CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

and

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

with respect to

the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 28, 2024

February 22, 2024

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the holders (the "**Shareholders**") of common shares ("**Common Shares**") of Cassiar Gold Corp. ("**Cassiar**" or the "**Company**") will be held at the offices of DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, 1133 Melville Street, Suite 2700, The Stack Building, Vancouver, BC V6E 4E5 on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time).

The Meeting is to be held for the following purposes, namely:

- (a) to receive and consider the financial statements of the Company for the year ended September 30, 2023 and the auditor's report thereon;
- (b) to fix the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at six (6);
- (c) to elect directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
- (d) to appoint MNP LLP, Chartered Accountants, as the auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to fix the auditors' remuneration as such;
- (e) to ratify the Company's rolling share option plan which allows for the issuance of that number of Common Shares as is equal to 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding Common Shares at any given time; and
- (f) to transact such further and other business as may be properly brought before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The nature of the business to be transacted at the Meeting is described in further detail in the accompanying management information circular (the "Circular"). Please read the accompanying Circular carefully.

The Microsoft Teams Meeting ID and passcode below has been provided to enable Shareholders to participate in the Meeting:

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The conference number below has been provided to enable Shareholders to participate in a voice only conference call for the Meeting:

Dial in:	+1 604-901-0719 Canada, Vancouver
Dial in:	+1 587-774-8973 Canada, Calgary
Phone Conference ID:	139 427 516#

The record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Meeting is February 22, 2024 (the "**Record Date**"). Shareholders of the Company whose names have been entered in the register of

Shareholders at the close of business on that date will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting, provided that, to the extent a Shareholder transfers the ownership of any of such Shareholder's Common Shares after such date and the transferee of those Common Shares establishes that the transferee owns the Common Shares and requests, not later than 10 days before the Meeting, to be included in the list of Shareholder's eligible to vote at the Meeting, such

A Shareholder may attend the Meeting in person or may be represented by proxy. Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting or any adjournment thereof in person are encouraged to vote by submitting their completed form of proxy (or voting instruction form) prior to the Meeting by one of the means described in the management information circular accompanying this Notice. Shareholders are invited to listen via teleconference if they wish (call in details above).

To be effective, the enclosed proxy must be mailed so as to reach or be deposited with Odyssey Trust Company, Proxy Department, Trader's Bank Building, 702, 67 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M5E 1J8 so that it is received no later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) prior to the time of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Registered Shareholders may also use the internet site at <u>https://login.odysseytrust.com/pxlogin</u> to transmit their voting instructions using the 15 digit control number located at the bottom of your proxy or vote by fax at (800)-517-4553.

The instrument appointing a proxy ("**Instrument of Proxy**") shall be in writing and shall be executed by the Shareholder or the Shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a company, under its corporate seal by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy are directors and/or officers of the Company. Each Shareholder has the right to appoint a proxyholder other than such persons, who need not be a Shareholder, to attend and to act for such Shareholder and on such Shareholder's behalf at the Meeting. To exercise such right, the names of the nominees of management should be crossed out and the name of the Shareholder's appointee should be legibly printed in the blank space provided.

In the event of a strike, lockout or other work stoppage involving postal employees, all documents required to be delivered by a Shareholder should be delivered by facsimile to Odyssey Trust Company at (800)-517-4553.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia this 22nd day of February, 2024.

transferee will be entitled to vote those Common Shares at the Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

(signed) "Marco Roque"

Marco Roque President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR for the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on Thursday, March 28, 2024

This management information circular ("**Circular**") is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Cassiar Gold Corp. ("**Cassiar**" or the "**Company**") for use at the annual general meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the holders of common shares ("**Common Shares**") of the Company (the "**Shareholders**"), to be held at the offices of DLA Piper (Canada) LLP, 1133 Melville Street, Suite 2700, The Stack Building, Vancouver, BC V6E 4E5 on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (Vancouver time) for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting.

The Microsoft Teams Meeting ID and passcode below has been provided to enable Shareholders to participate in the Meeting:

Meeting ID:	286 799 227 391
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Unless otherwise stated, the information contained in this Circular is given as at February 22, 2024.

No person has been authorized by the Company to give any information or make any representations in connection with the transactions herein described other than those contained in this Circular and, if given or made, any such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company.

GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION

General Meeting Requirements

As at the date hereof, there are 104,294,555 Common Shares issued and outstanding. Each outstanding Common Share is entitled to one vote on any ballot at the Meeting. The board of directors (the "**Board**") of the Company has fixed the record date for the Meeting at the close of business on February 22, 2024 (the "**Record Date**"). The Company will prepare, as of the Record Date, a list of Shareholders entitled to receive the Notice of Meeting and showing the number of Common Shares held by each such Shareholder. Each Shareholder named in the list is entitled to vote the Common Shares shown opposite such Shareholder's name at the Meeting except to the extent that such holder transfers ownership of the Common Shares after the Record Date, in which case the transferee shall be entitled to vote such Common Shares upon establishing ownership and requesting, by 4:30 p.m. (Vancouver time) not later than 10 days before the Meeting, to be included in the list of Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting.

A quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting shall be present if two Shareholders holding in the aggregate five (5%) percent of the Common Shares entitled to vote at the Meeting are present in person or represented by proxy.

Appointment of Proxies

Those Shareholders who desire to be represented at the Meeting by proxy must deposit their proxy with Odyssey Trust Company, Proxy Department, Trader's Bank Building, 702, 67 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M5E 1J8, so that it is received no later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) prior to the time of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Registered Shareholders may also use the internet site at <u>https://login.odysseytrust.com/pxlogin</u> to transmit their voting instructions using the 15 digit control number located at the bottom of your proxy or vote by fax at (800)-517-4553. A proxy must be executed by the Shareholder or his or her attorney authorized in writing, or if the Shareholder is a Company, under its seal by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized.

The persons named in the accompanying proxy are directors and officers of the Company. A Shareholder has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Shareholder) to attend and act on such Shareholder's behalf at the Meeting other than the persons named in the proxy. To exercise this right, the Shareholder must strike out the name of the persons named in the proxy and insert the name of his or her nominee in the space provided or complete another appropriate form of proxy and, in either case, deposit the proxy with the Company at the place and within the time specified above for deposit of proxies.

Persons Making the Solicitation

The solicitation is made on behalf of the management of the Company. The costs incurred in the preparation and mailing of the Instrument of Proxy, Notice of Meeting and this management information circular will be borne by the Company. In addition to solicitation by mail, proxies may be solicited by personal interviews, telephone or by other means of communication and by directors and officers of the Company, who will not be specifically remunerated therefore. While no arrangements have been made to date by the Company, the Company may contract for the distribution and solicitation of proxies for the Meeting. The costs incurred by the Company in soliciting proxies will be paid by the Company.

Voting by Internet

Shareholders may use the internet site at <u>https://login.odysseytrust.com/pxlogin</u> to transmit their voting instructions. Shareholders should have the form of proxy in hand when they access the web site and will be prompted to enter their Control Number, which is located on the form of proxy. If Shareholders vote by internet, their vote must be received not later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the day of the Meeting or any adjournment of the Meeting. The website may be used to appoint a proxy holder to attend and vote on a Shareholder's behalf at the Meeting and to convey a Shareholder's voting instructions. Please note that if a Shareholder appoints a proxy holder and submits their voting instructions and subsequently wishes to change their appointment, a Shareholder may resubmit their proxy and/or voting direction, prior to the deadline noted above. When resubmitting a proxy, the most recently submitted proxy will be recognized as the only valid one, and all previous proxies submitted will be disregarded and considered as revoked, provided that the last proxy is submitted by the deadline noted above.

Exercise of Discretion by Proxy

The Common Shares represented by the Instrument of Proxy enclosed with the Notice of Meeting and Circular will be voted in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder. In the event that no specification is made, the Common Shares will be voted in favour of the matters set forth in the proxy. If any amendments or variations are proposed at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof to matters set forth in the proxy and described in the accompanying Notice of Meeting and this management information circular, or if any other matters properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, the proxy confers upon the Shareholder's nominee discretionary authority to vote on such amendments or variations or such other matters according to the best judgment of the person voting the proxy at the Meeting. At the date of this Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments or variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

Revocation of Proxies

A Shareholder who has given a proxy has the power to revoke it. If a person who has given a proxy attends personally at the Meeting at which the proxy is to be voted, such person may revoke the proxy and vote in person. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a proxy may be revoked by an instrument in writing signed by the Shareholder or its attorney authorized in writing, or, if the Shareholder is a Company, under its corporate seal and signed by a duly authorized officer or attorney for the Company, and deposited at the registered office of the Company at any time up to and including the last day (other than Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) preceding the day of the Meeting at which the proxy is to be used, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof, or with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting, or on the day of any adjournment thereof, prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

Advice to Beneficial Holders of Securities

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many public Shareholders, as a substantial number of the public Shareholders do not hold Common Shares in their own name. Shareholders who do not hold their Common Shares in their own name (referred to in this Circular as "**Beneficial Shareholders**") should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Common Shares can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. 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 name of the Shareholder's broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such shares are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). Common Shares held by brokers or their nominees can only be voted (for or against resolutions) upon the instructions of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, brokers/nominees are prohibited from voting Common Shares for their clients. The directors and officers of the Company do not know for whose benefit the Common Shares registered in the name of CDS & Co. are held.

Applicable regulatory policy requires intermediaries/brokers to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Shareholders in advance of shareholders' meetings. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting. Often, the form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker is identical to the form of proxy provided to registered Shareholders. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered Shareholders how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc. ("**Broadridge**"). Broadridge typically applies a special sticker to the proxy forms, mails those forms to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the proxy forms to Broadridge. 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. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a proxy with a Broadridge sticker on it cannot use that proxy to vote Common Shares directly at the Meeting. The proxy must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the shares voted.

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE MEETING

Presentation of Financial Statements

At the Meeting, Shareholders will receive and consider the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 and the auditors' report on such statements.

Fixing the Number of Directors

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to fix the number of directors for the present time at six (6) as may be adjusted between Shareholders' meetings by way of resolution of the Board. Accordingly, unless otherwise directed, it is the intention of management to vote proxies in the accompanying form in favour of fixing the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at six (6).

Election of Directors

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to elect each of the proposed directors set forth below to hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed. There are presently six (6) directors of the Company whose term on the board expires at the Meeting. Unless otherwise directed, it is the intention of management to vote proxies in the accompanying form in favour of the election as directors of each of the nominees hereinafter set forth to hold office until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are elected or appointed:

Marco Roque Stephen Letwin Christopher Stewart Stephen Robertson Michael Wood James Maxwell

The names and places of residence of the persons either nominated for or presently holding office as directors, the number of Common Shares beneficially owned, controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, the period served as director and the principal occupation during the last five years of each are as follows:

Name and Place of Residence Marco Roque Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled, Directly or Indirectly 2,346,950	Director Since July 1, 2020	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years Mr. Roque has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Company since June 2020. Mr. Roque has also served as a Director at Emerging Markets Capital from June 2014 until June 2020.
Stephen Letwin ⁽²⁾ Alberta, Canada	5,072,529	March 2, 2020	Mr. Letwin has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mancal Corporation since February 2020. Prior thereto, Mr. Letwin was President and Chief Executive Officer of IAMGOLD Corporation for over nine years and was also a member of their Board of Directors.
Christopher Stewart ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ Port Perry, Ontario, Canada	122,334	July 11, 2018	Mr. Stewart has been the President and CEO of Minto Metals Corp. since January 2021. He was the former President and COO of McEwen Mining Inc. from August 2018 until March 2020 and former President, CEO and a Director of Treasury Metals Inc. from December 2016 to August 2018 and brings more than 29 years of senior management experience in the mining industry. Mr. Stewart was the Vice President of Operations for Kirkland Lake Gold Inc. from 2014 to 2016.
Stephen Robertson ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ BC, Canada	109,572	March 23, 2021	Mr. Robertson has been the President and CEO of Infinitum Copper since May 2021. Mr. Robertson was President and CEO of Sun Metals Corp. from November 2017 to March 2021 and was Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Imperial Metals Corp from May 2013 to October 2017.

Name and Place of Residence	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned or Controlled, Directly or Indirectly	Director Since	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years		
Michael Wood ⁽¹⁾	333,848	September 23, 2020	Mr. Wood has been the Co-Founder,		
Hong Kong, Hong Kong			Director and Chief Financial Officer of Reyna Silver Corp. since June 2018. Mr. Wood is also a director at Infinitum Copper since January 2021.		
James Maxwell BC, Canada	145,668	July 12, 2022	Mr. Maxwell is currently the VP Exploration for First Mining Gold Corp. He was previously the Director of Exploration for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.		

Notes:

(1) Members of the Audit Committee.

(2) Members of the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

Except as disclosed in this Circular, none 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.

Except as disclosed below, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company:

- (a) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that,
 - (i) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation that was in effect for more than 30 consecutive days (together, an "order") that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or
 - (ii) was subject to an 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;
- (b) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Company) 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; or
- (c) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, 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.

No proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company has been subject to:

- (a) 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
- (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable security holder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

On May 6, 2019, the Ontario Securities Commission issued a cease trade order (the "**CTO**") of all the securities of ONEnergy Inc. ("**ONEnergy**"). The CTO was issued due to ONEnergy's failure to meet its deadline to file its audited financial statements, associated management's discussion and analysis, and the associated officer certifications (collectively, the "**Annual Filings**") for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Company filed its Annual Filings for the year ended December 1, 2020. The CTO remained in place due to the Company's failure to meet the deadline to file its interim financial statements, associated management's discussion and analysis, and the associated officer certificates for the three-month periods (collectively, the "**Interim Filings**") ended March 31, 2019, June 30, 2019, September 30, 2019, March 31, 2020, June 30, 2020 and September 30, 2020; and its Annual Filings for the year ended December 31, 2019. Stephen Letwin, a current director of ONEnergy is standing for re-election as a director of the Company at the Meeting. He was a director of ONEnergy at the time the CTO was issued. On August 18, 2021, ONEnergy Inc. was granted full revocation of the CTO.

Appointment of Auditors

Unless otherwise directed, it is management's intention to vote the proxies in favour of an ordinary resolution to appoint the firm of MNP LLP, Chartered Accountants, to serve as auditors of the Company until the next annual meeting of shareholders and to authorize the directors to fix their remuneration as such. MNP LLP, Chartered Accountants were first appointed as the Company's auditors on August 31, 2016.

Ratification of Share Option Plan

The Company's share option plan (the "Share Option Plan") was first approved by the Shareholders at the annual meeting of Shareholders held on March 28, 2012 and was last approved by Shareholders on March 22, 2023. Pursuant to the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange ("TSXV"), "rolling plans", such as the Share Option Plan, must receive shareholder approval at each annual meeting.

The Share Option Plan provides, *inter alia*, that the Board may from time to time, in its discretion, grant to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, non-transferable options ("Options") to purchase Common Shares exercisable for a period of up to five years, provided that the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance under the Share Option Plan shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. In addition, the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance to any one person in a twelve-month period shall not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares and the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance to any one person in a twelve-month period shall not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. The Board determines the price per Common Shares and the number of Common Shares that may be allotted to each director, officer, employee and consultant and all other terms and conditions of the Option, subject to the rules of the TSXV. See "*Statement of Executive Compensation – Share Option Plan*" for further details regarding the Share Option Plan.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve an ordinary resolution in the following form:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The share option plan of the Company substantially in the form attached as Schedule B to the Company's management information circular dated February 22, 2024, which provides for the rolling grant of options to acquire up to 10% of the number of issued and outstanding common shares of the Company, be and the same is hereby confirmed, ratified and approved; and

2. Any one director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorized and directed to do all things and to execute and deliver all documents and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the terms of this resolution."

In order to be passed, the foregoing resolution must be approved by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes cast by Shareholders who vote in person or by proxy at the Meeting. The persons named in the accompanying Instrument of Proxy intend, unless otherwise directed, to vote in favour of the resolution approving the Share Option Plan.

The Board unanimously recommends that Shareholders ratify, confirm and approve the Share Option Plan by voting in favour of the resolution to be submitted to the Meeting.

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

The authorized share capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares ("**Preferred Shares**"), all without nominal or par value. As at the date hereof, there are 104,294,555 Common Shares outstanding, each such Common Share carrying the right to one vote at the Meeting. The Company currently has no Preferred Shares issued and outstanding.

To the best of the Company's knowledge and based on existing information, as at the date hereof, there are no Shareholders who own, control or direct, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the outstanding Common Shares.

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Role and Composition of the Board

The Company's executive compensation program is administered by the Board. The Board's mandate with respect to compensation includes evaluating senior management and developing appropriate compensation policies for the senior management and directors of the Company, including the Named Executive Officers (as defined below) which are identified in the "Summary Compensation Table" below. The duties and responsibilities of the Board with respect to compensation are further described in this Circular under the heading "Corporate Governance Disclosure - Compensation". As at the date hereof, the Board is comprised of Messrs. Roque, Letwin, Maxwell, Robertson, Stewart and Wood. Messrs. Letwin, Maxwell, Robertson, Stewart and Wood are "independent" for the purposes of National Instrument 58-201 – Corporate Governance Guidelines ("NI 58-201"). Mr. Roque is not "independent" for the purposes of NI 58-201 as he holds the offices of Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company.

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Executive Compensation Principles

Our compensation program is based on the principle that compensation should be aligned with the objectives and vision of the Company and the Shareholders' interests. Senior management recognizes that the Company's corporate performance is dependent upon retaining highly trained, experienced and committed directors, executive officers, employees and consultants who have the necessary skill sets, education, experience and personal qualities required to manage our business. Our program also recognizes that the various components thereof must be sufficiently flexible to adapt to unexpected developments in the mining industry and the impact of internal and market-related occurrences from time to time.

