two or more persons act as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of securities of an issuer, such partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or group shall be deemed to be a Person or Entity.

- (y) **"Personal Representative"** means:
 - (i) in the case of a deceased Option Holder, the executor or administrator of the deceased duly appointed by a court or public authority having jurisdiction to do so; and
 - (ii) in the case of an Option Holder who for any reason is unable to manage his or her affairs, the person entitled by law to act on behalf of such Option Holder.
- (z) **"Plan"** means this stock option plan as from time to time amended.
- (aa) **"Regulatory Approvals"** means any necessary approvals of the Regulatory Authorities as may be required from time to time for the implementation, operation or amendment of this Plan or for the Options granted from time to time hereunder.
- (bb) **"Regulatory Authorities"** means all organized trading facilities on which the Shares are listed, and all securities commissions or similar securities regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Company, this Plan or the Options granted from time to time hereunder.
- (cc) **"Regulatory Rules"** means all corporate and securities laws, regulations, rules, policies, notices, instruments and other orders of any kind whatsoever which may, from time to time, apply to the implementation, operation or amendment of this Plan or the Options granted from time to time hereunder including, without limitation, those of the applicable Regulatory Authorities.
- (dd) **"Securities Act"** means the *Securities Act* (British Columbia), RSBC 1996, c.418 as from time to time amended.
- (ee) **"Share"** or **"Shares"** means, as the case may be, one or more common shares without par value in the capital stock of the Company.
- (ff) **"Subsidiary"** means a wholly-owned or controlled subsidiary corporation of the Company.
- (gg) **"Triggering Event"** means:
 - (i) the proposed dissolution, liquidation or wind-up of the Company;
 - (ii) a proposed merger, amalgamation, arrangement or reorganization of the Company with one or more corporations as a result of which, immediately following such event, the shareholders of the Company as a group, as they were immediately prior to such event, are expected to hold less than a majority of the outstanding capital stock of the surviving corporation;
 - (iii) the proposed acquisition of all or substantially all of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company by one or more Persons or Entities;
 - (iv) a proposed Change of Control of the Company;
 - (v) the proposed sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; or
 - (vi) a proposed material alteration of the capital structure of the Company which, in the opinion of the Committee, is of such a nature that it is not practical or feasible to make adjustments

to this Plan or to the Options granted hereunder to permit the Plan and Options granted hereunder to stay in effect.

- (hh) "vest" or "vested" or "Vesting" means that portion of the Option granted to the Option Holder which is available to be exercised by the Option Holder at any time and from time to time.

1.2 Choice of Law

The Plan is established under, and the provisions of the Plan shall be subject to and interpreted and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein without giving effect to the conflicts of laws principles thereof and without reference to the laws in any other jurisdiction. The Company and each Option Holder hereby attorn to the jurisdiction of the Courts of British Columbia.

1.3 Headings

The headings used herein are for convenience only and are not to affect the interpretation of the Plan.

SECTION 2 GRANT OF OPTIONS

2.1 Grant of Options

The Committee shall, from time to time in its sole discretion, grant Options to such Persons or Entities and on such terms and conditions as are permitted under this Plan.

2.2 Record of Option Grants

The Administrator shall be responsible to maintain a record of all Options granted under this Plan and such record shall contain, in respect of each Option:

- (a) the name and address of the Option Holder;
- (b) the category (Executive, Employee or Consultant) under which the Option was granted to him, her or it;
- (c) the Grant Date and Expiry Date of the Option;
- (d) the number of Shares which may be acquired on the exercise of the Option and the Exercise Price of the Option;
- (e) the vesting and other additional terms, if any, attached to the Option; and
- (f) the particulars of each and every time the Option is exercised.

2.3 Effect of Plan

All Options granted pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan notwithstanding the fact that the Option Certificates issued in respect thereof do not expressly contain such terms and conditions but instead incorporate them by reference to the Plan. The Option Certificates will be issued for convenience only and in the case of a dispute with regard to any matter in respect thereof, the provisions of the Plan and the records of the Company shall prevail over the terms and conditions in the

Option Certificate, save and except as noted below. Each Option will also be subject to, in addition to the provisions of the Plan, the terms and conditions contained in the schedules, if any, attached to the Option Certificate for such Option. Should the terms and conditions contained in such schedules be inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, such terms and conditions will supersede the provisions of the Plan.

SECTION 3 PURPOSE AND PARTICIPATION

3.1 Purpose of Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to provide the Company with a share-related mechanism to attract, retain and motivate qualified Executives, Employees and Consultants, to incent such individuals to contribute toward the long term goals of the Company, and to encourage such individuals to acquire Shares of the Company as long term investments.

3.2 Participation in Plan

The Committee shall, from time to time and in its sole discretion, determine those Executives, Employees and Consultants, if any, to whom Options are to be granted.

3.3 Limits on Option Grants

The following limitations shall apply to the Plan and all Options thereunder:

- (a) the maximum number of Shares which may be reserved for issuance to any one Option Holder under the Plan shall be subject to applicable Regulatory Rules; and
- (b) with respect to section 5.1, the Expiry Date of an Option shall be no later than the tenth anniversary of the Grant Date of such Option;

and such limitation will not be an amendment to this Plan requiring the Option Holders consent under section 9.2 of this Plan.

3.4 Notification of Grant

Following the granting of an Option, the Administrator shall, within a reasonable period of time, notify the Option Holder in writing of the grant and shall enclose with such notice the Option Certificate representing the Option so granted. In no case will the Company be required to deliver an Option Certificate to an Option Holder until such time as the Company has obtained all necessary Regulatory Approvals for the grant of the Option.

3.5 Copy of Plan

Each Option Holder, concurrently with the notice of the grant of the Option, shall be provided with a copy of the Plan. A copy of any amendment to the Plan shall be promptly provided by the Administrator to each Option Holder.

3.6 Limitation on Service

The Plan does not give any Option Holder that is an Executive the right to serve or continue to serve as an Executive of the Company or any Subsidiary, nor does it give any Option Holder that is an Employee or Consultant the right to be or to continue to be employed or engaged by the Company or any Subsidiary.

3.7 No Obligation to Exercise

Option Holders shall be under no obligation to exercise Options granted under this Plan.

3.8 Agreement

The Company and every Option Holder granted an Option hereunder shall be bound by and subject to the terms and conditions of this Plan. By accepting an Option granted hereunder, the Option Holder has expressly agreed with the Company to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Plan. In the event that the Option Holder receives his, her or its Options pursuant to an oral or written agreement with the Company or a Subsidiary, whether such agreement is an employment agreement, consulting agreement or any other kind of agreement of any kind whatsoever, the Option Holder acknowledges that in the event of any inconsistency between the terms relating to the grant of such Options in that agreement and the terms attaching to the Options as provided for in this Plan, the terms provided for in this Plan shall prevail and the other agreement shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly.

3.9 Notice

Any notice, delivery or other correspondence of any kind whatsoever to be provided by the Company to an Option Holder will be deemed to have been provided if provided to the last home address, fax number or email address of the Option Holder in the records of the Company and the Company shall be under no obligation to confirm receipt or delivery.

3.10 Representation to CSE

As a condition precedent to the issuance of an Option, the Company must be able to represent to the CSE as of the Grant Date that the Option Holder is a *bona fide* Executive, Employee or Consultant of the Company or any Subsidiary.

