



## INFORMATION CIRCULAR

(containing information as at October 17, 2018 unless indicated otherwise)

**For the Annual General and Special Meeting  
to be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

### **SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

This information circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of **HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD.** (the "**Corporation**") for use at the annual general and special meeting (the "**Meeting**"), of the shareholders (the "**Shareholders**") of the Corporation, to be held on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018** at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of meeting and at any adjournment thereof. The enclosed instrument of proxy is solicited by the management of the Corporation. The solicitation will be primarily by mail, however, proxies may be solicited personally or by telephone by the regular officers and employees of the Corporation. The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Corporation.

### **APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES**

The persons named in the accompanying form of proxy (the "**Proxy**") are directors and/or officers of the Corporation. **A SHAREHOLDER HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT A PERSON (WHO NEED NOT BE A SHAREHOLDER) TO ATTEND AND ACT FOR HIM ON HIS BEHALF AT THE MEETING OTHER THAN THE PERSONS NAMED IN THE ENCLOSED INSTRUMENT OF PROXY. TO EXERCISE THIS RIGHT, A SHAREHOLDER SHALL INSERT THE NAME OF HIS NOMINEE IN THE BLANK SPACE PROVIDED, OR COMPLETE ANOTHER INSTRUMENT OF PROXY. A PROXY WILL NOT BE VALID UNLESS IT IS DEPOSITED WITH THE CORPORATION'S REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT, COMPUTERSHARE INVESTOR SERVICES INC., 100 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR, TORONTO, ONTARIO, M5J 2Y1, OR BY TOLL FREE FAX 1.866.249.7775 NOT LESS THAN 48 HOURS (EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS) BEFORE THE TIME OF THE MEETING OR ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.**

The Proxy must be signed and dated by the Shareholder or by his attorney in writing, or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, it must either be under its common seal or signed by a duly authorized officer.

A Shareholder who has given a Proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised. In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a Proxy may be revoked by instrument in writing executed by the Shareholder or by his attorney authorized in writing, or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, it must either be under its common seal, or signed by a duly authorized officer and deposited with the Corporation's registrar and transfer agent, **Computershare Investor Services Inc., 100 University Avenue, 9th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1**, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the Meeting, or any adjournment of it, at which the Proxy is to be used, or to the Chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment of it. A revocation of a Proxy does not affect any matter on which a vote has been taken prior to the revocation.

### **VOTING OF SHARES AND EXERCISE OF DISCRETION OF PROXIES**

On any poll, the persons named in the enclosed Proxy will vote the shares in respect of which they are appointed. Where directions are given by the Shareholder in respect of voting for or against any resolution, the proxyholder will do so in accordance with such direction.

IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY INSTRUCTION IN THE PROXY, IT IS INTENDED THAT SUCH SHARES WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTIONS PROPOSED TO BE MADE AT THE MEETING AS STATED UNDER THE HEADINGS IN THIS INFORMATION CIRCULAR. The enclosed Proxy, when properly signed, confers discretionary authority with respect to amendments or variations to the matters which may properly be

brought before the Meeting. At the time of printing this information circular, the management of the Corporation is not aware that any such amendments, variations or other matters are to be presented for action at the Meeting. However, if any other matters which are not now known to the management should properly come before the Meeting, the proxies hereby solicited will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the nominee.

In order to approve a motion proposed at the Meeting, a majority greater than one-half of the votes cast will be required unless the motion requires a special resolution, in which case a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast will be required. In the event a motion proposed at the Meeting requires disinterested shareholder approval, common shares held by shareholders of the Corporation who have an interest in the motion and common shares held by their "associates", as such term is defined under applicable securities laws, will be excluded from the count of votes cast on such motion.

## **VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF**

### ***General***

The authorized capital of the Corporation currently consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value and an unlimited number of preferred shares without par value. There were 313,924,824 common shares of the Corporation issued and outstanding as of the close of business on October 5, 2018, each share carrying the right to one vote. There were no preferred shares issued and outstanding as of the close of business on October 5, 2018.

Only Shareholders of record as at the close of business on October 5, 2018 (the "**Record Date**") who either personally attend the Meeting or who have completed and delivered a form of Proxy in the manner and subject to the provisions described under the heading "Appointment and Revocation of Proxies" shall be entitled to vote, or have their common shares voted, at the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof. On any poll, each Shareholder of record holding common shares of the Corporation on the Record Date is entitled to one vote for each common share registered in his or her name on the list of shareholders as at the Record Date.

### ***Advice to Beneficial Holders of Common Shares***

**The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many Shareholders as a substantial number of 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 information circular as "**Beneficial Shareholders**") should note that only proxies deposited by Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Corporation 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 Corporation. 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 common shares are registered under the name CDS & Co. (the registration name for CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., which acts as nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms). The common shares held by brokers or their agents or nominees can only be voted (for or against resolutions) upon the instructions of the Beneficial Shareholder. Without specific instructions, a broker and its agents are prohibited from voting shares for the broker's clients. **Therefore, Beneficial Shareholders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their common shares are communicated to the appropriate person.**

Applicable regulatory rules require 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 to clients, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders in order to ensure that their shares are voted at the Meeting. The purpose of the form of proxy or voting instruction form provided to a Beneficial Shareholder by its broker, agent or nominee is limited to instructing the registered holder of the common shares on how to vote such shares on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge Investor Communications ("**Broadridge**"). Broadridge typically supplies a voting instruction form, mails those forms to Beneficial Shareholders and asks those Beneficial Shareholders to return the forms to Broadridge or follow specific telephone or other voting procedures. Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received by it and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of the shares to be represented at the Meeting. **A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a voting instruction form from Broadridge cannot use that form to vote common shares directly at the Meeting. Instead, the voting instruction form must be returned to Broadridge or the alternate voting procedures must be completed well in advance of the Meeting in order to ensure such common shares are voted.**

Although Beneficial Shareholders may not be recognized directly at the Meeting for the purpose of voting common shares registered in the name of their broker, agent or nominee, a Beneficial Shareholder may attend the Meeting as a proxyholder for a shareholder and vote common shares in that capacity. Beneficial Shareholders who wish to attend the Meeting and indirectly vote their common shares as proxyholder for the registered shareholder should contact their broker, agent or nominee well in advance of the Meeting to determine the steps necessary to permit them to indirectly vote their common shares as a proxyholder.

The Corporation will not pay for an intermediary to deliver proxy related materials and voting instruction forms to objecting beneficial owners (called OBOs for Objecting Beneficial Owners). OBOs have objected to their intermediary disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Corporation. Accordingly, OBOs will not receive the materials unless their intermediary assumes the costs of delivery.

The Corporation is not relying on the "notice-and-access" delivery procedures outlined in National Instrument 54-101 to distribute copies of the proxy related materials in connection with the Meeting.

### ***Principal Holders of Voting Shares***

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Corporation, as of October 5, 2018, there are no persons or corporations that beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over, common shares carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to all outstanding common shares of the Corporation other than:

<b>Name of Shareholder</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Percentage of Issued and Outstanding Shares</b>
Genesis Mining Ltd.	77,412,655	24.66%
Fidelity <sup>(1)</sup>	38,629,516 <sup>(1)</sup>	12.31%

*(1) As defined and disclosed in the Alternative Monthly Report of Fidelity filed on SEDAR on March 12, 2018 under the Corporation's profile.*

## **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**Definitions: For the purpose of this Information Circular:**

**"CEO"** means an individual who acted as chief executive officer of the Corporation, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

**"CFO"** means an individual who acted as chief financial officer of the Corporation, or acted in a similar capacity, for any part of the most recently completed financial year;

**"closing market price"** means the price at which the Corporation's security was last sold, on the applicable date,

- (a) in the security's principal marketplace in Canada, or
- (b) if the security is not listed or quoted on a marketplace in Canada, in the security's principal marketplace;

**"company"** includes other types of business organizations such as partnerships, trusts and other unincorporated business entities;

**"equity incentive plan"** means an incentive plan, or portion of an incentive plan, under which awards are granted and that falls within the scope of IFRS 2 Share-based Payment;

**"external management company"** includes a subsidiary, affiliate or associate of the external management company;

**“grant date”** means a date determined for financial statement reporting purposes under IFRS 2 Share-based Payment;

**“incentive plan”** means any plan providing compensation that depends on achieving certain performance goals or similar conditions within a specified period;

**“incentive plan award”** means compensation awarded, earned, paid, or payable under an incentive plan;

**“NEO” or “Named Executive Officer”** means each of the following individuals:

- (a) a CEO;
- (b) a CFO;
- (c) each of the three most highly compensated executive officers, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was, individually, more than \$150,000 for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be an NEO under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was neither an executive officer of the Corporation, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year;

**“non-equity incentive plan”** means an incentive plan or portion of an incentive plan that is not an equity incentive plan;

**“option-based award”** means an award under an equity incentive plan of options, including, for greater certainty, share options, share appreciation rights, and similar instruments that have option-like features;

**“plan”** includes any plan, contract, authorization, or arrangement, whether or not set out in any formal document, where cash, securities, similar instruments or any other property may be received, whether for one or more persons;

**“share-based award”** means an award under an equity incentive plan of equity-based instruments that do not have option-like features, including, for greater certainty, common shares, restricted shares, restricted share units, deferred share units, phantom shares, phantom share units, common share equivalent units, and stock.

