

# EXCELLON

## CHARTER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(amended and restated as of August 14, 2013)

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Excellon Resources Inc. (the “**Company**”) is responsible for the stewardship of the Company, oversight of the management of the business and affairs of the Company, acting in the best interest of the Company, and performing such duties and approving certain matters as may be required by applicable legislation and regulations.

The Board will conduct the procedures and manage the duties and responsibilities set out below, either directly or through committees of the Board. The Board has established the following standing committees to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities: the Audit Committee, the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Health, Safety & Environmental Committee. Special committees will be established from time to time to assist the Board in connection with specific matters. The Board discharges its responsibility by delegating the day to day management of the Company to senior officers. The Board relies on senior officers to keep it apprised of all significant developments affecting the Company and its operations through its Executive Chairman.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board’s duties and responsibilities shall include:

1. To the extent feasible, satisfying itself as to the integrity of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers of the Company, and that the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers create a culture of integrity throughout the Company;
2. The adoption of a strategic planning process and approval, on an annual basis, of a strategic plan for the Company developed and proposed by management which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risks of the business;
3. The identification of principal risks of the Company’s business and implementation of appropriate systems to manage such risks;
4. Ensuring that appropriate succession planning for executive officers of the Company and members of the Board is in place including appointing and monitoring senior management;
5. The adoption of a communication/disclosure policy for the Company to address the accuracy and timing of disclosure of material information;
6. Insuring the integrity of the Company’s internal control and management information system;
7. Review of the Company’s corporate governance, including the development of corporate policies, principles and guidelines that are specifically applicable to the Company;
8. The adoption of a written code of business conduct and ethics applicable to directors, officers and employees of the Company designed to promote integrity, to deter wrongdoing, and monitoring compliance with the Company’s code.



## COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The directors of the Company shall be elected at each annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company and shall serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected.

A majority of the Board shall be “independent” within the meaning of applicable securities laws, rules, policies, regulations, guidelines and instruments and by any stock exchanges on which the Company’s securities are listed. If the Chairman of the Board is not an independent director, an independent director may be appointed to act as lead director (the “**Lead Director**”), to act whenever leadership of a meeting, discussions among directors, or vote by independent directors should not have the leadership or presence of a non-independent Chairman. If appointed, the Lead Director will act as the effective leader of the Board and ensure that the Board’s agenda will enable it to successfully carry out its duties.

There shall be a reasonable number of directors who are financially literate. Financial literacy being 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.

Nominees for membership on the Board will be recommended to the Board by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Board will recommend the nominees to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting. In selecting nominees as new directors, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall consider the competencies and skills the Board as a whole should possess, the competencies and skills of existing directors and of proposed nominees, and the needs of the Company.

The Board shall conduct annual assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of the Board, its Committees, and the contributions of individual directors.

The Board shall annually review and assess the adequacy of its mandate and shall consider such amendments to this mandate as the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall recommend, and make such amendments to this mandate as it considers necessary and appropriate.

Directors are entitled to receive reasonable directors’ fees and other compensation for their services as directors and committee members, as may be determined from time to time by the Board with input from the Compensation Committee, as well as reimbursement of expenses incurred on Company business or in attending Board or committee meetings.

Directors may serve on the boards of other public companies so long as these commitments do not materially interfere and are compatible with their ability to fulfill their duties as a member of the Board. Directors must advise the Company in advance of accepting an invitation to serve on the board of another public company.



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## **MEETINGS AND AGENDA**

The Board shall meet as many times per year as it deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its responsibilities effectively, but in no event shall the Board meet less than four times per year. Meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the Company's articles or by-laws. Prior to the end of each year, the Corporate Secretary will propose a schedule of Board meetings for the following calendar year for attendance by the Board.

The Chairman or Lead Director, if any, and the Chief Executive Officer shall develop the agenda for each regularly scheduled Board meeting. Any director may propose the inclusion of items on the agenda, and may raise at any meeting other matters that they consider worthy of discussion. Materials for discussion will be distributed sufficiently in advance of the meeting to provide the directors with a reasonable opportunity for review.

Directors should make all reasonable efforts to attend meetings of the Board and of all Board committees upon which they serve, to review the materials that are distributed in advance to prepare for those meetings, and be prepared to discuss such materials and actively participate in the meetings.

The Board may invite any of the Company's officers, employees, advisors or consultants or any other person to attend meetings of the Board to assist in the discussion and examination of the matters under consideration by the Board.

Directors shall have unrestricted access to management and employees of the Company. The Board shall have the authority to retain external legal counsel, consultants or other advisors to assist it in fulfilling its responsibilities and to set and pay the respective reasonable compensation of these advisors without consulting or obtaining the approval of any officer of the Company. The Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Board, for the services of these advisors.

