

# **BELO SUN MINING CORP. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

## **Audit Committee Charter**

(Implemented pursuant to National Instrument 52-110)

This Charter has been adopted by the Board in order to comply with the Instrument and to more properly define the role of the Committee in the oversight of the financial reporting process of the Corporation. Nothing in this Charter is intended to restrict the ability of the Board or Committee to alter or vary procedures in order to comply more fully with the Instrument, as amended from time to time.

### **PART 1**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Committee is to:

- a) provide oversight of the Corporation's financial reporting process;
- b) assist the Board to properly and fully discharge its responsibilities;
- c) provide an avenue of enhanced communication between the Board and external auditors;
- d) enhance the external auditor's independence;
- e) increase the credibility and objectivity of financial reports; and
- f) strengthen the role of the outside members of the Board by facilitating in depth discussions between Members, management and external auditors.

#### **1.1 Definitions**

"accounting principles" has the meaning ascribed to it in National Instrument 52-107 *Acceptable Accounting Principles, Auditing Standards and Reporting Currency*;

"Affiliate" means a Corporation that is a subsidiary of another Corporation or companies that are controlled by the same entity;

"audit services" means the professional services rendered by the Corporation's external auditor for the audit and review of the Corporation's financial statements or services that are normally provided by the external auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements;

"Board" means the board of directors of the Corporation;

"Charter" means this audit committee charter;

"Corporation" means Belo Sun Mining Corp.;

"Committee" means the committee established by and among certain members of the Board for the purpose of overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Corporation and audits of the financial statements of the Corporation;

“Control Person” means any person that holds or is one of a combination of persons that holds a sufficient number of any of the securities of the Corporation so as to affect materially the control of the Corporation, or that holds more than 20% of the outstanding voting shares of the Corporation, except where there is evidence showing that the holder of those securities does not materially affect control of the Corporation;

"executive officer" means an individual who is:

- a) the chair of the Corporation;
- b) the vice-chair of the Corporation;
- c) the President of the Corporation;
- d) the vice-president in charge of a principal business unit, division or function including sales, finance or production;
- e) an officer of the Corporation or any of its subsidiary entities who performs a policy-making function in respect of the Corporation; or
- f) any other individual who performs a policy-making function in respect of the Corporation;

“financially literate” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.3;

"immediate family member" means a person’s spouse, parent, child, sibling, mother or father-in-law, son or daughter-in-law, brother or sister-in-law, and anyone (other than an employee of either the person or the person’s immediate family member) who shares the individual's home;

“independent” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.2;

“Instrument” means National Instrument 52-110;

"MD&A" has the meaning ascribed to it in the National Instrument;

“Member” means a member of the Committee;

"National Instrument 51-102" means National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*;

"non-audit services" means services other than audit services;

## **1.2 Meaning of Independence**

1. A Member is independent if the Member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Corporation.

2. For the purposes of subsection 1, a material relationship means a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a Member's independent judgement.

3. Despite subsection 2 and without limitation, individuals set out in sections 1.4 (3) and 1.5 of National Instrument 52-110 shall be considered to have a material relationship with the Corporation.

**1.3 Meaning of Financial Literacy** - 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 Corporation's financial statements.

## **PART 2**

**2.1 Audit Committee** – The Board has established the Committee for, among other purposes, compliance with the Instrument.

**2.2 Relationship with External Auditors** – The Corporation will henceforth require its external auditor to report directly to the Committee and the Members shall ensure that such is the case.

### **2.3 Committee Responsibilities**

1. The Committee shall be responsible for making the following recommendations to the Board:

- a) the external auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation; and
- b) the compensation of the external auditor.