*All dollar amounts referenced herein, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in United States dollars. Canadian dollars are referred to as “C\$” and Swiss Francs are referred to as “CHF”.*

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Compensation provided to the Corporation’s NEOs is determined and reviewed by the Corporation’s Compensation Committee. In establishing executive compensation policies, the Compensation Committee takes into consideration the recommendations of management and, following discussion and review, reports them to the Corporation’s full Board of Directors for final approval. The members of the Compensation Committee for the financial year ended March 31, 2018 were Olivier Roussy Newton (Chair), Frank Holmes and Bjoern Arzt. See “*Schedule B*” below for further information on the Compensation Committee.

Compensation for the Corporation’s NEOs consists of:

- (a) Base Salary;
- (b) Option Based Awards; and
- (c) Eligibility to Receive Bonuses in the Form of Cash Payments.

Through its executive compensation practices, the Corporation seeks to provide value to its shareholders. Specifically, the Corporation's executive compensation structure seeks to attract and retain talented and experienced

executives necessary to achieve the Corporation's strategic objectives, motivate and reward executives whose knowledge, skills and performance are critical to the Corporation's success, align the interests of the Corporation's executives and shareholders by motivating executives to increase shareholder value.

Within the context of the overall objectives of the Corporation's compensation practices, the Corporation determined the specific amounts of compensation to be paid to its executives during the year ended March 31, 2018 based on a number of factors, including the performance of the Corporation's executives during the fiscal year, the roles and responsibilities of the Corporation's executives, the Corporation's executives' historical compensation and performance, and any contractual commitments the Corporation has made to its executives regarding compensation.

The Board of Directors has not conducted a formal evaluation of the implications of the risks associated with the Corporation's compensation policies. Risk management is a consideration of the Board of Directors when implementing its compensation policies and the Board of Directors do not believe that the Corporation's compensation policies result in unnecessary or inappropriate risk taking including risks that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

#### Base Salary

The Corporation believes that a competitive base salary is a necessary element of any compensation program that is designed to attract and retain talented and experienced executives. The Corporation also believes that attractive base salaries can motivate and reward executives for their overall performance.

To the extent that the Corporation has entered into employment agreements with its executives, the base salaries of such individuals reflect the base salaries that the Corporation negotiated with them. The base salaries that the Corporation negotiated with its executives were based on the individual experience and skills of, and expected contribution from, each executive, the roles and responsibilities of the executive, the base salaries of the Corporation's existing executives and other factors.

#### Option Based Awards

The Corporation has in effect a stock option plan (the "Option Plan") in order to provide effective incentives to directors, officers, senior management personnel and consultants of the Corporation and to enable the Corporation to attract and retain experienced and qualified individuals in those positions by permitting such individuals to directly participate in an increase in per share value created for the Corporation's Shareholders. In determining option grants to the Named Executive Officers, the Compensation Committee together with management takes into consideration factors that include the amount and exercise price of previous option grants, the NEO's experience, level of expertise and responsibilities, and the contributions of each NEO towards the completion of corporate transactions in any given fiscal year.

The Option Plan was adopted by the Board on July 20, 2017 and approved by Shareholders at the Corporation's previous annual and special meeting of the Shareholders held on August 23, 2017. Under the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, a rolling stock option plan must be re-approved by Shareholders on a yearly basis and as such, the Corporation will be asking Shareholders to re-approve the Option Plan at the Meeting. The significant terms of the Corporation's Option Plan are set out below under the heading "*Particulars Of Other Matters To Be Acted Upon – Re-Approval of Rolling Stock Option Plan*".

Additionally, the Corporation is proposing that the Shareholders approve a restricted share unit plan at the Meeting, as set out below in more detail under the heading "*Particulars Of Other Matters To Be Acted Upon – Adoption and Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan*".

#### Eligibility to Receive Bonuses in the Form of Cash Payments

The Compensation Committee, together with recommendations from management, awards bonuses based on both individual performance and corporate success at various times throughout the year. At this time, the Corporation does not have any specific milestone criteria for issuing bonuses.

#### Pension Plan Benefits

No pension, retirement or deferred compensation plans, including defined contribution plans, have been instituted by the Corporation and none are proposed at this time.

## Use of Financial Instruments

The Corporation does not have a policy that would prohibit a Named Executive Officer or director from purchasing financial instruments, including prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the Named Executive Officer or director. However, management is not aware of any Named Executive or director purchasing such an instrument.

## SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

In accordance with applicable legislation, the Corporation had five Named Executive Officers during the financial year ended March 31, 2018, namely Harry Pokrandt, Jessica Van Den Akker, Tobias Ebel, Bjoern Arzt and John Brydle.

The following table sets forth particulars of all compensation paid to the Named Executive Officers during the years ended March 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016.

NEO Name And Principal Position	Financial Year ended March 31	Salary (\$)	Share- based awards (\$)	Option- based awards (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)		Pension value (\$)	All other comp- ensation (\$)	Total comp- ensation (\$)
					Annual incentive plans	Long- term incentive plans			
Harry Pokrandt <sup>(1)</sup> <i>(Former President, CEO and director)</i>	2018	115,201	Nil	379,942 <sup>(6)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	158,140	653,283
	2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jessica Van Den Akker <sup>(2)</sup> <i>(CFO)</i>	2018	Nil	Nil	63,324 <sup>(6)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	79,070 <sup>(7)</sup>	142,394
	2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tobias Ebel <sup>(3)</sup> <i>(Senior Management – HIVE Switzerland and director)</i>	2018	72,329	Nil	316,618 <sup>(6)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	63,256	452,203
	2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bjoern Arzt <sup>(4)</sup> <i>(Interim Senior Management – HIVE Switzerland and director)</i>	2018	72,329	Nil	316,618 <sup>(6)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	63,256	452,203
	2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Brydle <sup>(5)</sup> <i>(Former President, CEO, CFO, Corporate Secretary and director)</i>	2018	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2017	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2016	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(2) Harry Pokrandt served as President and CEO from June 20, 2017 to August 31, 2018 and as a director from August 23, 2017 to August 31, 2018. Mr. Pokrandt's salary was C\$250,000 per year commencing September 1, 2017 and he received a bonus of C\$200,000.

(3) Jessica Van Den Akker has served as CFO since August 23, 2017. Ms. Van Den Akker received a bonus of C\$100,000.

(4) Tobias Ebel has served as Senior Management of HIVE Switzerland since September 1, 2017. Mr. Ebel's salary was CHF 102,000 per year commencing September 1, 2017, increased to CHF 147,000 on January 1, 2018. Mr. Ebel has also served as a director since August 23, 2017 and received a bonus of C\$80,000.

(5) Bjoern Arzt served as Interim Senior Management of HIVE Switzerland from September 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. Mr. Arzt's salary was CHF 102,000 per year commencing September 1, 2017, increased to CHF 147,000 on January 1, 2018. Mr. Arzt has also served as an independent director since August 23, 2017 and received a bonus of C\$80,000.

(6) John Brydle served as President and CEO until June 20, 2017 and as CFO, Corporate Secretary, and a director until August 23, 2017.

(7) On September 14, 2017 the Corporation granted 3,000,000 options to Harry Pokrandt, 500,000 options to Jessica Van Den Akker, 2,500,000 options to Tobias Ebel, and 2,500,000 options to Bjoern Arzt, exercisable at a price of C\$0.30 per share until September 14, 2027. The methodology used to calculate these amounts was the Black-Scholes model. The Corporation chose this methodology because it is recognized as the most common methodology used for valuing options and doing value

comparisons. The Black-Scholes assumptions used by the Corporation were: i) annualized volatility: 65%; ii) expected life: 4.99 years; iii) risk-free interest rate: 1.96%; and iv) dividend yield: 0%; this is consistent with the accounting values used in the Corporation's financial statements.

(8) For the year ended March 31, 2018, Fiore Management & Advisory Corp. ("Fiore") earned monthly fees for strategic advisory services at a rate of C\$10,000 per month commencing June 1, 2017, increased to C\$16,000 on September 1, 2017 and increased to C\$25,000 on February 1, 2018. Ms. Van Den Akker and Ms. Kristen Reinertson, Corporate Secretary of the Corporation, are employees of Fiore. For more detail of the Corporation's agreement with Fiore, please see the Corporation's agreement with Fiore dated February 1, 2018 and filed on SEDAR under the Corporation's profile.

## INCENTIVE PLAN AWARDS

### Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table sets forth particulars of all outstanding share-based and option-based awards granted to the Named Executive Officers and which were outstanding at March 31, 2018:

Name	Option-based Awards				Share-based Awards <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	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 (\$)
Harry Pokrandt <sup>(3)</sup>	3,000,000	C\$0.30	Sept 14, 2027	C\$2,880,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jessica Van Den Akker	500,000	C\$0.30	Sept 14, 2027	C\$480,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tobias Ebel	2,500,000	C\$0.30	Sept 14, 2027	C\$2,400,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bjoern Arzt	2,500,000	C\$0.30	Sept 14, 2027	C\$2,400,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
John Brydle	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(1) Based on the difference between the exercise price of the options and the closing price of the Corporation's common shares on the TSX Venture Exchange on March 29, 2018 of C\$1.26.