**SECTION 4
NUMBER OF SHARES UNDER PLAN**

4.1 Number of Shares

Subject to adjustment as provided for herein, the aggregate number of Shares which will be available for purchase pursuant to Options granted pursuant to this Plan will not exceed 10% of the number of Shares which are issued and outstanding on the particular Grant Date. If any Option expires or otherwise terminates for any reason without having been exercised in full, the number of Shares in respect of such expired or terminated Option shall again be available for the purposes of granting Options pursuant to this Plan.

4.2 Fractional Shares

No fractional shares shall be issued upon the exercise of any Option and, if as a result of any adjustment, an Option Holder would become entitled to a fractional share, such Option Holder shall have the right to purchase only the next lowest whole number of Shares and no payment or other adjustment will be made for the fractional interest.

SECTION 5 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPTIONS

5.1 Exercise Period of Option

Subject to sections 5.4, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 11.4, the Grant Date and the Expiry Date of an Option shall be the dates fixed by the Committee at the time the Option is granted and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of such Option.

5.2 Number of Shares Under Option

The number of Shares which may be purchased pursuant to an Option shall be determined by the Committee and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of the Option.

5.3 Exercise Price of Option

The Exercise Price at which an Option Holder may purchase a Share upon the exercise of an Option shall be determined by the Committee and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of the Option. The Exercise Price shall not be less than the price determined in accordance with CSE policies while the Company's Shares are listed on the CSE.

5.4 Termination of Option

Subject to such other terms or conditions that may be attached to Options granted hereunder, an Option Holder may exercise an Option in whole or in part at any time and from time to time during the Exercise Period. Any Option or part thereof not exercised within the Exercise Period shall terminate and become null, void and of no effect as of the Expiry Time. The Expiry Date of an Option shall be the date so fixed by the Committee at the time the Option is granted as set out in the Option Certificate or, if no such date is set out in for the Option Certificate the applicable circumstances, the date established, if applicable, in paragraphs (a) or (b) below or sections 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, or 11.4 of this Plan:

- (a) *Ceasing to Hold Office* - In the event that the Option Holder holds his or her Option as an Executive and such Option Holder ceases to hold such position other than by reason of death or Disability, the Expiry Date of the Option shall be, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Option Certificate, the 90th day following the date the Option Holder ceases to hold such position unless the Option Holder ceases to hold such position as a result of:
 - (i) ceasing to meet the qualifications set forth in the corporate legislation applicable to the Company;
 - (ii) a special resolution having been passed by the shareholders of the Company removing the Option Holder as a director of the Company or any Subsidiary; or
 - (iii) an order made by any Regulatory Authority having jurisdiction to so order;

in which case the Expiry Date shall be the date the Option Holder ceases to hold such position; OR

- (b) *Ceasing to be Employed or Engaged* - In the event that the Option Holder holds his or her Option as an Employee or Consultant, other than an Option Holder who is engaged in investor relations activities, and such Option Holder ceases to hold such position other than by reason of death or Disability, the Expiry Date of the Option shall be, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the

Option Certificate, the 90th day following the date the Option Holder ceases to hold such position, or, in the case of an Option Holder that is engaged in investor relations activities, the 30th day after the date such Option Holder ceases to hold such position, unless the Option Holder ceases to hold such position as a result of:

- (i) termination for cause;
- (ii) resigning or terminating his or her position; or
- (iii) an order made by any Regulatory Authority having jurisdiction to so order;

in which case the Expiry Date shall be the date the Option Holder ceases to hold such position.

In the event that the Option Holder ceases to hold the position of Executive, Employee or Consultant for which the Option was originally granted, but comes to hold a different position as an Executive, Employee or Consultant prior to the expiry of the Option, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, choose to permit the Option to stay in place for that Option Holder with such Option then to be treated as being held by that Option Holder in his or her new position and such will not be considered to be an amendment to the Option in question requiring the consent of the Option Holder under section 9.2 of this Plan. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, in no case will an Option be exercisable later than the Expiry Date of the Option.

5.5 Vesting of Option and Acceleration

The vesting schedule for an Option, if any, shall be determined by the Committee and shall be set out in the Option Certificate issued in respect of the Option. The Committee may elect, at any time, to accelerate the vesting schedule of one or more Options including, without limitation, on a Triggering Event, and such acceleration will not be considered an amendment to the Option in question requiring the consent of the Option Holder under section 9.2 of this Plan, subject to the limitation under subsection 3.3.

5.6 Additional Terms

Subject to all applicable Regulatory Rules and all necessary Regulatory Approvals, the Committee may attach additional terms and conditions to the grant of a particular Option, such terms and conditions to be set out in a schedule attached to the Option Certificate. The Option Certificates will be issued for convenience only, and in the case of a dispute with regard to any matter in respect thereof, the provisions of this Plan and the records of the Company shall prevail over the terms and conditions in the Option Certificate, save and except as noted below. Each Option will also be subject to, in addition to the provisions of the Plan, the terms and conditions contained in the schedules, if any, attached to the Option Certificate for such Option. Should the terms and conditions contained in such schedules be inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan, such terms and conditions will supersede the provisions of the Plan.

SECTION 6 TRANSFERABILITY OF OPTIONS

6.1 Non-transferable

Except as provided otherwise in this Section 6 or expressly set out in an Option Certificate, Options are non-assignable and non-transferable.

6.2 Death of Option Holder

In the event of the Option Holder's death, any Options held by such Option Holder shall pass to the Personal Representative of the Option Holder and shall be exercisable by the Personal Representative on or before the date which is the earlier of six months following the date of death and the applicable Expiry Date.

6.3 Disability of Option Holder

If the employment or engagement of an Option Holder as an Employee or Consultant or the position of an Option Holder as a director or officer of the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated by the Company by reason of such Option Holder's Disability, any Options held by such Option Holder shall be exercisable by such Option Holder or by the Personal Representative on or before the date which is the earlier of six months following the termination of employment, engagement or appointment as a director or officer and the applicable Expiry Date.

6.4 Disability and Death of Option Holder

If an Option Holder has ceased to be employed, engaged or appointed as a director or officer of the Company or a Subsidiary by reason of such Option Holder's Disability and such Option Holder dies within six months after the termination of such engagement, any vested Options at the time an Option Holder ceased to be employed, engaged or appointed as a director or officer of the Company or a Subsidiary which remains exercisable may be exercised in accordance with its terms by the Personal Representative of such Option Holder and shall be exercisable by the Personal Representative on or before the date which is the earlier of six months following the death of such Option Holder and the applicable Expiry Date.

6.5 Vesting

Unless the Committee determines otherwise, Options held by or exercisable by a Personal Representative shall, during the period prior to their termination, continue to vest in accordance with any vesting schedule to which such Options are subject.

6.6 Deemed Non-Interruption of Engagement

Employment or engagement by the Company shall be deemed to continue intact during any military or sick leave or other *bona fide* leave of absence if the period of such leave does not exceed 90 days or, if longer, for so long as the Option Holder's right to re-employment or re-engagement by the Company is guaranteed either by statute or by contract. If the period of such leave exceeds 90 days and the Option Holder's re-employment or re-engagement is not so guaranteed, then his or her employment or engagement shall be deemed to have terminated on the ninety-first day of such leave.

**SECTION 7
EXERCISE OF OPTION**

7.1 Exercise of Option

An Option may be exercised only by the Option Holder or the Personal Representative of any Option Holder. An Option Holder or the Personal Representative of any Option Holder may exercise an Option in whole or in part at any time and from time to time during the Exercise Period up to the Expiry Time by delivering to the Administrator the required Exercise Notice, the applicable Option Certificate and a certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Company in an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of the Shares then being purchased pursuant to the exercise of the Option. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, Options may not be exercised during Black-Out unless the Committee determines

otherwise. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, the Exercise Period of Options that would expire during a Black-Out shall be extended to the date that is 10 business days following the expiry of the applicable Black-Out.

