



AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish the terms of reference of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") of Precision Drilling Corporation (the "Corporation"). The Committee is a permanent committee of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board" or the "Board of Directors") appointed to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to financial reporting by the Corporation. Responsibility for accounting for transactions and internal control over financial reporting lies with senior management ("Management") of the Corporation.

The requirement to have an audit committee is established in Section 171 of the Business Corporations Act (Alberta) and, in addition, is required pursuant to National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees*, as adopted by the Canadian Securities Administrators and the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), as amended for issuers listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE").

The Committee shall assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to:

- the integrity of financial reporting to the shareholders of the Corporation (the "Shareholders") and to the Corporation's other stakeholders including investors, customers, suppliers and employees;
- the integrity of the accounting and financial reporting process and system of controls, including the internal and external audit processes;
- the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial reporting matters;
- the external auditor's qualifications and independence;
- the reporting protocol and independence of the internal auditor of the Corporation ("Audit Services");
- the work and performance of the Corporation's financial management, Audit Services' function and its external auditor; any other matter specifically delegated to the Committee by the Board of Directors or mandated under applicable laws, rules and regulations as well as the listing standards of the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") and the NYSE; and
- the Corporation's compliance with ethical standards adopted by the Corporation through the oversight of the Corporation's hotline.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee shall:

Annual and Quarterly Financial Statements

- review and discuss with Management and the external auditor the annual and interim financial statements of the Corporation and related notes and management's discussion and analysis and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for their approval;
- ensure that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements and periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures;
- review and oversee the work of the external auditor for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of disagreements between Management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting;
- review and discuss with Management and the external auditor, as applicable:
 - all critical accounting policies and practices to be used in the annual audit;
 - major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Corporation's selection or application of accounting principles, and major issues as to the adequacy of the Corporation's internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies;
 - analyses prepared by Management or the external auditor setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including analyses of the effects of alternative International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") methods on the financial statements of the Corporation and any other opinions sought by Management from an independent or other audit firm or advisor with respect to the accounting treatment of a particular item;
 - any problems, difficulties or differences encountered in the course of the audit work or restrictions on the scope of the external auditor's activities or access to requested information and Management's response thereto;
 - the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives on the financial statements of the Corporation and other financial disclosures;
 - any reserves, accruals, provisions or estimates that may have a significant effect upon the financial statements of the Corporation; and
 - the use of any "pro forma" or "adjusted" information not in accordance with IFRS;
- discuss with Management and the external auditor any accounting adjustments that were noted or proposed by the external auditor or Audit Services but were not adopted (as immaterial or otherwise) and Management or internal control letters issued or proposed to be issued by the Corporation's external auditor and Management's response to such letters;
- review other financial information included in the Corporation's Annual Report to ensure that it is consistent with the Board of Directors' knowledge of the affairs of the Corporation and is unbiased and non-selective;

- upon the Committee's request, receive from the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation a certificate certifying in respect of each annual and interim report of the Corporation the matters such officers are required to certify in connection with the filing of such reports under applicable securities laws and receive and review disclosures made by such officers regarding any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls or material weaknesses therein and any fraud involving Management or persons who have a significant role in the Corporation's internal controls;
- cause to be prepared any report required by law, regulations or stock exchange requirements to be included in the Corporation's annual and quarterly reports;

Other Financial Filings and Public Documents

- review and recommend to the Board types of financial information of the Corporation, including any "pro forma," "adjusted" or non-IFRS financial information and earnings guidance, contained in any filings with the securities regulators or news releases related thereto (or provided to analysts or rating agencies). Consideration should be given as to whether the information is consistent with the information contained in the financial statements of the Corporation or any subsidiary with publicly-listed securities. Such review and discussion should occur before public disclosure and may be done generally (consisting of discussing the types of information to be disclosed and the types of presentations to be made);