(2) The Corporation has not granted any share-based awards.

(3) Mr. Pokrandt's stock options will expire on February 28, 2019; six months after Mr. Pokrandt ceased to be an employee and director of the Corporation.

### Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year

No incentive plan awards that were previously granted to Named Executive Officers vested during the year ended March 31, 2018.

8,500,000 stock options were granted to a Named Executive Officer during the year ended March 31, 2018, however, because the exercise price of these options was equal to or greater than the market price of the Common Shares on the date of vesting, the value vested or earned was nil.

### Narrative Discussion

The only plan based award program that the Corporation currently operates with is its Option Plan. The significant terms of the Corporation's Option Plan are set out below under the heading "Particulars Of Other Matters To Be Acted Upon – Re-Approval of Rolling Stock Option Plan".

Additionally, the Corporation is proposing that the Shareholders approve a restricted share unit plan at the Meeting, as set out below in more detail under the heading “*Particulars Of Other Matters To Be Acted Upon – Adoption and Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan*”.

### TERMINATION AND CHANGE OF CONTROL BENEFITS

The Corporation has entered into verbal and/or written agreements with its NEOs which contain terms relating to duties, salaries, other compensation, and benefits. The benefits provided to the Corporation’s NEOs are standard benefits, which may include life insurance, short and long-term disability insurance, health and medical insurance programs and plans. Additionally, as disclosed above, the Corporation has entered into an agreement with Fiore with respect to certain administration and financial advisory services. Except as disclosed below, no change of control benefits have been instituted by the Corporation.

As Senior Management of HIVE Switzerland, Messrs. Ebel and Arzt contracts included a three months’ notice for termination. Had Messrs. Ebel and Arzt been terminated on March 31, 2018, Messrs. Ebel and Arzt would have each received CHF 36,750 as notice for termination.

### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

During the financial year ended March 31, 2018, there were nine individuals who served as a director of the Corporation for either all or a portion of the year, four of which were all NEOs – namely Harry Pokrandt, Tobias Ebel, Bjoern Arzt and John Brydle. Compensation for the NEOs has been discussed above.

The following table sets forth particulars of all compensation paid to directors who were not NEOs during the year ended March 31, 2018:

Name	Fees Earned (\$)	Share-based Awards (\$)	Option-based Awards (\$)	Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Pension Value (\$)	All other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Frank Holmes <sup>(1)</sup>	11,861	Nil	316,618 <sup>(6)</sup>	Nil	Nil	63,256	391,735
Olivier Roussy Newton <sup>(2)</sup>	11,861	Nil	316,618 <sup>(6)</sup>	Nil	Nil	63,256 <sup>(8)</sup>	391,735
Marcus New <sup>(3)</sup>	Nil	Nil	151,046 <sup>(7)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	151,046
Georgia Knight <sup>(4)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Irvin Ridd <sup>(5)</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(1) *Frank Holmes has served as Non-Executive Chairman since August 23, 2017. Mr. Holmes earns director’s fees of C\$60,000 per year commencing January 1, 2018 and he received a bonus of C\$80,000. Mr. Holmes has assumed the role of Interim Executive Chairman on August 31, 2018.*

(2) *Olivier Roussy Newton has served as a Director since August 23, 2017. Mr. Roussy Newton earns director’s fees of C\$60,000 per year commencing January 1, 2018 and he received a bonus of C\$80,000. Mr. Roussy Newton has assumed the role of Interim President on August 31, 2018.*

(3) *Marcus News has served as an Independent Director since March 25, 2018. Mr. New earns director’s fees of C\$60,000 per year commencing April 1, 2018.*

(4) *Georgia Knight served as a Director until August 23, 2017.*

(5) *Irvin Ridd served as a Director until August 23, 2017.*

(6) *On September 14, 2017 the Corporation granted 2,500,000 options to each of Frank Holmes and Olivier Roussy Newton, exercisable at a price of C\$0.30 per share until September 14, 2027. The methodology used to calculate these amounts was the Black-Scholes model. The Corporation chose this methodology because it is recognized as the most common methodology used for valuing options and doing value comparisons. The Black-Scholes assumptions used by*



the Corporation were: i) annualized volatility: 65%; ii) expected life: 4.99 years; iii) risk-free interest rate: 1.96%; and iv) dividend yield: 0%; this is consistent with the accounting values used in the Corporation's financial statements.

- (7) On March 26, 2018 the Corporation granted 250,000 options to Marcus New, exercisable at a price of C\$2.00 per share until March 26, 2028. The methodology used to calculate these amounts was the Black-Scholes model. The Corporation chose this methodology because it is recognized as the most common methodology used for valuing options and doing value comparisons. The Black-Scholes assumptions used by the Corporation were: i) annualized volatility: 65%; ii) expected life: 5.00 years; iii) risk-free interest rate: 2.14%; and iv) dividend yield: 0%; this is consistent with the accounting values used in the Corporation's financial statements.
- (8) Mr. Roussy Newton received 3,398,771 common shares of the Corporation valued at \$817,012 as a finder's fee in connection with the Corporation's Change of Business transaction completed in September 2017, not in his capacity as director.

## Narrative Discussion

All directors who are not considered management of the Corporation receive a director's fee every quarter in the amount of C\$15,000, commencing January 1, 2018. Stock options are granted to the directors of the Corporation as an incentive and compensation for their time and efforts provided to the Corporation.

Messrs. Holmes and Roussy Newton devoted a significant amount of time (including frequent travel) to the completion and roll-out of the Corporation's Change of Business transaction during the year ended March 31, 2018 and as such Messrs. Holmes and Roussy Newton were awarded one-time discretionary bonuses as disclosed above.

The Corporation's directors and officers are covered under directors and officers liability insurance policies. As at March 31, 2018, the aggregate coverage amount applicable to those directors and officers under the policies was C\$50,000,000 per claim. The deductible is C\$25,000 per claim with respect to securities claims.

## Outstanding Share-Based Awards and Option-Based Awards

The following table sets forth particulars of all outstanding share-based and option-based awards granted to the directors who were not NEOs and which were outstanding at March 31, 2018:

Name	Option-based Awards				Share-based Awards <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	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 (\$)
Frank Holmes	2,500,000	C\$0.30	Sept 14, 2027	C\$2,400,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Olivier Roussy Newton	2,500,000	C\$0.30	Sept 14, 2027	C\$2,400,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marcus New	250,000	C\$2.00	Mar 26, 2028	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia Knight	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Irvin Ridd	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(1) Based on the difference between the exercise price of the options and the closing price of the Corporation's common shares on the TSX Venture Exchange on March 29, 2018 of C\$1.26.

(2) The Corporation has not granted any share-based awards.

### **Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned During the Year**

No incentive plan awards that were previously granted to directors who were not NEOs vested during the year ended March 31, 2018.

5,250,000 stock options were granted to directors who were not NEOs during the year ended March 31, 2018, however, because the exercise price of these options was equal to or greater than the market price of the Common Shares on the date of vesting, the value vested or earned was nil.

### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

For the year ended March 31, 2018, Fiore, located at Suite 3123, 595 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC, V7X 1J1 earned monthly fees for strategic advisory services at a rate of C\$10,000 per month commencing June 1, 2017, increased to C\$16,000 on September 1, 2017 and increased to C\$25,000 on February 1, 2018. Ms. Van Den Akker, Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, and Ms. Kristen Reinertson, Corporate Secretary of the Corporation, are employees of Fiore. For more detail of the Corporation's agreement with Fiore, please see the Corporation's agreement with Fiore dated February 1, 2018 and filed on SEDAR under the Corporation's profile.

### **SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS**

The following table sets out particulars of the compensation plans under which equity securities of the Corporation are authorized for issuance as of March 31, 2018.

#### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>A Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>B Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</b>	<b>C Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column A)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders <sup>(1)</sup>	20,000,264	C\$0.52	10,772,219
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	N/A	Nil
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>20,000,264</b>	<b>C\$0.52</b>	<b>10,772,219</b>

*Note:*

(1) Represents the Option Plan of the Corporation. As at March 31, 2018, the Option Plan reserved shares equal to a maximum of 10% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Corporation from time to time for issue pursuant to the Option Plan.

### **INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Other than "routine indebtedness" as defined in applicable securities legislation, since April 1, 2017, being the beginning of the most recently completed fiscal year of the Corporation, none of:

- (a) the executive officers, directors, employees and former executive officers, directors and employees of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) the proposed nominees for election as a director of the Corporation; or
- (c) any associates of the foregoing persons;

is or has been indebted to the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries or has been indebted to any other entity where that indebtedness was the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or

understanding provided by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, and which was not entirely repaid on or before the date of this information circular.

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

No person who has been a director, senior officer or insider of the Corporation, no proposed nominee for director and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

### **INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

For purposes of the following discussion, "**Informed Person**" means (a) a director or executive officer of the Corporation; (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an Informed Person or a subsidiary of the Corporation; (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Corporation or a combination of both carrying more than 10 percent of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Corporation, other than the voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and (d) the Corporation itself if it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its securities, for so long as it holds any of its securities.