7.2 Issue of Share Certificates

As soon as reasonably practicable following the receipt of the Exercise Notice, the Administrator shall cause to be delivered to the Option Holder a certificate (or DRS) for the Shares so purchased. If the number of Shares so purchased is less than the number of Shares subject to the Option Certificate surrendered, the Administrator shall also provide a new Option Certificate for the balance of Shares available under the Option to the Option Holder concurrent with delivery of the Share certificate (or DRS).

7.3 No Rights as Shareholder

Until the date of the issuance of the certificate (or DRS) for the Shares purchased pursuant to the exercise of an Option, no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder shall exist with respect to such Shares, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option, unless the Committee determines otherwise. In the event of any dispute over the date of the issuance of the certificate (or DRS), the decision of the Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding.

7.4 Tax Withholding and Procedures

Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Plan, the Company may, from time to time, implement such procedures and conditions as it determines appropriate with respect to the withholding and remittance of taxes imposed under applicable law, or the funding of related amounts for which liability may arise under such applicable law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an Option Holder who wishes to exercise an Option must, in addition to following the procedures set out in section 7.1 and elsewhere in this Plan, and as a condition of exercise:

- (a) deliver a certified cheque, wire transfer or bank draft payable to the Company for the amount determined by the Company to be the appropriate amount on account of such taxes or related amounts; or
- (b) otherwise ensure, in a manner acceptable to the Company (if at all) in its sole and unfettered discretion, that the amount will be securely funded;

and must in all other respects follow any related procedures and conditions imposed by the Company.

**SECTION 8
ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 Board or Committee

The Plan shall be administered by the Board, by a Committee of the Board appointed in accordance with section 8.2 below, or by an Administrator appointed in accordance with subsection 8.4(b).

8.2 Appointment of Committee

The Board may at any time appoint a Committee, consisting of not less than two of its members, to administer the Plan on behalf of the Board in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, consistent with this Plan. Once appointed, the Committee shall continue to serve until otherwise

directed by the Board. From time to time, the Board may increase the size of the Committee and appoint additional members, remove members (with or without cause) and appoint new members in their place, fill vacancies however caused, or remove all members of the Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan.

8.3 Quorum and Voting

A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and, subject to the limitations in this Section 8, all actions of the Committee shall require the affirmative vote of members who constitute a majority of such quorum. Members of the Committee may vote on any matters affecting the administration of the Plan or the grant of Options pursuant to the Plan, except that no such member shall act upon the granting of an Option to himself or herself (but any such member may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Committee during which action is taken with respect to the granting of Options to that member). The Committee may approve matters by written resolution signed by a majority of the quorum.

8.4 Powers of Committee

The Committee (or the Board if no Committee is in place) shall have the authority to do the following:

- (a) administer the Plan in accordance with its terms;
- (b) appoint or replace the Administrator from time to time;
- (c) determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation and application of the Plan;
- (d) correct any defect, supply any information or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in such manner and to such extent as shall be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of the Plan;
- (e) prescribe, amend, and rescind rules and regulations relating to the administration of the Plan;
- (f) determine the duration and purposes of leaves of absence from employment or engagement by the Company which may be granted to Option Holders without constituting a termination of employment or engagement for purposes of the Plan;
- (g) do the following with respect to the granting of Options:
 - (i) determine the Executives, Employees or Consultants to whom Options shall be granted, based on the eligibility criteria set out in this Plan;
 - (ii) determine the terms of the Option to be granted to an Option Holder including, without limitation, the Grant Date, Expiry Dates, Exercise Price and vesting schedule (which need not be identical with the terms of any other Option);
 - (iii) subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals and section 9.2, amend the terms of any Options;
 - (iv) determine when Options shall be granted; and
 - (v) determine the number of Shares subject to each Option;

- (h) accelerate the vesting schedule of any Option previously granted, subject always to the limitation in subsection 3.3; and
- (i) make all other determinations necessary or advisable, in its sole discretion, for the administration of the Plan.

8.5 Administration by Committee

All determinations made by the Committee in good faith shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all persons. The Committee shall have all powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish its duties under this Plan.

8.6 Interpretation

The interpretation by the Committee of any of the provisions of the Plan and any determination by it pursuant thereto shall be final, conclusive and binding and shall not be subject to dispute by any Option Holder. No member of the Committee or any person acting pursuant to authority delegated by it hereunder shall be personally liable for any action or determination in connection with the Plan made or taken in good faith and each member of the Committee and each such person shall be entitled to indemnification with respect to any such action or determination in the manner provided for by the Company.

SECTION 9 APPROVALS AND AMENDMENT

9.1 Shareholder Approval of Plan

If required by a Regulatory Authority or by the Committee, this Plan may be made subject to the approval of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the shareholders of the Company or by a majority of votes cast by disinterested shareholders at a meeting of shareholders of the Company. Any Options granted under this Plan will not be exercisable or binding on the Company unless and until such shareholder approval is obtained.

9.2 Amendment of Option or Plan

Subject to any required Regulatory Approvals, the Committee may from time to time amend any existing Option or the Plan or the terms and conditions of any Option thereafter to be granted provided that where such amendment relates to an existing Option and it would:

- (a) materially decrease the rights or benefits accruing to an Option Holder; or
- (b) materially increase the obligations of an Option Holder;

then, unless otherwise excepted out by a provision of this Plan, the Committee must also obtain the written consent of the Option Holder in question to such amendment. If at the time the Exercise Price of an Option is reduced the Option Holder is an Insider of the Company, the Insider must not exercise the option at the reduced Exercise Price until the reduction in Exercise Price has been approved by the disinterested shareholders of the Company.

SECTION 10
CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO ISSUANCE OF OPTIONS AND SHARES

10.1 **Compliance with Laws**

An Option shall not be granted or exercised, and Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise of any Option, unless the grant and exercise of such Option and the issuance and delivery of such Shares comply with all applicable Regulatory Rules, and such Options and Shares will be subject to all applicable trading restrictions in effect pursuant to such Regulatory Rules and the Company shall be entitled to legend the Option Certificates and the certificate (or DRS) representing such Shares accordingly.

10.2 **Obligation to Obtain Regulatory Approvals**

In administering this Plan, the Committee will seek any Regulatory Approvals which may be required. The Committee will not permit any Options to be granted without first obtaining the necessary Regulatory Approvals unless such Options are granted conditional upon such Regulatory Approvals being obtained. The Committee will make all filings required with the Regulatory Authorities in respect of the Plan and each grant of Options hereunder. No Option granted will be exercisable or binding on the Company unless and until all necessary Regulatory Approvals have been obtained. The Committee shall be entitled to amend this Plan and the Options granted hereunder in order to secure any necessary Regulatory Approvals and such amendments will not require the consent of the Option Holders under section 9.2 of this Plan.

10.3 **Inability to Obtain Regulatory Approvals**

The Company's inability to obtain Regulatory Approval from any applicable Regulatory Authority, which Regulatory Approval is deemed by the Committee to be necessary to complete the grant of Options hereunder, the exercise of those Options or the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares pursuant to such Options, shall relieve the Company of any liability with respect to the failure to complete such transaction.