The independent members of the Board will hold regularly scheduled meetings at which non-independent directors and members of management of the Company are not in attendance.

## **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

The Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee and Health, Safety and Environmental Committee shall be fully independent. The Board shall adopt mandates for each Committee of the Board. At least annually, each mandate shall be reviewed by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and any suggested amendments shall be brought to the Board for consideration and approval. The Board has delegated to the applicable committee those duties and responsibilities set out in each Board committee's mandate. As required by applicable law, by applicable committee mandate, or as the Board may consider advisable, the Board shall consider for approval the specific matters delegated for review to Board committees.

With the assistance of the Audit Committee, the Board shall, among other things:

- review and approve the Company's interim and annual financial statements, managements' discussion and analysis, and associated news releases;
- review the audit report prepared by the Company's external auditor and any other matters related to the financial statements that are brought forward by the external auditors;
- review the factors identified by management as factors that may affect future financial results;



- identify and assess risks that could have a material impact on the Company's business and ensure the implementation of proper systems to monitor and manage such risks and identify material changes to the Company's risk profile; and
- review and approve the Company's financial objectives, plans and actions, including significant capital allocations and expenditures.

With the assistance of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board shall, among other things:

- develop the Company's approach to corporate governance, review corporate governance issues, and review and approve the disclosure of corporate governance practices;
- maintain a succession plan for the Company and ensure that the Board and management have the appropriate skills and experience required to succeed in their positions;
- review the effectiveness, size and composition of the Board, taking into consideration the strategic direction of the Company and the current strengths, competence, skills and experience of Board members and directors whose term of office is expiring;
- ensure that new directors receive orientation to understand fully the nature and operation of the Company's business, the role of the Board and its committees, as well as the contribution individuals directors are expected to make;
- provide opportunities for all directors so that individuals may maintain or enhance their skills and abilities and directors, as well as advance their knowledge and understanding of the Company's current business; and, if required,
- develop position descriptions for the Chairman and, if applicable, the Lead Director, the Chair of each Board committee, and the Chief Executive Officer.

With the assistance of the Compensation Committee, the Board shall, among other things:

- review and approve the corporate goals and objectives of the Chief Executive Officer, evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of those corporate goals and objectives, and determine the Chief Executive Officer's compensation level based on this evaluation;
- periodically review the Company's management structure and the Chief Executive Officer's proposals for changes to that structure including any recommendations of officer appointments or terminations;
- review and approve the annual compensation of all other executive officers of the Company, as recommended by the Chief Executive Officer, based on the achievement of individual corporate goals and objectives developed for the performance of management;
- review and approve the compensation of the directors and committee members;
- ensure that remuneration packages for all executive officers and directors have the overriding purpose of motivating and retaining qualified individuals; reflect the requirements of the marketplace to attract and retain the skills and abilities required; enhance long-term shareholder value, and involve a balance between fixed and incentive compensation that properly reflects individual performance relative to the short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the Company's circumstances and goals;
- review and administer the Company's equity compensation plans to ensure that such plans are reasonable and provide appropriate incentives to directors, officers, employees and consultants;



- review and approve any recommended stock option grants and/or share issuances under the Company's equity-based compensation plans to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries, as appropriate;
- encourage Board members to own an appropriate number of Company shares; and
- review and approve the disclosure of executive compensation prior to release of any data.

With the assistance of the Health, Safety and Environmental Committee, the Board shall, among other things:

- review and approve the Company's health and safety; environmental and sustainability plans, policies, processes and activities;
- monitor matters relating to health, safety and the environment and compliance with applicable regulations in such areas; and
- review and approve the disclosure in the Company's annual report and other documents, as applicable, with respect to health and safety, environment and sustainability activities.

### **Board/Committee Communication**

To facilitate communication between the Board and each Board committee, each committee chair shall provide a report to the Board on material matters considered by the committee at the first Board meeting following the committee's meeting. Minutes of committee meetings are made available to all directors and are filed with the Corporate Secretary.

### **GENERAL**

Directors are expected to comply with all of the Company's governance policies, procedures and guidelines, including but not limited to, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Board and Board Committee charters and mandates and corporate policies, including the Disclosure Policy and the Share Trading Policy among others, and are expected to sign a certificate of compliance annually confirming their continued understanding and compliance with such policies, procedures and guidelines.

The Board, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, shall review measures for receiving information from the Company's shareholders. The Board shall, on a periodic basis and with the assistance of the officers involved in investor relations, monitor and review information provided by the Company's shareholders.

At least annually, the Board shall review and assess the adequacy of its mandate to ensure compliance with any rules of regulations of any regulatory body and approve any modifications to its mandate as are considered advisable.



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