Except as disclosed in this Information Circular or in the Notes to the Corporation's financial statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2018 none of:

- (a) the Informed Persons of the Corporation;
- (b) the proposed nominees for election as a director of the Corporation; or
- (c) any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons,

has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Corporation's financial year ended March 31, 2018 or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation.

On September 13, 2017, the Corporation entered into a strategic partnership with Genesis Mining Ltd. ("**Genesis**"), which included the acquisition of certain GPU-based blockchain equipment in Iceland, and the entering into of a series of agreement including a master services agreement (the "**MSA**") for which Genesis provides hosting, maintenance and related services for the Corporation's blockchain equipment, a master equipment purchase agreement and an investor rights agreement (the "**IRR**"), all of which have been filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) under the Corporation's profile. In connection with this initial transaction, the Corporation paid Genesis a total of US\$9 million and issued 67,975,428 Shares to Genesis. Bjoern Arzt and Tobias Ebel are advisors to Genesis. Olivier Roussy Newton received a 5% fee in connection with the above transactions.

On October 11, 2017, the Corporation completed a bought deal private placement issuing 20,000,000 Shares at a price of C\$1.50 per Share for total gross proceeds of C\$30,000,000. Concurrently, and pursuant to the IRR, Genesis purchased 4,666,667 Shares issued by the Corporation on a non-brokered private placement basis at C\$1.50 per Share for total gross proceeds of C\$7,000,000. Concurrently, the Corporation purchased additional GPU-based blockchain equipment in Iceland from Genesis for consideration of C\$5,000,000 and the issuance of 2,000,000 Shares of the Corporation, as well as a revision of the monthly fees payable to Genesis under the MSA.

On October 23, 2017, the Corporation entered into an agreement with Genesis for the completion of a blockchain data centre in Sweden ("Sweden 1") for an estimated US\$22 million, which Genesis will be responsible for hosting, maintenance and related services under the MSA for a monthly fee. Sweden 1 commenced mining operations on January 15, 2018.

On October 25, 2017, the Corporation entered into an agreement with Genesis for the expansion of Sweden 1 ("Sweden 2") for an estimated US\$22 million, which Genesis will be responsible for hosting, maintenance and related services under the MSA for a monthly fee. Sweden 2 commenced mining operations on at the end of March, 2018.

On November 14, 2017, the Corporation completed a bought deal private placement issuing 12,322,250 units at a price of C\$2.80 per unit for total gross proceeds of C\$34,502,300. Each Unit consisted of one Share and one Share purchase warrant, with each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one Share at a price of \$3.90 until November

14, 2019. Genesis subscribed for C\$5,090,904 of the offering and was issued 1,818,180 units in accordance with the terms of the IRR.

On December 13, 2017, the Corporation entered into an agreement with Genesis for the expansion of Sweden 1 and Sweden 2 ("Sweden 3") for an estimated US\$22 million, which Genesis will be responsible for hosting, maintenance and related services under the MSA for a monthly fee. Sweden 3 commenced mining operations at the end of April, 2018.

On December 13, 2017, the Corporation entered into an agreement with Genesis for a new SHA-256 ASIC-based centre for an estimated US\$34 million, which Genesis will be responsible for hosting, maintenance and related services under the MSA for a monthly fee. On August 15, 2018, the Corporation announced that the terms of this agreement had been amended and that the Corporation would launch 200 Petahashes of cloud based SHA-256 mining power with Genesis, commencing on September 30, 2018, until delivery of mining rigs occurs within the next 12 months.

On December 18, 2017, the Corporation completed the first tranche of a bought deal private placement issuing 15,873,100 units at a price of C\$3.15 per unit for total gross proceeds of C\$50,000,265. Each Unit consisted of one Share and one Share purchase warrant, with each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one Share at a price of \$3.90 until November 14, 2019. On December 29, 2017, the Corporation completed the second and final tranche of a bought deal private placement issuing 20,634,800 units at a price of C\$3.15 per unit for total gross proceeds of C\$64,999,620. Each Unit consisted of one Share and one Share purchase warrant, with each warrant entitling the holder to purchase one Share at a price of \$3.90 until November 14, 2019. Genesis subscribed for approximately C\$3 million of the offering and was issued 952,380 units in accordance with the terms of the IRR.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2018 (the "**Financial Statements**"), together with the Auditor's Report thereon, will be presented to Shareholders at the Meeting. The Financial Statements, the Auditor's Report thereon, together with the related Management's Discussion and Analysis for the financial year ended March 31, 2018 are available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). The Notice of Annual General and Special Meeting of Shareholders, Information Circular, Request for Financial Statements and form of Proxy will be available from the Corporation's Registrar and Transfer Agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., 510 Burrard Street, 3rd floor, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3B9, or from the Corporation's head office located at WeWork c/o HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd., 555 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1M8.

## **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

National Instrument 51-102 "Continuous Disclosure Obligations" sets out the procedures for a shareholder to receive financial statements. If you wish to receive financial statements, you may use the enclosed form or provide instructions in any other written format. Registered shareholders must also provide written instructions in order to receive the Financial Statements, which instructions can be found on the form of proxy.

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Management is nominating five individuals to stand for election. Each director of the Corporation is elected annually and holds office until the next annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation, until his successor is duly elected, or until his resignation as a director. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the shares represented by Proxy will be voted for the nominees herein listed. Management does not contemplate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

## **Advance Notice Provisions**

At the Corporation's annual general and special meeting of Shareholders held on August 23, 2017, the Corporation's Shareholders voted to adopt amendments to the Corporation's Articles to include advance notice provisions (the "Advance Notice Provisions"). The Advance Notice Provisions include, among other things, a provision that requires advance notice be given to the Corporation in circumstances where nomination of persons for election to the Board are made by Shareholders of the Corporation. The Advance Notice Provisions set a deadline by which Shareholders must submit nominations (a "Notice") for the election of directors to the Corporation prior to any annual or special meeting of Shareholders. The Advance Notice Provisions also set forth the information that a Shareholder must include in the Notice to the Corporation, and establish the form in which the Shareholder must submit the Notice for that notice to be in proper written form. In the case of an annual meeting of Shareholders, a

Notice must be provided to the Corporation not less than 30 days and not more than 65 days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

As of the date of this Information Circular, the Corporation has not received notice of a nomination in compliance with the Advance Notice Provisions.

### **INFORMATION CONCERNING NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets out the names of the persons proposed to be nominated by management for election as a director, the Province and Country in which each person is ordinarily resident, the positions and offices which each presently holds with the Corporation, the period of time for which each person has been a director of the Corporation, the respective principal occupations or employment during the past five years if such nominee is not presently an elected director and the number of common shares of the Corporation which each beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised as of the date of this Information Circular.

The nominees for the office of director and information concerning them as furnished by the individual nominees are as follows. Management recommends, and the persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote in favour of, the election of the following individuals as directors of the Corporation.

<b>Name, Province or State and Country of Residence, and Position with the Corporation <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Present Principal Occupation, Business or Employment <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Date Served as Director Since</b>	<b>No. of Common Shares Beneficially Owned, or Controlled or Directed, Directly or Indirectly <sup>(1)</sup></b>
Frank Holmes Texas, USA  Chairman & Interim Executive Chairman	Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of U.S. Global Investors	August 23, 2017	10,570,000
Olivier Roussy Newton Zug, Switzerland  Director & Interim President	Founding partner and GP of Latent Capital Ltd. and Director of Novus Paradigm Technologies Corporation.	August 23, 2017	3,398,771
Bjoern Arzt Sliema, Malta  Director	Advisor/Risk Manager of DQR Group Ltd.	August 23, 2017	Nil
Tobias Ebel Zug, Switzerland  Director & Senior Management of Switzerland Subsidiary	Senior Management of HIVE Blockchain Switzerland AG	August 23, 2017	Nil
Marcus New, BC, Canada  Director	CEO of InvestX Capital & CEO/UDP/CCO of InvestX Financial (Canada) Ltd. an exempt market dealer in Canada. Former CEO of Stockhouse Publishing.	March 25, 2018	30,000

*Note:*

- (1) *The information as to the Province and Country of residence, principal occupation and shares beneficially owned or over which a director exercises control or direction, not being within the knowledge of the Corporation, has been furnished by the respective directors individually as of October, 5, 2018, being the Record Date of this information circular.*

Pursuant to National Instrument 52-110, the Corporation is required to have an Audit Committee of its Board of Directors. The current members of the Audit Committee are Marcus New, Frank Holmes and Olivier Roussy Newton. See "Schedule A" below for further information on the Audit Committee of the Corporation.

#### **CEASE TRADE ORDERS, CORPORATE AND PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES, PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS**

Other than as set out below, no proposed nominees for director have been, within 10 years before the date of this Information Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company that:

- (a) while that person was acting in that capacity, was the subject of a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days;
- (b) while that person was acting in that capacity, was subject to an event that resulted, after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director or executive officer, in the company being the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (c) 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
- (d) has been subject to:
  - (i) 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 since December 31, 2000 or before December 31, 2000 the disclosure of which would likely be important to a reasonable security holder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director; or
  - (ii) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

Marcus New, was Chief Executive Officer and a director of Invictus Financial Inc. ("Invictus") when the securities of Invictus were cease traded by the British Columbia Securities Commission on September 6, 2016, for failing to file certain financial statements and management's discussion and analysis (such cease trade order was revoked on September 10, 2016).