SECTION 11
ADJUSTMENTS AND TERMINATION

11.1 **Termination of Plan**

Subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals, the Committee may terminate or suspend the Plan.

11.2 **No Grant During Suspension of Plan**

No Option may be granted during any suspension, or after termination, of the Plan. Suspension or termination of the Plan shall not, without the consent of the Option Holder, alter or impair any rights or obligations under any Option previously granted.

11.3 **Alteration in Capital Structure**

If there is a material alteration in the capital structure of the Company and the Shares are consolidated, subdivided, converted, exchanged, reclassified or in any way substituted for, the Committee shall make such adjustments to this Plan and to the Options then outstanding under this Plan as the Committee determines to be appropriate and equitable under the circumstances, so that the proportionate interest of each Option Holder shall, to the extent practicable, be maintained as before the occurrence of such event. Such adjustments may include, without limitation:

- (a) a change in the number or kind of shares of the Company covered by such Options; and
- (b) a change in the Exercise Price payable per Share provided, however, that the aggregate Exercise Price applicable to the unexercised portion of existing Options shall not be altered, it being intended that any adjustments made with respect to such Options shall apply only to the Exercise Price per Share and the number of Shares subject thereto.

For purposes of this section 11.3, and without limitation, neither:

- (c) the issuance of additional securities of the Company in exchange for adequate consideration (including services); nor
- (d) the conversion of outstanding securities of the Company into Shares shall be deemed to be material alterations of the capital structure of the Company.

Any adjustment made to any Options pursuant to this section 11.3 shall not be considered an amendment requiring the Option Holder's consent for the purposes of Section 9.2 of this Plan.

11.4 Triggering Events

Subject to the Company complying with section 11.5 and any necessary Regulatory Approvals and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan or any Option Certificate, the Committee may, without the consent of the Option Holder or Holders in question:

- (a) cause all or a portion of any of the Options granted under the Plan to terminate upon the occurrence of a Triggering Event; or
- (b) cause all or a portion of any of the Options granted under the Plan to be exchanged for incentive stock options of another corporation upon the occurrence of a Triggering Event in such ratio and at such exercise price as the Committee deems appropriate, acting reasonably.

Such termination or exchange shall not be considered an amendment requiring the Option Holder's consent for the purpose of section 9.2 of the Plan.

11.5 Notice of Termination by Triggering Event

In the event that the Committee wishes to cause all or a portion of any of the Options granted under this Plan to terminate on the occurrence of a Triggering Event, it must give written notice to the Option Holders in question not less than 10 days prior to the consummation of a Triggering Event so as to permit the Option Holder the opportunity to exercise the vested portion of the Options prior to such termination. Upon the giving of such notice and subject to any necessary Regulatory Approvals, all Options or portions thereof granted under the Plan which the Company proposes to terminate shall become immediately exercisable notwithstanding any contingent vesting provision to which such Options may have otherwise been subject.

11.6 Determinations to be Made By Committee

Adjustments and determinations under this Section 11 shall be made by the Committee, whose decisions as to what adjustments or determination shall be made, and the extent thereof, shall be final, binding, and conclusive.

SCHEDULE "A"

[Any applicable securities law resale restrictions to be added hereto.]

MANNING VENTURES INC.

STOCK OPTION PLAN - OPTION CERTIFICATE

This Option Certificate is issued pursuant to the provisions of the Stock Option Plan (the “**Plan**”) of Manning Ventures Inc. (the “**Company**”) and evidences that ♦[Name of Option Holder] is the holder (the “**Option Holder**”) of an option (the “**Option**”) to purchase up to ♦ common shares (the “**Shares**”) in the capital stock of the Company at a purchase price of Cdn.\$ ♦ per Share (the “**Exercise Price**”). This Option may be exercised at any time and from time to time from and including the following Grant Date through to and including up to 5:00 p.m. local time in Vancouver, British Columbia (the “**Expiry Time**”) on the following Expiry Date:

- (a) the Grant Date of this Option is ♦, 20♦; and
- (b) subject to sections 5.4, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 11.4 of the Plan, the Expiry Date of this Option is ♦, 20♦.

To exercise this Option, the Option Holder must deliver to the Administrator of the Plan, prior to the Expiry Time on the Expiry Date, an Exercise Notice, in the form provided in the Plan, or written notice in the case of uncertificated Shares, which is incorporated by reference herein, together with the original of this Option Certificate and a certified cheque or bank draft payable to the Company or its legal counsel in an amount equal to the aggregate of the Exercise Price of the Shares in respect of which this Option is being exercised.

This Option Certificate and the Option evidenced hereby is not assignable, transferable or negotiable and is subject to the detailed terms and conditions contained in the Plan. This Option Certificate is issued for convenience only and in the case of any dispute with regard to any matter in respect hereof, the provisions of the Plan and the records of the Company shall prevail. This Option is also subject to the terms and conditions contained in the schedules, if any, attached hereto.

[Include legends on the certificate or the written notice in the case of uncertificated shares prescribed by Regulatory Authorities, if required.]

If the Option Holder is a resident or citizen of the United States of America at the time of the exercise of the Option, the certificate(s) representing the Shares will be endorsed with the following or a similar legend:

“The securities represented hereby have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “U.S. Securities Act”) or the securities laws of any state of the united states. The holder hereof, by purchasing such securities, agrees for the benefit of the Company that such securities may be offered, sold or otherwise transferred only (a) to the Company; (b) outside the United States in accordance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act; (c) in accordance with the exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act provided by Rule 144 thereunder, if available, and in compliance with any applicable state securities laws; or (d) in a transaction that does not require registration under the U.S. Securities Act and any applicable state securities laws, and, in the case of paragraph (c) or (d), the seller furnishes to the Company an opinion of counsel of recognized standing in form and substance satisfactory to the Company to such effect.

The presence of this legend may impair the ability of the holder hereof to effect “good delivery” of the securities represented hereby on a Canadian stock exchange.”

MANNING VENTURES INC.
by its authorized signatory:

The Option Holder acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan and represents to the Company that the Option Holder is familiar with the terms and conditions of the Plan, and hereby accepts this Option subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Option Holder agrees to execute, deliver, file and otherwise assist the Company in filing any report, undertaking or document with respect to the awarding of the Option and exercise of the Option, as may be required by the Regulatory Authorities. The Option Holder further acknowledges that if the Plan has not been approved by the shareholders of the Company on the Grant Date, this Option is not exercisable until such approval has been obtained.

Signature of Option Holder:

Signature

Date signed:

Print Name

Address

OPTION CERTIFICATE – SCHEDULE

[Complete the following additional terms and any other special terms, if applicable, or remove the inapplicable terms or this schedule entirely.]

The additional terms and conditions attached to the Option represented by this Option Certificate are as follows:

1. The Options will not be exercisable unless and until they have vested and then only to the extent that they have vested. The Options will vest in accordance with the following:
 - (a) ◆ Shares (◆%) will vest and be exercisable on or after the Grant Date;
 - (b) ◆ additional Shares (◆%) will vest and be exercisable on or after ◆ [date];
 - (c) ◆ additional Shares (◆%) will vest and be exercisable on or after ◆ [date];
 - (d) ◆ additional Shares (◆%) will vest and be exercisable on or after ◆ [date];

2. Upon the Option Holder ceasing to hold a position with the Company, other than as a result of the events set out in paragraphs 5.4(a) or 5.4(b) of the Plan, the Expiry Date of the Option shall be ◆ **[Insert date desired that is longer or shorter than the standard 30 days as set out in the Plan]** following the date the Option Holder ceases to hold such position.

