

## Audit & Risk Management Committee Charter

Auteco Minerals Limited (the “**Company**”) is committed to conducting its business ethically and in accordance with the highest standards of corporate governance. In determining these standards, the ASX Corporate Governance Council’s Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (as amended from time to time) (the “**ASX Corporate Governance Principles**”) have been referred to.

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) has approved the following charter (the “**Charter**”) which sets out the roles, responsibilities, composition, structure and membership requirements of the Company’s Audit and Risk Management Committee (the “**Committee**”).

The board of directors of the Company has decided not to establish a separate Audit and Risk Management Committee and will deal with the matter at the Board level.

However, the Board has approved this charter which prescribes the role and responsibilities, composition, structure and membership requirements of the Committee.

### 1. Purpose

The Committee shall assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to accounting, financial reporting and risk management.

### 2. Membership and Composition

The Board shall appoint the members of the Committee and review the composition of the Committee at least annually. The Committee should (where possible) comprise:

- at least 3 members;
- only non-executive directors, a majority of whom are independent;
- an independent chairman appointed by the Board and whom is not the chairman of the Board;
- members with sufficient technical expertise to discharge the Committee’s mandate effectively;
- members that are financially literate (i.e. are able to read and understand financial statements); and
- at least one member shall have accounting and/or related financial management expertise (e.g. a qualified accountant or other financial professional).

Members will be appointed for an initial term of 2 years and shall be eligible for re-appointment provided that they remain independent directors of the Board.

The terms of appointment include the following:

- the members may resign upon reasonable notice, in writing, to the Committee chairman;
- a member may from time to time be immediately removed by notice, in writing, by the Committee chairman; and
- the appointment as a member of the Committee is automatically terminated upon that member ceasing to be a director of the Company.

### 3. Meetings and Administration

The Committee shall ensure:

- it meets as frequently as required to undertake its role effectively and in any event at least twice each year;
- each member of the Committee is given reasonable notice of every Committee meeting;
- the chairman of the Committee calls a meeting of the Committee if requested by any Committee member, the Executive Director or the Company Secretary;
- the unanimous vote of members will constitute an act of the Committee;
- formal minutes of each Committee meeting are taken by the Company Secretary and entered into the Committee's minute book;
- other persons are invited to attend meetings, if considered appropriate by the chairman of the Committee, e.g. external consultants or specialists;
- any person who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered by a Committee is not present at a meeting of the Committee when that matter is being considered; and
- the chairman of the Committee reports the findings and recommendations of the Committee to the Board.

The Company Secretary will be the secretary of the Committee and will act as the principal liaison between Executive Management and the Committee.

### 4. Authority

The Committee is generally authorised (within the scope of its responsibilities and in accordance with any applicable law) to:

- consult with the Company's external auditors, any internal auditors, Executive Management and employees of the Company;
- access information and reports;
- at the Company's expense, seek independent external advice on matters brought before the Committee; and
- investigate any matters within the Committee's scope of responsibilities, or other matters when requested by the Board.

### 5. Responsibilities

The Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Board is kept regularly informed on all matters relating to audit, financial reporting and risk management that might significantly impact upon the Company, in a timely manner.

The Committee should maintain open lines of communication between the Board and the external auditors, to exchange views and information.

The Committee should ensure the Board understands the Company's structure, business and controls in order to adequately assess the significant risks of the Company.

The Committee must review and make recommendations to the Board in relation to:

- the Company's financial statements prepared by Executive Management, reporting whether they provide a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company (including but not limited to conducting reviews of the Annual Report, Directors' Report, Annual Financial Statements and Half Yearly Financial Statements);
- the integrity, adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's financial reporting processes;
- the scope, adequacy and quality of audits conducted by both the Company's external and internal auditors (if and when appointed);
- significant internal or external audit findings and Executive Management's responses and related actions;
- the appointment or removal of auditors;
- the implementation of legislated major accounting changes;
- the adequacy of policies and systems established to identify and disclose related-party transactions and assess the propriety of any related party transactions;
- the adequacy of the Company's risk management processes;

- any instances of failure of risk management controls e.g. incidents involving fraud; and
- the Company's insurance portfolio.