Our executive compensation program is comprised of the following principal components: (a) base salary; (b) short- term incentive compensation comprised of discretionary cash and/or share bonuses; and (c) long-term incentive compensation comprised of share options, restricted share units ("**RSUs**") and deferred share units ("**DSUs**"). See "*Incentive Plans*". Together, these components support our long-term growth strategy and are designed to address the following key objectives of our compensation program:

• align executive compensation with the objectives and vision of the Company and Shareholders' interests;

- focus performance by linking incentive compensation to the achievement of business objectives and financial and operational results; and
- encourage retention of key executives for leadership succession.

The aggregate value of these principal components and related benefits is used as a basis for assessing the overall competitiveness of the Company's executive compensation package. When determining executive compensation, including the assessment of the competitiveness of the Company's compensation program, the Board reviews the compensation practices of companies in its selected peer group. These companies compete with Cassiar for executive talent, operate in a similar business environment and are of similar size, scope and complexity.

The Company's compensation program is primarily designed to reward performance and, accordingly, the performance of both the Company, as well as the individual performance of executive officers during the year in question, is examined by the Board in conjunction with setting executive compensation packages. The Board does not set specific performance objectives in assessing the performance of the President and other executive officers; rather the Board uses its experience and judgment in determining an overall compensation. Some of the factors looked at by the Board in assessing the performance of the Company and its executive officers are as follows: (a) project development milestones; (b) capital costs on a share price basis; and (c) the Company's performance for all of the above relative to its goals and objectives and in relation to the performance of its industry peer group.

Elements of our Executive Compensation Program

Base Salaries

The base salary component is intended to provide a fixed level of competitive pay that reflects each executive officer's primary duties and responsibilities. The annualized amount of such billings is comparable with the compensation of executive officers of other members of our peer group. It also provides a foundation upon which performance-based incentive compensation elements are assessed and established.

Short-Term Incentive Compensation – Cash Bonuses

In addition to base salaries, the Company has a discretionary bonus policy pursuant to which the Board may award annual cash bonuses to executive officers. It is the Board's philosophy that an individual bonus should be tied primarily to that individual's contribution to corporate performance. The amount of an annual bonus paid, if any, is not set in relation to any formula or specific criteria but is the result of a subjective determination by the Board based primarily on the Company's and the individual's performance.

No discretionary bonuses were paid to the executive officers of the Company during the year ended September 30, 2023.

Long Term Incentive Compensation – Share Based Compensation

Executive officers, along with all officers, directors, employees and consultants retained by the Company, are eligible to participate in the Share Option Plan and share unit plan. The Share Option Plan and share unit plan (the "**Compensation Plans**") and the Common Shares reserved thereunder, comply with the policies of the TSXV. The Compensation Plans promote an ownership perspective among executives, encourages the retention of key executives and provides an incentive to enhance shareholder value by furthering the Company's growth and profitably. As with most companies in the Company's peer group, share options, RSUs and DSUs form an integral component of the total compensation package provided to the Company's executive officers. Participation in the Compensation Plans rewards overall corporate performance, as measured through the price of the Common Shares. In addition, the Compensation Plans enable executives to develop and maintain a significant ownership position in the Company.

Options, RSUs and DSUs are or will be selectively awarded by the Board upon the commencement of an individual's employment with the Company based on the level of responsibility within the Company. Additional grants may be made periodically to ensure that the number of Options, RSUs and DSUs granted to any particular individual is commensurate with the individual's level of ongoing responsibility within the Company. In considering additional grants, the Board

evaluates the number of Options, RSUs and DSUs an individual has been granted, the exercise price and value of the Options, RSUs and/or DSUs and the term remaining on those Options, RSUs or DSUs. See "Incentive Plans" for a description of the detailed terms of our Compensation Plans.

Summary

Cassiar's compensation policies have allowed the Company to attract and retain a team of motivated professionals and support staff working towards the common goal of enhancing Shareholder value. The Board will continue to review compensation policies to ensure that they are competitive within the mining industry and consistent with the performance of the Company.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth for 12-month periods ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, information concerning the compensation paid to the Company's President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (each a "Named Executive Officer" or "NEO" and collectively, the "Named Executive Officers" or "NEOs").

			Share-	Option-	1	ty incentive ensation (\$)			Total
Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)	based awards ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	based awards ⁽²⁾ (\$)	Annual incentive plans	Long-term incentive plans	Pension Value (\$)	All other compen- sation	compen- sation (\$)
Marco Roque ⁽³⁾	2023	285,000	151,845	95,090	-	-	-	-	531,935
President and Chief	2022	265,250	258,054	172,618	-	-	-	-	695,922
Executive Officer	2021	216,000	-	77,045	-	-	-	-	293,045
Kevin Chen ⁽⁴⁾	2023	84,000	27,137	15,036					126,173
Chief Financial Officer									
Don Nguyen (4)	2022	144,000	-	52,527	-	-	-	-	196,527
Chief Financial Officer	2021	121,500	-	28,892	-	-	-	-	150,392

Notes:

(1) Reflects the value of RSUs and DSUs issued under the share unit plan based on grant date market price of the Common Shares.

- (2) Reflects the value of options issued under the Share Option Plan based on the grant date fair value of the applicable awards. The fair value of option grants have been determined using the same methodology and values used in determining the share option value for our financial statements as the Company believes it represents the best estimate of fair value of the options at the time of the grant. Value was attributed using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following assumptions for the year ended September 30, 2023: risk-free interest rate of 4.21% expected forfeiture rate of 11%; dividend yield of 0%; volatility factor of the market price of the Common Shares of 130% and an average expected life of the options of 5 years. September 30, 2022: risk-free interest rate of 1.48% to 3.38%; expected forfeiture rate of 12%; dividend yield of 0%; volatility factor of the market price of the Common Shares of 132% to 134%; and an average expected life of the options of 5 years. September 30, 2021: risk-free interest rate of 0.84% to 0.90%; expected forfeiture rate of 12%; dividend yield of 0%; volatility factor of the market price of the Common Shares of 133% to143%; and an average expected life of the options of 5 years.
- (3) Marco Roque was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company on June 26, 2020 and President of the Company on January 1, 2021.
- (4) Effective October 4, 2022, Mr. Nguyen resigned as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and Mr. Kevin Chen was appointed as the Company's new Chief Financial Officer.

Incentive Plans

Share Option Plan

The Share Option Plan conforms with the policies of the TSXV and is reflective of the Company's status as a junior issuer. The Share Option Plan permits the granting of non-transferable Options to purchase Common Shares to directors, officers, key employees and consultants ("**Optionees**") of the Company. The Share Option Plan is intended to afford persons who provide services to the Company an opportunity to obtain an increased proprietary interest in the Company by permitting them to purchase Common Shares and to aid in attracting as well as retaining and encouraging the continued involvement of such persons with the Company. The Share Option Plan is administered by the Board.

The Share Option Plan currently limits the number of Common Shares that may be issued on exercise of Options to a number not exceeding 10% of the number of Common Shares which are outstanding from time to time. Options that are cancelled, terminated or expired prior to exercise of all or a portion thereof shall result in the Common Shares that were reserved for issuance thereunder being available for a subsequent grant of Options pursuant to the Share Option Plan. As the Share Option Plan is a "rolling" plan, the issuance of additional Common Shares by the Company or the exercise of Options will also give rise to additional availability under the Share Option Plan.

The number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Options granted under the Share Option Plan or any other securitybased compensation arrangements of the Company: (i) to any one Optionee in a 12 month period may not exceed 5% of the outstanding Common Shares; (ii) issuable to insiders at any time shall not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares; (iii) issued to insiders within any one-year period may not exceed 10% of the outstanding Common Shares; and (iv) to any one insider and the associates of such insider may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

Options issued under the Share Option Plan may be exercisable for a period not exceeding five years and vest as determined by the Board on the date of grant.

Options issued pursuant to the Share Option Plan have an exercise price that cannot not be less than the current market price of the Common Shares, which means the most recent closing price per share for Common Shares on the last trading day preceding the date of grant on which there was a closing price on the TSXV (or if the Common Shares are not listed on the TSXV, on such stock exchange as the Common Shares are then traded).

In the event an Optionee ceases to be a director, officer or key employee of the Company, any Option previously granted to such Optionee shall be exercisable until the earlier of: (i) the end of the Option period as set forth in the grant; or (ii) the expiration of 90 days from the date of the normal retirement of such participant, or one year from the date of the death or permanent disability of such participant, and then, in the event of death or permanent disability, only by the person or persons to whom the participant's rights under the Option pass by the participant's will or applicable law, and only to the extent that the Optionee was entitled to exercise the Option as at the date of the holder's death or permanent disability.

Without the prior approval of the Shareholders, the Board may not: (i) make any amendment to the Share Option Plan to increase the percentage of Common Shares issuable on exercise of outstanding Options at any time; (ii) reduce the exercise price of any outstanding Options; (iii) extend the term of any outstanding Options beyond the original expiry date of such Option; (iv) make any amendment to increase the maximum limit on the number of securities that may be issued to Insiders (as such term is defined in the Share Option Plan); (v) make any amendment to increase the maximum number of Common Shares issuable on exercise of Options to directors who are not officers or employees of the Company; (vi) make any amendment to the Share Option Plan that would permit an Optionee to transfer or assign Options to a new beneficial Optionee other than in the case of death of the Optionee; or (vii) amend the restrictions on amendments that are provided in the Share Option Plan. Subject to restrictions set out above, the Board may amend or discontinue the Share Option Plan and Options granted thereunder at any time, without Shareholder approval, provided that any amendment to the Share Option Plan that requires approval of any stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed for trading may not be made without approval of such stock exchange. In addition, no amendment to the Share Option Plan may be made without the consent of the Optionee if it adversely alters or impairs any Option previously granted to such Optionee.

On August 12, 2015, the Board approved certain administrative amendments to the Share Option Plan at the request of the TSXV, which included the removal of the ability of an Optionee to make a Surrender Offer to the Company for the disposition and surrender of such holder's Option. The current rules and policies of the TSXV do not allow for the Company to provide for a Surrender Offer in the Share Option Plan.

The policies of the TSXV require that the Share Option Plan receive Shareholder approval at each annual meeting. The Share Option Plan was first approved at the Company's 2012 annual meeting of Shareholders. A copy of the Share Option Plan is attached hereto as Schedule B.

Share Unit Plan

The Company adopted the Share Unit Plan (the "**Share Unit Plan**") as an additional share-based compensation plan permitting the RSUs and DSUs to Eligible Participants (as defined in the Share Unit Plan). The Share Unit Plan was approved by the Board on November 15, 2021, and by the Company's shareholders at the meeting dated March 16, 2022.

The implementation of the Share Unit Plan is intended to provide a vehicle by which equity-based incentives may be awarded to the Eligible Persons to recognize and reward their significant contributions to the long-term success of the Company and to align their interests more closely with the shareholders of the Company, as well as to bring the Company's compensation policies in line with trends in industry practice, and to preserve working capital of the Company by paying Eligible Persons with compensation in the form of share-based awards as opposed to cash. Eligible Persons who are granted RSUs or DSUs under the Share Unit Plan are collectively referred to herein as "Participants" or "Grantees". Under the Share Unit Plan, settlement of RSUs or DSUs shall be made by payment of (i) delivery of one Common Share for each such RSU or DSU then being settled; or (ii) subject to approval of the Board in its sole discretion, a cash equivalent.

RSUs are performance-based share units which will be granted to Eligible Persons under the Share Unit Plan based on both individual and corporate performance criteria as determined by the Board or the Granting Authority (as such term is defined in the Share Unit Plan). The RSUs vest and are paid out to the Participant at no later than three years after the year in which the RSUs were granted. Non-vested RSUs are forfeited if the Participant voluntarily leaves his or her employment with the Company. RSUs provide the Company with a more transparent and objective tool for rewarding performance or compensating Participants, while providing the Participant with a better defined incentive award.

The Share Unit Plan also makes provision for the use of DSUs as partial payment of an Eligible Person's fees. A DSU is a notional share that has the same value as one Common Share as at the grant date. DSUs are paid out to the Participant as Common Shares when they retire from or no longer service the Company. A retiring Participant can defer the payout of his or her DSUs to the year following his or her departure from the Company. The use of DSUs has the advantage of encouraging higher levels of share ownership by the Participants, thereby aligning their interests more closely with that of the Company while also preserving cash for the Company.

The following is a summary of the additional important provisions of the Share Unit Plan. It is not a comprehensive discussion of all of the terms and conditions of the Share Unit Plan. Readers are advised to review the full text of the Share Unit Plan appended hereto as Schedule C to fully understand all terms and conditions of the Share Unit Plan.

Administration

Under the Share Unit Plan, the Board may, at any time, appoint a committee to, among other things, interpret, administer and implement the Share Unit Plan on behalf of the Board in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, consistent with the Share Unit Plan.

Eligible Persons

Under the Share Unit Plan, Awards may be granted to any Eligible Person. A Participant or Grantee is an Eligible Person to whom an Award has been granted under the Share Unit Plan.

Number of Securities Issued or Issuable

Subject to the adjustment provisions provided for in the Share Unit Plan and applicable rules and regulations of all regulatory authorities to which the Company is subject (including the TSXV), the total number of Common Shares reserved for issue pursuant to the Share Unit Plan may not exceed 6,017,976 Common Shares, which represents 10% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of approval of the Share Unit Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at no time may the aggregate number of Common Shares that may be reserved for issuance under the Compensation Plans together exceed 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding Common Shares are not included basis).

If any Award is cancelled in accordance with the terms of the Share Unit Plan or the agreements evidencing the grant, the Common Shares reserved for issue pursuant to such Award will, upon cancellation of such Awards, revert to the Share Unit Plan and will be available for other Awards. Any Award that is settled through the issuance of Common Shares from treasury shall not be considered cancelled, and that number of Shares issued shall not be available for other Awards.

Maximum Grant to Any One Participant

The issue of Awards to Eligible Persons is subject to, among other things, the following restrictions:

- (a) the number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to the Share Unit Plan together with the Common Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any employee-related plan of the Company or options for services granted by the Company, including the Share Option Plan, to any one Eligible Person within a 12 month period may not exceed in the aggregate 5% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the date of the grant of the Award unless the Company has received disinterested shareholder approval;
- (b) the number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to the Share Unit Plan together with the Common Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any other employee-related plan of the Company or options for services granted by the Company, including the Share Option Plan, to all insiders of the Company shall not exceed 10% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding on a non- diluted basis at any point in time unless the Company has received disinterested shareholder approval;
- (c) the number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to the Share Unit Plan together with the Common Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any employee-related plan of the Company or options for services granted by the Company, including the Share Option Plan, to all insiders of the Company within a 12 month period may not exceed in the aggregate 10% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the date of the grant of the Award unless the Company has received disinterested shareholder approval; and

the number of Common Shares which may be reserved for issued pursuant to the Share Unit Plan together with the Common Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any other share compensation arrangements of the Company, including the Share Option Plan, to any one consultant in any 12 month period may not exceed 2% of the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the date of the grant of the Award.

Restricted Share Units

Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to the Share Unit Plan will be used to compensate Participants for their individual performance-based achievements and are intended to supplement stock option awards in this specific respect. The goal of such grants is to more closely tie Awards to individual performance based on established Performance Criteria (as such term is defined in the Share Unit Plan).

Vesting of Restricted Share Units

The Granting Authority may determine the vesting schedule of any RSUs at the time of grant. Notwithstanding such determination and provided that no RSUs may vest within one year of the date of grant except in the event of the death of the Participant or if the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person in connection with a Change of Control (as such term is defined in the Share Unit Plan), takeover bid, reverse takeover or similar transaction, in the event of a Change of Control (as such term is defined in the Share Unit Plan) while the Grantee is employed by the Company or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, the termination of the Grantee by the Company without cause or in the event that the Grantee terminates employment with the Company and its subsidiaries by reason of Eligible Retirement (as such term is defined in the Share Unit Plan), death or total disability (as determined by the Granting Authority in good faith) (each an "Accelerated Vesting Event"), the non-vested RSUs will: (i) in the case of a Change of Control, termination without cause, Eligible Retirement or death being the Accelerated Vesting Event, immediately become 100% vested, or (ii) in

the case of total disability being the Accelerated Vesting Event, vest on the 60th day following the date on which the Participant is determined to be totally disabled.

If the Grantee terminates employment with the Company and its subsidiaries for any reason other than such Eligible Retirement, total disability or death or termination without cause, any non-vested RSUs granted thereunder will be immediately cancelled without liability or compensation therefor and be of no further force and effect. For clarity, where the Grantee voluntarily terminates his/her employment with the Company or is otherwise terminated by the Company for cause, all non-vested RSUs of the Grantee shall be immediately cancelled without compensation or liability therefor and be of no further force and effect.

The term of the RSUs shall be determined by the Granting Authority on the date of the award of RSUs and shall not exceed ten years from the date the RSUs are awarded. Each RSU outstanding and all rights thereunder shall expire at the expiry time determined by the Granting Authority, subject to earlier termination in accordance with the Share Unit Plan.

Settlement of Restricted Share Units

Payment to the Grantee in respect of vested RSUs will be made in the form of (i) fully paid Common Shares, which will be evidenced by book entry registration or by a share certificate registered in the name of the Grantee; or (ii) subject to approval of the Board, in its sole discretion, a cash equivalent, as soon as practicable following the date on which the RSUs become vested, provided that the settlement date may not be later than the third anniversary of the date of grant of the RSU and all payments in respect of vested RSUs in the Grantee's notional account maintained by the Company will be paid in full on or before December 31 of the same calendar year.