Type of Option
(U.S. Employees only):

_____ Incentive Stock Option
_____ Non-Statutory Stock Option

SCHEDULE B

MANNING VENTURES INC.

STOCK OPTION PLAN

NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF OPTION

TO: The Administrator, Stock Option Plan
Manning Ventures Inc.
c/o Suite 303, 750 West Pender Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2T7
(or such other address as the Company may advise)

The undersigned hereby irrevocably gives notice, pursuant to the Stock Option Plan (the “**Plan**”) of Manning Ventures Inc. (the “**Company**”), of the exercise of the Option to acquire and hereby subscribes for (**cross out inapplicable item**):

- (a) all of the Shares; or
- (b) of the Shares;

which are the subject of the Option Certificate attached hereto (**attach your original Option Certificate**). The undersigned tenders herewith a certified cheque or bank draft (**circle one**) payable to the Company or to **◆** in an amount equal to the aggregate Exercise Price of the aforesaid Shares and directs the Company to issue a certificate OR a written notice in the case of uncertificated Shares evidencing said Shares in the name of the undersigned to be issued to the undersigned [in the case of issuance of a share certificate, at the following address (**provide full complete address**)]:

The undersigned acknowledges the Option is not validly exercised unless this Notice is completed in strict compliance with this form and delivered to the required address with the required payment prior to 5:00 p.m. local time in Vancouver, BC on the Expiry Date of the Option.

DATED the day _____ of _____, 20____.

Signature of Option Holder

SCHEDULE C
MANNING VENTURES INC.
RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN DATED FOR REFERENCE JANUARY 18, 2021

MANNING VENTURES INC.

RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN

EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 18, 2021

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RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT PLAN

ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE AND INTERPRETATION

Section 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Plan is to promote and advance the interests of the Company by (i) providing Eligible Persons with additional incentive through an opportunity to receive discretionary bonuses in the form of Common Shares of the Company, (ii) encouraging stock ownership by such Eligible Persons, (iii) increasing the proprietary interest of Eligible Persons in the success of the Company, and (iv) increasing the ability to attract, retain and motivate Eligible Persons.

Section 1.2 Definitions

For the purposes of this Plan, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) “Account” means a notional account maintained for each Participant on the books of the Company which will be credited with Restricted Share Units and Dividend RSUs, in accordance with the terms of the Plan;
- (b) “Affiliate” means any person that controls or is controlled by the Company or that is controlled by the same person that controls the Company;
- (c) “Associate” has the meaning ascribed to that term under the *Securities Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 418, as amended from time to time;
- (d) “Affiliated Companies”, “Controlled Companies” and “Subsidiary Companies” have the meanings ascribed to those terms under the *Securities Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 418, as amended from time to time;
- (e) “Black-Out Period” means the period during which designated directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and, if applicable, any Subsidiary Company, cannot trade Common Shares pursuant to the Company’s insider trading policy which is in effect at that time (which, for certainty, does not include the period during which a cease trade order is in effect to which the Company, or in respect of a Reporting Insider, that Reporting Insider, is subject);
- (f) “Board” means the board of directors of the Company or such delegate as referred to by the term in Section 3.1(1);
- (g) “Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a statutory or civic holiday in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, on which the Stock Exchange is open for trading;

- (h) “Cause” means (i) if the Participant has a written agreement with the Company or Subsidiary Companies in which cause is defined, cause as defined therein; or otherwise (ii) (A) the inability of the Participant to perform his or her duties due to a legal impediment such as an injunction, restraining order or other type of judicial judgment, decree or order entered against the Participant; (B) the failure of the Participant to follow the Company’s reasonable instructions with respect to the performance of his or her duties; (C) any material breach by the Participant of his or her obligations under any code of ethics, any other code of business conduct or any lawful policies or procedures of the Company; (D) excessive absenteeism, flagrant neglect of duties, serious misconduct, or conviction of crime or fraud; and (E) any other act or omission of the Participant which would in law permit an employer to, without notice or payment in lieu of notice, terminate the employment of an employee;
- (i) “Change of Control Event” means:
 - (i) the acquisition of a sufficient number of voting securities in the capital of the Company so that the acquiror, together with Persons or Entities acting jointly or in concert with the acquiror, becomes entitled, directly or indirectly, to exercise more than 50% of the voting rights attaching to the outstanding voting securities in the capital of the Company (provided that, prior to the acquisition, the acquiror was not entitled to exercise more than 50% of the voting rights attaching to the outstanding voting securities in the capital of the Company);
 - (ii) the completion of a consolidation, merger, arrangement or amalgamation of the Company with or into any other entity whereby the voting securityholders of the Company immediately prior to the consolidation, merger, arrangement or amalgamation receive less than 50% of the voting rights attaching to the outstanding voting securities of the consolidated, merged, arranged or amalgamated entity;
 - (iii) the completion of a sale whereby all or substantially all of the Company’s undertakings and assets become the property of any other entity and the voting securityholders of the Company immediately prior to the sale hold less than 50% of the voting rights attaching to the outstanding voting securities of that other entity immediately following that sale; or
 - (iv) an occurrence when a majority of the directors elected at any annual or extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company are not individuals nominated by the Company's then-incumbent Board.
- (j) “Common Shares” means the common shares in the share capital of the Company;
- (k) “Company” means Manning Ventures Inc.;

- (l) “Consultant” means a corporate entity or an individual, other than an employee, executive officer or director of the Company or of an Affiliate, that:
- (i) is engaged to provide services to the Company or an Affiliate, other than services provided in relation to a distribution of the Company’s securities;
 - (ii) provides the services under a written contract with the Company or an Affiliate; and
 - (iii) spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Company or an Affiliate;
- and includes, for an individual consultant, a Company of which the individual consultant is an employee or shareholder, and a partnership of which the individual consultant is an employee or partner;
- (m) “Dividend RSUs” means a bookkeeping entry credited to a Participant’s Account equivalent in value to the dividend, if any, paid on a Common Share in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Plan;
- (n) “Eligible Person” means:
- (i) any director, officer, employee or Consultant of the Company or any of its Subsidiary Companies; and
 - (ii) any Personal Holding Company of any of the persons listed in Section 1.2(m)(i) above;
- who is designated by the Board as eligible to participate in the Plan;
- (o) “Expiry Date” means the expiry date set out by the Board on the date of approval of a grant and as described in the applicable RSU Grant Letter (which for greater certainty may vary between RSUs granted from time to time), following which an RSU is expired and is thereafter incapable of settlement, and is of no value whatsoever, provided however that in no event shall an Expiry Date be a date that is more than three years from the date of grant;
- (p) “Market Price” means, with respect to any particular date, the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares as reported on the Stock Exchange for the five (5) trading days immediately preceding that date;
- (q) “Participant” means an Eligible Person to whom RSUs have been granted and are outstanding;
- (r) “Personal Holding Company” means a personal holding Company that is either wholly owned, or controlled by, any director, executive officer, employee or Consultant of the Company or its Affiliates, and the shares of which are held

directly or indirectly by any such person or the person's spouse, minor children and/or minor grandchildren;

