

### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. <u>Purpose</u>

The primary function of the Audit Committee (the "**Committee**") is to assist the Board of Directors of Equinox Gold Corp. (the "**Company**") in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to regulatory authorities and shareholders, the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance and accounting, the fairness of transactions between the Company and related parties and the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Consistent with this function, the Committee will encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company's financial reporting and internal control system and review the Company's financial statements;
- Review and appraise the performance and compensation of the Company's external auditor;
- Provide an open avenue of communication among the Company's external auditor, internal auditor, financial and senior management, the Committee and the Board of Directors; and
- Such other matters as the Board may delegate to the Committee.

#### II. <u>Composition</u>

The composition of the Committee shall include a minimum of three Directors as determined by the Board of Directors, and shall meet the independence requirements in accordance with applicable legal requirements, including the requirements of National Instrument 52-110 - Audit Committees, Part 6, and applicable stock exchange requirements, and further shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, could reasonably be expected to interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee.

All members of the Committee shall have financial management experience and be financially literate and at least one member shall be financially sophisticated, in that he or she has past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in the individual's financial sophistication, including but not limited to being or having been a chief executive officer, chief financial officer, other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities. For the purposes of the Company's Charter, the definition of "financially literate" is the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Unless a Chair is elected by the full Board of Directors, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

# III. <u>Meetings</u>

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. The meetings will take place as the Committee or the Chair of the Committee shall determine, upon 48 hours' notice to each of its members. The notice period may be waived by a quorum of the Committee. The Committee may ask members of Management or others to attend meetings or to provide information as necessary.

The quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Committee shall be a majority of the members of the Committee or subcommittee present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and to hear each other. Decisions by the Committee will be by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee, or by consent resolutions in writing signed by each member of the Committee.

The Committee shall prepare and maintain minutes of its meetings, and periodically report to the Board of Directors regarding such matters as are relevant to the Committee's discharge of its responsibilities, and shall report in writing on request of the Chairman of the Board. As part of its duty to foster open communication, the Committee will meet at least annually with the Chief Financial Officer, the internal auditor and the external auditor in separate sessions.

# IV. <u>Subcommittees</u>

The Committee may form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees, which may consist of one or more members, as it deems necessary or appropriate from time to time under the circumstances. The quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Subcommittee shall be a majority of the members of the subcommittee.

# V. <u>Responsibilities and Duties</u>

The Committee shall take charge of all responsibilities imparted on an audit committee of a public company, as they may apply from time to time to the Company, under applicable laws and stock exchange requirements and any other requirements of applicable regulatory and professional bodies,

together with such other responsibilities as delegated by the Board to the Committee. To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Committee shall:

### Financial Reporting Processes

- 1. Review and recommend to the Board for approval the Company's annual and interim (quarterly) financial statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"), and any annual and interim earnings-related press releases, before the Company publicly discloses this information and any financial reports or other material financial information that are submitted to any governmental body, stock exchange or to the public, including any certification, report, opinion, or review rendered by the external auditor and, in accordance with the Company's Communications and Corporate Disclosure Policy, material non-GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) financial measures, non-GAAP ratios, total of segments measures, capital management measures, and supplementary financial measures (each as defined in National Instrument 52-112 Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure).
- 2. Obtain assurance the Company has the proper systems and procedures, internal controls over financial reporting, information technology systems, and disclosure controls and procedures in place so that the Company's financial statements, MD&A, and other financial reports, other financial information, including all Company disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements and other reports, satisfy all legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee shall periodically assess the adequacy of such systems, procedures and controls.
- 3. In consultation with the external auditor, review with management the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, both internal and external.
- 4. In connection with the annual audit, review material written matters between the external auditor and management, such as management letters, schedules of unadjusted differences and analyses of alternative assumptions, estimates or generally accepted accounting methods.
- 5. Consider the external auditor's judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles, practices and internal controls as applied in its financial reporting.
- Consider and approve, if appropriate, changes to the Company's accounting principles, practices and internal controls over financial reporting as suggested by the external auditor and management.
- Review significant judgments made by management in the preparation of the financial statements and the view of the external auditor as to appropriateness of such judgments.