Deferred Share Units

DSUs granted pursuant to the Share Unit Plan will be used as a means of reducing the cash payable by the Company in respect of a Participant's compensable amounts. In so doing, the interests of a Participant will become more closely aligned with those of the Company and its shareholders. Vested DSUs will be settled upon the third business day (or such other period of time as permitted by the Granting Authority under the grant agreement) following the Eligible Retirement or death of the applicable Participant or at the time the Participant otherwise ceases to hold office subject to payment or other satisfaction of all related withholding obligations in accordance with the provisions of this Share Unit Plan.

Vesting of Deferred Share Units

Subject to the vesting provisions otherwise stipulated by the Granting Authority, where a Grantee is terminated for cause or resigns and, in the case of a director of the Company, is otherwise removed as a result of losing his or her eligibility to serve on the Board due to an order by a regulatory body or stock exchange or for culpable conduct as determined by the Granting Authority, all unvested DSUs in the Grantee's notional account maintained by the Company will be immediately cancelled without liability or compensation therefor and be of no further force and effect (unless otherwise determined by the Granting Authority).

No DSUs may vest within one year of the date of grant except in the event of the death of the Participant or if the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person in connection with a Change of Control (as such term is defined in the Share Unit Plan), takeover bid, reverse takeover or similar transaction. Subject to the above, in the event of a Change of Control while the Grantee is employed by or is a director of the Company or a related entity or in the event of the Grantee being terminated without cause, the non-vested DSUs will immediately become 100% vested.

Settlement

Settlement of Restricted Share Units and Deferred Shares Units shall be made by payment of (i) one Common Share for each such RSU or DSU then being settled; or (ii) subject to the approval of the Board, in its sole discretion, a cash equivalent.

Assignability

Awards granted under the Share Unit Plan are non-transferable and non-assignable to anyone other than to the estate of a Participant in the event of death and then only in accordance with the terms of the Share Unit Plan.

Other Material Information

Appropriate adjustments to the Share Unit Plan and to Awards granted thereunder will be made by the Company to give effect to adjustments in the number and type of Common Shares (or other securities or other property) resulting from subdivisions, consolidations, substitutions, or reclassifications of Common Shares, payment of stock dividends or other prescribed changes in the Company's capital. In the event of any merger, acquisition, amalgamation, arrangement or other scheme of reorganization that results in a Change of Control, the Company may take whatever action with respect to the Awards outstanding that it deems necessary or desirable including accelerating the vesting date of Awards to the date which is immediately preceding the Change of Control. Any such adjustment other than a Common Share consolidation or Common Share split shall be subject to approval of the TSXV. If approved by the Board prior to or within 30 days after such time as a Change of Control is be deemed to have occurred, the Board has the right to require that all or any portion of the Awards be settled and discharged in cash based on the "cash value" of such Awards in lieu of settlement by issue of Common Shares.

The foregoing is a summary of the Share Unit Plan and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Share Unit Plan which is attached hereto as Schedule C.

Incentive Plan Awards

Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-based Awards

	Option-based Awards					Share-based Awards			
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options ⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Number of share units that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share- based awards that have not vested (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share- based awards not paid out or distributed (\$)		
Marco Roque	100,000	\$0.75	August 28, 2025	-	442,500	141,600	192,000		
1	200,000	\$0.60	March 22, 2026	-		·	·		
	150,000	\$0.79	November 15, 2026	-					
	300,000	\$0.66	September 13, 2027	-					
	292,500	\$0.34	September 22, 2028	-					
Kevin Chen	60,000	\$0.66	September 13, 2027	-	90,000	28,800	12,800		
	70,000	\$0.34	September 22, 2028	-					

The following table sets forth for each Named Executive Officer all option-based awards outstanding at the end of the year ended September 30, 2023.

Notes:

(1) Calculated based on the difference between the market price of the Common Shares underlying the Options on September 30, 2023, being \$0.32, and the exercise price of the vested Options.

Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth for each Named Executive Officer, the value of option-based or share-based awards which vested during the year ended September 30, 2023 and the value of non-equity incentive plan compensation earned during the year ended September 30, 2023.

	Option-based awards –	Share-based awards –	Non-equity incentive plan
	Value vested during the	Value vested during the	compensation – Value
Name	year	year	earned during the year
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)

Marco Roque	95,090	151,845	-
Kevin Chen	15,036	27,137	-

Pension Plan Benefits

The Company does not have a pension plan or similar benefit program.

Termination and Change of Control Benefits

Other than as set forth below, no written employment contract exists between the Company and any Named Executive Officer. Further, there is no contract, agreement, plan or arrangement that provides for payments to a Named Executive Officer at, following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation, retirement, a change in control of the Company or a change in a Named Executive Officer's responsibilities.

On July 1, 2020, the Company entered into a consulting agreement with Mr. Roque providing for his services as CEO of the Company the "**Roque Consultant Agreement**"). The Roque Consultant Agreement expires on June 30, 2024. The Roque Consultant Agreement provides that Mr. Roque may be terminated by the Company at any time and for any reason by providing two (2) weeks written notice. In the event Mr. Roque is terminated by the Company, the Company shall be obligated to pay, on the Termination Date, an amount equal to the one year average monthly compensation paid at that date or the time remaining on the contract, whichever is less. The Roque Consultant Agreement may also be terminated at any point without notice or payment for just cause.

Director Compensation

Each of the non-management directors participate in the Compensation Plans and are eligible for periodic grant of Options or Awards as determined by the Board's discretion. The Company does not pay cash fees to its non-management directors.

Directors' Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth for the year ended September 30, 2023, information concerning the compensation paid to our directors other than directors who are also Named Executive Officers:

Name	Fees earned (\$)	Share- based awards ⁽³⁾ (\$)	Option- based awards ⁽⁴⁾ (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Pension value (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Stephen Letwin	-	45,535	55,115	-	-	-	104,650
James Maxwell	-	19,627	24,988	-	-	-	44,615
Christopher Stewart	-	16,916	28,202	-	-	-	45,118
Michael Wood	-	16,916	28,202	-	-	-	45,118
Stephen Robertson	-	16,916	29,005	-	-	-	45,921

Note:

(1) Reflects the value of RSUs and DSUs issued under the share unit plan based on grant date market price of the Common Shares.

(2) Reflects the aggregate value of Options issued under the Share Option Plan during the fiscal year based on the combined grant date fair value of the awards. The fair value of Option grants has been determined using the same methodology and values used in determining the share option value for our financial statements, as the Company believes it represents the best estimate of fair value of the Options at the time of the grant. Value was attributed using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using the following assumptions for the year ended September 30, 2023: risk-free interest rate of 4.21%; expected forfeiture rate of 11%; dividend yield of 0%; volatility factor of the market price of the Common Shares of 130%; and an average expected life of the options of 5 years. Directors' Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards.

The following table sets forth for each of our directors other than directors who are also Named Executive Officers, all option-based and share-based awards outstanding at the end of the year ended September 30, 2023.

		Option-	based Awards		S	hare-based Awar	ds
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options (\$)	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#)	Market or payout value of share- based awards that have not vested (\$)	Market or payout value of vested share- based awards not paid out or distributed (\$)
Stephen Letwin	100,000	0.50	June 24, 2024	-	216,667	69,333	183,467
Stephen Betwin	140,000	0.75	August 28, 2025	-	-	-	-
	200,000	0.60	March 22, 2026	-	-	-	_
	200,000	0.66	September 13, 2027	-	-	-	-
	150,000	0.34	September 22, 2028	-	-	-	-
Christopher	70,000	0.50	June 24, 2024	-	133,334	42,666	123,733
Stewart	130,000	0.75	August 28, 2025	-	-	-	-
	120,000	0.60	March 22, 2026	-	-	-	-
	100,000	0.66	September 13, 2027	-	-	-	-
	100,000	0.34	September 22, 2028	-	-	-	-
Michael Wood	100,000	0.75	August 28, 2025	-	133,334	42,666	91,733
	120,000	0.60	March 22, 2026	-	-	-	-
	100,000	0.66	September 13, 2027	-	-	-	-
	100,000	0.34	September 22, 2028	-	-	-	-
Stephen	150,000	0.66	March 22, 2026	-	133,334	42,666	69,333
Robertson	100,000	0.66	September 13, 2027	-	-	-	-
	100.000	0.34	September 22, 2028	-	-	-	-
James Maxwell	25,000	0.50	June 24, 2024	-	133,334	42,666	77,333
	50,000	0.75	August 28, 2025	-	-	-	-
	100,000	0.60	March 22, 2026	-	-	-	-
	100,000	0.66	September 13, 2027	-	-	-	-
	100,000	0.34	September 22, 2028		-	-	-

Directors' Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets forth for each of our directors, other than directors who are also Named Executive Officers, the value of option-based or share-based awards which vested during the year ended September 30, 2023 and the value of non-equity incentive plan compensation earned during the year ended September 30, 2023.

Name	Option-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$)	Share-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year (\$)
Stephen Letwin	55,115	49,535	-
Christopher Stewart	24,988	19,627	-
Michael Wood	28,202	16,916	-
Stephen Robertson	28,202	16,916	-
James Maxwell	29,005	16,916	-

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following sets forth information in respect of securities authorized for issuance under our Compensation Plans as at September 30, 2023.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Option-based equity	4,935,659	0.65	3,236
compensation plans ⁽¹⁾			

Share-based compensation	-	-	-
plans			
Total	4,935,659	0.65	3,236

Note:

(1) The Share Option Plan authorizes the issuance of Options entitling the holders to acquire, in the aggregate, up to 10% of its Common Shares from time to time. In accordance with the policies of the TSXV, Shareholders will be asked to approve the Share Option Plan at the Meeting. See "Incentive Plans – Share Option Plan".

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE

Set forth below is a description of the Company's current corporate governance practices, as prescribed by Form 58-101F2, which is attached to National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("**NI 58-101**"). The requirements of Form 58-101F2 are set out below in italics:

The Board

Disclose the identity of directors who are independent.

Messrs. S. Letwin, Maxwell, Robertson, Stewart, and Wood are independent directors.

Disclose the identity of directors who are not independent, and describe the basis for that determination.

Marco Roque is not an independent director as he is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

Directorships

If a director is presently a director of any other issuer that is a reporting issuer (or the equivalent) in a jurisdiction or a foreign jurisdiction, identify both the director and the other issuer.

Stephen Letwin is a director of Hess Midstream Operations LP, a New York Stock Exchange listed company, ONEnergy Inc., a TSXV listed company, and Frontier Lithium Inc., a TSXV listed company.

Marco Roque is a director of Infinitum Copper Corp., a TSXV listed company.

Michael Wood is a director of Reyna Silver Corp. and Infinitum Copper Corp., TSXV listed companies.

Stephen Robertson is a director of Infinitum Copper Corp., TSXV listed company.

James Maxwell is a director of Big Ridge Gold Corp., a TSXV listed company.

Orientation and Continuing Education

Describe what steps the Board takes to orient new Board members, and describe any measures the Board takes to provide continuing education for directors.

While the Company does not currently have a formal orientation and education program for new recruits to the Board, the Company has historically provided such orientation and education on an informal basis. As new directors join the Board, management will provide these individuals with corporate policies, historical information about the Company, as well as information on the Company's performance and its strategic plan with an outline of the general duties and responsibilities entailed in carrying out their duties. The Board believes that these procedures will prove to be a practical and effective approach in light of the Company's particular circumstances, including the size of the Company, limited changes to members of the Board and the experience and expertise of the members of the Board.

Ethical Business Conduct

Describe what steps the Board takes to encourage and promote a culture of ethical business conduct.

The Board has adopted a written code of business conduct and ethics (the "**Code**") effective June 27, 2011. The Code has been posted on the Company's profile on the SEDAR+ website at www.sedarplus.ca. All staff, consultants and directors are made personally accountable for learning, endorsing and promoting the Code and applying it to their conduct and field of work. All staff, consultants and directors are asked to review the Code on a regular basis through written or electronic declaration that they understand their individual responsibilities and will conform to the requirements of the Code. Any breach of the Code can be reported directly to the President, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer of the Company or chair of the applicable committee. Breaches may be reported in accordance with the formal whistleblower policy (the "**Whistleblower Policy**"). The Audit Committee is charged with monitoring compliance with the Whistleblower Policy, and will review the Whistleblower Policy periodically, recommending any changes to the Board.

The Board also relies upon the selection of persons as directors, officers, employees and consultants who they consider to meet the highest ethical standards. The Code provides guidance to the Board regarding conflicts of interest and the members of the Board understand that they must comply with the conflict of interest provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta), as well as the relevant securities regulatory instruments, in order to ensure that directors exercise independent judgment in considering transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or executive officer has a material interest.

Nomination of Directors

Describe what steps, if any, are taken to identify new candidates for Board nomination, including: (i) who identifies new candidates; and (ii) the process of identifying new candidates.

Pursuant to their mandate, the Board has the responsibility of recruiting and recommending new members to the Board. At present, the Board has not identified the need to add any new directors. However, it is expected that any new candidates will be identified having regard to: (i) the competence and skills that the Board considers to be necessary for the Board, as a whole, to possess; (ii) the competence and skills that the Board considers each existing director to possess; (iii) the competencies and skills that the Board considers each existing director to possess; (iii) the competencies and skills that the Board considers each existing director to possess; (iii) the competencies and skills that each new nominee will bring to the boardroom; and (iv) whether or not each new nominee can devote sufficient time and resources to his or her duties as a member of the Board. The Board reviews on a periodic basis the composition of the Board to ensure that an appropriate number of independent directors sit on the Board, and analyze the needs of the Board and recommend nominees who meet such needs.

Compensation

Disclose what steps, if any, are taken to determine compensation for the directors and CEO, including: (i) who determines compensation; and (ii) the process of determining compensation.

The Board is responsible for: (i) evaluating senior management; and (ii) developing appropriate compensation policies for the senior management and directors of the Company, including the Compensation Plans. The initial grant of Options, RSUs or DSUs is made at the time of recruitment and reviewed annually. Other than the granting of Options or Awards and the compensation paid to Messrs., Roque and Nguyen as outlined in the Summary Compensation Table, no salary or bonuses were paid to any directors or Named Executive Officers of the Company during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Other Board Committees

If the Board has standing committees other than the audit, compensation and nominating committees, identify the committees and describe their function.

The Company has no other committees other than the Audit Committee and the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

In addition to responsibilities of determining appropriate compensation for the Company's management, the purpose of the Compensation, Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is to assist the Board in establishing the Company's corporate governance policies and practices, identifying individuals qualified to become members of the Board and reviewing the composition of the Board and its committees.

Assessments

Disclose what steps, if any, the Board takes to satisfy itself that the Board, its committees, and its individual directors are performing effectively.

The Board makes annual assessments regarding the effectiveness of the Board itself, committees and individual directors in fulfilling their responsibilities.

AUDIT DISCLOSURE

The Audit Committee of the Board is a committee established for the purpose of overseeing the accounting and financial reporting process of the company and annual external audits of the financial statements. The Audit Committee has set out its responsibilities and composition requirements in fulfilling its oversight in relation to the company's internal accounting standards and practices, financial information, accounting systems and procedures, which procedures are set out below in the Company's Audit Committee Charter attached as Schedule A.

Audit Committee Members

Messrs. Wood, Stewart and Robertson are the current members of the Audit Committee. Each of the members of the Audit Committee are considered independent.

Each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate, and their qualifications and experience are as follows:

Name and Municipality of Residence Michael Wood Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Independent Yes	Financially literate Yes	Relevant Education and Experience Mr. Wood holds a BSc. In Economics from Cardiff University and a finance-focused MBA from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He is also Chief Financial Officer and Director at Reyna
Christopher Stewart Kingston, Ontario	Yes	Yes	Silver Corp. Mr. Stewart brings over 29 years of diversified experience in the mining industry, 15 years working with mining contractors and 14 years working with mining companies. Mr. Stewart is currently the President & CEO of Minto Metals Corp. Prior to that, he was the President and COO of McEwen Mining Inc. He was also the Vice President of Operations for Kirkland Lake Gold, where he was responsible for the mining and milling operations within the company. Before joining Kirkland Lake Gold, he served as President and CEO of Liberty Mines Inc., as well as various positions at BHP Billiton, DMC Mining Services and Lake Shore Gold Corporation. Mr. Stewart is a Professional Engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from Queen's University.
Stephen Robertson Roberts Creek, British Columbia	Yes	Yes	Mr. Robertson has 30 years of mining industry related experience, having played a key role in building and advancing projects from exploration through to production in British Columbia including the nearby Silvertip and Red Chris mines. Mr. Robertson was awarded the 2016 E.A. Scholz Award for Excellence in Mine Development for his leadership role in the development of Imperial Metals' Red Chris Mine, now majority owned by Newcrest Mining and roughly 200 km from the Cassiar Gold Project on Highway 37.

External Auditor Fees

The Audit Committee shall review and pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Company by its external auditors.

Audit Service Fees

The following table discloses fees billed to the Company for the last two fiscal years by the Company's current independent auditors, MNP LLP. The Company's current independent auditors were appointed by the Board effective August 31, 2016.