- (s) "Person or Entity" means an individual, natural person, Company, government or political subdivision or agency of a government, and where two or more persons act as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of securities of an issuer, such partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or group shall be deemed to be a Person or Entity;
- (t) "Plan" means this Restricted Share Unit plan of the Company, as amended from time to time;
- (u) "Reporting Insider" means a reporting insider as defined under National Instrument 55-104 as may be amended from time to time;
- (v) "Restricted Share Unit" or "RSU" means a bookkeeping entry equivalent in value to a Common Share credited to a Participant's Account and representing the right of a Participant to whom a grant of such restricted share units is made to receive one Common Share (or, pursuant to Section 4.3, an amount of cash equal to the Market Value thereof), pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Plan and in the applicable RSU Grant Letter;
- (w) "RSU Award" means the number of RSUs determined by the Board to be awarded to the Participant and credited to a Participant's Account, as evidenced by a RSU Grant Letter;
- (x) "RSU Grant Letter" has the meaning given to that term in Section 3.1(3);
- (y) "*Securities Act*" means the *Securities Act* (British Columbia), RSBC 1996, c.418 as from time to time amended.
- (z) "Settlement Date" means the Business Day during the Settlement Period on which a Participant elects to settle an RSU in accordance with Section 4.3;
- (aa) "Settlement Notice" has the meaning set out in Section 4.3;
- (bb) "Settlement Period" means the period starting on the Vesting Date and ending on the Expiry Date;
- (cc) "Shareholder" means a holder of a Common Share in the capital of the Company;
- (dd) "Share Compensation Arrangement" means any stock option, stock option plan, employee stock purchase plan, restricted share unit, or any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuance of Common Shares, including a share purchase from treasury which is financially assisted by the Company by way of a loan, guarantee or otherwise including, without limitation, this Plan;

- (ee) “Stock Exchange” means the Canadian Securities Exchange or if the Common Shares are not listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange, any stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed or traded, as determined by the Board;
- (ff) “Termination Date” means the date on which a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person. For greater certainty, in the case of a Participant whose employment or term of office with the Company or any Subsidiary Company terminates in the circumstances set out in Section 4.4(1)(a), Section 4.4(1)(b) or Section 4.4(1)(c), the date that is designated by the Company or any Subsidiary Company, as the last day of the Participant’s employment or term of office with the Company or such Subsidiary Company, provided that in the case of termination of employment or term of office by voluntary resignation by the Participant, such date shall not be earlier than the date notice of resignation was given, and “Termination Date” specifically does not include any period of reasonable notice that the Company or any Subsidiary Company may be required at law to provide to the Participant; and
- (gg) “Vesting Date” means the date on which an RSU is vested for the purposes of the Plan.

Section 1.3 Interpretation

Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine shall include the feminine.

Section 1.4 Governing Law

This Plan and all matters to which reference is made herein shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

Section 1.5 Severability

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Plan shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision and any invalid or unenforceable provision shall be severed from the Plan.

ARTICLE 2 SHARE CAPITAL

Section 2.1 Shares Reserved

- (1) Subject to Section 5.3(1), the securities that may be acquired by Participants pursuant to RSUs granted under this Plan shall consist of authorized but unissued Common Shares.
- (2) The Company shall at all times during the term of this Plan ensure that the number of Common Shares it is authorized to issue shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of RSUs granted under this Plan.

(3) The maximum number of Common Shares made available for issuance pursuant to the Plan shall be determined from time to time by the Board, but in any case, shall not exceed 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time, less any Common Shares reserved for issuance under all other Share Compensation Arrangements, subject to adjustments as provided in the Plan.

(4) The Plan shall be a “rolling plan” and therefore when RSUs are cancelled (whether or not upon payment with respect to vested RSUs) or terminated, the number of Common Shares in respect of such cancelled or terminated RSUs shall again be available for the purpose of granting RSU Awards pursuant to the Plan.

ARTICLE 3 ADMINISTRATION

Section 3.1 General

(1) This Plan shall be administered by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision contained herein, the Board shall have the right to delegate the administration and operation of this Plan, in whole or in part, to a committee of the Board and/or to any member of the Board. Any delegation pursuant to this Section 3.1 shall be documented in a resolution of the Board.

(2) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Board is authorized to provide for the awarding, granting, vesting, settlement and method of settlement of RSUs, all on such terms (which may vary between RSUs granted from time to time) as it shall determine. In addition, the Board shall have the authority to:

- (a) select any directors, officers, employees or Consultants of the Company or Subsidiary Companies of the Company to participate in this Plan; provided that RSUs granted to any Participant shall be approved by the Shareholders if the rules of the Stock Exchange require such approval;
- (b) construe and interpret this Plan and all agreements entered into hereunder;
- (c) prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to this Plan; and
- (d) make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of this Plan. All determinations and interpretations made by the Board shall be binding on all Participants and on their legal, personal representatives and beneficiaries.

(3) An RSU Award shall be evidenced by a restricted share unit grant letter (“RSU Grant Letter”), a form of which is attached as Schedule A to this Plan, signed on behalf of the Company, subject to amendment by the Board from time to time, and which shall specify:

- (a) the number of RSUs subject to the RSU Award to be credited to the Participant’s Account;
- (b) the date of grant of the RSU Award;

- (c) the Vesting Date or Vesting Dates applicable to the RSUs subject to the RSU Award;
- (d) the Settlement Period and Expiry Date applicable to an RSU subject to the RSU Award;
- (e) the nature and duration of the restrictions, if any, to be imposed upon the sale or other disposition of Common Shares acquired upon settlement of the RSU;
- (f) the nature of the events, if any, and the duration of the period in which any Participant's rights in respect of Common Shares acquired upon settlement of an RSU may be forfeited; and
- (g) such other terms, conditions and limitations permitted by and not inconsistent with this Plan as the Board may determine.

(4) No member of the Board (or person acting under delegated authority, nor the Company, will be liable for any action or determination taken or made in the administration, interpretation, construction or application of this Plan, any RSU Grant Letter or any RSU issued pursuant to this Plan, or otherwise in any way in respect of any Participant's participation in this Plan or the holding or settlement of RSUs.

Section 3.2 Compliance with Legislation

(1) The Plan, the terms of the issue or grant and the settlement of RSUs hereunder and the Company's obligation to sell and deliver Common Shares upon settlement of RSUs shall be subject to all applicable federal, provincial and foreign laws, rules and regulations, the rules and regulations of the Stock Exchange and to such approvals by any regulatory or governmental agency as may, in the opinion of counsel to the Company, be required. The Company shall not be obliged by any provision of the Plan or the grant of any RSU hereunder to issue or sell Common Shares in violation of such laws, rules and regulations or any condition of such approvals.

(2) No RSU shall be granted and no Common Shares issued or sold thereunder where such grant, issue or sale would require registration of the Plan or of Common Shares under the securities laws of any foreign jurisdiction and any purported grant of any RSU or issue or sale of Common Shares hereunder in violation of this provision shall be void.

(3) The Company shall have no obligation to issue any Common Shares pursuant to the Plan unless such Common Shares shall have been duly listed, upon official notice of issuance, with the Stock Exchange. Common Shares issued and sold to Participants pursuant to the settlement of RSUs may be subject to restrictions or limitations on sale or resale under applicable securities laws.

(4) If Common Shares cannot be issued to a Participant upon the settlement of an RSU due to legal or regulatory restrictions, the obligation of the Company to issue such Common Shares under the Plan shall terminate, at no cost to the Company nor obligation to otherwise compensate a Participant in any way.

