

MANDATE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES:

1.1 The objectives of the Committee are to review the adequacy and effectiveness of the actions taken by the various parties herein involved to discharge themselves of their responsibilities herein described and to assist the Board in its oversight of:

- 1.1.1 the integrity of the Corporation's financial statements;
- 1.1.2 the internal and external auditor qualifications and independence;
- 1.1.3 the performance of the Corporation's internal audit function and external auditor;
- 1.1.4 the effectiveness of internal controls;
- 1.1.5 the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and
- 1.1.6 the identification of the material risks that may affect the Corporation and the implementation of appropriate measures to manage such risks.

1.2 Management is responsible for:

- 1.2.1 the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Corporation's financial statements and for maintaining appropriate accounting policies and internal controls and procedures designed to ensure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations; and
- 1.2.2 identifying the material risks and putting in place appropriate measures allowing to manage such risks.

1.3 The external auditor is responsible for auditing the Corporation's annual financial statements and reviewing the Corporation's quarterly financial statements.

1.4 The internal auditor is responsible, by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach, for evaluating and improving the effectiveness of the Corporation's risk management and control processes.

2. SCOPE OF MANDATE

The responsibilities of the Committee extend to Metro Inc., its subsidiaries and their divisions. In this mandate, the word "Corporation" refers to Metro Inc., its subsidiaries and their divisions.

3. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

3.1 The Committee is composed of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) members of the Board of Directors who are all independent directors. All members must be financially literate.

3.2 At any time, the Committee may communicate directly with the external auditor, the internal auditor or the management of the Corporation.

4. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The Audit Committee must periodically inform the Board about its work and advise it about its recommendations.

4.1 Financial Information

- 4.1.1 The Committee reviews, before their public disclosure, the audited annual and interim financial statements, the MD&A and all press releases relating to the financial statements.
- 4.1.2 The Committee reviews with the management of the Corporation and the external auditor the choice of accounting policies and its justification as well as the various estimates made by management which may have a significant impact on the financial position.
- 4.1.3 The Committee ensures that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's disclosure to the public of information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial

statements, other than the information covered by paragraph 4.1.1 hereof, and periodically assesses the adequacy of such procedures.

- 4.1.4 The Committee reviews, before they are released, any prospectus relating to the issuance of securities by the Corporation, the Annual Information Form and the Management Proxy Circular.

4.2 Internal Control

- 4.2.1 The Committee verifies that Corporation Management has implemented mechanisms in order to comply with regulations on internal controls and financial reporting.
- 4.2.2 Every quarter and every fiscal year, the Committee reviews with Corporation Management the conclusions of the work supporting the certification letters to be filed with the authorities.
- 4.2.3 The Committee reviews with the Corporation Management all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies identified pertaining to internal controls and financial reporting, as well as any fraud, and the corrective measures implemented.

4.3 Internal Audit

- 4.3.1 The Committee examines the appointment, replacement, reassignment or dismissal of the Senior Director of the Internal Audit Department and reviews the mandate, annual audit plan, and resources of the internal audit function.
- 4.3.2 The Committee meets the Senior Director of the Internal Audit Department to review the results of the internal audit activities, including any significant issues reported to management by the internal audit function and management's responses and/or corrective actions.
- 4.3.3 The Committee reviews the performance, degree of independence and objectivity of the internal audit function and adequacy of the internal audit process.
- 4.3.4 The Committee reviews with the Senior Director of the Internal Audit Department any issues that may be brought forward by him, including any difficulties encountered by the internal audit function, such as audit scope, access to information and staffing restrictions.
- 4.3.5 The Committee ensures the effectiveness of the coordination between the internal audit and the external audit.

4.4 External Audit

- 4.4.1 The Committee has the authority and the responsibility to recommend to the Board of directors: i) the appointment and the revocation of any public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report, or performing other audit, review or certification services (collectively the "external auditor"); and ii) the compensation of the external auditor.
- 4.4.2 The external auditor communicates directly with the Committee. The Committee reviews the reports of the external auditors which are sent to it directly. The Committee also monitors all the work performed by the external auditors, its audit plans and the results of its audits.
- 4.4.3 The Committee discusses with the external auditors, by means of meetings, problems encountered during the audit, including the existence, if applicable, of restrictions imposed by the management of the Corporation or areas of disagreement with the latter about the financial information and ensures that such disagreements are resolved.
- 4.4.4 The Committee, or one or more of its members to whom it has delegated authority, pre-approves non-audit services that are assigned to the external auditors. The Committee may also adopt policies and procedures concerning the pre-approval of non-audit services that are assigned to the external auditors. It monitors the fees paid with respect to such mandates.
- 4.4.5 The Committee makes sure that the external auditor has obtained the cooperation of the employees and officers of the Corporation.
- 4.4.6 The Committee examines the post-audit letter or the recommendation letter of the external auditor as well as the reactions of management and management's response to the deficiencies observed.
- 4.4.7 The Committee examines the qualifications, performance and independence of the external auditor and ensures that the audit report accompanying the financial statements is issued by an audit firm that is a participant in the program of the Canadian Public Accountability Board and that the firm respects any sanctions and restrictions imposed by this Board. The Committee takes into account the opinions of management and the Corporation's internal auditor in assessing the qualifications, performance and independence of the external auditor.

- 4.4.8 The Committee reviews and approves the Corporation's hiring policy concerning (current and former) partners and (current and former) employees of the (current and former) external auditor.
- 4.4.9 At least, once a year, the external auditor reports to the Committee about: i) the external auditor's internal quality-control procedures; ii) its inscription as a duly registered participant of the Canadian Public Accountability Board ("CPAB") and whether it holds proper authority to audit Canadian issuers; and iii) the evaluation of the quality of its work via an in camera session with the Quebec Managing Partner or his representative.

4.5 Miscellaneous

- 4.5.1 The Committee establishes procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and to preserve confidentiality and the protection of the anonymity of persons who may file such complaints.
- 4.5.2 The Committee has the authority to engage any advisor it deems necessary in order to help it in the performance of its duties, and to set the compensation of such advisor as well as to obtain from the Corporation the funds necessary to pay such compensation.
- 4.5.3 The Committee analyses the conditions surrounding the departure or appointment of the officer responsible for finance and any other key financial executive who participates in the financial information process.

4.6 Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements

- 4.6.1 The Committee reviews the reports received from time to time regarding any material legal or regulatory issues that could have a significant impact over the Corporation's business.

4.7 Risk Management

- 4.7.1 The Committee reviews the material risks identified by Corporation Management. The Committee examines the effectiveness of the measures put in place to manage these risks by questioning the management of the Corporation regarding how risks are managed as well as obtaining opinions from management regarding the degree of integrity of the risk mitigation systems and acceptable thresholds.
- 4.7.2 The Committee reviews on a regular basis the management policies regarding material risks recommended by Corporation Management and obtains from the management of the Corporation on a regular basis reasonable assurance that the Corporation's risk management policies for material risks are being adhered to. The Committee also reviews reports on material risks, including financial hedging activities and environment.