	Year ended September 30, 2023 (\$)	Year ended September 30, 2022(\$)
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾	60,658	80,160
Audit-related fees (2)	38,788	22,470
Tax fees ⁽³⁾	5,350	2,000
All other fees ⁽⁴⁾	-	-
TOTAL	104,795	104,630

Notes:

- (1) "Audit fees" include fees necessary to perform the annual audit and a quarterly review of the Company's financial statements.
- (2) "Audit-related fees" include assurance and related services related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements. These audit-related services engagements for financing activities and assistance with proposed transactions.
- (3) "Tax fees" include fees from all tax services other than those included in "audit fees" and "audit-related fees", and includes fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.
- (4) "All other fees" include all other non-audit services.

INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Other than set forth herein, management of the Company is not aware of any material interest of any director or nominee for director, or senior officer or anyone who has held office as such since the beginning of the Company's last financial year or of any associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors as disclosed herein. See "*Matters to be Acted Upon at the Meeting*".

Conflicts, if any, will be subject to the procedures and remedies available under the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta) (the "**ABCA**"). The ABCA provides that in the event that a director has an interest in a contract or proposed contract or agreement, the director shall disclose his interest in such contract or agreement and shall refrain from voting on any matter in respect of such contract or agreement unless otherwise provided by the ABCA.

INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

There were no material interests, direct or indirect, of directors or executive officers of the Company, any Shareholder who beneficially owns, controls or directs, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the outstanding Common Shares, or any other "Informed Person" (as defined in NI 51-102) or any known associate or affiliate of such persons, in any transaction since the commencement of the last completed financial year of the Company or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

OTHER MATTERS COMING BEFORE THE MEETING

Management of the Company knows of no amendment, variation or other matter to come before the Meeting other than the matters referred to in the Notice of Meeting accompanying this management information circular. However, if any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, the Instrument of Proxy furnished by the Company will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons voting the proxy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available through the Internet on the Canadian System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR+") website at <u>www.sedarplus.com</u>. Financial information in respect of the Company and its affairs is provided in the Company's annual audited comparative financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2023 and the related management's discussion and analysis. Copies of the Company's financial statements and related management discussion and analysis are available upon request from our Chief Financial Officer at 604-655-1388.

SCHEDULE A AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

CHARTER

I. PURPOSE

The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors (the "**Board of Directors**" or "**Board**") of Cassiar Gold Corp. ("**Cassiar**" or the "**Corporation**") in fulfilling its responsibilities by reviewing: the financial reports and other financial information provided by Cassiar to any governmental body or the public; Cassiar's systems of internal controls regarding finance, accounting, legal compliance and ethics that management and the Board have established; and Cassiar's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes generally. Consistent with this function, the Audit Committee should endeavour to encourage continuous improvement of, and should endeavour to foster adherence to, the Corporation's policies, procedures and practices at all levels. In performing its duties, the external auditor is to report directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's primary objectives are:

- 1. To assist directors meet their responsibilities (especially for accountability) in respect of the preparation and disclosure of the financial statements of the Corporation and related matters;
- 2. To provide better communication between directors and external auditors;
- 3. To assist the Board's oversight of the auditor's qualifications and independence;
- 4. To assist the Board's oversight of the credibility, integrity and objectivity of financial reports;
- 5. To strengthen the role of the outside directors by facilitating discussions between directors on the Audit Committee, management and external auditors;
- 6. To assist the Board's oversight of the performance of the Corporation's internal audit function and independent auditors;
- 7. To assist the Board's oversight of the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and
- 8. To review the risks that may affect Cassiar and the risk management policies and procedures of the Corporation.

II. COMPOSITION

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three or more directors as determined by the Board of Directors, except as otherwise permitted in MI 52-110 (as defined below), a majority of whom are "independent" (as such term is defined in National Instrument 52-110 — *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110")). All of the members of the Audit Committee shall be "financially literate". The Board of Directors has adopted the definition for "financial literacy" used in NI 52-110, which definition is set forth in Schedule B attached hereto. Audit Committee members may enhance their familiarity with finance and accounting by participating in educational programs conducted by the Corporation or an outside consultant. In addition, at least one member of the Audit Committee must have accounting or related financial management expertise, as the Corporation's Board of Directors interprets such qualification in its business judgment.

The members of the Audit Committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Directors and remain as members of the Audit Committee until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Unless a Chair is elected by the full Board of Directors, the members of the Audit Committee may designate a Chair by majority vote of the full Audit Committee membership.

III. MEETINGS

The Audit Committee shall meet at least four times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its job to foster open communication, the Audit Committee should meet at least annually with management, internal auditors (if any) and the independent auditors in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Audit Committee or each of these groups believe should be discussed privately. In addition, the Audit Committee or at least its Chair should meet with the independent auditors and management quarterly to review the Corporation's financials consistent with Section IV.4 below. The Audit Committee should also meet with management auditors on an annual basis to review and discuss annual financial statements and the management's discussion and analysis of financial conditions and results of operations.

A quorum for meetings of the Audit Committee shall be a majority of its members, and the rules for calling, holding, conducting and adjourning meetings of the Audit Committee shall be the same as those governing the Board.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

To fulfil its responsibilities and duties, the Audit Committee shall endeavour to:

Documents/Reports Review

- 1. Review and update this Charter, at least annually, as conditions dictate.
- 2. Review and recommend to the Board the organization's annual and interim financial statements, MD&A, earnings press releases and review any reports or other financial information submitted to any governmental body or the public, including any certification, report, opinion or review rendered by the independent auditors.
- 3. Review the reports to management prepared by the independent auditors and management's responses.
- 4. Review with financial management and the independent auditors the quarterly financial statements prior to their filing or prior to the release of earnings. The Chair of the Audit Committee may represent the entire Audit Committee for purposes of this review.
- 5. Review significant findings during the year, including the status of previous significant audit recommendations.
- 6. Periodically assess the adequacy of procedures for the review of corporate disclosure that is derived or extracted from the financial statements.
- 7. Periodically discuss guidelines and policies to govern the processes by which the Chief Executive Officer and senior management assess and manage the Corporation's exposure to risk.
- 8. Report regularly to the Board any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Corporation's financial statements, compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, performance and independence of the Corporation's auditors, or performance of the internal audit function.
- 9. To prepare, if required, an Audit Committee report to be included in the Corporation's annual information circular and proxy statement.
- 10. Preparing an annual performance evaluation of the Audit Committee.
- 11. At least annually, reviewing the report by the independent auditors describing the Corporation's internal quality control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent interim quality control review, or peer review, of the Corporation or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional

authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps to deal with any such issues.

Independent Auditors

- 12. Recommend to the Board the external auditors to be nominated for appointment by the shareholders.
- 13. Approve the compensation of the external auditors.
- 14. On an annual basis, the Audit Committee should review and discuss with the auditors all significant relationships the auditors have with the Corporation to determine the auditors' independence. In addition, the Audit Committee will ensure the rotation of the lead audit partner every five years and, in order to ensure continuing auditor independence, consider the rotation of the audit firm itself.
- 15. Review and, as appropriate, resolve any material disagreements between management and the independent auditors and review, consider and make a recommendation to the Board regarding any proposed discharge of the auditors when circumstances warrant.
- 16. When there is to be a change in auditors, review the issues related to the change and the information to be included in the required notice to securities regulators of such change.
- 17. Periodically consult with the independent auditors, without the presence of management, about internal controls and the fullness and accuracy of the organization's financial statements.
- 18. Oversee the establishment of an internal audit function.
- 19. Periodically assess the Corporation's internal audit function, including Corporation's risk management processes and system of internal controls.
- 20. Review the audit scope and plan of the independent auditor.
- 21. Oversee the work of the external auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for Cassiar.
- 22. Pre-approve the completion of any non-audit services by the external auditors and determine which non-audit services the external auditor is prohibited from providing. The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more members of the Audit Committee authority to pre-approve non-audit services in satisfaction of this requirement and if such delegation occurs, the pre-approval of non-audit services by the Audit Committee member to whom authority has been delegated must be presented to the Audit Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval. The Audit Committee shall be entitled to adopt specific policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services if:
 - (a) the pre-approval policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service;
 - (b) the Audit Committee is informed of each non-audit service; and
 - (c) the procedures do not include delegation of the Audit Committee's responsibilities to management.

The Audit Committee will satisfy the pre-approval requirement set forth in this paragraph 22 if:

(a) the aggregate amount of all non-audit services that were not pre-approved is reasonably expected to constitute no more than 5% of the total amount of fees paid by Cassiar and its subsidiary entities to the auditors during the fiscal year in which the services are provided;

- (b) Cassiar or a subsidiary entity, as the case may be, did not recognize the services as non-audit services at the time of the engagement; and
- (c) the services are promptly brought to the attention of the Audit Committee and approved, prior to completion of the audit, by the Audit Committee or by one or more of its members to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Audit Committee.
- 23. Review, set and approve hiring policies relating to staff of current and former auditors.

Financial Reporting Processes

- 24. In consultation with the independent auditors, annually review the integrity of the organization's financial reporting processes, both internal and external.
- 25. In consultation with the independent auditors, consider annually the quality and appropriateness of the Corporation's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- 26. Consider and approve, if appropriate, major changes to the Corporation's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the independent auditors or management.
- 27. Review risk management policies and procedures of Cassiar (i.e. litigation and insurance).

Process Improvement

- 28. Request reporting to the Audit Committee by each of management and the independent auditors of any significant judgments made in the management's preparation of the financial statements and the view of each group as to appropriateness of such judgments.
- 29. Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with each of management and the independent auditors any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- 30. Review any significant disagreements among management and the independent auditors in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- 31. Review with the independent auditors and management the extent to which changes or improvements in financial or accounting practices, as approved by the Audit Committee, have been implemented. (This review should be conducted at an appropriate time subsequent to implementation of changes or improvements, as decided by the Audit Committee.)
- 32. Conduct and authorize investigations into any matters brought to the Audit Committee's attention and within the Audit Committee's scope of responsibilities. The Audit Committee shall be empowered to retain and to approve compensation for any independent counsel and other professionals to assist in the conduct of any investigation.
- 33. Review the systems that identify and manage principal business risks.
- 34. Establish a procedure for:
 - (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and
 - (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of Cassiar of concerns regarding questionable accounting matters, auditing matters and matters set forth in Cassiar's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

which procedure shall be set forth in a "whistle blower program" to be adopted by the Audit Committee in connection with such matters.

Ethical and Legal Compliance

- 35. Establish, review and update periodically a Code of Ethical Conduct and ensure that management has established a system to enforce this code.
- 36. Review management's monitoring of the Corporation's compliance with the organization's Ethical Code.
- 37. In consultation with the auditors, consider the review system established by management regarding the Corporation's financial statements, reports and other financial information disseminated to governmental organizations and the public in the context of the applicable legal requirements.
- 38. On at least an annual basis, review with the Corporation's auditors or counsel, as appropriate, any legal matters that could have a significant impact on the organization's financial statements, the Corporation's compliance with applicable laws and regulations and inquiries received from regulators or government agencies.
- 39. Review with the organization's counsel legal compliance matters including the trading policies of securities.

Other

- 40. Perform any other activities consistent with this Charter, Cassiar's by-laws and governing law, as the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors deems necessary or appropriate.
- 41. In connection with the performance of its responsibilities as set forth above, the Audit Committee shall have the authority to engage outside advisors and to pay outside auditors and advisors.

DEFINITIONS - IN THIS CHARTER

"**Financially Literate**" means 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 issuer's financial statements.

SCHEDULE B SHARE OPTION PLAN

CASSIAR GOLD CORP. SHARE OPTION PLAN

1. Purpose of Plan

The purpose of this plan (the "**Plan**") is to develop the interest of officers, directors and employees of, and consultants and Service Providers to, Cassiar Gold Corp. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "**Corporation**") in the growth and development of the Corporation by providing them with the opportunity through share options to acquire an increased proprietary interest in the Corporation.

2. Administration

The Plan shall be administered by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, or if appointed, by a special committee of Directors appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (such committee, or if no such committee is appointed, the Board of Directors of the Corporation, is hereinafter referred to as the "**Committee**") pursuant to rules of procedure fixed by the Board of Directors.

3. Granting of Options

Subject to this Section 3, the Committee may from time to time designate directors, officers, employees, consultants and Service Providers of the Corporation (or in each case their personal holding companies) (collectively, the "**Optionees**"), to whom options ("**Options**") to purchase common shares ("**Common Shares**") of the Corporation may be granted, and the number of Common Shares to be optioned to each, provided that:

- (a) the total number of Common Shares issuable pursuant to Options outstanding at any time under the Plan shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of Common Shares of the Corporation outstanding, subject to adjustment as set forth herein, and further subject to the applicable rules and regulations of all regulatory authorities to which the Corporation may be subject, including the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSX Venture") or such other stock exchange as the common shares may be listed for trading;
- (b) the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance on exercise of Options, within a one-year period, to any one Optionee shall not exceed 5% of the Outstanding Securities;
- (c) the maximum number of securities of the Corporation issuable to Insiders at any time pursuant to all Security Based Compensation Arrangements shall not exceed 10% of the number of Outstanding Securities;
- (d) if the Common Shares are listed on the TSX Venture, the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance to any one Consultant (as such term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture) in a 12 month period shall not exceed 2% of the number of Outstanding Securities;
- (e) if the Common Shares are listed on the TSX Venture, the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance to any one Optionee employed to provide Investor Relations Activities (as such term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture) in a 12 month period shall not exceed 2% of the number of Outstanding Securities;
- (f) if the Common Shares are listed on the TSX Venture, a grant of Options pursuant to this Plan shall constitute a representation by the Corporation that the Optionee is a bona fide Employee,
- (g) Consultant or Management Company Employee (as such terms are defined in the policies of the TSX Venture) and

 (h) the maximum number of Common Shares issuable at any time pursuant to outstanding Options granted to directors of the Corporation who are not officers or employees of the Corporation shall be limited to 1% of the issued and Outstanding Securities;

provided that for the purposes of paragraphs (c), (d) and (g) above, an entitlement granted prior to the grantee becoming an Insider may be excluded in determining the number of securities issuable to Insiders. The Common Shares that are reserved for issuance on exercise of Options granted pursuant to this Plan that are cancelled, terminated or expired in accordance with terms of the Plan prior to the exercise of all or a portion thereof shall be available for a subsequent grant of Options pursuant to this Plan to the extent of any Common Shares issuable thereunder that are not issued under such cancelled, terminated or expired Options.

4. Vesting

The Committee may, in its sole discretion, determine the time during which Options shall vest and the method of vesting, provided that the Options shall not vest on more favourable terms than one- third of the total number of Options granted on the date of grant and on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant. In the absence of any determination by the Committee as to vesting, vesting shall be as to one third on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. For greater certainty, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the vesting of Options following their initial grant.

5. Exercise Price

The exercise price (the "**Exercise Price**") of any Option shall be fixed by the Committee when such Option is granted, provided that such price shall not be less than the Market Price (as such term is defined in the policies of the TSX Venture) of the Common Shares or the closing price of the Common Shares on such other principal stock exchange on which the Common Shares may then trade on the last trading date immediately prior to the date of grant, or such other price as may be determined under the applicable rules and regulations of all regulatory authorities to which the Corporation may be subject, including the TSX Venture or such other stock exchange as the Common Shares may be listed for trading, provided that if the Common Shares are not then listed and posted for trading on the TSX Venture or any other principal stock exchange the Exercise Price shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion acting reasonably and in good faith.

The Corporation must obtain disinterested shareholder approval for any reduction in the Exercise Price of an Option that is held by an Insider of the Corporation.

6. Option Terms

The period during which an Option is exercisable shall, subject to the provisions of the Plan requiring acceleration of rights of exercise, not be in excess of five years. Each Option shall, among other things, contain provisions to the effect that the Option shall be personal to the Optionee and shall not be assignable or transferable other than in the case of death of the Optionee. In addition, each Option shall provide that:

- (a) upon the death of the Optionee, the Option shall vest immediately and shall terminate on the date that is six months following the date of death of the Optionee (the "**Termination Date**"); and
- (b) if the Optionee shall no longer be a director or officer of, be in the employ of, or be providing ongoing management or consulting services to, the Corporation, the Option shall terminate on the earlier of the expiry date of the Option and the expiry of the period (the "Termination Date") not in excess of 90 days prescribed by the Committee at the time of grant, following the date that the Optionee ceases to be a director, officer or employee of the Corporation, or ceases to provide ongoing management or consulting services to, the Corporation, as the case may be;

provided that the number of Common Shares that the Optionee (or his heirs or successors) shall be entitled to purchase until the Termination Date shall be the number of Common Shares which the Optionee was entitled to purchase on the

date of death or the date the Optionee ceased to be an officer, director or employee of, or ceased providing ongoing management or consulting services to, the Corporation, as the case may be.

If the normal expiry date of any Option falls within any Blackout Period or within 10 business days (being a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other than a day when banks in Calgary, Alberta are not generally open for business) following the end of any Blackout Period (the "**Restricted Options**"), then the Expiry Date of such Restricted Options shall, without any further action, be extended to the date that is 10 business days following the end of such Blackout Period. The foregoing extension applies to all Options whatever the date of grant and shall not be considered an extension of the term of the Options as referred to in Section 15 hereof.

7. Exercise of Option

Subject to the provisions of the Plan, an Option may be exercised from time to time by delivery to the Corporation at its head office, or such other place as may be specified by the Corporation, of a written notice of exercise specifying the number of Common Shares with respect to which the Option is being exercised and accompanied by payment in full of the purchase price of the Common Shares then being purchased.