Section 3.3 Miscellaneous

- (1) Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Board from adopting other or additional compensation arrangements, subject to any required approval.
- (2) Nothing contained in the Plan nor in any RSU granted hereunder shall be deemed to give any Participant any interest or title in or to any Common Shares of the Company or any rights as a Shareholder or any other legal or equitable right against the Company whatsoever other than as set forth in the Plan and pursuant to the settlement of any RSU.
- (3) The Plan does not give any Participant or any employee of the Company or any of its Affiliated Companies, Subsidiary Companies or Controlled Companies the right or obligation to continue to serve as a Consultant, director, officer or employee, as the case may be, of the Company or any of its Affiliated Companies, Subsidiary Companies or Controlled Companies. The awarding of RSUs to any Eligible Person is a matter to be determined solely in the discretion of the Board. The Plan shall not in any way fetter, limit, obligate, restrict or constrain the Board with regard to the allotment or issue of any Common Shares or any other securities in the capital of the Company or any of its Subsidiary Companies other than as specifically provided for in the Plan.
- (4) The existence of any RSUs shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its Shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Company or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Company or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to affect the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any sale or transfer of all or any part of its assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar nature or otherwise.
- (5) No fractional Common Shares shall be issued upon the settlement of RSUs granted under the Plan and, accordingly, if a Participant would become entitled to a fractional Common Share upon the settlement of an RSU, or from an adjustment pursuant to Section 5.3(1) such Participant shall only have the right to receive the next lowest whole number of Common Shares and no payment or other adjustment will be made with respect to the fractional interest so disregarded.

ARTICLE 4 RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS

Section 4.1 Granting of RSUs

- (1) Where the Board determines to grant an RSU Award to an Eligible Person and sets the terms and conditions applicable to such RSU Award, the Company shall deliver to the Eligible Person a RSU Grant Letter, containing the terms and conditions applicable to such RSU Award.
- (2) On the grant of an RSU Award, the Company will credit the Participant's Account with the number of RSUs granted to such Participant under the terms of the RSU Award.

(3) The grant of an RSU Award shall entitle the Participant to the conditional right to receive for each RSU credited to the Participant's Account, at the election of the Company, either one Common Share or an amount in cash, net of applicable taxes and contributions to government sponsored plans, as determined by the Board, equal to the Market Price of one Common Share for each RSU credited to the Participant's Account on the Settlement Date, subject to the conditions set out in the RSU Grant Letter and in the Plan, and subject to all other terms of this Plan.

(4) An Eligible Person may receive an RSU Award on more than one occasion under the Plan and may receive separate RSU Awards on any one occasion.

(5) RSUs granted under this Plan to an Eligible Person in a calendar year will (subject to any applicable terms and conditions) represent a right to a bonus or similar award to be received for services rendered by such Eligible Person to the Company or an Affiliate, as the case may be, in the fiscal year ending in, coincident with or before such calendar year, subject to any other determination by the Company.

Section 4.2 Dividends

(1) Unless the Board determines otherwise, additional RSUs ("Dividend RSUs") will be credited to a Participant's Account where the Company declares and pays a dividend on Common Shares. The number of Dividend RSUs credited to a Participant's Account in connection with the payment of dividends on Common Shares will be based on the actual amount of cash dividends that would have been paid to such Participant had he been holding such number of Shares equal to the number of RSUs credited to the Participant's Account on the date on which cash dividends are paid on the Shares and the Market Price of the Common Shares on the payment date.

(2) Dividend RSUs credited to a Participant's Account shall vest and be settled in the same manner and on the same date as the RSUs to which they relate.

Section 4.3 Settlement of Restricted Share Units

(1) Subject to the provisions of the Plan and in particular Section 4.4 and Section 5.2 and any vesting limitations imposed by the Board in its sole unfettered discretion at the time of grant, RSUs subject to an RSU Award may be settled by a Participant during the Settlement Period applicable to the RSU by delivery to the Company of a notice (the "Settlement Notice") in a form attached to the RSU Grant Letter. As soon as practicable following the receipt of the Settlement Notice, RSUs will be settled by the Company through the delivery by the Company of such number of Common Shares equal to the number of RSUs then being settled or, at a Company's election, an amount in cash, net of applicable taxes and contributions to government sponsored plans, equal to the Market Price at the Settlement Date of one Common Share for each RSU then being settled. Where, prior to the Expiry Date, a Participant fails to elect to settle an RSU, the Participant shall be deemed to have elected to settle such RSUs on the day immediately preceding the Expiry Date.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company elects to issue Common Shares in settlement of RSUs:

- (a) the Company may arrange for such number of the Common Shares to be sold as it deems necessary or advisable to raise an amount at least equal to its determination of such applicable taxes, with such amount being withheld by the Company; or
- (b) the Company may elect to settle for cash such number of RSUs as it deems necessary or advisable to raise funds sufficient to cover such withholding taxes with such amount being withheld by the Company; or
- (c) the Company may, as a condition of settlement in the form of Common Shares, require the Participant to pay the applicable taxes as determined by the Company or make such other arrangement acceptable to the Company in its discretion (if at all) as it deems necessary or advisable.

(3) Subject to the terms of the Plan, as soon as practicable after receipt of any of the amount, undertaking or election listed in Section 4.3(2), the Company will forthwith cause the transfer agent and registrar of the Common Shares to deliver to the Participant a certificate or certificates in the name of the Participant or a statement of account, at the discretion of the Company, representing in the aggregate Common Shares issued to the Participant.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan:

- (a) no RSU shall be capable of settlement after the Expiry Date; provided, however, that if the Expiry Date in respect of an RSU falls on, or within nine (9) Business Days immediately following, a date upon which such Participant is prohibited from exercising such RSU due to a Black-Out Period or other trading restriction imposed by the Company, then the Expiry Date of such RSU shall be automatically extended to the tenth (10th) Business Day following the date the relevant Black-Out Period or other trading restriction imposed by the Company is lifted, terminated or removed. The foregoing extension applies to all RSUs

regardless of the date of grant and shall not be considered an extension of the term thereof as otherwise referred to in the Plan;

- (b) the Settlement Period shall be automatically reduced in accordance with Section 4.4 upon the occurrence of any of the events referred to therein; and
- (c) no RSU in respect of which Shareholder approval is required under the rules of the Stock Exchange shall be settled until such time as such RSU has been so approved.

Section 4.4 Termination of Service

(1) Except as otherwise determined by the Board:

- (a) all RSUs held by the Participant (whether vested or unvested) shall terminate automatically upon the termination of the Participant's service with the Company or any Subsidiary Companies for any reason other than as set forth in paragraph (b) and (c) below;
- (b) in the case of a termination of the Participant's service by reason of (A) termination by the Company or any Subsidiary Companies other than for Cause, or (B) the Participant's death, the Participant's unvested RSUs shall vest automatically as of such date, and on the earlier of the original Expiry Date and any time during the ninety (90) day period commencing on the date of such termination of service (or, if earlier, the Termination Date), the Participant (or his or her executor or administrator, or the person or persons to whom the Participant's RSUs are transferred by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution) will be eligible to request that the Company settle his vested RSUs. Where, prior to the 90th day following such termination of service (or, if earlier, the Termination Date) the Participant fails to elect to settle a vested RSU, the Participant shall be deemed to have elected to settle such RSU on such 90th day (or, if earlier, the Termination Date) and to receive Common Shares in respect thereof;
- (c) in the case of a termination of the Participant's services by reason of voluntary resignation, only the Participant's unvested RSUs shall terminate automatically as of such date, and any time during the ninety (90) day period commencing on the date of such termination of service (or, if earlier, the Termination Date), the Participant will be eligible to request that the Company settle his vested RSUs. Where, prior to the 90th day following such termination of service (or, if earlier, the Termination Date) the Participant fails to elect to settle a vested RSU, the Participant shall be deemed to have elected to settle such RSU on such 90th day (or, if earlier, the Termination Date) and to receive Common Shares in respect thereof;
- (d) for greater certainty, where a Participant's employment or term of office terminates by reason of termination by the Company or any Subsidiary