Duties Related to Capital Expenditures

- review and recommend to the Board of Directors requests from Management for (a) any additional unbudgeted capital and (b) any replenishment of the Chief Executive Officer's and/or Chairman of the Board's capital approval authority under the Corporation's Corporate Policy No. 2 – *Authority Levels*;
- receive and review Authorizations for Expenditures from Management for material capital expenditures on a "Notice of Allocation" basis;

Internal Control Environment

- ensure that Management, in conjunction with the external auditor and Audit Services, provides to the Committee an annual assessment on the Corporation's control environment as it pertains to the Corporation's financial reporting process and controls;
- in coordination with the Corporate Governance, Nominating and Risk Committee's oversight of risk, review annually (or as necessary) significant financial risks or exposures and assess the steps Management has taken to monitor, control, report and mitigate such risks to the Corporation, including the Corporation's risk assessment and risk management policies such as use of financial derivatives and hedging activities;
- review significant findings prepared by the external auditor and Audit Services together with Management's responses;
- review, in consultation with Audit Services and the external auditor, the audit plans of Audit Services and the external auditor and enquire as to the extent the planned scope can be relied upon to detect weaknesses in internal controls, fraud or other illegal acts. The Committee will assess the coordination of audit efforts to assure completeness of coverage and the effective use of audit resources. Any significant recommendations made by the auditor for the strengthening of internal controls shall be reviewed and discussed with Management;
- review annually the administrative reporting protocol for the head of Audit Services;
- review annually the performance and compensation of Audit Services;

- review and approve the annual Audit Services internal audit plan and all major changes to the plan, the internal auditing budget and staffing;
- review the following issues with Management and the head of Audit Services:
 - significant findings of the Audit Services group as well as Management's response to them;
 - any difficulties encountered in the course of their internal audits, including any restrictions on the scope of their work or access to required information; and
 - compliance with the Institute of Internal Auditors' Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing;
- review and annually approve the Audit Services Charter;
- approve the appointment, replacement or dismissal of the head of the Audit Services;
- direct the head of Audit Services to review any specific areas the Committee deems necessary;
- confirm and assure annually the independence of Audit Services and the external auditor;

External Auditor

- recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment/reappointment of the external auditor;
- review with the external auditor and Management the general audit approach and scope of proposed audits of the financial statements of the Corporation, the objectives, staffing, locations, co-ordination and reliance upon Management in the audit, the overall audit plans, the audit procedures to be used and the timing and estimated budgets of the audits;
- review the terms of the external auditor's engagement letter and recommend to the Board of Directors the compensation to be paid by the Corporation to the external auditor;
- review the reasons for any proposed change in the external auditor and any other significant issues related to the change, including the response of the incumbent external auditor, and enquire as to the qualifications of the proposed external auditor before making its recommendations to the Board of Directors;
- be directly responsible for the retention of (including termination) and oversight of the work of any auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of disagreements between Management or Audit Services and the auditor regarding financial reporting or the application of any accounting principles or practices;
- require the external auditor and Audit Services to report directly to the Committee;
- provide the external auditor with notice of every meeting of the Committee and, at the expense of the Corporation, the opportunity to attend and be heard thereat, and if so requested by a member of the Committee, require the external auditor to attend every meeting of the Committee held during the term of the office of the external auditor;
- approve all auditing services to be provided by the external auditor and non-audit services to be performed for the Corporation or any affiliated entities by the external auditor or any of their affiliates subject to any *de minimus* exception allowed by applicable law. The Committee may delegate to one or more designated independent members of the Committee the authority to pre-

approve non-audit services, provided that any audit or non-audit services that have been pre-approved by any such delegate of the Committee must be presented to the Committee for ratification at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval;

