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# A. GENERAL

# 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Teck Resources Limited ( the "Corporation") is to provide an open avenue of communication between management, the external auditor, the internal auditors and the Board and to assist the Board in its oversight of the:

- integrity, adequacy and timeliness of the Corporation's financial reporting and disclosure practices;
- processes for identifying the principal financial risks of the Corporation and reviewing the Corporation's internal control systems to ensure that they are adequate to ensure fair, complete and accurate financial reporting;
- Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to financial reporting;
- accounting principles, policies and procedures used by management in determining significant estimates;
- antifraud programs and controls, including management's identification of fraud risks and implementation of antifraud measures;
- mechanisms for employees to report concerns about accounting policies and financial reporting;
- engagement, independence and performance of the Corporation's external auditor; and
- internal audit mandate, internal audit plans, internal audit and Sarbanes Oxley (SOX) audit programs and results of internal audits and SOX compliance audits performed by the Corporation's internal audit department.

Another purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities to oversee and monitor the management and overall governance of the Corporation's various pension plans ("Pension Matters").

The Committee shall also perform any other activities consistent with this Charter, the Corporation's by-laws and governing laws as the Committee or Board deems necessary or appropriate.

## 2. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee's role is one of oversight. Management is responsible for preparing the Corporation's financial statements and other financial information, for the fair presentation of the information set forth in the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, for establishing, documenting, maintaining and reviewing systems of internal control and for maintaining the appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and all applicable laws and regulations. Management has also been delegated responsibility for day-to-day administrative and sponsorship responsibilities with respect to Pension Matters.

The external auditors' responsibility is to audit the Corporation's financial statements and provide an opinion, based on their audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing

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standards, that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Corporation in accordance with GAAP.

In accordance with the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, Section 404, the external auditors are also responsible for providing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting.

The Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board for recommendation to the shareholders of the Corporation the appointment of the external auditor. The Committee is responsible for the evaluation and oversight of the work of the external auditor and oversees the resolution of any disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting and SOX assessment. The external auditor shall report directly to the Committee, as the external auditor is accountable to the Board as representatives of the Corporation's shareholders. It is not the duty or responsibility of the Committee or any of its members to plan or conduct any type of audit or accounting review or procedure.

The Committee shall be responsible for approving the external auditor's remuneration.

# **B.** AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL REPORTING AND RELATED MATTERS

In performing its oversight responsibilities, the Committee shall:

- 1. Meet at least five times per year. The Committee may ask members of management or others to attend meetings to provide information as necessary.
- 2. Meet separately with the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, senior financial management, the external auditor and the Corporation's chief audit executive at least four times per year, or more frequently as required, to discuss matters that the Committee or these individuals or groups believe should be discussed privately with the Committee.
- 3. Review and assess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval at least once per year.
- 4. Review the appointments of the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer and any other key financial executives involved in the financial reporting process.
- 5. Review with management, the external auditor and the Corporation's chief audit executive the adequacy and effectiveness of the Corporation's systems of internal control, the status of management's implementation of internal audit recommendations and the remediation status of any reported control deficiencies. Particular emphasis will be placed on those deficiencies evaluated as either a significant deficiency or a material weakness, which have been identified as a result of audits and/or during annual controls compliance testing as required under SOX legislation.
- 6. Review the Corporation's process for the CEO and CFO certifications required by securities regulations to which the Corporation is subject with respect to the Corporation's financial

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statements, disclosures and internal controls, including any significant changes or deficiencies in such controls.