Marcus New, was Chief Executive Officer and a director of Invictus when the securities of Invictus were cease traded by the British Columbia Securities Commission on December 8, 2011 and by the Alberta Securities Commission on March 9, 2012, for failing to file certain financial statements and management's discussion and analysis (such cease trade orders were revoked on June 26 and 28, 2013 respectively).

Marcus New was a director of Stockgroup Media Inc., a private company, when in July 2010 it made a proposal to creditors to accept a one-time payment to reduce the historical account payable balance incurred during the financial market crises in 2008/2009 and to continue with the creditors on a current basis. The creditors voted 100% in favor of the proposal.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE**

The charter of the Corporation's audit committee and the other information required to be disclosed by Form 52-110F2 are attached as Schedule "A".

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The information required to be disclosed by National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* is attached to this information circular as Schedule "B".

## **APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR**

The Board of Directors proposes to appoint Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of Vancouver, British Columbia as auditors of the Corporation. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxies given pursuant to this solicitation will be voted for the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors of the Corporation to hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting of the Corporation. It is proposed that the remuneration to be paid to the auditors of the Corporation be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Management recommends, and the persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote in favour of, the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, of Vancouver, British Columbia as auditors of the Corporation, and the remuneration to be paid to the auditors of the Corporation be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

As required by Section 4.11 of National Instrument 51-102, included with this information circular as Schedule "C" are copies of the following materials which have been filed with securities regulatory authorities in connection with the change of auditors:

1. Notice of Change of Auditors dated September 25, 2017;
2. Letter from Saturna Group Chartered Accountants LLP dated September 25, 2017; and
3. Letter from Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants dated September 25, 2017.

## **PARTICULARS OF OTHER MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON**

### ***A. Re-Approval of Rolling Stock Option Plan***

At last year's annual general meeting, the Corporation proposed and its Shareholders approved the Corporation's 10% "rolling" Option Plan. Under the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange, a rolling stock option plan must be re-approved on a yearly basis by shareholders. Shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution re-approving the Option Plan. The details of the Option Plan are set forth below.

- (a) the Option Plan reserves, for issuance pursuant to the exercise of stock options, a maximum number of common shares of the Corporation equal to up to a maximum of 10% of the issued common shares of the Corporation at the time of any stock option grant;
- (b) an optionee must either be an Eligible Charitable Organization or a Director, Employee or Consultant of the Corporation at the time the option is granted in order to be eligible for the grant of a stock option to the optionee;
- (c) the aggregate number of options granted to any one Person (and companies wholly owned by that Person) in a 12 month period must not exceed 5% of the issued common shares of the Corporation calculated on the date an option is granted to the Person (unless the Corporation has obtained the requisite Disinterested Shareholder Approval);
- (d) the aggregate number of options granted to any one Consultant in a 12 month period must not exceed 2% of the issued common shares of the Corporation, calculated at the date an option is granted to the Consultant;
- (e) the aggregate number of options granted to all Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities must not exceed 2% of the issued shares of the Corporation in any 12 month period, calculated at the date an option is granted to any such Person;
- (f) options issued to Persons retained to provide Investor Relations Activities must vest in stages over a period of not less than 12 months with no more than 1/4 of the options vesting in any 3 month period;
- (g) the minimum exercise price per common share of a stock option must not be less than the Market Price of the common shares of the Corporation, subject to a minimum exercise price of \$0.05;
- (h) options can be exercisable for a maximum of 10 years from the date of grant (subject to extension where the expiry date falls within a "blackout period" (see (o) below);

- (i) stock options (other than options held by a person involved in investor relations activities) will cease to be exercisable 90 days after the optionee ceases to be a Director (which term includes a senior officer), Employee, Consultant, Eligible Charitable Organization or Management Company Employee otherwise than by death, or for a "reasonable period" after the optionee ceases to serve in such capacity, as determined by the Board. Stock options granted to persons involved in Investor Relations Activities will cease to be exercisable 30 days after the optionee ceases to serve in such capacity otherwise than by death, or for a "reasonable period" after the optionee ceases to serve in such capacity, as determined by the Board;
- (j) all options are non-assignable and non-transferable;
- (k) Disinterested Shareholder Approval will be obtained for any reduction in the exercise price of a stock option if the optionee is an Insider of the Corporation at the time of the proposed amendment;
- (l) the Option Plan contains provisions for adjustment in the number of common shares or other property issuable on exercise of a stock option in the event of a share consolidation, split, reclassification or other capital reorganization, or a stock dividend, amalgamation, merger or other relevant corporate transaction, or any other relevant change in or event affecting the common shares;
- (m) upon the occurrence of an Accelerated Vesting Event (as defined in the Option Plan), the Board will have the power, at its sole discretion and without being required to obtain the approval of shareholders or the holder of any stock option, to make such changes to the terms of stock options as it considers fair and appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to: (a) accelerating the vesting of stock options, conditionally or unconditionally; (b) terminating every stock option if under the transaction giving rise to the Accelerated Vesting Event, options in replacement of the stock options are proposed to be granted to or exchanged with the holders of stock options, which replacement options treat the holders of stock options in a manner which the Board considers fair and appropriate in the circumstances having regard to the treatment of holders of common shares under such transaction; (c) otherwise modifying the terms of any stock option to assist the holder to tender into any take-over bid or other transaction constituting an Accelerated Vesting Event; or (d) following the successful completion of such Accelerated Vesting Event, terminating any stock option to the extent it has not been exercised prior to successful completion of the Accelerated Vesting Event. The determination of the Board in respect of any such Accelerated Vesting Event shall for the purposes of the Option Plan be final, conclusive and binding;
- (n) in connection with the exercise of an option, as a condition to such exercise the Corporation shall require the optionee to pay to the Corporation an amount as necessary so as to ensure that the Corporation is in compliance with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial or local laws relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions relating to the exercise of such option; and
- (o) a stock option will be automatically extended past its expiry date if such expiry date falls within a blackout period during which the Corporation prohibits optionees from exercising their options, subject to the following requirements: (a) the blackout period must (i) be formally imposed by the Corporation pursuant to its internal trading policies; and (ii) must expire upon the general disclosure of undisclosed Material Information; and (b) the automatic extension of an optionee's stock option will not be permitted where the optionee or the Corporation is subject to a cease trade order (or similar order under Securities Laws) in respect of the Corporation's securities.

"Consultant", "Director", "Disinterested Shareholder Approval", "Eligible Charitable Organization", "Employee", "Investor Relations Activities", "Management Company Employee", "Market Price", "Material Information", "Person" and "Securities Laws" all have the same definition as in the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Management recommends, and the persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote in favour of, the approval of the Option Plan.

The text of the resolution to be passed is as follows. In order to be passed, a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting in person or by Proxy must be voted in favour of the resolution.

**"BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation's Option Plan dated July 20, 2017 be and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved, together with any amendments or additional provisions as the directors of the Corporation may deem necessary or advisable, provided that such amendments are not inconsistent with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange."



## **B. Adoption and Approval of Restricted Share Unit Plan**

The Corporation is seeking Shareholder approval for the issuance of Common Shares from treasury pursuant to the Corporation's new Restricted Share Unit Plan (the "**RSU Plan**"). The Board may elect to use Restricted Share Units ("**RSUs**") issued under the RSU Plan, as well as options issued under the Option Plan, as part of the Corporation's overall executive compensation plan. Since the value of RSUs increase or decrease with the price of the Shares, RSUs achieve the compensation objective of aligning the interests of the executives, directors, employees and consultants with those of Shareholders. In addition, RSUs may have both time-based and performance-based vesting features that can be used to better motivate executives and to encourage qualified and experienced executives to make long-term commitments to the Corporation.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to approve a resolution to approve the implementation of the RSU Plan as a treasury based plan. In order to be approved, the resolution must be passed by a majority of the votes cast by the holders of Shares present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting. Unless instructions are given to decline to vote or to vote against concerning the following resolution, the persons whose names appear in the instrument of proxy intend to vote at the meeting in favor of the following resolution (the "**RSU Plan Resolution**"). Management recommends, and the persons named in the enclosed Proxy intend to vote in favour of, the adoption and approval of the RSU Plan.

### **"BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "**TSX-V**"), the Restricted Share Unit Plan (the "**RSU Plan**"), as described in the Information Circular of the Corporation dated October 17, 2018, with any changes as may be required by the TSX-V, and the reservation of 10,000,000 common shares of the Corporation for issuance thereunder, be and the same is hereby approved;
2. the directors of the Corporation are hereby authorized to grant RSUs pursuant to the RSU Plan to those eligible to receive RSUs thereunder;
3. any director or officer of the Corporation be and is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Corporation, to do all such things and execute all such documents and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution; and
4. notwithstanding that this resolution has been passed by the shareholders of the Corporation, the adoption of the proposed RSU Plan of the Corporation is conditional upon receipt of final approval from the TSX-V and the directors of the Corporation are hereby authorized and empowered to revoke this resolution, without any further approval of the shareholders of the Corporation, at any time if such revocation is considered necessary or desirable by the directors."