- review and approve the disclosure with respect to audit and non-audit services provided by the external auditor;
- review with the external auditor and Management the general audit approach and scope of proposed audits of the financial statements of the Corporation, the objectives, staffing, locations, co-ordination and reliance upon Management in the audit, the overall audit plans, the audit procedures to be used and the timing and estimated budgets of the audits;
- discuss with the external auditor, without Management being present, (a) the external auditor's judgment about the quality, integrity and appropriateness of the Corporation's accounting principles and financial disclosure practices as applied in its financial reporting and (b) the completeness and accuracy of the Corporation's financial statements;
- annually request and review a report from the external auditor regarding (a) the external auditor's internal quality control procedures, (b) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, Canadian Public Accountability Board or Public Company Accounting Oversight Board or other available peer review of the external auditor, or by any inquiry 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;
- review and confirm the independence of the external auditor, including all relationships between the external auditor and the Corporation;
- evaluate the qualifications and performance of the external auditor;
- review and approve hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor;
- ensure that the lead audit partner of the external auditor and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit are rotated at least every five years as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Regulation S-X, and further consider rotation of the external auditor firm itself;
- review the results of the annual external audit, including the auditors' report to the Shareholders and any other reports prepared by the external auditor and the informal reporting from the external auditor on accounting systems and internal controls, including Management's response;

Other Review Items

- review any legal regulatory or compliance matter, claim or contingency that could have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Corporation, the Corporation's compliance policies and any material reports, inquiries or other correspondence received from regulators or governmental agencies and the manner in which any such legal matter, claim or contingency has been disclosed in the Corporation's financial statements;
- review the treatment for financial reporting purposes of any significant transactions which are not a normal part of the Corporation's operations;
- establish and periodically review procedures for (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters or other matters

that could negatively affect the Corporation, such as violations of the Corporation's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics;

- review with Management, Audit Services and the external auditor any significant complaints received related to disclosure, financial controls, fraud or other matters;
- oversee Management's process to ensure its disclosure regarding forward looking information is appropriate and thorough;

Committee Governance

- annually establish a set of objectives for the Committee for the respective calendar year, with the status of such objectives to be reviewed and evaluated by the Committee on a quarterly basis;
- meet in an in-camera session regularly with the external auditor, the head of Audit Services, members of Management and as a Committee alone;
- meet in separate non-Management, closed sessions with any other internal personnel or outside advisors, as necessary or appropriate; and
- review annually its own performance.

In addition to the foregoing items, the Committee shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time by resolution be assigned to it by the Board of Directors.

Limitation of Committee's Role

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in its Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to prepare financial statements, plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Corporation's financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with IFRS and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of Management and the external auditor.

The Committee, the Chair of the Committee and any Committee members identified as having accounting or related financial expertise are members of the Board of Directors, appointed to the Committee to provide broad oversight of the financial, risk and control-related activities of the Corporation, and are specifically not accountable or responsible for the day-to-day operation or performance of such activities.

Although the designation of a Committee member as having accounting or related financial expertise for disclosure purposes is based on that individual's education and experience, which that individual will bring to bear in carrying out his or her duties on the Committee, such designation does not impose on such person any duties, obligations or liabilities that are greater than the duties, obligations and liabilities imposed on such person as a member of the Committee and Board of Directors in the absence of such designation. Rather, the role of a Committee member who is identified as having accounting or related financial expertise, like the role of all Committee members, is to oversee the process, not to certify or guarantee the internal or external audit of the Corporation's financial information or public disclosure.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND AUTHORITY

(a) Composition

The Committee shall consist of not less than three directors as determined by the Board of Directors, at least 25 percent of whom must be resident Canadians and all of whom shall qualify as independent directors pursuant to (i) National Instrument 52-110 *Audit Committees* (as implemented by the Canadian Securities Administrators and as amended from time to time) ("NI 52-110"); (ii) Section 303A.02 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual; (iii) Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act; and (iv) any additional requirements or guidelines for audit committee service under applicable securities laws

and the rules of any stock exchange on which the shares of the Corporation are listed for trading.

All members of the Committee shall be financially literate, as defined in NI 52-110, and at least one member shall have "accounting or related financial management expertise". In particular, at least one member shall have: (i) education and experience as a principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller, public accountant or auditor or experience in one or more positions that involve the performance of similar functions; (ii) experience actively supervising a principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller, public accountant, auditor or person performing similar functions; (iii) experience overseeing or assessing the performance of companies or public accountants with respect to the preparation, auditing or evaluation of financial statements; or (iv) other relevant experience:

- an understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial statements;
- the ability to assess the general application of such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and provisions;
- expertise preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Corporation's financial statements, or experience actively supervising one or more persons engaged in such activities;
- an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting; and
- an understanding of audit committee functions.