- 7. Review with management and the external auditor the annual audited financial statements and management's discussion and analysis and recommend their approval by the full Board prior to their release and/or filing with the applicable regulatory agencies.
- 8. Review with management and the external auditor the unaudited quarterly financial statements, associated management's discussion and analysis and interim earnings news releases and approve them on behalf of the Board, prior to their release and/or filing with the applicable regulatory agencies.
- 9. As appropriate, review other news releases and reporting documents that include material nonpublic financial information prior to their public disclosure by filing or distribution of these documents. Such review includes financial matters required to be reported under applicable legal or regulatory requirements, but does not necessarily include news releases that contain financial information incidental to the announcement of acquisitions, financings or other transactions.
- 10. Ensure that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements, other than the disclosure documents referred to above, and periodically assess the adequacy of these procedures.
- 11. Review the Corporation's financial reporting and accounting standards and principles and significant changes in such standards or principles or in their application, including key accounting decisions affecting the financial statements, alternatives thereto and the rationale for decisions made.
- 12. Review the quality and appropriateness, not just the acceptability, of the accounting policies and the clarity of financial information and disclosure practices adopted by the Corporation, including consideration of the external auditors' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Corporation's accounting policies. This review shall include discussions with the external auditor without the presence of management.
- 13. Review with management, the external auditor and the Corporation's chief audit executive significant related party transactions and potential conflicts of interest.
- 14. To assist the Board with its recommendations to shareholders, recommend (a) the external auditor to be nominated to examine the Corporation's accounts and financial statements and prepare and issue an auditor's report on them or perform other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation and (b) the compensation of the external auditor.
- 15. Approve all audit engagement terms and fees.
- 16. Review with management and the external auditor and approve the annual external audit plan and results of and any problems or difficulties encountered during any external audits and management's responses thereto.

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- 17. Receive the reports of the external auditor on completion of the quarterly reviews and the annual audit.
- 18. Monitor the independence of the external auditors by reviewing all relationships between the external auditor and the Corporation and all audit, non-audit and assurance work performed for the Corporation by the external auditor on at least a quarterly basis. The Committee will receive an annual written confirmation of independence from the external auditor.
- 19. Pre-approve all audit, non-audit and assurance services provided by the independent auditor prior to the commencement of any such engagement. The Committee may delegate the responsibility for approving non-audit services to the Chair or another member of the Committee appointed by the Chair where the fee does not exceed \$50,000. The Committee will review a summary of all audit, non-audit and assurance work performed for the Corporation at least twice per year.
- 20. Review and approve the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees or former partners and employees of the present or former external auditor of the Corporation, including:
  - the appointment of any employee or former employee of the Corporation's present and former external auditor to a senior financial management position with the Corporation, and
  - management's reports of the profiles of all individuals hired during the past year who were employed by the present and former external auditor at any time during the two years prior to being hired by the Corporation.
- 21. Review and approve the functions of the Corporation's Audit and Operational Review Department, including:
  - its mandate, authority and organizational reporting lines;
  - its annual and longer term internal audit plans, budgets and staffing;
  - its performance; and
  - the appointment, reassignment or replacement of the Corporation's chief audit executive.

This review will include discussions with the Corporation's chief audit executive without the presence of management or the external auditor.

- 22. Review the Corporation's procedures and establish procedures for the Committee for the:
  - receipt, retention and resolution of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, financial disclosure or auditing matters; and
  - confidential, anonymous submission by employees regarding questionable accounting, auditing or financial reporting and disclosure matters or violations of the Corporation's Code of Ethics or associated policies.
- 23. Review the adequacy of the Corporation's bank lines of credit and guidelines for the investment of cash.

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24. Review with senior financial management, the external auditor, the Corporation's chief audit executive, and such others as the Committee deems appropriate, the results of operational reviews, audits, SOX controls compliance audits and any problems or difficulties encountered during the audits.

