

# **KARNALYTE RESOURCES INC.**

## **Audit Committee Charter**

### **OVERALL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

The primary role and responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be to:

- (a) assist the Board of Directors in its oversight role with respect to:
  - (i) the quality and integrity of financial reporting and information;
  - (ii) the independent auditor's performance, qualifications and independence;
  - (iii) the performance of the Corporation's internal audit function, if applicable; and
  - (iv) the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and
- (b) prepare such reports of the Audit Committee required to be included in any documents in accordance with applicable laws or the rules of applicable securities regulatory authorities;
- (c) assess the processes related to the determination and mitigation of risks and the maintenance of an effective control environment; and
- (d) strengthen the role of the outside directors by facilitating in depth discussions between the directors on the Audit Committee, management and independent auditors.

### **MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

The Audit Committee shall consist of three or more Directors of the Corporation appointed by the Board of Directors, all of whom in the opinion of the Board shall be independent and unrelated to the Corporation and as such shall not be officers (other than a non-executive Chairman or Corporate Secretary who is not an employee of the Corporation) or employees of or have a meaningful business relationship with the Corporation or any of the Corporation's affiliates or be an immediate family member of any of the foregoing, to the extent required by applicable laws governing the Corporation. Each of the members of the Audit Committee shall satisfy the applicable independence and financial literacy of the laws governing the Corporation, the applicable stock exchanges on which the Corporation's securities are listed and applicable securities regulatory authorities.

The Board of Directors shall designate one member of the Audit Committee as the Committee Chair. Each member of the Audit Committee shall be financially literate as such qualification is interpreted by the Board of Directors in its business judgment.

Any members of the Audit Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board of Directors and will cease to be a member of the Audit Committee as soon as such member ceases to be a director. The Board may fill vacancies on the Audit Committee by appointment from among its members. If and whenever a vacancy exists on the Audit Committee, the remaining members may exercise all its powers so long as a quorum remains. Subject to the foregoing, following the appointment as a member of the Audit Committee, each member will hold such office until the Audit Committee is reconstituted.

## **STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Audit Committee participating in any meeting of the Audit Committee is necessary for the adoption of any resolution. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

The Chair will preside at all meetings of the Audit Committee, unless the Chair is not present, in which case the members of the Audit Committee that are present will designate from among such members the Chair for the purposes of the meeting.

The Audit Committee shall meet as often as it determines, but not less frequently than quarterly. A quorum for meetings of the Audit Committee will be a majority of its members and the rules for calling, holding, conducting and adjourning meetings of the Audit Committee will be the same as those governing the Board of Directors unless otherwise determined by the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors.

The Chief Financial Officer will attend meetings of the Audit Committee where matters relating to the functions of the Audit Committee are dealt with, unless otherwise excused from all or part of any such meeting by the Chairman. The Audit Committee may invite such officers, directors and employees of the Corporation as it sees fit from time to time to attend at meetings of the Audit Committee and assist in the discussion and consideration of the matters being considered by the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee will meet with the external auditor at least once per year (in connection with the preparation of the year-end financial statements) and at such other times as the external auditor and the Audit Committee consider appropriate. The Audit Committee is expected to establish and maintain free and open communication with management and the independent auditor and shall periodically meet separately with each of them.

Agendas, approved by the Chairman, will be circulated to the Audit Committee members along with background information on a timely basis prior to the Audit Committee meetings. Minutes of all meetings of the Audit Committee will be taken. The minutes of the Audit Committee will be recorded and maintained and the Audit Committee shall report to the Board of Directors on its activities after each of its meetings at which time minutes of the prior Audit Committee meeting shall be tabled for the Board.

Any issues arising from these meetings that bear on the relationship between the Board and management should be communicated to the Chairman of the Board by the Audit Committee Chair.

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES**

### **Oversight of the Independent Auditor**

- Make recommendations to the board for the appointment and replacement of the independent auditor.
- Responsibility for the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditor (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work. The independent auditor shall report directly to the Audit Committee.
- Authority to pre-approve all audit services and permitted non-audit services (including the fees, terms and conditions for the performance of such services) to be performed by the independent auditor.

- Evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditor, including (i) reviewing and evaluating the lead partner on the independent auditor's engagement with the Corporation, and (ii) considering whether the auditor's quality controls are adequate and the provision of permitted non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the auditor's independence.
- Obtain from the independent auditor and review the independent auditor's report regarding the management internal control report of the Corporation to be included in any documents as required by the laws governing the Corporation, the applicable stock exchanges on which the Corporation's securities are listed and applicable securities regulatory authorities.
- Ensure the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit as required by law (currently at least every 5 years).
- When there is to be a change in the auditor, review all issues relating to the change, including any reportable events, and all information to be included in the required notice to securities regulators of such change.

### **Financial Reporting**

- Review and discuss with management and the independent auditor, as applicable,:
  - prior to the annual audit the scope, planning and staffing of the annual audit,
  - the annual audited financial statements,
  - the Corporation's annual and quarterly disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis,
  - approve any reports for inclusion in the Corporation's Annual Report, as required by applicable legislation,
  - the Corporation's quarterly financial statements, including the results of the independent auditor's review of the quarterly financial statements and any matters required to be communicated by the independent auditor under applicable review standards,
  - significant accruals, reserves or other estimates such as the ceiling test calculation,
  - accounting treatment of unusual or non-recurring transactions,
  - compliance with covenants under loan agreements,
  - disclosure requirements for commitments and contingencies,
  - adjustments raised by the external auditors, whether or not included in the financial statements,
  - significant variances with comparative reporting periods.
  - significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Corporation's financial statements,