Companies for Cause then any RSUs held by the Participant, whether or not vested at the Termination Date, immediately terminate and are cancelled on the Termination Date or at a time as may be determined by the Board, in its sole discretion;

- (e) a Participant's eligibility to receive further grants of RSUs under this Plan ceases as of the earliest of the date the Participant resigns from the Company or any Subsidiary Company and the date that the Company or any Subsidiary Company provides the Participant with written notification that the Participant's employment or term of office, as the case may be, is terminated, notwithstanding that such date may be prior to the Termination Date; and
- (f) for the purposes of the Plan, a Participant shall not be deemed to have terminated service where: (i) the Participant remains in employment or office within or among the Company or any Subsidiary Company or (ii) the Participant is on a leave of absence approved by the Board.

Section 4.5 Non-transferability of RSUs

RSUs shall not be transferable or assignable by the Participant otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be exercisable during the lifetime of a Participant only by the Participant and after death only by the Participant's legal representative.

Section 4.6 Hold Period

Pursuant to Stock Exchange Policies, where a hold period is applicable, the RSU Grant Letter will include a legend stipulating that the RSU Award is subject to a four-month hold period commencing from the date of grant of the RSU Award.

ARTICLE 5 TERMINATION, AMENDMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Section 5.1 Amendment and Termination

- (1) The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan or any portion thereof at any time in accordance with applicable law, and subject to any required regulatory approval.
- (2) No such amendment, suspension or termination shall alter or impair any RSUs or any rights pursuant thereto granted previously to any Participant without the consent of such Participant.
- (3) If the Plan is terminated, the provisions of the Plan and any administrative guidelines, and other rules and regulations adopted by the Board and in force at the time of the Plan termination shall continue in effect during such time as an RSU or any rights pursuant thereto remain outstanding.
- (4) With the consent of the affected Participant, the Board may amend or modify any outstanding RSU in any manner to the extent that the Board would have had the authority to

initially grant such award as so modified or amended, including without limitation, to change the date or dates as of which the RSU becomes exercisable, subject to the prior approval of the Stock Exchange where necessary.

Section 5.2 Change of Control

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, in the event of an actual or potential Change of Control Event, the Board may, in its discretion, without the necessity or requirement for the agreement or consent of any Participant: (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit, the vesting date of any RSU; (ii) permit the conditional settlement of any RSU, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of the RSU, including for greater certainty permitting Participants to settle any RSU, to assist the Participants to tender the underlying Common Shares to, or participate in, the actual or potential Change of Control Event or to obtain the advantage of holding the underlying Common Shares during such Change of Control Event; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of such Change of Control Event, on such terms as it sees fit, the RSUs not settled prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control Event, including, without limitation, for no payment or other compensation.

The determination of the Board in respect of any such Change of Control Event shall for the purposes of this Plan be final, conclusive and binding.

Section 5.3 Adjustments

(1) If there is a change in the outstanding Common Shares by reason of any stock dividend or split, recapitalization, amalgamation, consolidation, combination or exchange of shares, or other corporate change, the Board shall make, subject to the prior approval of the Stock Exchange where necessary, appropriate substitution or adjustment in

- (a) the number or kind of Common Shares or other securities reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan, and
- (b) the number and kind of Common Shares or other securities subject to unsettled and outstanding RSUs granted pursuant to the Plan;

provided, however, that no substitution or adjustment shall obligate the Company to issue fractional RSUs or Common Shares.

(2) If the Company is reorganized, amalgamated with another Company or consolidated, the Board shall make such provisions for the protection of the rights of Participants as the Board in its discretion deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 6 GENERAL

Section 6.1 Effective Date

The Plan shall be effective upon the approval of the Plan by the Board.

Section 6.2 Notice

Any Notice required to be given by this Plan shall be in writing and shall be given by registered mail, postage prepaid, or delivered by courier or by facsimile transmission addressed, if to the Company, to the operations office of the Company in Vancouver, British Columbia, Attention: Corporate Secretary; or if to a Participant, to such Participant at his address as it appears on the books of the Company or in the event of the address of any such Participant not so appearing, then to the last known address of such Participant; or if to any other person, to the last known address of such person.

Section 6.3 Tax Withholdings

The Company shall be entitled to withhold such number of Common Shares or amount of cash payable to a Participant, either under this Plan or otherwise, or make such other arrangement as are contemplated under Section 4.3(2), as it may deem necessary or advisable so as to ensure that the Company is in compliance with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial or local law relating to the withholding or remittance of tax or other relevant amounts. It is the responsibility of the Participant to complete and file any tax returns which may be required within the periods specified under applicable laws as a result of the Participant's participation in the Plan. The Company shall not be responsible for any tax consequences to a Participant as a result of the Participant's participation in the Plan.

Section 6.4 Rights of Participants

No person entitled to settle any RSU granted under this Plan shall have any of the rights or privileges of a Shareholder in respect of any Common Shares issuable upon settlement of such RSU until such Common Shares have been issued to such person.

Section 6.5 Right to Issue Other Shares

The Company shall not by virtue of this Plan be in any way restricted from declaring and paying stock dividends, issuing further Common Shares, varying or amending its share capital or corporate structure or conducting its business in any way whatsoever.

Section 6.6 Successors and Assigns

The Plan shall be binding on all successors and assigns of the Company and a Participant, including without limitation, the legal representatives of such Participant or any receiver or trustee in bankruptcy or representative of the Participant's creditors.

Section 6.7 Funding of the Plan

The Plan shall be unfunded. No funds will be set aside to guarantee the payment of RSUs, which will remain an unfunded liability recorded on the books of the Company.

SCHEDULE A

RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT GRANT LETTER

TO: [Name of Participant]

Dear ●

Manning Ventures Inc. (the “**Company**”) hereby confirms a grant of restricted share units (“**RSU Units**”) to ● (the “**Participant**”) (as defined in the Company’s Restricted Share Unit Plan (the “**RSU Plan**”) described in the table below pursuant to the Company’s RSU Plan.

This grant is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Company’s RSU Plan, as amended from time to time, and is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this letter agreement. Each RSU Unit granted to the Participant named herein represents the right of the Participant to receive one Common Share in the share capital of the Company on the date(s) or pursuant to the terms specified below. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the RSU Plan.

No. of RSU Units	Grant Date	Expiry Date

[include any specific/additional vesting period or other conditions]

The Company and the undersigned Participant hereby confirms that the undersigned Participant is a bona fide Director, Officer, Consultant, or Employee as the case may be.

DATED _____, 20____.

MANNING VENTURES INC.

Per: _____
Authorized Signatory

The undersigned hereby accepts such grant, acknowledges being a Participant under the RSU Plan, agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof and agrees that the RSU Plan will be effective

as an agreement between the Company and the undersigned with respect to the RSU Units granted or otherwise issued to him/her/it.

DATED _____, 20____.

Participant's Signature

Name of Participant (*print*)

OR

[NAME OF COMPANY PARTICIPANT]

By:

Authorized Signatory

Name of Authorized Signatory