2. The Committee shall be directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting.

This responsibility shall include:

- a) reviewing the audit plan with management and the external auditor;
- b) reviewing with management and the external auditor any proposed changes in major accounting policies, the presentation and impact of significant risks and uncertainties, and key estimates and judgements of management that may be material to financial reporting;
- c) questioning management and the external auditor regarding significant financial reporting issues discussed during the fiscal period and the method of resolution;
- d) reviewing any problems experienced by the external auditor in performing the audit, including any restrictions imposed by management or significant accounting issues on which there was a disagreement with management;
- e) reviewing audited annual financial statements, in conjunction with the report of the external auditor, and obtaining an explanation from management of all significant variances between comparative reporting periods;
- f) reviewing the post-audit or management letter, containing the recommendations of the external auditor, and management's response and subsequent follow up to any identified weakness;
- g) reviewing interim unaudited financial statements before release to the public;

- h) reviewing all public disclosure documents containing audited or unaudited financial information before release, including any prospectus, the annual report, the annual information form and management's discussion and analysis;
  - i) reviewing any evaluation of internal controls by the external auditor, together with management's response;
  - j) reviewing the terms of reference of the internal auditor, if any;
  - k) reviewing the reports issued by the internal auditor or external consultant, if any, and management's response and subsequent follow up to any identified weaknesses; and
  - l) reviewing the appointments of the Chief Financial Officer and any key financial executives involved in the financial reporting process, as applicable.
3. The Committee shall pre-approve all non-audit services to be provided to the Corporation or its subsidiary entities by the issuer's external auditor.
4. The Committee shall review the Corporation's financial statements, MD&A and annual and interim earnings press releases before the Corporation publicly discloses this information.
5. The Committee shall ensure that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements, and shall periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures.
6. When there is to be a change of auditor, the Committee shall review all issues related to the change, including the information to be included in the notice of change of auditor called for under Part 4 of National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, and the planned steps for an orderly transition.
7. The Committee shall review all reportable events, including disagreements, unresolved issues and consultations, as defined in the National Instrument, on a routine basis, whether or not there is to be a change of auditor.
8. The Committee shall, as applicable, establish procedures for:
- a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the issuer regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and
  - b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the issuer of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
9. As applicable, the Committee shall establish, periodically review and approve the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the issuer, as applicable.
10. Provide oversight of the Corporation's policies, procedures and practices with respect to the maintenance of the books, records and accounts, and the filing of reports, by the Corporation with respect to third party payments in compliance with the *Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act* (Canada), the *Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act* (Canada) and similar applicable laws.

11. The responsibilities outlined in this Charter are not intended to be exhaustive. Members should consider any additional areas which may require oversight when discharging their responsibilities.

**2.4 De Minimis Non-Audit Services** – The Committee shall satisfy the pre-approval requirement in subsection 2.3(3) if:

- a) the aggregate amount of all the non-audit services that were not pre-approved is reasonably expected to constitute no more than five per cent of the total amount of fees paid by the issuer and its subsidiary entities to the issuer's external auditor during the fiscal year in which the services are provided;
- b) the Corporation or the relevant subsidiary of the Corporation, as the case may be, did not recognize the services as non-audit services at the time of the engagement; and
- c) the services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved by the Committee or by one or more of its members to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee, prior to the completion of the audit.

## **2.5 Delegation of Pre-Approval Function**

1. The Committee may delegate to one or more independent Members the authority to pre-approve non-audit services in satisfaction of the requirement in subsection 2.3(3).

2. The pre-approval of non-audit services by any Member to whom authority has been delegated pursuant to subsection 1 must be presented to the Committee at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

## **PART 3**

### **3.1 Composition**

1. The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three Members.
2. Every Member shall be a director of the issuer.
3. Every audit committee member shall be independent.
4. Every audit committee member shall be financially literate.

## **PART 4**

**4.1 Authority** – Until the replacement of this Charter, the Committee shall have the authority to:

- a) engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties,
- b) set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the Committee,
- c) communicate directly with the internal and external auditors; and
- d) recommend the amendment or approval of audited and interim financial statements to the Board.

## **PART 5**

**5.1 Disclosure in Information Circular** -- The Corporation shall include in its Annual Information Form the disclosure required by Form 52-110F1.