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote FOR the RSU Plan Resolution set out above.

### **Summary of the RSU Plan**

On October 17, 2018, the Board approved the adoption of the RSU Plan. Set out below is a summary of the RSU Plan. This summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the RSU Plan, a copy of which will be made available to Shareholders at the Meeting.

#### Eligibility

RSUs may be granted to any employee, director or consultant of the Corporation or its subsidiaries (collectively, "**Eligible Persons**"), other than persons conducting investor relations activities, from time to time by the Board, subject to the limitations set forth in the RSU Plan, but may not be granted when that grant would be prohibited by or in breach of applicable laws or any black out period then in effect.

#### Authority of the Board

The RSU Plan is administered by the Board or a committee thereof. Subject to the limitations of the RSU Plan, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board has the power to: (i) determine which Eligible Persons (defined above) are to be granted RSUs and the number of RSUs to be issued to those Eligible Persons; (ii) determine the terms under which RSUs are granted; (iii) prescribe the form of agreement governing a particular grant of RSUs (the "**RSU Agreement**"); (iv) interpret the RSU Plan and determine all questions arising out of the RSU Plan and any RSUs granted pursuant to the RSU Plan; and (v) prescribe, amend and rescind rules and procedures relating to the RSU Plan.

### Shares Reserved

The maximum number of Shares which may be reserved for issuance under the RSU Plan at any time is 10,000,000 Shares, subject to adjustment by the Board in the event of a change in the capital of the Corporation, and in combination with all share compensation arrangements of the Corporation, including the RSU Plan and the Option Plan, will not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares.

### Limits on Participation

The RSU Plan provides for the following limits on grants, unless approval by Disinterested Shareholders in accordance with the rules of the TSXV is obtained:

- the maximum number of Shares reserved for issuance to insiders under the RSU Plan, together with any other share compensation arrangement, may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares;
- the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to insiders under the RSU Plan, together with any other share compensation arrangement of the Corporation, within a twelve month period, may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares calculated on the grant date; and
- the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to any one Eligible Person under the RSU Plan, together with any other share compensation arrangement of the Corporation, within a twelve month period, may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Shares calculated on the grant date;

For so long as the Corporation is subject to the requirements of the TSXV (unless permitted otherwise by the rules of the TSXV): (i) the maximum number of RSUs that may be granted to a consultant, together with any other share compensation arrangement of the Corporation, within a twelve month period, may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares calculated on the grant date.

### Grants and Vesting of RSUs

The Board may in its own discretion, at any time, and from time to time, grant RSUs to Eligible Persons as it determines appropriate, subject to the limitations set out in the RSU Plan. The Board may designate one or more performance periods under the RSU Plan. In respect of each designated performance period and subject to the terms of the RSU Plan, the Board may from time to time establish the grant date and grant to any Eligible Person one or more RSUs as the Board deems appropriate.

At the time a grant of a RSU is made, the Board may, in its sole discretion, establish such performance conditions for the vesting of RSUs as may be specified in the RSU Agreement (the "**Performance Conditions**"). The Board may use such business criteria and other measures of performance as it may deem appropriate in establishing any Performance Conditions. The Board may determine that a RSU shall vest in whole or in part upon achievement of any one Performance Condition or that two or more Performance Conditions must be achieved prior to the vesting of a RSU. Performance Conditions may differ for Restricted Share Units granted to any one Eligible Person to whom RSUs have been granted (a "**Participant**") or to different Participants. Notwithstanding any other provision of the RSU Plan, the Board may in its sole and absolute discretion accelerate and/or waive any vesting or other conditions, including Performance Conditions, for all or any RSUs for any Participant at any time and from time to time. In no circumstances will RSUs credited to a Participant in respect of a Performance Period vest after three years following the end of the year of the grant date. Any RSUs in respect of a Performance Period that are not vested within three years following the end of the year of the grant date shall be cancelled and no vesting, payment or issuance shall be made under the RSU Plan in respect of such RSUs.

### Third Party Offer

If an offer to purchase all of the outstanding Shares is made by a third party, the Board may, to the extent permitted by applicable law and upon giving each Participant written notice, effect the acceleration of the vesting of the RSUs granted under the RSU Plan.

### Change of Control

Upon a Change of Control (as defined in the RSU Plan), all RSUs that are outstanding but unvested will automatically and irrevocably become vested in full.

### Delivery of Shares or Cash

RSUs shall vest pursuant to the vesting schedule set out in a Participant's RSU Agreement and, subject to any blackout periods then in effect, the Corporation shall redeem such RSUs only at the end of the Performance Period pertaining to the RSUs and issue from treasury one Share for each full RSU that has vested without any further action on the part of the Participant. The Shares issued upon redemption of RSUs shall be registered according to the information in the Corporation's records for a Participant. No partial RSUs may be issued. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the sole election of the Corporation, the Corporation may redeem all or part of the vested RSUs by making a lump sum payment at the end of the performance period pertaining to the RSUs in respect of all RSUs to be redeemed at such time, equal to the amount determined by multiplying the number of RSUs credited to the Participant that are vested on such vesting date by the closing price of the Shares for the most recent trading day preceding the vesting date.

### Tax and Tax Withholding

The Corporation shall require such Participant to pay or cause to be paid to the Corporation an amount as necessary so as to ensure that the Corporation is in compliance with the applicable provisions of any federal, provincial or local law relating to the withholding of tax or other required deductions in connection with the exercise of such RSUs (the "**Source Deductions**"); or in the event a Participant does not pay or cause to be paid the amount specified, then the Corporation shall be permitted to: (a) engage a broker or other agent on behalf of the Participant or Permitted Assign (as defined in the RSU Plan), at the risk and expense of the Participant, to sell a portion of the underlying Shares issued on the exercise of such RSU through the facilities of the TSXV, and to apply the proceeds received on the sale of such underlying Shares as necessary so as to ensure that the Corporation is in compliance with the applicable Source Deductions relating to the exercise of such RSUs, or (b) reduce the number of Shares to be issued to a Participant in respect of redeemed RSUs in an amount that is equal in value to the cash amount of the Source Deductions and pay the Source Deductions in cash as necessary. In addition, the Corporation shall be entitled to withhold from any amount payable to a Participant, such amount as may be necessary so as to ensure that the Corporation is in compliance with the applicable Source Deductions relating to the exercise of any RSU.

### Termination of Employment

Unless otherwise determined by the Board in its sole discretion, or as specified in the applicable RSU agreement:

- upon the voluntary resignation or the termination for cause of a Participant, all of the Participant's RSUs which have been credited to the Participant but remain unvested will be forfeited without any entitlement to such Participant; and
- upon the termination without cause, the disability or the death of a Participant, the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary, as the case may be, shall for each grant of RSUs, have a number of RSUs become vested equal to a prescribed formula as set out in the RSU Plan.

### No Compensation for Cancelled RSUs Awards

A Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person on the Participant's last day of actual and active employment with the Corporation or one of its subsidiaries. For the purposes of the RSU Plan, no period of notice of termination of employment that is or ought to have been given to a Participant, after the date on which the Participant ceases to be an Eligible Person shall be included in determining the Participant's entitlement under the RSU Plan.

### Non-Transferability of RSUs

RSUs are non-assignable and non-transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. All benefits and rights granted under the RSU Plan may only be exercised by the Participant.

### Amendments to the RSU Plan

#### *Amendments Without Shareholder Approval*

Subject to applicable laws and regulatory approvals, the RSU Plan may be amended without Shareholder approval for the following:

- minor changes of a "house-keeping nature";

- amending RSUs under the RSU Plan, including, with respect to advancing the date on which any RSU may vest, assignability and the effect of termination of a Participant, provided that such amendment does not adversely alter or impair any RSU previously granted to a Participant without the consent of such Participant;
- amendments necessary to comply with the provisions of applicable law or the applicable rules of the stock exchange on which the Shares are then listed, including with respect to the treatment of RSUs granted under the RSU Plan;
- amendments respecting the administration of the RSU Plan;
- amendments necessary to suspend or terminate the RSU Plan, provided that such amendment does not adversely alter or impair any RSU previously granted to a Participant without the consent of such Participant; and
- any other amendment not requiring shareholder approval under applicable law or the applicable rules of the stock exchange on which the Shares are then listed.

#### *Amendments Requiring Shareholder Approval*

Shareholder approval is required for the following amendments to the RSU Plan (provided that such shareholder approval is a requirement of the stock exchange where the Common Shares are listed for trading):

- the eligibility of a Participant in the RSU Plan;
- removing or exceeding the limits on participation in the RSU Plan;
- increasing the maximum number of Shares issuable under the RSU Plan;
- the expiry and termination provisions applicable to the RSUs; and
- granting additional powers to the Board to amend the RSU Plan without Shareholder approval;

#### Termination

The Board may terminate the RSU Plan at any time in its absolute discretion. If the RSU Plan is so terminated, no further RSUs will be granted, but the RSUs then outstanding will continue in full force and effect in accordance with the provisions of the RSU Plan.