- 8. Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with management and the external auditor any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- 9. Review and assist in the resolution of any significant disagreement between management and the external auditor in connection with the preparation of the financial statements and financial reporting generally.
- 10. Review with the external auditor and management the extent to which changes and improvements in financial or accounting practices have been implemented.
- 11. Review certification processes relating to preparation and filing of reports and financial information.
- 12. Establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints or concerns received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

## Internal Audit

- 13. Review and advise on the selection and removal of the head of internal audit and the organizational structure of the internal audit group.
- 14. Review the activities of the internal audit group, including its annual audit plan.
- 15. Periodically review, with the head of internal audit, any matters that the Committee or the head of internal audit believes should be discussed, including any significant difficulties, disagreements with management, or scope restrictions encountered in the course of the work planned or performed by the internal audit group.
- 16. Periodically review, with the external auditor, the internal audit group's responsibility, budget, and staffing.

## **External Auditor**

- 17. Review annually the performance of the external auditor who shall report directly to the Committee and who will be ultimately accountable to the Committee and the Board of Directors as representatives of the shareholders of the Company.
- 18. Obtain annually a formal written statement by the external auditor setting forth all relationships between the external auditor, including its network firms, and the Company that could reasonably be considered to bear on the independence of the auditor. Confirm with the external

auditor that they are registered as a participating audit firm in good standing with the Canadian Public Accountability Board.

- 19. Review and discuss with the external auditor any disclosed relationships or services that may affect the objectivity and independence of the external auditor.
- 20. Take, or recommend that the Board of Directors take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditor.
- 21. Be responsible for overseeing and recommending to the Board (subject to the approval of the shareholders, where required) the appointment of the Company's external auditor and for the compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the external auditor engaged by the Company.
- 22. At each meeting, consult with the external auditor, 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.
- 23. Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Company.
- 24. Review with management and the external auditor the audit plan for the year-end financial statements, the intended template for such statements and oversee the audit.
- 25. Review and pre-approve all audit and audit-related services and the fees and other compensation related thereto, and any non-audit services provided by the Company's external auditor and the fees and other compensation related.

The pre-approval requirement is waived with respect to the provision of non-audit services by the auditor if:

- (i) such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and
- (ii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee by the Company and approved, prior to the completion of the audit, by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

The pre-approval of non-audit services by any member to whom authority has been delegated must be presented to the Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

#### VI. Other Responsibilities

### Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)

- 26. Review the ERM process, including its annual risk management plan.
- 27. Provide oversight over the ERM process to assess the adequacy of its design and if it is operating effectively.
- 28. Receive regular reports from management on the risks the Company faces, and the status of action plans implemented by management to mitigate such risks.
- 29. Periodically review, with the external auditor, the ERM process, budget, and staffing.

### **General Responsibilities**

- 30. Review with management the Company's financial fraud risk assessment, including an annual review of the top fraud risks identified by management, and the policies and practices adopted by the Company to mitigate those risks.
- 31. Review for fairness any proposed related-party transactions and make recommendations to the Board of Directors whether any such transactions should be approved.
- 32. Recommend to the Compensation and Nomination Committee the qualifications and criteria for membership on the Committee.
- 33. The Committee may retain and terminate the services of outside specialists, counsel, accountants or other consultants and advisors to the extent it deems appropriate and shall have the sole authority to approve their fees and other retention terms. The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of compensation to any advisors retained by the Committee and to the external auditor engaged by the Company for the purpose of rendering or issuing an audit report or performing any other audit, review or attestation services and ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.
- 34. The Committee shall evaluate its own performance at least annually and recommend to the Compensation and Nomination Committee the qualifications and criteria for membership on the Committee.
- 35. Perform other activities related to this Charter as requested by the board of directors.
- 36. Review annually the adequacy of this Charter and recommend appropriate revisions to the Board of Directors.

# VII. Oversight Function

While the Committee has responsibilities set out in this Charter, the members of the Committee are members of the Board appointed to provide broad oversight of the Company's affairs, and are specifically not accountable or responsible for the day to day activities, nor the administration or implementation or arrangements relating thereto.

## Approved by the Board of Directors

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