Committee members may not, other than in their respective capacities as members of the Committee, the Board of Directors or any other committee of the Board of Directors, accept directly or indirectly any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation, or be an "affiliated person" (as such term is defined in the Exchange Act and the rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder) of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation. For greater certainty, directors' fees and fixed amounts of compensation under a retirement plan (including deferred compensation) for prior service with the Corporation that are not contingent on continued service should be the only compensation an audit committee member may receive from the Corporation.

No Committee member shall serve on the audit committees of more than three other issuers without prior determination by the Board of Directors that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to serve effectively on the Committee.

(b) **Appointment and Replacement of Committee Members**

Each member of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Any member of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board of Directors and shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committee upon ceasing to be a Director of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors may fill vacancies on the Committee by appointment from among its number. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy if the membership of the Committee is less than three directors or Canadian residency requirements are not met. If and whenever a vacancy shall exist on the Committee, the remaining members may

exercise all their power so long as a quorum remains in office and minimum Canadian residency requirements are met.

Subject to the foregoing, the members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors annually and each member of the Committee shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation after his or her election or until his or her successor shall be duly qualified and appointed.

(c) **Quorum**

A majority of the Committee with at least 25 percent resident Canadians present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak to each other shall constitute a quorum.

(d) **Review of Charter and Position of the Committee Chair**

The Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and the description of the Committee Chair description at least annually and otherwise as it deems appropriate, and recommend changes to the Corporate Governance, Nominating and Risk Committee of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall reference this Charter in establishing its annual goals and meeting objectives.

(e) **Delegation**

The Committee may delegate from time to time to any person or committee of persons any of the Committee's responsibilities that lawfully may be delegated.

(f) **Reporting to the Board of Directors**

The Committee will report through the Chair of the Committee to the Board of Directors on matters considered by the Committee, its recommendations and performance relative to annual objectives and its Charter.

(g) **Committee Chair Responsibilities**

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Chair of the Committee, who is expected to provide leadership to the Committee to enhance its effectiveness. In such capacity, the Chair of the Committee will perform the duties and responsibilities set forth in the "Position Description - Audit Committee Chair".

(h) **Calling of Meetings**

Any member of the Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation or the external auditor of the Corporation may call a meeting. The Committee shall meet at least four times per year and as many additional times as needed to carry out its duties effectively.

(i) **Notice of Meetings**

Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing or electronic communication to each member of the Committee at least 48 hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting. Notice of each meeting shall also be given to the external auditors of the Corporation. A member and the external auditors may in any manner waive notice of a Committee meeting. Attendance of a member at a meeting is a waiver of notice of the meeting except where a member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting was not lawfully called.

(j) **Procedure, Records and Reporting**

Subject to any statute or articles or by-laws of the Corporation, the Committee shall fix its own procedures at meetings, keep records of its proceedings and report to the Board of Directors, generally not later than the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors that follows the Committee meeting. In discharging its responsibilities, the Committee shall have full access to any relevant records of the Corporation.

(k) **Attendance of Others at Meetings**

The Committee shall have the right to determine who shall, and who shall not, be present at any time during a meeting of the Committee. The Committee may request any officer or employee of the Corporation, members of Audit Services, the Corporation's legal counsel, or any external auditor, to attend a meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or consultants to the Committee. The Committee shall also have the authority to communicate directly with Audit Services and the external auditor.

(l) **Outside Experts and Advisors**

The Committee may retain, and set and pay the compensation to, any outside expert or advisor, including but not limited to, legal, accounting, financial or other consultants, at the Corporation's expense, as it determines necessary to carry out its duties. The Committee will assure itself as to the independence of any outside expert or advisor.

Approved effective July 31, 2018