#### Adjustments

The RSU Plan contains provisions for the adjustment in the number of Shares subject to the RSU Plan and issuable on redemption of RSUs in the event of a share consolidation, subdivision, substitution or reclassification, the payment of stock dividends by the Corporation (other than dividends in the ordinary course) or other relevant changes in the capital of the Corporation or from a proposed merger, amalgamation or other corporate arrangement or reorganization involving the exchange or replacement of Shares for those of another corporation.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

As of the date of this information circular, management knows of no other matters to be acted upon at this Meeting. However, should any other matters properly come before the Meeting, the shares represented by the Proxy solicited hereby will be voted on such matters in accordance with the best judgment of the persons voting the shares represented by the Proxy.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Corporation is on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Financial information relating to the Corporation is provided in the Corporation's comparative financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis for the financial year ended March 31, 2018. Shareholders may contact the Corporation to request copies of financial statements and related Management's Discussion and Analysis at its head office, WeWork c/o HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd., 555 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1M8.

**APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Corporation have approved the content and the sending of this information circular.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***"Frank Holmes"***

Frank Holmes  
Chairman and Interim Executive Chairman

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD.**  
**FORM 52-110F2**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE**

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**ITEM 1: THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S CHARTER (the "Charter")**

**PURPOSE**

The overall purpose of the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") of HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd. (the "Company") is to ensure that the Company's management has designed and implemented an effective system of internal financial controls, to review and report on the integrity of the financial statements and related financial disclosure of the Company, and to review the Company's compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, taxation matters and disclosure of financial information. It is the intention of the Company's board of directors (the "Board") that through the involvement of the Audit Committee, the external audit will be conducted independently of the Company's management to ensure that the independent auditors serve the interests of shareholders rather than the interests of management of the Company. The Audit Committee will act as a liaison to provide better communication between the Board and the external auditors. The Audit Committee will monitor the independence and performance of the Company's independent auditors.

**COMPOSITION, PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION**

- (1) The Audit Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members of the Board.
- (2) At least two (2) members of the Audit Committee shall be independent and the Audit Committee shall endeavour to appoint a majority of independent directors to the Audit Committee, who in the opinion of the Board, would be free from a relationship which would interfere with the exercise of the Audit Committee members' independent judgment. At least one (1) member of the Audit Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Audit Committee that are not financially literate will work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices applicable to the Company. For the purposes of this Charter, an individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.
- (3) The Board, at its organizational meeting held in conjunction with each annual general meeting of the shareholders, shall appoint the members of the Audit Committee for the ensuing year. The Board may at any time remove or replace any member of the Audit Committee and may fill any vacancy in the Audit Committee.
- (4) Unless the Board shall have appointed a chair of the Audit Committee, the members of the Audit Committee shall elect a chair and a secretary from among their number.
- (5) The quorum for meetings shall be a majority of the members of the Audit Committee, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and to hear each other.
- (6) The Audit Committee shall have access to such officers and employees of the Company and to the Company's external auditors, and to such information respecting the Company, as it considers to be necessary or advisable in order to perform its duties and responsibilities.
- (7) Meetings of the Audit Committee shall be conducted as follows:
  - (a) the Audit Committee shall meet at least four times annually at such times and at such locations as may be requested by the chair of the Audit Committee. The external auditors or any member of the Audit Committee may request a meeting of the Audit Committee;
  - (b) the external auditors shall receive notice of and have the right to attend all meetings of the Audit Committee; and
  - (c) management representatives may be invited to attend all meetings except private sessions with the external auditors.

- (8) The internal auditors and the external auditors shall have a direct line of communication to the Audit Committee through its chair and may bypass management if deemed necessary. The Audit Committee, through its chair, may contact directly any employee in the Company as it deems necessary, and any employee may bring before the Audit Committee any matter involving questionable, illegal or improper financial practices or transactions.

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (1) The overall duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be as follows:
- (a) to assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibilities relating to the Company's accounting principles, reporting practices and internal controls and its approval of the Company's annual and quarterly consolidated financial statements and related financial disclosure;
  - (b) to establish and maintain a direct line of communication with the Company's internal and external auditors and assess their performance;
  - (c) to ensure that the management of the Company has designed, implemented and is maintaining an effective system of internal financial controls; and
  - (d) to report regularly to the Board on the fulfilment of its duties and responsibilities.
- (2) The duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee as they relate to the external auditors shall be as follows:
- (a) to recommend to the Board a firm of external auditors to be engaged by the Company, and to verify the independence of such external auditors;
  - (b) to review and approve the fee, scope and timing of the audit and other related services rendered by the external auditors;
  - (c) review the audit plan of the external auditors prior to the commencement of the audit;
  - (d) to review with the external auditors, upon completion of their audit:
    - A. contents of their report;
    - B. scope and quality of the audit work performed;
    - C. adequacy of the Company's financial and auditing personnel;
    - D. co-operation received from the Company's personnel during the audit;
    - E. internal resources used;
    - F. significant transactions outside of the normal business of the Company;
    - G. significant proposed adjustments and recommendations for improving internal accounting controls, accounting principles or management systems; and
    - H. the non-audit services provided by the external auditors;
  - (e) to discuss with the external auditors the quality and not just the acceptability of the Company's accounting principles; and
  - (f) to implement structures and procedures to ensure that the Audit Committee meets the external auditors on a regular basis in the absence of management.
- (3) The duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee as they relate to the internal control procedures of the Company are to:
- (a) review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Company's policies and business practices which impact on the financial integrity of the Company, including those relating to internal auditing, insurance, accounting, information services and systems and financial controls, management reporting and risk management;

- (b) review compliance under the Company's business conduct and ethics policies and to periodically review these policies and recommend to the Board changes which the Audit Committee may deem appropriate;
  - (c) review any unresolved issues between management and the external auditors that could affect the financial reporting or internal controls of the Company; and
  - (d) periodically review the Company's financial and auditing procedures and the extent to which recommendations made by the internal audit staff or by the external auditors have been implemented.
- (4) The Audit Committee is also charged with the responsibility to:
- (a) review the Company's quarterly statements of earnings, including the impact of unusual items and changes in accounting principles and estimates and report to the Board with respect thereto;
  - (b) review and approve the financial sections of:
    - A. the annual report to shareholders;
    - B. the annual information form, if required;
    - C. annual and interim management's discussion and analysis;
    - D. prospectuses;
    - E. news releases discussing financial results of the Company; and
    - F. other public reports of a financial nature requiring approval by the Board,and report to the Board with respect thereto;
  - (c) review regulatory filings and decisions as they relate to the Company's consolidated financial statements;
  - (d) review the appropriateness of the policies and procedures used in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements and other required disclosure documents, and consider recommendations for any material change to such policies;
  - (e) review and report on the integrity of the Company's consolidated financial statements;
  - (f) review the minutes of any audit committee meeting of subsidiary companies;
  - (g) review with management, the external auditors and, if necessary, with legal counsel, any litigation, claim or other contingency, including tax assessments that could have a material effect upon the financial position or operating results of the Company and the manner in which such matters have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements;
  - (h) review the Company's compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, tax matters and disclosure of financial information; and
  - (i) develop a calendar of activities to be undertaken by the Audit Committee for each ensuing year and to submit the calendar in the appropriate format to the Board following each annual general meeting of shareholders.
- (5) The Audit Committee shall have the authority:
- (a) to engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties,
  - (b) to set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the Audit Committee; and
  - (c) to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.



## **REVIEW, AMENDMENT, AND MODIFICATION OF CHARTER**

The Audit Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter periodically as it deems appropriate.

This Charter may be amended or modified by the Board, subject to disclosure and other policies and guidelines of the Canadian Securities Administrators and applicable stock exchange rules.

### **ITEM 2: COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The current members of the Audit Committee are Marcus New, Frank Holmes and Olivier Roussy Newton. Until the resignation of Harry Pokrandt as President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Corporation effective August 31, 2018, all of the members of the Audit Committee were independent as defined in National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110") of the Canadian Securities Administrators. Upon the resignation of Mr. Pokrandt on August 31, 2018, Mr. Holmes assumed the role of Interim Executive Chairman of the Corporation, and Mr. Roussy Newton assumed the role of Interim President of the Corporation, and are therefore not currently considered independent within the meaning of NI 52-110. The Corporation intends to identify and replace Messrs. Holmes and Roussy as Interim Executive Chairman and Interim President, respectively, within 6 months of August 31, 2018.

### **ITEM 3: RELEVANT EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

NI 52-110 provides that an individual is "financially literate" if he or she has 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 Corporation's financial statements.

All of the members of the Corporation's Audit Committee are financially literate as that term is defined in NI 52-110. All members have an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Corporation to prepare its financial statements and have an understanding of its internal controls and procedures for financial reporting. In addition to each member's general business experience, the education and experience of each Audit Committee member relevant to the performance of his or her responsibilities as an Audit Committee member is as follows:

Marcus News has been a director and on an audit committees for a number of technology reporting issuers for more than 20 years. He is registered as the UDP and CCO for a registrant – InvestX Financial (Canada) Ltd., an exempt market dealer. He is a registered dealing representative in BC, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. Mr. New is also a general partner in a private equity firm focused on technology companies – InvestX Master GP1 Ltd.

