

**PEYTO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP.****AUDIT COMMITTEE****AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

This charter governs the operations of the audit committee (the "Committee") of Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. (the "Corporation"). The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Corporation.

**I. PURPOSE**

- (a) The primary function of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities regarding the integrity of the Corporation's financial statements including the financial reporting process and systems of internal controls, the compliance by the Corporation with legal and regulatory requirements and the qualifications, performance and independence of the Corporation's external auditor by reviewing:
  - (i) the financial information that will be provided to the shareholders, regulatory authorities and others;
  - (ii) the systems of internal controls management has established;
  - (iii) all audit processes;
  - (iv) all reporting from the external auditors.
- (b) Primary responsibility for the financial reporting, information systems, risk management and internal controls of the Corporation is vested in management and is overseen by the Board. While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Corporation's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These are the responsibilities of management and the external auditor. Nor is it the duty of the Committee to conduct investigations, to resolve disagreements, if any, between management and the external auditor or to assure compliance with laws and regulations.

**II. COMPOSITION AND OPERATIONS**

- (a) The Committee shall be composed of not fewer than three directors, none of whom shall be officers, employees or consultants to the Corporation or any of its related legal entities. The Committee shall only be comprised of unrelated directors. An unrelated director is a director who is independent of management and is free from any interest or other relationship which could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the director's ability to act with a view to the best interests of the Corporation as the case may be, other than interests and relationships arising from shareholding.
- (b) The Committee shall review and reassess this Charter annually.
- (c) All Committee members shall be financially literate (as defined by the TSX or other regulatory authority), or shall become financially literate within a reasonable period of

time after appointment to the Committee, and at least one member shall have appropriate financial management experience or expertise.

- (d) The Corporation's auditors shall be advised of the names of the Committee members and when appropriate will receive notice of and be invited to attend meetings of the Committee and to be heard at those meetings on matters relating to the auditor's duties.
- (e) The Committee shall meet with the external auditors as it deems appropriate to consider any matter that the Committee or auditors determine should be brought to the attention of the Board or unitholders.
- (f) The Committee shall meet at least four times each year.
- (g) The Committee shall have access to the Corporation's senior management and documents as required to fulfill its responsibilities and is provided with the resources necessary to carry out its responsibilities.
- (h) The Committee shall provide open avenues of communication among management, employees, external auditors and the Board.
- (i) The secretary to the Committee shall be the Corporate Secretary or an appointee of the Corporate Secretary.
- (j) Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given to each Committee member at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- (k) A majority of the voting membership of the Committee present in person or by telephone or other electronic telecommunication device shall constitute a quorum.
- (l) The Chief Executive Officer, Vice-President Finance, and Chief Financial Officer and external auditor would be expected to be available to attend meetings or portions thereof. The external auditors would meet at least twice annually with the Committee. Others may or may not attend the meetings at the sole discretion of the Committee.
- (m) Minutes of Committee meetings shall be approved by the Committee and sent to all directors of the Board.

### **III. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **(a) Financial Statements and Other Financial Information**

The Committee will review and recommend for approval to the Board financial information that will be made publicly available. This includes:

- (i) the Corporation's annual and quarterly financial statements;
- (ii) the Corporation's press releases and reports as they relate to the finances of the Corporation;
- (iii) the Management Discussion and Analysis;
- (iv) the financial content of the Annual Report;

- (v) the Annual Information Form and any Prospectus or Private Placement Memorandums; and
- (vi) any reports required by regulatory or government authorities as they relate to the finances of the Corporation.

The Committee will review and discuss:

- (vii) the appropriateness of accounting policies and financial reporting practices to be adopted by the Corporation;
- (viii) any significant proposed changes in financial reporting and accounting policies and practices to be adopted by the Corporation;
- (ix) any new or pending developments in accounting and reporting standards that may affect the Corporation;
- (x) ascertain compliance with the covenants under applicable loan agreements;
- (xi) management's key estimates and judgments that may be material to financial reporting; and
- (xii) any other matters required to be reviewed under applicable legal, regulatory or stock exchange requirements.

(b) Risk Management, Internal Control and Information Systems

The Committee will review and obtain reasonable assurance that the risk management, internal control and information systems are operating effectively to produce accurate, appropriate and timely management and financial information. This includes:

- (i) review the Corporation's risk management controls and policies;
- (ii) obtain reasonable assurance that the information systems are reliable and the systems of internal controls are properly designed and effectively implemented through discussions with and reports from management and the external auditor;
- (iii) review management steps to implement and maintain appropriate internal control procedures including a review of policies;
- (iv) review adequacy of security of information, information systems and recovery plans;
- (v) monitor compliance with statutory and regulatory obligations;
- (vi) review the appointment of the Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer; and
- (vii) review the adequacy of accounting and finance resources.

## (c) External Audit

The Committee will review the planning and results of external audit activities and the ongoing relationship with the external auditor. This includes:

- (i) review and recommend to the Board, for shareholder approval, engagement of the external auditor including, as part of such review and recommendation, an evaluation of the external auditors qualifications, independence and performance;
- (ii) review and recommend to the Board the annual external audit plan, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1. engagement letter;
  - 2. objectives and scope of the external audit work;
  - 3. procedures for quarterly review of financial statements;
  - 4. materiality limit;
  - 5. areas of audit risk;
  - 6. staffing;
  - 7. timetable; and
  - 8. proposed fees.
- (iii) meet with the external auditor to discuss the Corporation's quarterly and annual financial statements and the auditor's report including the appropriateness of accounting policies and underlying estimates;
- (iv) review and advise the Board with respect to the planning, conduct and reporting of the annual audit, including but not limited to:
  - 1. any difficulties encountered, or restrictions imposed by management during the annual audit;
  - 2. any significant accounting or financial reporting issue including the resolution of any disagreement between management and the external auditors;
  - 3. the auditor's evaluation of the Corporation's system of internal controls, procedures and documentation;
  - 4. the post audit or management letter containing any findings or recommendation of the external auditor, including management's response thereto and the subsequent follow-up to any identified internal control weakness;
  - 5. assess the performance and consider the annual appointment of external auditors for recommendation to the Board.
- (v) review and receive assurances on the independence of the external auditor;
- (vi) review the non-audit services to be provided by the external auditor's firm and consider the impact on the independence of the external audit; and
- (vii) meet periodically with the external auditor without management present.

- (d) Other
  - (i) review material litigation and its impact on financial reporting; and
  - (ii) establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### **IV. ACCOUNTABILITY**

The committee shall report its discussions to the Board by distributing the minutes of its meetings and where appropriate, by oral report at the next Board meeting.

#### **V. STANDARDS OF LIABILITY**

Nothing contained in this Charter is intended to expand applicable standards of liability under statutory, regulatory or other legal requirements for the Board or members of the Committee. The purposes and responsibilities outlined in these terms of reference are meant to serve as guidelines rather than inflexible rules and the Committee may adopt such additional procedures and standards as it deems necessary from time to time to fulfill its responsibilities.