## **PART 6**

### **6.1 Meetings**

1. Meetings of the Committee shall be scheduled to take place at regular intervals and, in any event, not less frequently than quarterly. A majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum.
2. Opportunities shall be afforded periodically to the external auditor, the internal auditor, if any, and to members of senior management to meet separately with the Members.
3. If within one hour of the time appointed for a meeting of the Committee, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same hour on the second business day following the date of such meeting at the same place. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum as hereinbefore specified is not present within one hour of the time appointed for such adjourned meeting, such meeting shall stand adjourned to the same hour on the second business day following the date of such meeting, at the same place. If at the second adjourned meeting a quorum as hereinbefore specified is not present, the quorum for the adjourned meeting shall consist of the members then present.
4. If and whenever a vacancy shall exist, the remaining members of the Committee may exercise all of its powers and responsibilities so long as a quorum remains in office.
5. The time and place at which meetings of the Committee shall be held, and procedures at such meetings, shall be determined from time to time by, the Committee. A meeting of the Committee may be called by letter, telephone, facsimile, email or other communication equipment, by giving at least 48 hours notice, provided that no notice of a meeting shall be necessary if all of the members are present either in person or by means of conference telephone or if those absent have waived notice or otherwise signified their consent to the holding of such meeting.
6. Any member of the Committee may participate in the meeting of the Committee by means of conference telephone or other communication equipment, and the member participating in a meeting pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed, for purposes hereof, to be present in person at the meeting.
7. The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings which shall be submitted to the Board. The Committee may, from time to time, appoint any person who need not be a member, to act as a secretary at any meeting.
8. The Committee may invite such officers, directors and employees of the Corporation and its subsidiaries as it may see fit, from time to time, to attend at meetings of the Committee.
9. Any matters to be determined by the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the Committee called for such purpose; actions of the Committee may be taken by an instrument or instruments in writing signed by all of the members of the Committee, and such actions shall be effective as though they had been decided by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the Committee called for such purpose. The Committee shall report its determinations to the Board at the next scheduled meeting of the Board, or earlier as the Committee deems necessary. All decisions or

recommendations of the Committee shall require the approval of the Board prior to implementation.

10. The Committee members will be elected annually at the first meeting of the Board following the annual general meeting of shareholders.
11. The Board may at any time amend or rescind any of the provisions hereof, or cancel them entirely, with or without substitution.

## **Part 7**

### **7.1 Chair of the Committee**

The Chair of the Committee:

- a. provides leadership to the Committee with respect to its functions as described in this Charter and as otherwise may be appropriate, including overseeing the logistics of the operations of the Committee;
- b. chairs meetings of the Committee, unless not present, including in camera sessions, and reports to the Board following each meeting of the Committee on the findings, activities and any recommendations of the Committee;
- c. ensures that the Committee meets on a regular basis and at least quarterly;
- d. in consultation with the Chair of the Board and the Committee members, establishes a calendar for holding meetings of the Committee;
- e. establishes the agenda for each meeting of the Committee, with input from other Committee members, the Chair of the Board, and any other parties as applicable;
- f. acts as liaison and maintains communication with the Chair of the Board and the Board to optimize and co-ordinate input from Board members, and to optimize the effectiveness of the Committee. This includes reporting to the full Board on all proceedings and deliberations of the Committee at the first meeting of the Board after each Committee meeting and at such other times and in such manner as the Committee considers advisable;
- g. reports annually to the Board on the role of the Committee and the effectiveness of the Committee's role in contributing to the objectives and responsibilities of the Board as a whole;
- h. ensures that the members of the Committee understand and discharge their duties and obligations;
- i. fosters ethical and responsible decision making by the Committee and its individual members;
- j. together with the Corporate Governance Committee, oversees the structure, composition, membership and activities delegated to the Committee from time to time;
- k. ensures that resources and expertise are available to the Committee so that it may conduct its work effectively and efficiently and pre-approves work to be done for the Committee by consultants;

- l. facilitates effective communication between members of the Committee and management; and
- m. performs such other duties and responsibilities as may be delegated to the Chair of the Committee by the Board from time to time.

This Charter will be reviewed annually and any recommended changes will be submitted to the Board for approval.