8. Mergers, Amalgamation and Sale

If the Corporation shall become merged (whether by plan of arrangement or otherwise) or amalgamated within or with another corporation or shall sell the whole or substantially the whole of its assets and undertakings for shares or securities of another corporation, the Corporation shall, subject to this Section 8, make provision that, upon exercise of an Option during its unexpired period after the effective date of such merger, amalgamation or sale, the Optionee shall receive such number of shares of the continuing successor corporation in such merger or amalgamation or the securities or shares of the purchasing corporation as the Optionee would have received as a result of such merger, amalgamation or sale if the Optionee had purchased the shares of the Corporation immediately prior thereto for the same consideration paid on the exercise of the Option and had held such shares on the effective date of such merger, amalgamation or sale and, upon such provision being made, the obligation of the Corporation to the Optionee in respect of the Common Shares subject to the Option shall terminate and be at an end and the Optionee shall cease to have any further rights in respect thereof.

9. No Rights as a Shareholder

An Optionee shall not have any of the rights or privileges of a shareholder of the Corporation in respect of any Common Shares issuable upon exercise of an Option until certificates representing such Common Shares have been issued and delivered.

10. Cessation of Employment

For the purposes of this Plan and all option agreements, unless otherwise provided in the applicable option agreement, an Optionee shall be deemed to have ceased to be a Service Provider and an Optionee shall be deemed to have terminated or resigned from employment or consulting arrangement with the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, as applicable, for the purposes hereof on the first to occur of such termination or resignation or the date (as determined by the Board of Directors) that the Optionee ceases in the active performance of all of the regular duties of the Optionee's job, which includes the carrying on of all of the usual and customary day-to-day duties of the job for the normal and scheduled number of hours in each working day, unless the foregoing is a result in a leave of absence ("Leave") approved for this purpose by the Committee or senior officer to whom such Service Provider reports; the foregoing to apply whether or not adequate or proper notice of termination shall have been provided by and to the Corporation or its subsidiaries, as applicable, in respect of such termination of employment or consulting arrangement. If the Optionee shall take a Leave, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, also modify or change the vesting of any Options granted to such Optionee to take into account the period of the Leave.

11. Termination of Option in the Event of Take-Over Bid

In the event a take-over bid (as defined in the *Securities Act* (Alberta)), which is not exempt from the take-over bid requirements of Part 14 of the *Securities Act* (Alberta) (or its replacement or successor provisions) shall be made for the

Common Shares of the Corporation, the Corporation may in the agreement providing for the grant of Options herein provide that the Corporation may require the disposition of the Optionee and the termination of any obligations of the Corporation to the Optionee in respect of any Options granted by paying to the Optionee in cash the difference between the exercise price of unexercised Options and the fair market value of the securities to which the Optionee would have been entitled upon exercise of the unexercised Options on such date, which determination of fair market value shall be conclusively made by the Committee, subject to approval by the stock exchanges upon which the Common Shares are then listed, if required by such exchanges. Upon payment as aforesaid, the Options shall terminate and be at an end and the Optionee shall cease to have any further rights in respect thereof.

12. Alterations in Shares

In the event, at any time or from time to time, that the share capital of the Corporation shall be consolidated or subdivided prior to the exercise by the Optionee, in full, of any Option in respect of all of the shares granted or the Corporation shall pay a dividend upon the Common Shares by way of issuance to the holders thereof of additional Common Shares, Options with respect to any shares which have not been purchased at the time of any such consolidation, subdivision or stock dividend shall be proportionately adjusted so that the Optionee shall from time to time, upon the exercise of an Option, be entitled to receive the number of shares of the Corporation the Optionee would have held following such consolidation, subdivision or stock dividend. Upon any such adjustments being made, the Optionee shall be bound by such adjustments and shall accept the terms of such Options in lieu of the Options previously outstanding.

13. **Option Agreements**

A written agreement will be entered into between the Corporation and each Optionee to whom an Option is granted hereunder, which agreement will set out the number of Common Shares subject to Option, the Exercise Price, provisions as to vesting (if applicable) and expiry, and any other terms approved by the Committee, all in accordance with the provisions of this Plan. The agreement will be in such form as the Committee may from time to time approve, or authorize the officers of the Corporation to enter into, and may contain such terms as may be considered necessary in order that the Option will comply with this Plan, any provisions respecting Options in the income tax or other laws in force in any country or jurisdiction of which the person to whom the Option is granted may from time to time be a resident or citizen, and the rules of any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Corporation.

14. Regulatory Authorities Approvals

The Plan shall be subject to the approval, if required, of any stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed for trading. Any Options granted prior to such approval shall be conditional upon such approval being given, and no such Options may be exercised unless such approval, if required, is given.

15. Amendment or Discontinuance of the Plan

The Committee may not, without the prior approval of the holders of Common Shares: (i) make any amendment to the Plan to increase the percentage of Common Shares issuable on exercise of outstanding Options at any time pursuant to Section 3(a) hereof; (ii) reduce the exercise price of any outstanding Options; (iii) extend the term of any outstanding Option beyond the original expiry date of such Option; (iv) make any amendment to increase the maximum limit on the number of securities that may be issued to Insiders pursuant to Section 3(c) hereof; (v) make any amendment to Section 3(d) to increase the maximum number of Common Shares issuable on exercise of Options granted to directors who are not officers or employees of the Corporation; (vi) make any amendment to the Plan that would permit an Optionee to transfer or assign Options to a new beneficial Optionee other than in the case of death of the Optionee; or (vii) amend this Section 15.

Except as restricted by the foregoing, the Committee may amend or discontinue the Plan or Options granted thereunder at any time without shareholder approval provided that any amendment to the Plan that requires approval of any stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed for trading may not be made without approval of such stock exchange. In addition, no amendment to the Plan or Options granted pursuant to the Plan may be made without the consent of the Optionee, if it adversely alters or impairs any Option previously granted to such Optionee under the Plan.

16. Hold Period

In addition to any resale restrictions imposed under applicable securities laws, if required by the TSX Venture or any other regulatory authority, Options granted under the Plan and Common Shares issued on exercise of such Options may be required to be legended evidencing that the Options and the Common Shares issued upon exercise of the Options are subject to a hold period or restricted period as required by the TSX Venture or any other applicable regulatory authority and the Optione by accepting the Option agrees to comply therewith.

17. Common Shares Duly Issued

Common Shares issued upon the exercise of an Option granted hereunder will be validly issued and allotted as fully paid and non-assessable upon receipt by the Corporation of the Exercise Price therefore in accordance with the terms of the Option, and the issuance of Common Shares thereunder will not require a resolution or approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

18. Prior Plans

This Plan shall come into force and effect on ratification approval by shareholders of the Corporation or its predecessor corporations and, if necessary, approval of any stock exchange on which the Common Shares are listed for trading and entirely replaces and supersedes prior share option plans enacted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, or its predecessor corporations.

19. Definitions

- (a) **"Blackout Period**" means the period of time when, pursuant to any policies of the Corporation, any securities of the Corporation may not be traded by certain persons as designated by the Corporation, including any holder of an Option.
- (b) "insider", "associate", "affiliate" have the meanings ascribed thereto in the *Securities Act* (Alberta).
- (c) "**Insider**" means an insider of the Corporation and any person who is an associate or an affiliate of an insider of the Corporation.
- (d) "Outstanding Securities" at the time of any share issuance or grant of Options means the aggregate number of Common Shares that are outstanding immediately prior to the share issuance or grant of Options in question on a non-diluted basis, or such other number as may be determined under the applicable rules and regulations of all regulatory authorities to which the Corporation may be subject, including the TSX Venture or such other stock exchange as the Common Shares may be listed for trading.
- (e) "Security Based Compensation Arrangements" means (i) stock option plans for the benefit of employees, Insiders, Service Providers or any one of such groups; (ii) individual stock options granted to employees, Service Providers or Insiders if not granted pursuant to a plan previously approved by the Corporation's shareholders; (iii) stock purchase plans where the Corporation provides financial assistance or where the Corporation matches the whole or a portion of the securities being purchased; (iv) stock appreciation rights involving issuances by the Corporation of securities from treasury; (v) any other compensation or incentive mechanism involving the issuance or potential issuances of securities of the Corporation; and (vi) security purchases from treasury by an employee, Insider or Service Provider which is financially assisted by the Corporation by any means whatsoever; provided that Security Based Compensation Agreements shall not include any warrants of the Corporation outstanding on the effective date of this Plan.
- (f) **"Service Provider**" means a person or company engaged by the Corporation to provide services for an initial, renewable or extended period of twelve months or more.

20. Effective Date

This Plan is effective on February 2012, as amended August 12, 2015.

SCHEDULE C SHARE UNIT PLAN

CASSIAR GOLD CORP. (the "Issuer")

RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT AND DEFERRED SHARE UNIT COMPENSATION PLAN

1. Purpose

- (a) <u>Background</u>. The Issuer currently has in place the Stock Option Plan pursuant to which Options may be granted to purchase Shares. Subject to section 14 hereof, the Issuer now also adopts this RSU/DSU Plan on the terms and conditions herein set forth (as may be amended from time to time) in order to provide the Issuer with flexibility in designing various equity-based compensation arrangements for the Directors, Employees, Consultants and other Persons engaged to provide ongoing services to the Issuer and its Affiliates, other than Persons involved in Investor Relations Activities relating to the Issuer. The Issuer represents that Employees, Consultants or Management Company Employees who are granted Awards under this RSU/DSU Plan will be bona fide Employees, Consultants or Management Company Employees at the time of grant. Section 14 hereof sets forth the provisions concerning the effective date of the RSU/DSU Plan, its termination and application to Awards under the existing and continuing Stock Option Plan.
- (b) Purpose. The purpose of this RSU/DSU Plan is to advance the interests of the Issuer by encouraging Directors, Employees and Consultants to receive equity-based compensation and incentives, thereby (i) increasing the proprietary interests of such Persons in the Issuer, (ii) aligning the interests of such Persons with the interests of the Issuer's shareholders generally, (iii) encouraging such Persons to remain associated with the Issuer, and (iv) furnishing such Persons with additional incentive in their efforts on behalf of the Issuer. The Board also contemplates that through the RSU/DSU Plan, the Issuer will be better able to compete for and retain the services of the individuals needed for the continued growth and success of the Issuer.

Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan will be used to compensate Participants for their individual performance-based achievements and are intended to supplement stock option awards in this specific respect. The goal of such grants is to more closely tie Awards to individual performance based on established Performance Criteria.

Deferred Share Units granted pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan will be used as a means of reducing the cash payable by the Issuer in respect of a Participant's compensable amounts. In so doing, the interest of each Participant will become more closely aligned with those of the Issuer and its shareholders.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this RSU/DSU Plan, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- (a) "Act" means the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta), or its successor, as amended, from time to time.
- (b) "Affiliate" has the meaning ascribed to that term in section 2 of Policy 1.1 of the TSXV.
- (c) "Associate" has the meaning ascribed to that term in section 1.2 of Policy 1.1 of the TSXV.
- (d) "Awards" means, collectively, Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units.
- (e) **"Board**" means the board of directors of the Issuer.

- (f) "Change of Control" has the meaning ascribed to that term in section 1.2 of Policy 1.1 of the TSXV.
- (g) "**Committee**" means the Board, or if the Board so determine in connection with section 3 hereof, the committee of the Board authorized to administer the RSU/DSU Plan, which shall consist of not less than three (3) members of the Board.
- (h) **"Company**" means a corporation, incorporated association or organization, body corporate, partnership, trust, association or other entity other than an individual.
- (i) "Consultant" means an individual (other than an Employee or a Director) or Company, that:
 - (i) is engaged to provide, on an ongoing bona fide basis, consulting, technical, management or other services to the Issuer or to an Affiliate of the Issuer, other than services provided in relation to a Distribution;
 - (ii) provides the services under a written contract between the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer and the individual or the Company, as the case may be;
 - (iii) in the reasonable opinion of the Issuer, spends or will spend a significant amount of time and attention on the affairs and business of the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer; and
 - (iv) has a relationship with the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer that enables the individual to be knowledgeable about the business and affairs of the Issuer.
- (j) "**Control**" means, with respect to any Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, severally or jointly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or credit arrangement, as trustee or executor, or otherwise.
- (k) "Deferred Share Units" means a right, granted in accordance with section 6 hereof, to receive a Share.
- (l) "**Director**" means a director, senior officer or Management Company Employee of the Issuer, or a director, senior officer or Management Company Employees of the Issuer's subsidiaries.
- (m) **"Disability**" means a physical injury or mental incapacity of a nature which the Committee determines prevents or would prevent the Grantee from satisfactorily performing the substantial and material duties of his or her position with the Issuer.
- (n) **"Disinterested Shareholder Approval"** means that the proposal must be approved by a majority of the votes cast at the shareholders' meeting other than votes attaching to securities beneficially owned by Insiders and their Associates to whom Shares may be issued pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan.
- (o) "Effective Date" means the date as of which an Award shall take effect, provided that the Effective Date shall not be a date prior to the date the Granting Authority determines an Award shall be made and, unless otherwise specified by the Granting Authority, the Effective Date will be the date the Granting Authority determines an Award shall be made.
- (p) "Eligible Person" means, from time to time, any Director or Employee of the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer, any Consultant and any Permitted Assign, other than Persons involved in Investor Relations Activities relating to the Issuer.
- (q) **"Eligible Retirement**" means, if determined by the Granting Authority in its sole discretion, termination of service, under circumstances as shall constitute retirement for age as determined by the Granting Authority or in accordance with the written policies established by the Granting Authority as they may be amended or revised from time to time.

- (r) **"Employees**" means:
 - an individual who is considered an employee under the ITA (such as an individual for whom income tax, employment insurance and Canadian Pension Plan deductions must be made at the source) of the Issuer or any Affiliate;
 - (ii) an individual who works full-time for the Issuer or any Affiliate thereof providing services normally provided by an employee and who is subject to the same control and direction by the Issuer or any Affiliate thereof over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Issuer or any Affiliate thereof, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at the source; or
 - (iii) an individual who works for the Issuer or any Affiliate thereof 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 Issuer or any Affiliate thereof over the details and methods of work as an employee of the Issuer or any Affiliate thereof, but for whom income tax deductions are not made at the source.
- (s) "Exchange" means the TSXV or such other stock exchange where the Shares are listed for trading as at the relevant time.
- (t) "Grant Date" means the date on which an Award is granted to a Participant.
- (u) "**Granting Authority**" means the Board, the Committee or other committee, as applicable, that is charged with exercising the powers and responsibility as to a specific matter in question affecting this RSU/DSU Plan or an Award.
- (v) "Insiders" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in section 1.2 of Policy 1.1 of the TSXV.
- (w) "Issuer" means Cassiar Gold Corp., a corporation existing under the Act, and includes any successor corporation thereof.
- (x) "**Investor Relations Activities**" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in section 1.2 of Policy 1.1 of the TSXV.
- (y) "**ITA**" means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and any regulations thereunder as amended from time to time.
- (z) "Management Company Employee" means an individual employed by a Person providing management services to the Issuer, which are required for the ongoing successful operation of the business enterprise of the Issuer, but excluding a Person involved in Investor Relations Activities relating to the Issuer.
- (aa) "**Market Value**" of a Share as of a relevant date shall mean the fair market value as determined by the Granting Authority:
 - (i) in accordance with the rules of the TSXV if the Shares are then listed on such Exchange; or
 - (ii) if the Shares are not publicly traded at the time a determination of its fair market value is required to be made hereunder, the determination of fair market value shall be made in good faith by the Granting Authority using any fair and reasonable means selected in the Granting Authority's discretion.
- (bb) "**Option**" means an option granted in accordance with the terms of the Stock Option Plan to purchase a Share.

- (cc) **"Participants**" or "**Grantees**" means those individuals to whom Awards have been granted from time to time under the RSU/DSU Plan.
- (dd) "**Performance Criteria**" means such financial, personal and/or other performance criteria as may be determined by the Granting Authority with respect to Awards of Restricted Share Units and, for greater certainty, the Committee may take into consideration the present and potential contributions of and the services rendered by the particular Participant to the success of the Issuer and any other factors which the Granting Authority deems appropriate and relevant.
- (ee) "**Permitted Assign**" means for a person that is an Employee, Director or Consultant of the Issuer or any of its Affiliates, a holding entity (as defined in National Instrument 45-106) of the person or an RRSP or RRIF of the Person.
- (ff) "Person" means a Company or an individual.
- (gg) **"Restricted Period**" means the period established by the Granting Authority with respect to an Award during which the Award either remains subject to forfeiture or is not exercisable by the Participant.
- (hh) "**Restricted Share Unit**" means a right, granted in accordance with section 6 hereof, to receive a Share.
- (ii) **"RSU/DSU Plan"** means this Restricted Share Unit and Deferred Share Unit Compensation Plan, as amended and restated from time to time.
- (jj) **"Shareholder Approval Date**" means the date on which this RSU/DSU Plan is approved by the shareholders of the Issuer.
- (kk) "Shares" means the common shares of the Issuer, as adjusted in accordance with the provisions of section 9 hereof.
- (ll) **"Stock Option Plan**" means the Issuer's stock option plan as it exists on the date hereof and as may be amended from time to time.
- (mm) "Termination" means: (i) in the case of an Employee, the termination of the employment of the Employee with or without cause by the Issuer or an Affiliate or the cessation of employment of the Employee with the Issuer or an Affiliate, other than the Eligible Retirement, of the Employee; and (ii) in the case of a Consultant, the termination of the services of the Consultant by the Issuer or any Affiliate.
- (nn) "TSXV" means the TSX Venture Exchange.
- (00) **"TSXV Hold Period**" means the day that is four months and one day after the date of granting of the Award.
- (pp) "Vested" or "Vesting" means, with respect to an Award, that the applicable conditions established by the Granting Authority or this RSU/DSU Plan have been satisfied or, to the extent permitted under the RSU/DSU Plan, waived, whether or not the Participant's rights with respect to such Award may be conditioned upon prior or subsequent compliance with any confidentiality, non-competition or nonsolicitation obligations.