## C. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO PENSION MATTERS

In assisting the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to the management and governance of the Corporation's pension plans, the Committee shall:

- 1. With respect to the Corporation's role as plan sponsor,
  - Review and oversee the implementation of the design of the Corporation's pension plans, the coverage afforded by the plans and changes to the plans.
  - Review the funding policies for the Corporation's defined benefit plans and where appropriate, recommend the Board's approval of these policies.
  - Review the level of the Corporation's contributions to the Corporation's defined contribution plans and any proposed changes thereto and where appropriate recommend approval of such changes to the Board.
  - Review proposals for the wind-up or partial wind-up of any of the Corporation pension plans, having regard to any collective bargaining and regulatory requirements and making appropriate recommendations in respect thereof to the Board.
- 2. With respect to the Corporation's role as plan administrator
  - Oversee and monitor the authority delegated to management's Executive Pension Committee to administer each of the pension plans in accordance with relevant pension legislation, the terms of the plans and all other requirements of law.
  - Review compliance with minimum funding requirements (if any) prescribed by applicable pension legislation and the policies and procedures in place in respect thereof, including requisitioning and reviewing actuarial reports.
  - Review and monitor the investment of pension fund assets (in the case of a defined benefit plan), including the policies and procedures in place in respect thereof.
  - Review and monitor the sufficiency and appropriateness of the investment choices available to plan members of the defined contribution plans and the Corporation communication and educational materials provided to plan members.
  - Review and monitor the performance of the investment managers chosen by management for the Corporation's pension plans, including the process established for the selection, retention or replacement of any investment manager or advisors.
- 3. Advise the Board, either orally or in writing, of any pension-related matters that the Committee believes have or could have a material affect on the financial condition or affairs of the Corporation and/or any of its pension plans and make appropriate recommendations to the Board in respect of matters requiring Board approval.

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## **D. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

## 1. MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

The Committee shall consist of at least three directors, a quorum of which shall be a majority of the members. All members of the Committee shall be independent directors and shall be sufficiently financially literate to enable them to discharge their responsibilities in accordance with applicable laws and/or requirements of the stock exchanges on which the Corporation's securities trade and in accordance with Multilateral Investment Instrument 52-110. Financial literacy means the ability to read and understand a balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and associated notes which represent 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 consolidated financial statements of the Corporation. At least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise that allows that member to read and understand financial statements and the related notes attached thereto in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), which for the Corporation is International Financial Reporting Standards.

### 2. MEMBER APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL

The members of the Committee shall be appointed annually at the time of each annual meeting of shareholders and shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until they cease to be directors of the Corporation.

## 3. QUORUM

A quorum for the Committee shall be a majority of the members.

### E. PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Litigation and Ethics Matters

At each Audit Committee meeting the General Counsel and the Corporation's chief audit executive shall report any litigation, claim or other contingency that could have a significant effect on the Corporation's financial results or disclosures and any real or suspected incidents of fraud, theft or violations of the Corporation's Code of Ethics or associated policies that have been reported to management or to the internal audit department. The Committee shall review any such reports or similar reports submitted by other employees or members of management and if deemed necessary, report such matters related to auditing, accounting and financial reporting and/or disclosure to the full Board.

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#### 2. Evaluations

The Committee shall establish and annually implement an evaluation process for the Committee and its individual members and the results of that evaluation shall be reported to the Committee and the Board.

#### 3. Disclosure Controls

The Committee shall be provided with copies of the minutes of meetings of management's Disclosure Committee and the Chair of the Committee or an appointee shall meet at least once per year with management's Disclosure Committee to review the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures.

#### 4. Pension Minutes

The Committee shall be provided with copies of the minutes of meetings of the Executive Pension Committee.

#### 5. Investigations and Advisors

The Committee shall conduct or authorize investigations into any matter that the Committee believes is within the scope of its responsibilities. The Committee has the authority to (a) retain independent counsel, accountants or other advisors to assist it in the conduct of any investigation or otherwise to assist it in the discharge of its duties, at the expense of the Corporation, (b) set and pay the compensation of any advisors retained by it and (c) communicate directly with the internal and external auditors

#### 6. Reporting

The Chair of the Committee shall report to the Board with respect to the activities and recommendations of the Committee when he or she may deem appropriate, but not later than the next meeting of the Board. The minutes of Committee meetings will be made available to the Board.

#### 7. Audit Committee Report

The Chair of the Committee shall prepare or cause to be prepared an audit committee report to be included in the Corporation's annual management proxy circular, which report shall be approved by the Committee.