The Committee is not required to personally conduct accounting reviews or audits and is entitled to rely on employees of the Company or professional advisers, where appropriate.

## **6. External Audit Arrangements**

As outlined above, the Committee shall report to the Board on external audit arrangements, more specifically, this should include:

- making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment, replacement and remuneration of the Company's external audit firm;
- monitor the effectiveness and independence of the external auditors and resolution of disagreements between Executive Management and the auditor regarding financial reporting;
- review the terms of engagement for the external auditor;
- review the scope of the external audit with the external auditor, including identified risk areas;
- monitor the performance of the external audit, including assessment of the quality and rigour of the audit, quality of the service provided and the audit firm's internal quality control procedures;
- review and assess non-audit services to be provided by the external auditor, with particular consideration to the potential to impair or appear to impair the external auditors' independence;
- review and monitor Executive Management's responsiveness to the external audit findings; and
- on a periodic basis, meet with the external auditor without the presence of Executive Management.

### **Appointment of external auditors and scope of external audit**

In the event that a change in auditor is considered necessary, a formal tendering process will be undertaken.

The Committee will identify the attributes required of an auditor and will ensure the selection process is sufficiently robust, so as to ensure selection of an appropriate auditor. The Committee will ensure that prospective auditors have been provided with a sufficiently detailed understanding of the Company, its operations, its key personnel and any other information, including group structures and financial statements that will have a direct bearing on each firm's ability to develop an appropriate proposal and fee estimate.

The Committee and the Board will consider the appointment, in conjunction with Executive Management.

In selecting an external auditor, particular consideration will be given to:

- whether the fee quoted is sufficient for the work required;
- the work is to be undertaken by people with an appropriate level of seniority, skill and knowledge; and
- whether the work proposed is sufficient to meet the Company's needs and expectations.

The appointment of a new external audit firm will be placed before shareholders for ratification, at the next annual general meeting after the appointment is made.

### **Pre-approval of audit and non-audit services provided by external auditors**

The Committee shall pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided by the Company's external auditors and shall not engage an external auditor to perform any non-audit/assurance services that may impair or appear to impair the external auditor's judgement or independence in respect of the Company.

The Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to a member of the Committee. The decisions of any Committee member to whom pre-approval authority is delegated, should present any pre-approval decision to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

### **Assessment of the external audit**

The Committee shall annually obtain and review a report by the external auditors describing (or meet, discuss and document) the following:

- the audit firm's internal quality control procedures;
- any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the audit firm, or by any enquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues;
- all relationships between the external auditor and the Company (to assess the auditor's independence).

The Committee shall establish clear policies in relation to employees or former employees of the external auditor in order to prevent the impairment or perceived impairment of the external auditor's judgement or independence in respect of the Company.

The Committee shall review and assess the independence of the external auditor, including but not limited to any relationships with the Company or any other entity that may impair or appear to impair the external auditor's judgement or independence in respect of the Company.

### **Rotation and succession planning**

The Committee will discuss with the auditor the provisions the audit firm has in place for the rotation of the lead engagement partner and the independent review partner. The Company shall require that the lead engagement partner should be rotated at least every 5 years and the review partner should be rotated at least every 3 years.

### **Attendance at Company AGM**

The Committee will ensure the Company's external auditor attends the Company's annual general meeting and is therefore available to answer questions about their audit.

## **7. Management Sign-off Procedure – Annual and Half Yearly Financial Statements**

In respect of the Company's annual and half-yearly financial statements, the Executive Director and the person conducting the Chief Financial Officer function should provide a written declaration:

- in terms of s295A of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth); and
- that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound risk management system and internal controls, which are operating effectively.

## **8. Risk Management**

The Committee conduct an annual review of the Company's risk management policies. In addition, the Committee shall:

- assist with the Company's identification and assessment the Company's risks; and
- regularly review and update the Company's risk profile.

## **9. Committee Performance**

The Committee shall annually perform an evaluation of its performance to determine whether it is functioning effectively by reference to current best practice.

The Board will evaluate the performance of the Committee as appropriate.

## **10. Review of Charter**

This Charter will be reviewed by the Board annually, to ensure that it continues to reflect the letter and spirit of all applicable laws and regulations and the Company's commitment to its staff and the community.