Frank Holmes' experience as CEO and Chief Investment Officer of U.S. Global Investors, Inc., has given him the required experience to understand and assess the general application of the accounting principles used by the Corporation and to understand internal controls and procedures for financial reporting. Mr. Holmes served on the TSE listing committee in the 1980s and has over 40 years of experience as a research analyst, mining law, corporate finance and international business transactions and practices. As mentioned above, he currently serves as CEO and Chief Investment Officer of U.S. Global Investors, Inc. Mr. Holmes has served as a director and/or officer of U.S. Global Investors, Inc., a U.S. public company operating in the financial sector and U.S. Global Investors Funds since 1989. He has previous experience as an audit committee member and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Science from the University of Western Ontario.

Olivier Roussy Newton is founding partner and GP at Latent Capital Ltd., a private equity fund focused on investments in financial technology, quantum computing and bioinformatics. Mr. Roussy Newton was also a first investor of and advisor to SecFi, Inc., an exempt reporting advisor that has deployed over \$100 million in loans.

### **ITEM 4: AUDIT COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT**

At no time since the commencement of the Corporation's financial year ended March 31, 2018 was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor (currently, Grant Thornton LLP) not adopted by the Board.

### **ITEM 5: RELIANCE ON CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS**

For the reasons set forth in Item 2 above, the Corporation is relying on the exemption in subsection 6.1.1(4) of NI 52-110.

**ITEM 6: PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Formal policies and procedures for the engagement of non-audit services have yet to be formulated and adopted. Subject to the requirements of NI 52-110, the engagement of non-audit services is considered by the Board, and where applicable by the Audit Committee, on a case by case basis.

**ITEM 7: EXTERNAL AUDITOR SERVICE FEES (BY CATEGORY)**

The aggregate fees charged to the Corporation by the external auditor in each of the last two fiscal years are as follows:

	<b><u>FYE 2017</u></b>	<b><u>FYE 2018</u></b>
Audit fees for the year ended March 31	C\$7,000	C\$130,560
Audit related fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil	C\$102,125
Tax fees	Nil	Nil
All other fees (non-tax) <sup>(2)</sup>	Nil	C\$59,046
<b>Total Fees:</b>	<b>C\$7,000</b>	<b>C\$291,731</b>

*Notes:*

*(1) This amount represents fees for interim reviews.*

*(2) This amount represents fees for transaction analysis and regulatory support.*

**ITEM 8: EXEMPTION**

In respect of the most recently completed financial year, the Corporation is relying on the exemption set out in subsection 6.1.1(4) and section 6.1 of NI 51-110 with respect to compliance with the requirements of Part 3 (Composition of the Audit Committee) and Part 5 (Reporting Obligations) of NI 51-110.

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD.**  
**FORM 58-101F2**  
**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURE**

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Pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*, **HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD.** (the "Corporation") is required to and hereby discloses its corporate governance practices as follows.

**ITEM 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Corporation facilitates its exercise of independent supervision over the Corporation's management through frequent meetings of the Board.

The Board is currently comprised of five (5) directors. Bjoern Arzt and Marcus New are considered independent directors. Tobias Ebel is not considered an independent director because of his position as Senior Management of the Corporation's Switzerland subsidiary. Upon the resignation of Harry Pokrandt on August 31, 2018, Frank Holmes assumed the role of Interim Executive Chairman of the Corporation, and Olivier Roussy Newton assumed the role of Interim President of the Corporation, and are therefore not currently considered independent. The Corporation intends to identify and replace Messrs. Holmes and Roussy as Interim Executive Chairman and Interim President, respectively, within 6 months of August 31, 2018.

**ITEM 2. DIRECTORSHIPS**

The new directors of the Corporation are directors of the following other reporting issuers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Reporting Issuer</b>
Frank Holmes	None
Olivier Roussy Newton	None
Bjoern Arzt	None
Tobias Ebel	None
Marcus New	Invictus Financial Inc.

**ITEM 3. ORIENTATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Board briefs all new directors with the policies of the Board of Directors, and other relevant corporate and business information. In particular, the Board oversees an orientation program to familiarize new directors with the Corporation's business and operations, including the Corporation's reporting structure, strategic plans, significant financial, accounting and risk issues and compliance programs and policies, management and the external auditors. The Board oversees ongoing education for all directors.

**ITEM 4. ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT**

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Corporation's governing corporate legislation and the common law and the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board in which the director has an interest have been sufficient to ensure that the Board operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Corporation.

Under the corporate legislation, a director is required to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances, and disclose to the board the nature and extent of any interest of the director in any material contract or material transaction, whether made or proposed, if the director is a party to the contract or transaction, is a director or officer (or an individual acting in a similar capacity) of a party to the contract or

transaction or has a material interest in a party to the contract or transaction. The director must then abstain from voting on the contract or transaction unless the contract or transaction (i) relates primarily to their remuneration as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or an affiliate of the Corporation, (ii) is for indemnity or insurance for the benefit of the director in connection with the Corporation, or (iii) is with an affiliate of the Corporation. If the director abstains from voting after disclosure of their interest, the directors approve the contract or transaction and the contract or transaction was reasonable and fair to the Corporation at the time it was entered into, the contract or transaction is not invalid and the director is not accountable to the Corporation for any profit realized from the contract or transaction. Otherwise, the director must have acted honestly and in good faith, the contract or transaction must have been reasonable and fair to the Corporation and the contract or transaction be approved by the shareholders by a special resolution after receiving full disclosure of its terms in order for the director to avoid such liability or the contract or transaction being invalid.

#### **ITEM 5. NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS**

The Board is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become new Board members and recommending to management new director nominees for the next annual meeting of the shareholders. The Board shall recruit and consider candidates for directors, including any candidates recommended by shareholders, having regard for the background, employment and qualifications of possible candidates.

New nominees must have a track record in general business management, special expertise in an area of strategic interest to the Corporation, the ability to devote the time required, shown support for the Corporation's mission and strategic objectives, and a willingness to serve.

#### **ITEM 6. COMPENSATION**

The Corporation has a Compensation Committee which currently consists of the following members Bjoern Arzt, Frank Holmes and Olivier Roussy Newton. See above "Item 1" for the independence of these members.

The primary function of the Compensation Committee is to monitor and make recommendations to the Board in respect of the total compensation paid by the Corporation to its senior executives and significant consultants. The Compensation Committee has reviewed and approved the "*Executive Compensation*" section above.

#### **ITEM 7. OTHER BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Corporation has a Corporate Governance Committee which currently consists of the following members: Bjoern Arzt, Frank Holmes and Olivier Roussy Newton. See above "Item 1" for the independence of these members.

The primary function of the Corporate Governance Committee is to provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to the shareholders, potential shareholders and the investment community by doing the following:

1. developing and recommending to the Board corporate governance principles applicable to the Corporation;
2. identifying and recommending qualified individuals for nomination to the Board of Directors; and
3. providing such assistance as the Chair of the Board, if independent, or alternatively the lead director of the Board, may require.

The Board of Directors has no other committees other than the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### **ITEM 8. ASSESSMENTS**

The Board assesses its needs with respect to rules and guidelines governing and regulating the affairs of the Board including the frequency and location of Board and committee meetings, procedures for establishing meeting agendas and the conduct of meetings, the adequacy and quality of the information provided to the Board prior to and during its meetings, and the availability, relevance and timeliness of discussion papers, reports and other information required by the Board.

The Board periodically reviews the competencies, skills and personal qualities of each existing director and the contributions made by each director to the effective operation of the Board and reviews any significant change in the primary occupation of the director.

The Board monitors the adequacy of information given to directors, communication between the Board and management and the strategic direction and processes of the Board and committees.

**SCHEDULE "C"**  
**HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD.**  
**CHANGE OF AUDITOR PACKAGE**

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF AUDITOR  
National Instrument 51-102**

**HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD.  
(the "Company")**

**TO: BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITIES COMMISSION  
ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION  
TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE**

Effective September 21, 2017, Saturna Group Chartered Professional Accountants LLP (the "**Former Auditor**") resigned as auditors of the Company at the request of the Company. Grant Thornton LLP (the "**Successor Auditor**") has been appointed as the Company's successor auditors. The proposal to change auditors has been considered and approved by the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors and by the Company's Board of Directors.

There have been no modified opinions contained in any auditor's reports on the Company's annual financial statements for the preceding two fiscal years, and there have been no reportable events, being "disagreements", "consultations" or "unresolved issues" as defined in NI 51-102, between the Company and its Former Auditors.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

**HIVE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD.  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

*"Harry Pokrandt"*

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Harry Pokrandt  
Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

September 25, 2017

British Columbia Securities Commission  
Alberta Securities Commission  
TSX Venture Exchange

Dear Sirs:

**Re: HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd. (the “Company”)**

We have read the statements by the Company in the Notice of Change of Auditor (the “Notice”) dated September 25, 2017, which we understand will be filed pursuant to Section 4.11 of National Instrument 51-102.

We confirm that we are in agreement with the statements contained in the Notice.

Yours truly,

SATURNA GROUP CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS LLP





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September 25, 2017

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: **HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd. (the “Company”)**  
**Notice of Change of Auditor**

This is to advise that in connection with National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, we have read the Company’s notice of change of auditors dated September 25, 2017 and based on our knowledge at the time, we are in agreement with the statements contained in the notice.

Yours sincerely,  
Grant Thornton LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

cc: HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd.

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