3. Administration

(a) <u>Powers of the Board and the Committee</u>. Subject to and consistent with the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan, applicable law and applicable rules of the Exchange, and subject to the provisions of any charter adopted by the Board with respect to the powers, authority and operation of the Committee (as amended from time to time), the Board will have the general power to administer the RSU/DSU Plan in accordance with its terms (including all powers specified in clause 3(a)(ii) hereof and make all determinations required or permitted to be made, provided, however, that the Board may delegate all or any portion of such powers to the Committee or to other committees and provided, further, that with respect to Awards of the Issuer's executive officers, the Committee shall have such powers as are set forth in clause 3(a)(i) hereof.

(i) <u>Specific Provisions Concerning Delegation of Authority to the Committee</u>. In addition to any authority of the Committee specified under any other terms of the RSU/DSU Plan, and notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, insofar as Awards under the RSU/DSU Plan are to be made to executive officers, the Committee will make recommendations to the Board with respect to Awards.

The foregoing shall not limit the Board in delegating any other powers to the Committee or in delegating any or all determinations or other powers with respect to certain types of Awards, including the full power to make Awards and to exercise the other powers set forth in clause 3(a)(ii) hereof and the other powers granted herein to the Granting Authority.

- (ii) <u>Specific Powers of the Granting Authority</u>. Without limiting the lead-in paragraph of subsection 3(a) hereof, the powers of the Granting Authority shall include the powers to, subject to subsection 10(c) hereof:
 - (1) interpret the RSU/DSU Plan and instruments of grant evidencing the Awards;
 - (2) prescribe, amend and rescind such procedures and policies, and make all determinations it deems necessary or desirable for the administration and interpretation of the RSU/DSU Plan and instruments of grant evidencing Awards;
 - (3) determine those Persons who are eligible to be Participants, grant one or more Awards to such Persons and approve or authorize the applicable form and terms of the related instrument of grant;
 - (4) determine the terms and conditions of Awards granted to any Participant, including, without limitation, and subject always to the RSU/DSU Plan (1) subject to subsection 4(b) and 4(c), the type, and number of Shares subject to an Award, (2) the conditions to the Vesting of an Award or any portion thereof, including terms relating to lump sum or instalment Vesting, the period for achievement of any applicable Performance Criteria as a condition to Vesting and the conditions, if any, upon which Vesting of any Award or portion thereof will be waived or accelerated without any further action by the Granting Authority, (3) the circumstances upon which an Award or any portion thereof shall be forfeited, cancelled or expire, (4) the consequences of a Termination with respect to an Award, including whether an Award shall be settled on a current or deferred basis, and (6) whether and the terms upon which any Shares delivered upon exercise or settlement of an Award must continue to be held by a Participant for any specified period;
 - (5) set forms of consideration, if any, to be paid with respect to the settlement of an Award (except to the extent certain forms of consideration must be paid to satisfy the requirements of applicable law);
 - (6) determine whether and the extent to which any Performance Criteria or other conditions applicable to Vesting of an Award have been satisfied or shall be waived or modified;

- (7) amend the terms of any instrument of grant or other documents evidencing Awards; provided, however, that subject to subsection 5(d) hereof, no amendment of an Award may, without the consent of the holder of the Award, adversely affect such Person's rights with respect to such Award in any material respect;
- (8) accelerate or waive any condition to the Vesting of any Award, all Awards, any class of Awards or Awards held by any group of Participants; and
- (9) determine whether and the extent to which adjustments shall be made pursuant to section 9 hereof and the terms of any such adjustments.

However, the Granting Authority shall not have any discretion under this subsection 3(a) or any other provisions of the RSU/DSU Plan that would modify the terms or conditions of any Award that is intended to be exempt from the definition of "salary deferral arrangement" in the ITA if the exercise of such discretion would cause the Award to not be or cease to be exempt. The Granting Authority will also exercise its discretion in good faith in accordance with the Issuer's intention that the terms of the Awards and the modifications or waivers permitted hereby are in compliance with applicable law and the rules of the Exchange.

- (b) <u>Effects of Granting Authority's Decision</u>. Any action taken, interpretation or determination made, or any rule or regulation adopted by the Granting Authority pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan shall be made in its sole discretion and shall be final, binding and conclusive on all affected Persons, including, without limitation, the Issuer, any of its Affiliates, any Grantee, holder or beneficiary of an Award, any shareholder and any Eligible Person.
- (c) Liability Limitation and Indemnification. No member of the Granting Authority or the Board generally shall be liable for any action or determination made in good faith pursuant to the RSU/DSU Plan or any instrument of grant evidencing any Award granted under the RSU/DSU Plan. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Issuer shall indemnify and save harmless, and shall advance and reimburse the expenses of, each Person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding in respect of the RSU/DSU Plan by reason of the fact that such Person is or was a member of the Granting Authority or is or was a member of the Board in respect of any claim, loss, damage or expense (including legal fees) arising therefrom.
- (d) Delegation and Administration. The Granting Authority may, in its discretion, delegate such of its powers, rights and duties under the RSU/DSU Plan, in ana as it may determine, from time to time, on terms and conditions as it may determine, except the Granting Authority shall not, and shall not be permitted to, delegate any such powers, rights or duties: (i) with respect to the grant, amendment, administration or settlement of any Award of a Participant, (ii) with respect to the establishment or determination of the achievement of the Performance Criteria, or (iii) with respect to any matter that would be in violation of applicable law or the rules of any Exchange. The Granting Authority may also appoint or engage a trustee, custodian or administrator to administer and implement the RSU/DSU Plan or any aspect of it, subject to the exception of the immediately preceding sentence hereof.

4. Shares Subject to the Plan

(a) <u>Aggregate Plan Limits</u>. Subject to adjustment pursuant to section 9 hereof, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be reserved for issue at any given time in connection with the Awards granted under this RSU/DSU Plan shall not exceed 6,017,976 Shares (being 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares as at November 15, 2021, the date on which the Board approved this RSU/DSU Plan) unless Disinterested Shareholder Approval for an additional listing of Shares under this RSU/DSU Plan has been obtained. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at no time shall the number of Shares that may be reserved for issue under this RSU/DSU Plan and the number of Shares that may be reserved for issue under the Stock Option Plan together exceed 10% of the total number of issue and outstanding Shares (calculated on a non-diluted basis) on the Grant Date.

- (b) <u>Certain Additional Limits</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this RSU/DSU Plan, as long as the Shares are listed on the TSXV,
 - (i) the number of Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan together with the Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any other employee-related plan of the Issuer or options for services granted by the Issuer, including the Stock Option Plan, to any one Person within a 12 month period shall not exceed in the aggregate 5% of the number of Shares issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the Grant Date unless the Issuer has received Disinterested Shareholder Approval;
 - (ii) the number of Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan together with the Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any other employee-related plan of the Issuer or options for services granted by the Issuer, including the Stock Option Plan, to all Insiders shall not exceed 10% of the number of Shares issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis at any point in time unless the Issuer has received Disinterested Shareholder Approval;
 - (iii) the number of Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan together with the Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any other employee-related plan of the Issuer or options for services granted by the Issuer, including the Stock Option Plan, to all Insiders within a 12 month period shall not exceed in the aggregate 10% of the number of Shares issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the Grant Date unless the Issuer has received Disinterested Shareholder Approval; and
 - (iv) the number of Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to this RSU/DSU Plan together with those Shares which may be reserved for issue pursuant to any other employeerelated plan of the Issuer or options for services granted by the Issuer, including the Stock Option Plan, to any one Consultant in any 12 month period shall not exceed 2% of the number of Shares issued and outstanding on a non-diluted basis on the Grant Date.

For the purposes of determining compliance with the above restrictions, the Granting Authority will take into account Shares reserved or issued pursuant to Options together with Shares reserved or issued pursuant to all of the Issuer's security-based compensation arrangements (including this RSU/DSU Plan) to the extent required by applicable law and applicable rules of the TSXV.

- (c) <u>Source of Shares</u>. Except as expressly provided in the RSU/DSU Plan, Shares delivered to Participants in connection with the exercise or settlement of Awards may be authorized but unissued Shares, Shares purchased in the open-market or in private transactions. The Board shall take such action as may be necessary to authorize and reserve for issue from unissued Shares such number of Shares as may be necessary to permit the Issuer to meet its obligations under the RSU/DSU Plan, provided, however, that the Issuer may satisfy its obligations from treasury shares or Shares purchased in the open market or private transactions. Any Shares purchased in open-market transactions by a non-independent trustee or purchasing agent will comply with Section 4.14 of TSXV Policy 4.4 *Securities Based Compensation*.
- (d) <u>Legends</u>. In addition to any resale restrictions required under applicable securities laws or the policies of the TSXV, all Awards issued to Insiders and any Shares issued upon the Vesting of the Awards prior to the expiry of the TSXV Hold Period, must be legended as prescribed under the policies of the TSXV with the TSXV Hold Period commencing on the date the Awards were granted.

5. General Provisions Relating to Awards

(a) <u>Eligibility</u>. Awards will be granted only to those Persons who are, at the time of the grant, Eligible Persons. If any Participant is (pursuant to the terms of his or her employment or otherwise) subject to a requirement that he or she not benefit personally from an Award, the Granting Authority may grant

any Award to which such Person would otherwise be entitled to the Person's employer or to any other entity designated by them that directly or indirectly imposes such requirement on the Person. The Granting Authority shall have the power to determine other eligibility requirements with respect to Awards or types of Awards.

- (b) <u>Terms of Grant</u>. Subject to the other express terms of this RSU/DSU Plan, grants of Awards under the RSU/DSU Plan shall contain such terms and conditions as the Granting Authority may specify. Without limiting the foregoing,
 - (i) Each Award granted under the RSU/DSU Plan shall be evidenced by an instrument of grant, in such form or forms as the Granting Authority shall approve from time to time, which shall set forth such terms and conditions consistent with the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan as the Granting Authority may determine. Each instrument of grant shall set forth, at a minimum, the type and Effective Date of the Award evidenced thereby, the number of Shares subject to such Awards and the applicable Vesting conditions, and shall include a representation of the Grantee that they are an Eligible Person. Reference in the RSU/DSU Plan to an instrument of grant shall include any supplements or amendments thereto.
 - (ii) The term or Restricted Period of each Award that is a Restricted Share Unit shall be for such period as may be determined by the Granting Authority, provided, however, that in no event shall the term of any Restricted Share Unit exceed a period of 10 years (or such other shorter term as may be required in respect of an Award so that such Award does not constitute a "salary deferral arrangement" as defined in subsection 248(1) of the ITA), subject to extension of such term where such term expires during the Restricted Period, provided that such extension may not be longer than 10 business days after the expiry of the Restricted Period.
 - (iii) The terms, conditions and/or restrictions contained in an Award may differ from terms, conditions and restrictions contained in any other Awards.
 - (iv) The Granting Authority may specify such other terms and conditions, consistent with the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan, as the Granting Authority shall determine or as shall be required under any other provisions of the RSU/DSU Plan. Such terms may include, without limitation, provisions requiring forfeiture of Awards in the event of termination of employment by the Participant and provisions permitting a Participant to make elections relating to his or her Award.
- (c) <u>Vesting Conditions</u>. Subject to terms of the RSU/DSU Plan, the Granting Authority shall determine any and all conditions to the Vesting of all and/or any portion of Awards and shall specify the material terms thereof in the applicable instrument of grant on, or as soon as reasonably practicable following, the Effective Date of the Award. Vesting of an Award, or portion thereof, may be conditioned upon passage of time, continued employment, satisfaction of Performance Criteria, or any combination of the foregoing, as determined by the Granting Authority.
- (d) <u>Change of Control</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Award or by direction of the Granting Authority as to all or any type of number of Awards, in the event of a Change of Control and notwithstanding any other Vesting or other restrictions or conditions, the Granting Authority may take whatever action with respect to the Awards outstanding that it deems necessary or desirable, including following:
 - (i) The Granting Authority may waive all restrictions and conditions of all Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units then outstanding with the result that those types of Awards shall be deemed satisfied, and the Restricted Period or other limitations on payment in full with respect thereto shall be deemed to have expired, as of the date of the Change of Control or such other date as may be determined by the Granting Authority, provided that, in no event shall a payment be made in respect of a Deferred Share Unit granted to a Participant prior to the date such Participant ceases to be an Employee or Director of the Issuer or of an Affiliate.

- (ii) Notwithstanding the above provision of this subsection 5(d), but subject to any contractual rights created by the terms of an Award, the Granting Authority shall not be required to take any action described in the preceding provisions, and any decision made by the Granting Authority, in its sole discretion, not to take some or all of the actions described in the preceding provisions shall be final, binding and conclusive with respect to the Issuer and all other interested Persons. Any acceleration of Vesting shall be deemed to have occurred immediately prior to the Change of Control, no matter when the determination of the Granting Authority occurs.
- (iii) If approved by the Board prior to or within 30 days after such time as a Change of Control shall be deemed to have occurred, the Board shall have at any time the right to require that all or any portion of the Awards be settled and discharged in cash based on the "cash value" of such Awards in lieu of settlement by issue of Shares. Such requirement may be specified in any arrangement relating to such Change of Control transaction to which the Issuer is a party or may be specified in any notice sent by the Issuer, which arrangement or notice may also specify the terms and timing of such settlement. If not so specified, the Board may require settlement at any time within a 45-day period immediately following the date that the Change of Control is deemed to have occurred. The Issuer may require Participants to verify the amount and completeness of any settlement of Awards as a condition to the final settlement and payment.
- (e) <u>Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares shall be issued under the RSU/DSU Plan and there shall be no entitlement or payment for any fractional Shares and no payment shall be made in lieu of a fractional Share.
- (f) <u>**Compliance with the ITA**</u>. The terms and conditions applicable to any Award (or portion thereof) granted to a Participant who is subject to taxation under the ITA are intended to comply with the ITA. Without limiting the foregoing,
 - (i) the terms of any such Award (or portion thereof) permitting the deferral of payment or other settlement thereof shall be subject to such requirements and shall be administered in such manner as the Committee may determine to be necessary or appropriate to comply with the applicable provisions of the ITA as in effect from time to time; and
 - (ii) any elections allowed to be exercised by a Participant shall be deemed to be void or shall be deemed amended or altered so as not to cause the Award to be considered a "salary deferral arrangement" under the ITA, as defined in subsection 248(1) or create adverse tax consequences under the ITA.

6. Restricted Share Units and Deferred Share Units

- (a) <u>Grants</u>. The Granting Authority may from time to time grant one or more Awards of Restricted Share Units and/or Deferred Share Units to Eligible Persons on such terms and conditions, consistent with the RSU/DSU Plan, as the Granting Authority shall determine and which terms shall be contained in a grant agreement substantially in the form annexed hereto as Schedule A (in respect of Restricted Share Units) and schedule B (in respect of Deferred Share Units).
- (b) <u>Vesting Terms</u>. Restricted Share Units shall become Vested at such times, in such instalments and subject to such terms and conditions consistent with subsection 5(c) hereof as may be determined by the Granting Authority and set forth in the applicable instrument of grant, provided that the conditions to Vesting of Restricted Share Units may be based on the Participant's continued employment and having regard to the satisfaction of any Performance Criteria established by the Granting Authority, provided however that Restricted Share Units shall become Vested and be paid out no later than December 31 of the third calendar year following the calendar year in which the Grantee rendered the services in respect of which the Award is being made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Restricted Share Units shall also Vest in accordance with the following terms, provided that the RSUs shall not vest

within one year of the date of grant except in the event of the death of the Participant or if the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person in connection with a Change of Control, takeover bid, reverse takeover or similar transaction:

- (i) upon the death of the Participant, a pro rata number of the unvested Restricted Share Units credited to the Participant, based on the portion of the applicable vesting period that has been completed as of the date of the death, will Vest on the date the Issuer is duly notified of the Participant's death. The Shares represented by the Restricted Share Units held by the Participant shall be issued, as determined by the Granting Authority, to the Participant's estate forthwith;
- (ii) in the case of Eligible Retirement of the Participant, a pro rata number of the unvested Restricted Share Units credited to the Participant, based on the portion of the applicable vesting period that has been completed as of the date of the Eligible Retirement will Vest on the date of Eligible Retirement, and the Shares represented by Restricted Share Units held by the Participant shall be issued to the Participant forthwith;
- (iii) in the case of total Disability of the Participant, a pro rata number of the unvested Restricted Share Units credited to the Participant, based on the portion of the applicable vesting period that has been completed as of the date of the total Disability will Vest within 60 days following the date on which the Participant is determined to be totally disabled, and the Shares represented by Restricted Share Units held by the Participant shall be issued to the Participant forthwith; and
- (iv) in the case of termination without cause by the Issuer of a Participant (other than Eligible Retirement), a pro rata number of the unvested Restricted Share Units credited to the Participant, based on the portion of the applicable vesting period that has been completed as of the date of the termination shall Vest on the date of such termination, and the Shares represented by Restricted Share Units held by the Participant shall be issued to the Participant forthwith. For clarity, where a Participant is terminated for cause or where the Participant has voluntarily terminated his/her employment or service with the Issuer, all unvested Restricted Share Units as at the date of such termination or cessation of service shall be immediately cancelled without liability or compensation therefor and be of no further force and effect.