- any significant changes in the Corporation's selection or application of accounting principles,
- any major issues as to the adequacy of the Corporation's internal controls and any special steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies, and
- other material written communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.
- Discuss with the independent auditor matters relating to the conduct of the audit, including any difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work, any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to requested information and any significant disagreements with management.
- Review the financial statements, prospectuses, management's discussion and analysis, annual information form and all public disclosure containing audited or unaudited financial information (including, without limitation, annual and interim press releases and any other press releases disclosing earnings or financial results) before release and prior to Board approval. The Audit Committee must be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's disclosure of all other financial information and will periodically access the accuracy of those procedures.
- Conduct an investigation sufficient to provide reasonable grounds for believing that the financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and any public disclosure documents containing financial information are complete in all material respects and consistent with the information known to Audit Committee members, and assess whether the financial statements reflect appropriate accounting principles.

### **Risk Assessment and Risk Management**

- Discuss with Corporation management guidelines and policies governing the risk assessment and risk management processes.
- Review with Corporation's management and the independent auditors, significant risks and exposures, including management's plans and processes to minimize these risks such as insurance coverage.
- Evaluate whether Corporation's management is adequately communicating the importance of internal control to all relevant personnel.
- Periodically privately consult with the independent auditor about internal controls and the completeness and accuracy of the Corporation's financial statements.
- Review whether the internal control recommendations made by the independent auditor are being implemented by the Corporation's management and, if not, why not.

### **Other Responsibilities**

- Periodically, as the Audit Committee deems appropriate, review the President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officers' expenses and perquisites.
- Review all consulting fees paid by the Corporation to any organization where such fees exceed \$25,000 annually.

- Institute special investigations, if necessary, and hire special counsel or experts to assist, if appropriate.
- Establish, and review annually, a procedure for:
  - the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and
  - the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters and resolution of such concerns, if any.
- To comply with the procedure above, the Audit Committee shall ensure that the Corporation advises all employees, by way of a written code of business conduct and ethics (the “Code”), or if such Code has not yet been adopted by the Board of Directors, by way of written or electronic notice, that any employee who reasonably believes that questionable accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters have been employed by the Corporation or their external auditors is strongly encouraged to report such concerns by way of communication directly to the Chair of the Corporation Governance Committee of the Corporation.
- Review with the Board, any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Corporation’s financial statements, the Corporation’s compliance with legal or regulatory requirements and the performance and independence of the Corporation’s independent auditors.
- Perform other oversight functions as requested by the Board.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE’S ROLE**

The Audit Committee has the oversight role set out in this Charter. The Audit Committee shall review and assess the adequacy of this Charter periodically and, where necessary, will recommend changes to the Board of Directors for its approval.

Management, the Board of Directors, the independent auditor and the internal auditor (if any) all play important roles in respect of compliance and the preparation and presentation of financial information. Management is responsible for compliance and the preparation of financial statements and periodic reports. Management is responsible for ensuring the Corporation’s financial statements and disclosures are complete, accurate, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable laws. The Board of Directors in its oversight role is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities. The independent auditor, following the completion of its annual audit, opines on the presentation, in all material respects, of the financial position and results of operations of the Corporation in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

**FUNDING FOR THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AND RETENTION OF OTHER INDEPENDENT ADVISORS**

The Corporation shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for payment of compensation to the independent auditor for the purpose of issuing an audit report and to any advisors retained by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall also have the authority to retain such other independent advisors as it may from time to time deem necessary or advisable for its purposes and the payment of compensation therefor shall also be funded by the Corporation.

## **APPROVAL OF AUDIT AND REMITTED NON-AUDIT SERVICES PROVIDED BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

Over the course of any year there will be two levels of approvals that will be provided. The first is the existing annual Audit Committee approval of the audit engagement and identifiable permitted non-audit services for the coming year. The second is in-year Audit Committee pre-approvals of proposed audit and permitted non-audit services as they arise.

Any proposed audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided by an external auditor to the Corporation or its subsidiaries must receive prior approval from the Audit Committee, in accordance with this protocol. The Chief Financial Officer shall act as the primary contact to receive and assess any proposed engagements from an external auditor.

Following receipt and initial review for eligibility by the primary contacts, a proposal would then be forwarded to the Audit Committee for review and confirmation that a proposed engagement is permitted.

In the majority of such instances, proposals may be received and considered by the Chair of the Audit Committee (or such other member of the Audit Committee who may be delegated authority to approve audit and permitted non-audit services), for approval of the proposal on behalf of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee Chair will then inform the Audit Committee of any approvals granted at the next scheduled meeting.

## **PROCEDURE GOVERNING ERRORS OR MISSTATEMENTS IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In the event a director or an officer of the Corporation has reason to believe, after discussion with management, that a material error or misstatement exists in financial statements of the Corporation, that director or officer shall forthwith notify the Audit Committee and the auditor of the error or misstatement of which the director or officer becomes aware in a financial statement that the auditor or a former auditor has reported on.

If the auditor or a former auditor of the Corporation is notified or becomes aware of an error or misstatement in a financial statement on which the auditor or former auditor has reported, and if in the auditor's or former auditor's opinion the error or misstatement is material, the auditor or former auditor shall inform each director accordingly.

When the Audit Committee or the Board is made aware of an error or misstatement in a financial statement the Board shall prepare and issue revised financial statements or otherwise inform the shareholders of the Corporation and file such revised financial statements as required.

## **LIMITATION ON AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' DUTIES**

Nothing in this Charter is intended, or may be construed, to impose on any member of the Audit Committee a standard of care or diligence that is in any way more onerous or extensive than the standard required by law.