

NYSE Corporate Governance

The Company's common shares are listed on the NYSE. Sections 103.00 and 303A.11 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual permit foreign private issuers to follow home country practices in lieu of certain provisions of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. A foreign private issuer that follows home country practices in lieu of certain provision of the NYSE Listed Company Manual must disclose any significant ways in which its corporate governance practices differ from those followed by domestic companies either on its website or in the annual report that it distributes to shareholders in the United States. A description of the significant ways in which the Company's governance practices differ from those followed by domestic companies pursuant to NYSE standards is as follows:

Shareholder Meeting Quorum Requirement: The NYSE is of the opinion that the quorum required for any meeting of shareholders should be sufficiently high to insure a representative vote. The Company's quorum requirement is set forth in its Memorandum and Articles. A quorum for a meeting of members of the Company is two persons who are, or who represent by proxy, shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the shares entitled to be voted at the meeting.

Proxy Delivery Requirement: The NYSE requires the solicitation of proxies and delivery of proxy statements for all shareholder meetings and requires that these proxies shall be solicited pursuant to a proxy statement that conforms to SEC proxy rules. The Company is a "foreign private issuer" as defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Exchange Act, and the equity securities of the Company are accordingly exempt from the proxy rules set forth in Sections 14(a), 14(b), 14(c) and 14(f) of the Exchange Act. The Company solicits proxies in accordance with applicable rules and regulations in Canada.

Shareholder Approval Requirement: The Company will follow Toronto Stock Exchange rules for shareholder approval of new issuances of its common shares. Following Toronto Stock Exchange rules, shareholder approval is required for certain issuances of shares that: (i) materially affect control of the Company; or (ii) provide consideration to insiders in aggregate of 10% or greater of the market capitalization of the listed issuer and have not been negotiated at arm's length.

Shareholder Approval: The NYSE requires a listed company to obtain the approval of its shareholders for certain types of securities issuances, including any transaction or series of transactions that would result in the issuance of common shares (or securities convertible into common shares) equal to 20% or more of presently outstanding shares (other than a public offering for cash or in certain other cases of financings for cash). The Company will follow Toronto Stock Exchange rules for shareholder approvals. Shareholder approval is also required, pursuant to Toronto Stock Exchange rules, in the case of private placements: (x) for an aggregate number of listed securities issuable greater than 25% of the number of securities of the listed issuer which are outstanding, on a non-diluted basis, prior to the date of closing of the transaction if the price per security is less than the market price; or (y) that during any six month period are to insiders for listed securities or options, rights or other entitlements to listed securities greater than 10% of the number of securities of the listed issuer which are outstanding, on a non-diluted basis, prior to the date of the closing of the first private placement to an insider during the six month period.

The Company will also follow Toronto Stock Exchange rules for shareholder approval of the Company's equity compensation plans rather than NYSE requirements. Under NYSE rules, shareholder approval is required for all equity compensation plans and any material revisions thereto. For "Rolling" or "evergreen" equity plans, like the Company's, which reserve a set percentage of the Company's issued and outstanding shares under the plan, each increase pursuant to such formula is subject to shareholder approval unless the plan has a term of not more than ten years. TSX rules provide that all security based compensation arrangements must be approved by a listed issuer's security holders at a meeting. This applies not only to plans, but also to individual stock options and entitlements not granted pursuant to an arrangement. Security holder approval is also required for any amendment to an arrangement or entitlement (e.g. an individual option or award), unless the plan permits such amendment without security holder approval. For evergreen plans, the TSX requires shareholder approval within three years after institution and within every three years thereafter.