Unless otherwise provided at the time of the grant, the Vesting of Deferred Share Units shall occur at such times, in such instalments and subject to such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Granting Authority and set forth in the applicable instrument of grant, provided that the DSUs shall not vest within one year of the date of grant except in the event of the death of the Participant or the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person in connection with a Change of Control, takeover bid, reverse takeover or similar transaction.

(c) <u>Settlement</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Granting Authority (including by the terms of the Award of the RSU/DSU Plan) and subject to the immediately preceding sentence and to subsection 0 hereof, Restricted Share Units shall be settled upon or as soon as reasonably practicable following the Vesting thereof and Deferred Share Units shall be settled on the third business day (or such other period of time as permitted by the Granting Authority under the grant agreement) following the Eligible Retirement or death of the applicable Participant or at the time the Participant otherwise ceases to hold office subject to payment or other satisfaction of all related withholding obligations in accordance with the provisions of this RSU/DSU Plan.

Settlement of Restricted Share Units and Deferred Shares Units in Shares shall be made by payment of (i) delivery of one Share for each such Restricted Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit then being settled; or (ii) subject to the approval of the Board, in its sole discretion, a cash equivalent.

Upon payment of any amount pursuant to settlement of Deferred Share Units or Restricted Share Units granted under this section 6 in Shares or by a cash equivalent, the particular Deferred Share Units or Restricted Share Units in respect of which such payment was made shall be cancelled and no further payments (whether in Shares, cash or otherwise) shall be made in relation to such Deferred Share Units or Restricted Share Units.

If any Restricted Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit is cancelled in accordance with the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan or the agreements evidencing the grant, the Shares reserved for issue pursuant to such Award shall, upon cancellation of such Restricted Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit, as applicable, revert to the RSU/DSU Plan and shall be available for other Awards. For purposes of this section 6(b), any Restricted Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit that is settled through the issuance of Shares from treasury shall not be considered cancelled, and that number of Shares issued shall not be available for other Awards.

- (d) <u>**Dividend Equivalents.**</u> Neither the Participant nor his or her legal personal representative shall have any rights or privileges of a shareholder in respect of any of the Shares issuable upon exercise of the Award granted to him or her (including any right to receive dividends or other distributions therefrom or thereon) unless and until certificates representing such Shares have been issued and delivered.
- (e) <u>Timing Requirements</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the RSU/DSU Plan, all amounts payable to, or in respect of a Grantee in respect of Deferred Share Units including, without limitation, the delivery of Shares, shall not be made prior to the date such Grantee ceases to be an Eligible Person and shall be paid or delivered on or before December 31 of the calendar year commencing immediately following the date the Grantee ceases to be an Eligible Person. All Deferred Share Units granted to a Participant shall have such terms and conditions as are necessary to comply with paragraph 6801(d) of the Regulations of the ITA.

(f) <u>No Other Benefit</u>.

- (i) No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, a Participant (or a Person with whom the Participant does not deal at arm's length within the meaning of the ITA) under the RSU/DSU Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the price of a Share or the value of any Award granted, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, a Participant (or a person with whom the Participant does not deal at arm's length within the meaning of the ITA), for such purpose.
- (ii) The Issuer makes no representations or warranties to Participants with respect to the RSU/DSU Plan or any Deferred Share Units or Restricted Share Units whatsoever. Participants are expressly advised that the value of any Deferred Share Units or Restricted Share Units in the RSU/DSU Plan will fluctuate as the trading price of the Shares fluctuates.
- (iii) In seeking the benefits of participation in the RSU/DSU Plan, a Participant agrees to exclusively accept all risks associated with a decline in the trading price of the Shares and all other risks associated with the holding of Deferred Share Units or Restricted Share Units.

7. Consequences of Termination

- (a) <u>General Provisions</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Granting Authority (including by the terms of the Award or the RSU/DSU Plan).
 - (i) If a Grantee is terminated for any reason whatsoever other than death, total Disability, Eligible Retirement, termination without cause by the Issuer, subject to subsection 6(b) hereof, any non-vested Award granted pursuant to the RSU/DSU Plan outstanding at the time of such termination and all rights thereunder shall wholly and completely terminate and no further Vesting shall occur.

- (ii) If employment of a Grantee is terminated for cause or retirement which is not Eligible Retirement or is otherwise voluntarily terminated by the Grantee, any non-Vested Award granted pursuant to the RSU/DSU Plan outstanding at the time of such termination and all rights thereunder shall wholly and completely terminate and no further Vesting shall occur.
- (b) **Discretion of the Granting Authority**. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof and without limiting the discretion of the Granting Authority, the Granting Authority may (whether by terms of the Award or by its election notwithstanding the terms of an Award):
 - (i) allow non-Vested Awards to be treated as Vested upon termination of employment or service of a Participant, as to any or all of termination, death or total Disability;
 - (ii) provide that the Awards with respect to certain classes, types or groups of Participants will have different acceleration, forfeiture, termination, continuation or other terms than other classes, types or groups of Participants;
 - (iii) provide for the continuation of any Award for such period which is not longer than 12 months and upon such terms and conditions as are determined by the Granting Authority in the event that a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person;
 - (iv) subject to the applicable rules of the Exchange, provide that Vested Awards may be exercised for periods longer or different from those set forth in subsection 7(a) hereof; or
 - (v) set any other terms for the exercise or termination of Awards upon termination of employment or service.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Awards granted to Participants who are subject to the ITA shall be on terms that will be designed to prevent them from being considered a "salary deferral arrangement" as defined in subsection 248(1) of the ITA.

(c) Leave of Absence. If an Employee is on sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence, such Person shall be considered an "Employee" for purposes of an outstanding Award during the period of such leave, provided that it does not exceed 90 days (or such longer period as may be determined by the Granting Authority in its sole discretion), or, if longer, so long as the Person's right to reemployment is guaranteed either by statute or by contract. If the period of leave exceeds 90 days (or such longer period as may be determined by the Granting Authority in its sole discretion), the employment relationship shall be deemed to have been terminated on the 91st day (or the first day immediately following any period of leave in excess of 90 days as approved by the Granting Authority) of such leave, unless the Person's right to reemployment is guaranteed by statute or contract.

8. Transferability

- (a) <u>Transfer Restrictions</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the instrument of grant evidencing an Award, no Award, and no rights or interests therein, shall or may be assigned, transferred, sold, exchanged, encumbered, pledged or otherwise hypothecated or disposed of by a Participant other than by testamentary disposition by the Participant or the laws of intestate succession. No such interest shall be subject to execution, attachment or similar legal process including without limitation seizure for payment of the Participant's debts, judgments, alimony or separate maintenance.
- (b) <u>Transfer upon Death of Participant</u>. In the case where transfer is made following the death of a Participant to the Participant's legal personal representative, such legal personal representative may only receive the entitlement under the Award provided that it is exercised (if exercisable) at any time up to and including, but not after, 5:00 p.m. (Calgary time) on the date which is one year following the date of death of the Participant or up to 5:00 p.m. (Calgary time) on the date on which the Award granted to such participant expires, whichever is the earlier; such entitlement shall only occur in cases

where the Award has Vested in accordance with the provisions of the RSU/DSU Plan and where it is found that the Participant is legally entitled to the Award.

9. Adjustments

(a) No Restriction on Action. The existence of the RSU/DSU Plan and/or the Awards granted hereunder shall not limit, affect or restrict in any way the right or power of the Board or the shareholders of the Issuer to make or authorize (i) any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the capital structure or business of the Issuer, (ii) any merger, consolidation, amalgamation or change in ownership of the Issuer, (iii) any issue of bonds, debentures, capital, preferred or prior preference shares ahead of or affecting the capital Share of the Issuer or the rights thereof, (iv) any dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer, (v) any sale or transfer of all or any part of the assets or business of the Issuer, or (vi) any other corporate act or proceeding with respect to the Issuer. No Participant or any other Person shall have any claim against any member of the Board or the Granting Authority, or the Issuer or any employees, officers or agents of the Issuer as a result of any such action.

(b) <u>Recapitalization Adjustment</u>

- (i) In the event that (A) a dividend shall be declared upon the Shares or other securities of the Issuer payable in Shares or other securities of the Issuer, (B) the outstanding Shares shall be changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares or securities of the Issuer or of another corporation or entity, whether through an arrangement, plan of arrangement, amalgamation, or other similar statutory procedure or a share recapitalization, subdivision, consolidation or otherwise, (C) there shall be any change, other than those specified in (A) or (B) above, in the number or kind of outstanding Shares or of any securities into which such Shares shall have been changed or for which they shall have been exchanged, or (D) there shall be a distribution of assets or shares to shareholders of the Issuer out of the ordinary course of business then, the Granting Authority shall determine whether an adjustment in the number of kind of Shares theretofore authorized but not yet covered by Awards, in the number or kind of Shares theretofore subject to outstanding Awards, in the number or kind of Shares generally available for Awards or available in any calendar year under the RSU/DSU Plan and/or such other adjustment as may be appropriate should be made, in order to ensure that, after any such event, the Shares subject to the RSU/DSU Plan and each Participant's proportionate interest shall be maintained substantially as before the occurrence of the event, and if the Granting Authority determines that an adjustment should be made, such adjustment shall be made and be effective and binding for all purposes. Any such adjustment other than a Share consolidation or Share split shall be subject to approval of the TSXV.
- (ii) Any adjustment to any Award granted to a Participant which has been designed to fall within a specific exemption to the definition of "salary deferral arrangement" in subsection 248(1) of the ITA shall be such as to ensure the continued availability of such exemption.

10. Amendment and Termination

- (a) <u>General</u>. Subject to the provisions of subsection 10(c) hereof, the Board may amend, suspend or terminate this RSU/DSU Plan, or any portion thereof, at any time, subject to those provisions of applicable law and the rules of the Exchange, if any, that require the approval of shareholders or any governmental regulatory body.
- (b) <u>Amendments Specifically Permitted</u>. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may make the following types of amendments to the RSU/DSU Plan without seeking shareholder approval (unless and to the extent prohibited by applicable law or rule of an Exchange):

- (i) amendments of a technical, clerical or "housekeeping" nature including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any amendments for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, error or omission in the RSU/DSU Plan or to correct or supplement any provision of the RSU/DSU Plan that is inconsistent with any other provision of the RSU/DSU Plan;
- (ii) amendments necessary to comply with the provisions of applicable law and the applicable rules of the Exchange;
- (iii) amendments necessary in order for Awards to qualify for favourable treatment under the ITA or under the United States Internal Revenue Code;
- (iv) amendments respecting administration of the RSU/DSU Plan; and
- (v) any other amendment, whether fundamental or otherwise, not requiring shareholder approval under applicable law or the rules of the Exchange.
- (c) <u>Shareholder Approval</u>. To the extent required by applicable law or by the rules of the Exchange, shareholder approval will be required for the following types of amendments:
 - (i) any amendment extending the term of an Award beyond its original expiry date except as otherwise permitted by the RSU/DSU Plan;
 - (ii) any amendment extending eligibility to participate in the RSU/DSU Plan to persons other than Eligible Persons;
 - (iii) any amendment permitting the transfer of Awards, other than for normal estate settlement purposes or to a trust governed by a registered retirement savings plan, registered retirement income fund, tax free savings account, registered education savings plan or similar plan;
 - (iv) any amendment increasing the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be subject to issue at any given time in connection with Awards granted under the RSU/DSU Plan;
 - (v) any amendment to these amendment provisions;
 - (vi) any amendments to the vesting provision of the RSU/DSU Plan or any Award;
 - (vii) any amendments to the early termination provisions of the RSU/DSU Plan or any Award, whether or not such Award is held by an Insider, provided such amendment does not entail an extension of an Award beyond the original expiry date;
 - (viii) any amendments in the termination provision of the RSU/DSU Plan or any Award, other than an Award held by an Insider in the case of an amendment extending the term of an Award, provided any such amendment does not entail an extension of the expiry date of such Award beyond its original expiry date;
 - (ix) adjustments to outstanding Awards in the event of a Change of Control or similar transaction entered into by the Issuer;
 - (x) amendments necessary to suspend or terminate the RSU/DSU Plan;
 - (xi) the adoption of any option exchange involving an Award; and
 - (xii) any other amendment required to be approved by shareholder under applicable law or rules of an Exchange.

To the extent of any conflict between subsection 10(b) and subsection 10(c) hereof, subsection 10(c) shall prevail.

11. Regulatory Approval

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Issuer shall not be obligated to cause to be issued any Shares or cause to be issued and delivered any certificates evidencing Shares pursuant to the RSU/DSU Plan, unless and until the Issuer is advised by its legal counsel that the issue and delivery of the Shares and such Share certificates is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, rules, orders of governmental or regulatory authorities in Canada, the United States and any other applicable jurisdiction, and the requirements of the Exchange. The Issuer shall in no event be obligated to take any action in order to cause the issue or delivery of Shares or such certificates to comply with any such laws, regulations, and delivery of such Shares or certificates and in order to ensure compliance with such laws, regulations, rules, orders and requirements, that the Participant, or any permitted transferee of the Participant under section 7 hereof or, after his or her death, the Participant's estate, as described in section 7 hereof, make such covenants, agreements and representations as the Granting Authority deems necessary or desirable.

12. No Additional Rights

No Person shall have any claim or right to be granted Awards under the RSU/DSU Plan, and the grant of any Awards under the RSU/DSU Plan shall not be construed as giving a Participant any right to continue in the employment of the Issuer or affect the right of the Issuer to terminate the employment of a Participant. Unless otherwise determined by the Granting Authority, neither any period of notice, if any, nor any payment in lieu thereof, upon Termination shall be considered as extending the period of employment for the purposes of the RSU/DSU Plan.

13. Miscellaneous Provision

- (a) Shareholder Rights. A Participant shall not have the right or be entitled to exercise any voting rights, receive any dividends or have or be entitled to any other rights as a shareholder in respect of Shares subject to an Award unless and until such Shares have been paid for in full and issued and certificates therefor have been issued to the Participant. A Participant entitled to Shares as result of the settlement of a Restricted Share Unit or Deferred Share Unit shall not be deemed for any purpose to be, or have any such rights as a shareholder of the Issuer by virtue of such exercise or settlement, except to the extent a Share certificate is issued therefor and then only from the date such certificate is issued. No adjustment shall be made for dividends or distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such Share certificate is issued.
- (b) <u>Withholding</u>. The Issuer or any Affiliate may withhold from any amount payable to a Participant, either under this RSU/DSU Plan or otherwise, such amount as may be necessary so as to ensure that the Issuer or any Affiliate will be able to comply with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial, state or local law relating to the withholding of tax or that any other required deductions are paid or otherwise satisfied, at the minimum statutory rate. Subject to the other provisions of the RSU/DSU Plan, the Issuer shall also have the right in its discretion to satisfy any such liability for withholding or other required deduction amounts by retaining or acquiring any Shares, or retaining any amount payable, which would otherwise be issued or delivered, provided or paid to a Participant hereunder. The Issuer may require a Participant, as a condition to the settlement of a Restricted Share Unit or a Deferred Share Unit, to pay or reimburse the Issuer for any such withholding (at the minimum statutory rate) or other required deduction amounts related to the settlement of Restricted Share Units or Deferred Share Units.
- (c) <u>Governing Law</u>. The RSU/DSU Plan, all instruments of grant evidencing Awards granted hereunder and any other agreements or other documents relating to the RSU/DSU Plan shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of Alberta (and the federal laws having application therein), except to the extent the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan, any supplement to the RSU/DSU Plan, or the Award in question expressly provides for application of the laws of another jurisdiction. The Granting Authority may provide that any dispute as to any Award shall be presented and determined in such forum as the Granting Authority may specify, including through binding

arbitration. Any reference in the RSU/DSU Plan, in any instruments of grant evidencing Awards granted hereunder or in any other agreement or document relating to the RSU/DSU Plan to a provision of law or to a rule or regulation shall be deemed to include any successor law, rule or regulation of similar effect or applicability.

- (d) <u>Compliance with Securities Laws</u>. The obligation of the Issuer to issue and deliver Shares in accordance with the RSU/DSU Plan is subject to applicable securities legislation and to the receipt of any approvals that may be required from any regulatory authority or stock exchange having jurisdiction over the securities of the Issuer. If Shares cannot be issued to a Participant upon the exercise of an Award for any reason whatsoever, the obligation of the Issuer to issue such Shares shall terminate and any funds paid to the Issuer in connection with the exercise of such Award will be returned to the relevant Participant as soon as practicable.
- (e) <u>Compliance with Laws of Other Jurisdictions</u>. Awards may be granted to Participants who are citizens or residents of a jurisdiction other than Canada or the United States on such terms and conditions different from those under the RSU/DSU Plan as may be determined by the Granting Authority to be necessary or advisable to achieve the purposes of the RSU/DSU Plan while also complying with applicable local laws, customs and tax practices, including any such terms and conditions as my be set forth in any supplement to the RSU/DSU Plan intended to govern the terms of any such Award. In no event shall the eligibility, grant, exercise or settlement of an Award constitute a term of employment, or entitlement with respect to employment, of any employee.
- (f) Funding. Except as would not result in adverse tax consequences to a Participant, no provision of the RSU/DSU Plan shall require or permit the Issuer, for the purpose of satisfying any obligations under the RSU/DSU Plan, to purchase assets or place any assets in a trust or other entity to which contributions are made or otherwise to segregate any assets, nor shall the Issuer maintain separate bank accounts, books, records or other evidence of the existence of a segregated or separately maintained or administered fund for such purposes. Participants shall have no rights under the RSU/DSU Plan other than as unsecured general creditors of the Issuer, except that insofar as they may have become entitled to payment of additional compensation by performance of services, they shall have the same rights as other Eligible Persons under general law.
- (g) <u>No Guarantee of Tax Consequences</u>. Neither the Board, nor the Issuer nor the Granting Authority makes any commitment or guarantee that any specific tax treatment will apply or be available to any Person participating or eligible to participate hereunder.

14. Effective Date and Term of RSU/DSU Plan

- (a) Effective Date of the Plan. The RSU/DSU Plan shall initially become effective on the Shareholder Approval Date, and any subsequent amendments to the RSU/DSU Plan, shall become effective upon their adoption by the Board, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Issuer at the next annual meeting of shareholders of the Issuer or any adjournment thereof, to the extent required. The effective date of this RSU/DSU Plan, as so amended, shall be the date of approval by the shareholders of the Issuer. If the shareholders do not approve the RSU/DSU Plan, or any amendments to the RSU/DSU Plan requiring shareholder approval, the RSU/DSU Plan or such amendments shall not be effective, and any and all actions taken prior thereto under the amendments effected hereby, including the making of any Awards subject to such approval being obtained, shall be null and void or shall, if necessary, be deemed to have been fully rescinded. However, in such case the Stock Option Plan shall remain in effect.
- (b) Effect on Existing Awards. Subject to subsection 14(a) hereof all new Awards granted on or after the effective date of the amendments as provided in subsection 14(a) hereof are granted under and subject to the terms of this RSU/DSU Plan as amended and restated and all outstanding Options granted under the Stock Option Plan shall continue to be governed by the terms of the Stock Option Plan and to the terms of their individual option agreements as in effect from time to time including provisions concerning change of control or other related events.

(c) <u>Termination</u>. The Board may suspend or terminate the RSU/DSU Plan at any time, provided that such suspension or termination shall not affect any Awards that became effective pursuant to the RSU/DSU Plan prior to such termination or suspension. The RSU/DSU Plan shall automatically terminate on failure to receive requisite shareholder confirmation every year (or such other period of time as required by the Exchange) from the date of its initial approval by shareholders provided that such termination shall not affect any Awards that became effective pursuant to the RSU/DSU Plan prior to such termination.

SCHEDULE A RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT AGREEMENT

[All Awards issued to Insiders must include the following legend:

Without prior written approval of the TSX Venture Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities represented by this agreement and the shares issuable upon the vesting thereof may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of TSX Venture Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until [insert the date that is four months and one day after the Grant Date of the Award].

THIS RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made as of the • day of •, •.

BETWEEN:

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

(herein called the "Issuer")

- and -

(herein called the "Grantee")

This Agreement is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Issuer's Restricted Share Unit and Deferred Share Unit Compensation Plan (in effect from time to time, the "**RSU/DSU Plan**"), which is incorporated by reference herein. The Grantee accepts the terms and conditions of the RSU/DSU Plan and all rules and procedures adopted thereunder, as amended from time to time. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan, the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan shall prevail. Certain terms with initial capital letters used in this Agreement have the meanings set out in the RSU/DSU Plan.

Each RSU (as defined below) granted to the Grantee hereunder represents a right of the Grantee to receive one common share of the Issuer as presently constituted (each a "**Share**") on the terms set out herein.

The Issuer has granted to the Grantee, as of the Grant Date set out in exhibit 1 attached hereto, that number of restricted share units (the "**RSUs**") equal to the number of RSUs set out in exhibit 1 attached hereto, upon the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement, including the following:

Restricted Share Units. Each RSU granted to the Grantee hereunder represents a right of the Grantee to receive one Share on the date the said RSU vests.

Grantee's Notional Account. The Issuer shall maintain in its books a notional account for the Grantee (the "**Grantee's Account**") recording the number of RSUs granted to the Grantee and the number of RSUs that have Vested. Upon payment in satisfaction of vested RSUs through Shares or cash, such Vested RSUs shall be cancelled.

Vesting. Subject to the earlier vesting provisions set out herein, the RSUs granted by the Issuer to the Grantee as set out on exhibit 1 attached hereto shall vest in accordance with the vesting provisions set out on exhibit 1 attached hereto (provided that in no event will the Grantee become entitled to acquire a fraction of a Share).

Notwithstanding the vesting provisions above, in the event of a Change of Control while the Grantee is employed by the Issuer or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer or in the event that the Grantee terminates employment with the Issuer and its Subsidiaries by reason of Eligible Retirement, death or total Disability (as determined by the Committee in good faith) (each an "Accelerated Vesting Event"), the non-vested RSUs will:

- (i) in the case of a Change of Control, Eligible Retirement or death being the Accelerated Vesting Event, immediately become 100% vested, or
- (ii) in the case of total Disability being the Accelerated Vesting Event, vest on the 60th day following the Grantee's termination.

If the Grantee terminates employment with the Issuer and its Subsidiaries for any reason other than such Eligible Retirement, total Disability or death or termination without cause, any non-vested RSUs granted hereunder will be immediately cancelled without liability or compensation therefor and be of no further force and effect. For clarity, where the Grantee voluntarily terminates his/her employment with the Issuer or is otherwise terminated by the Issuer for cause, all non-Vested RSUs of the Grantee shall be immediately cancelled without compensation or liability therefor and be of no further force and effect.

In no event will the Grantee become entitled to acquire a fraction of a Share:

Settlement of Vested RSUs. Payment to the Grantee in respect of Vested RSUs will be made in the form of (i) fully paid Shares, which will be evidenced by book entry registration or by a certificate registered in the name of the Grantee; or (ii) subject to approval of the Board, in its sole discretion, a cash equivalent, as soon as practicable following the date on which the RSUs become Vested; provided that the settlement date shall not be later than the third anniversary of the Grant Date and all payments in respect of Vested RSUs in the Grantee's Account shall be paid in full on or before December 31 of the same calendar year.

No Shareholder Rights. The Grantee will have none of the rights of a shareholder of the Issuer with respect to any Shares underlying the RSUs, including the right to vote such shares and receive any dividends that may be paid thereon, until such time, if any, that the Grantee has been determined to be a shareholder of record by the Issuer's transfer agent or one or more certificates of Shares are delivered to the Grantee in settlement thereof. Further, nothing herein will confer upon the Grantee any right to remain in the employ of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries.

RSUs Non-Transferable. RSUs are non-transferable (except to a Grantee's estate as contemplated

under this Agreement).

No Other Benefit. No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, the Grantee under the RSU/DSU Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the value of the Shares, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, the Grantee for such purpose.

The Issuer makes no representations or warranties to the Grantee with respect to the RSU/DSU Plan or the RSUs whatsoever. The Grantee is expressly advised that the value of the RSUs in the RSU/DSU Plan will fluctuate as the value of Shares fluctuates.

In seeking the benefits of participation in the RSU/DSU Plan, the Grantee agrees to exclusively accept all risks associated with a decline in the value of Shares and all other risks associated with participation in the RSU/DSU Plan.

Withholding Tax. As set out in section 13 of the RSU/DSU Plan, if the Issuer determines that under the requirements of applicable tax laws the Issuer is obligated to withhold for remittance to any taxing authority any amount, the Issuer may require the Grantee to pay to the Issuer, such amount as the Issuer is obliged to remit in connection with the issue of the Shares as set out in section 13 of the RSU/DSU Plan.

Income Taxes. The Grantee acknowledges that he/she will be liable for income tax relating to grants and dispositions of RSUs. The Grantee hereby acknowledges that the Issuer is making no representation to him/her regarding taxes applicable to the Grantee and the Grantee will confirm the tax treatment with his/her own tax advisor.

No Inducement. By executing a copy of this Agreement, the Grantee hereby accepts the grant of RSUs and hereby confirms and acknowledges that his or her participation in the RSU/DSU Plan is voluntary and that he or she has not

been induced to enter into this Agreement or participate in RSU/DSU Plan by expectation of employment or continued employment with the Issuer.

Reorganization. The existence of any RSUs shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Issuer or its shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Issuer's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Issuer or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Issuer or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer 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.

Binding Effect. This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Issuer and the Grantee and each of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and Permitted Assigns.

Unfunded and Unsecured RSU/DSU Plan. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, this Agreement and the RSU/DSU Plan shall be unfunded and the Issuer will not secure its obligations under this Agreement or the RSU/DSU Plan. To the extent any Grantee or his or her estate holds any rights by virtue of a grant of RSUs under this Agreement, such rights (unless otherwise determined by the Board) shall be no greater than the rights of an unsecured creditor of the Issuer.

Eligible Person. The Grantee represents and warrants to the Issuer that at the time of Grant Date they are an Eligible Person (as defined in the RSU/DSU Plan).

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the Province of Alberta and the laws of Canada applicable therein, without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

Effective Date. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the Grant Date.

Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the RSU/DSU Plan or Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision and any invalid or unenforceable provision shall be severed from this Agreement.

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

Name: Title: Date:

GRANTEE

Signature of Grantee

Name: Title: Date:

EXHIBIT 1 TO SCHEDULE A

CASSIAR GOLD CORP

RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT AND DEFERRED SHARE UNIT COMPENSATION PLAN

NOTICE OF RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS GRANTED

Grantee:	
Address:	
You have been granted Restricted Share Units	s of Cassiar Gold Corp. (the "Issuer"), as follows:
Grant Date:	-
Number of Restricted Share Units:	
Starting Value of Restricted Share Unit Grant:	
Vesting Schedule:	

By your signature and the signature of the Issuer's representative below, you and the Issuer agree that this Restricted Share Unit Grant is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Issuer's Restricted Share Unit and Deferred Share Unit Compensation Plan, as amended from time to time.

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

Name: Title: Date:

GRANTEE

Signature of Grantee

Name: Title: Date:

SCHEDULE B DEFERRED SHARE UNIT AGREEMENT

[All Awards issued to Insiders must include the following legend:

Without prior written approval of the TSX Venture Exchange and compliance with all applicable securities legislation, the securities represented by this agreement and the shares issuable upon the vesting thereof may not be sold, transferred, hypothecated or otherwise traded on or through the facilities of TSX Venture Exchange or otherwise in Canada or to or for the benefit of a Canadian resident until [insert the date that is four months and one day after the Grant Date of the Award].

THIS DEFERRED SHARE UNIT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made as of the • day of •, •.

BETWEEN:

CASSIAR GOLD CORP

(herein called the "Issuer")

- and -

(herein called the "Grantee")

This Agreement is made pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Issuer's Restricted Share Unit and Deferred Share Unit Compensation Plan (in effect from time to time, the "**RSU/DSU Plan**"), which is incorporated by reference herein. The Grantee accepts the terms and conditions of the RSU/DSU Plan and all rules and procedures adopted thereunder, as amended from time to time. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan, the terms of the RSU/DSU Plan shall prevail. Certain terms with initial capital letters used in this Agreement have the meanings set out in the RSU/DSU Plan.

The Issuer has granted to the Grantee, as of the Grant Date set out in exhibit 1 attached hereto, that number of deferred share units (the "**DSUs**") equal to the number of DSUs set out in exhibit 1 attached hereto upon the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement, including the following:

Definitions:

- (a) "Distribution Date" means either the Separation Date or such later date as the Grantee may elect (by written notice delivered to the Issuer prior to the Separation Date), provided that in no event shall a Grantee be permitted to elect a date which is later than December 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Separation Date occurs. In the case of death of a Grantee, the Distribution Date shall have the meaning ascribed to it under section 5 hereof;
- (b) "**Related Entity**" has the meaning ascribed to the term "related entity" in section 2.22 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* of the Canadian Securities Administrators, as amended from time to time; and
- (c) "Separation Date" means the date on which the Grantee ceases service as a director, and is not at that time an employee or officer, of the Issuer or a Related Entity.

Deferred Share Units. Each Vested DSU granted to the Grantee hereunder represents a right of the Grantee to receive one Share on the Distribution Date.

<u>Grantee's Notional Account</u>. The Issuer shall maintain in its books a notional account for the Grantee (the "Grantee's Account") recording the number of DSUs granted to the Grantee and the number of DSUs that have Vested. Upon

<u>Vesting</u>. Subject to the earlier vesting provisions set out herein, the DSUs granted by the Issuer to the Grantee as set out on exhibit 1 attached hereto shall vest in accordance with the vesting provisions set out on exhibit 1 attached hereto, provided that where a Grantee is terminated for cause, resigns or, in the case of a director of the Issuer, is otherwise removed as a result of losing his/her eligibility to serve on the Board due to an order by a regulatory body or stock exchange or for culpable conduct as determined by the Granting Authority, all unvested DSUs in the Grantee's account shall be immediately cancelled without liability or compensation therefor and be of no further force and effect (unless otherwise determined by the Granting Authority).

Notwithstanding the vesting provisions above, in the event of a Change of Control while the Grantee is employed by or is a director of the Issuer or a Related Entity or in the event of the Grantee being terminated without cause, the non-vested DSUs will immediately become 100% vested.

In no event will the Grantee become entitled to acquire a fraction of a Share.

Distribution of Vested DSUs. The Issuer shall within 10 business days after the Distribution Date (i) issue to the Grantee a number of Shares equal to the number of Vested DSUs in the Grantee's Account, which will be evidenced by book entry registration or by a certificate registered in the name of the Grantee; or (ii) subject to approval of the Board, in its sole discretion, a cash equivalent, In the case of a Grantee's Death, the Distribution Date shall be on or before the 30th business day after the Issuer is duly notified of the death of the Grantee and such distribution shall be made to the estate of the Grantee.

<u>Reporting of DSUs</u>. Statements of the Grantee's Account will be provided to Grantees on an annual basis.

No Shareholder Rights. The Grantee will have none of the rights of a shareholder of the Issuer with respect to any Shares underlying the DSUs, including the right to vote such shares and receive any dividends that may be paid thereon, until such time, if any, that the Grantee has been determined to be a shareholder of record by the Issuer's transfer agent or one or more certificates of Shares are delivered to the Grantee in settlement thereof. Further, nothing herein will confer upon the Grantee any right to remain in the employ of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries.

DSUs Non-Transferable. DSUs are non-transferable (except to a Grantee's estate as provided for in this Agreement).

No Other Benefit. No amount will be paid to, or in respect of, the Grantee under the RSU/DSU Plan to compensate for a downward fluctuation in the value of the Shares, nor will any other form of benefit be conferred upon, or in respect of, the Grantee for such purpose.

The Issuer makes no representations or warranties to the Grantee with respect to the RSU/DSU Plan or the DSUs whatsoever. The Grantee is expressly advised that the value of the DSUs in the RSU/DSU Plan will fluctuate as the value of Shares fluctuates.

In seeking the benefits of participation in the RSU/DSU Plan, the Grantee agrees to exclusively accept all risks associated with a decline in the value of Shares and all other risks associated with participation in the RSU/DSU Plan.

<u>Withholding Tax</u>. As set out in section 13 of the RSU/DSU Plan, if the Issuer determines that under the requirements of applicable tax laws, the Issuer is obligated to withhold for remittance to any taxing authority any amount, the Issuer may require the Grantee to pay to the Issuer, such amount as the Issuer is obliged to remit in connection with the issue of the Shares as set out in section 13 of the RSU/DSU Plan.

Income Taxes: The Grantee acknowledges that he/she will be liable for income tax relating to grants and dispositions of DSUs. The Grantee hereby acknowledges that the Issuer is making no representation to him/her regarding taxes applicable to the Grantee and the Grantee will confirm the tax treatment with his/her own tax advisor.

No Inducement. By executing a copy of this Agreement, the Grantee hereby accepts the grant of DSUs and hereby confirms and acknowledges that his or her participation in the RSU/DSU Plan is voluntary and that he or she has not been induced to enter into this Agreement or participate in RSU/DSU Plan by expectation of employment or continued employment with the Issuer.

<u>Reorganization</u>. The existence of any DSUs shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Issuer or its shareholders to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Issuer's capital structure or its business, or any amalgamation, combination, merger or consolidation involving the Issuer or to create or issue any bonds, debentures, shares or other securities of the Issuer or the rights and conditions attaching thereto or to effect the dissolution or liquidation of the Issuer 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.

Binding Effect. This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Issuer and the Grantee and each of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and Permitted Assigns.

<u>Unfunded and Unsecured RSU/DSU Plan</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, this Agreement and the RSU/DSU Plan shall be unfunded and the Issuer will not secure its obligations under this Agreement or the RSU/DSU Plan. To the extent any Grantee or his or her estate holds any rights by virtue of a grant of DSUs under this Agreement, such rights (unless otherwise determined by the Board) shall be no greater than the rights of an unsecured creditor of the Issuer.

<u>Eligible Person</u>. The Grantee represents and warrants to the Issuer that at the time of Grant Date they are an Eligible Person (as defined in the RSU/DSU Plan).

<u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the Province of Alberta and the laws of Canada applicable therein, without regard to principles of conflict of laws.

Effective Date. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the Grant Date.

<u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the RSU/DSU Plan or this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision and any invalid or unenforceable provision shall be severed from this Agreement.

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

Name: Title: Date:

GRANTEE

Signature of Grantee

Name: Title: Date:

EXHIBIT 1 TO SCHEDULE B

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

RESTRICTED SHARE UNIT AND DEFERRED SHARE UNIT COMPENSATION PLAN

NOTICE OF DEFERRED SHARE UNITS GRANTED

Vesting Schedule:

By your signature and the signature of the Issuer's representative below, you and the Issuer agree that this Deferred Share Unit Grant is granted under and governed by the terms and conditions of the Issuer's Restricted Share Unit and Deferred Share Unit Compensation Plan, as amended from time to time.

CASSIAR GOLD CORP.

Name: Title: Date:

GRANTEE

Signature of Grantee

Name: Title:

Date: