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Ms. Karen Grommada  
Director of Finance  
City of Port Coquitlam  
2580 Shaughnessy  
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2A8

October 5, 2016

Dear Ms. Grommada,

The purpose of this letter is to outline the terms of the following audit engagements for the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam ("the City"), commencing for the period ending December 31, 2016:

- Audit of the consolidated financial statements
- Audit of the Home Owner Grant Treasurer/Auditor Certificate, and
- Audit of the City's compliance with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act

The attached Terms and Conditions and any exhibits, attachments and appendices hereto and subsequent amendments form an integral part of the terms of this engagement and are incorporated herein by reference (collectively the "Engagement Letter").

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTING FRAMEWORK FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The annual financial statements will be prepared and presented in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (hereinafter referred to as the "financial reporting framework").

The annual financial statements will include an adequate description of the financial reporting framework (hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements" or "annual financial statements").

#### **MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

Management responsibilities are described in [Appendix – Management's Responsibilities](#).

An audit does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Our responsibilities are described in [Appendix – Auditor's Responsibilities](#).

If management does not fulfill the responsibilities above, we cannot complete our audit.

## AUDITOR'S DELIVERABLES

The expected form and content of our report(s) is provided in [Appendix – Expected Form of Report](#). However, there may be circumstances in which a report may differ from its expected form and content.

In addition, if we become aware of information that relates to the financial statements after we have issued our audit report, but which was not known to us at the date of our audit report, and which is of such a nature and from such a source that we would have investigated that information had it come to our attention during the course of our audit, we will, as soon as practicable: (1) communicate such an occurrence to those charged with governance; and (2) undertake an investigation to determine whether the information is reliable and whether the facts existed at the date of our audit report. Further, management agrees that in conducting that investigation, we will have the full cooperation of the City's personnel. If the subsequently discovered information is found to be of such a nature that: (a) our audit report would have been affected if the information had been known as of the date of our audit report; and (b) we believe that the audit report is currently being relied upon or is likely to be relied upon by someone who would attach importance to the information, appropriate steps will be taken by KPMG and expected by the City to prevent further reliance on our audit report. Such steps include, but may not be limited to, appropriate disclosures by the City of the newly discovered facts and the impact to the financial statements.

## FEES

[Appendix – Fees for Professional Services](#) to this letter lists our fees for professional services to be performed under this Engagement Letter.

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We are available to provide a wide range of services beyond those outlined above. Additional services are subject to separate terms and arrangements.

We are proud to provide you with the services outlined above and we appreciate your confidence in our work. We shall be pleased to discuss this letter with you at any time. If the arrangements and terms are acceptable, please sign the duplicate of this letter in the space provided and return it to us.



City of Port Coquitlam  
October 5, 2016

Yours very truly,

KPMG LLP

C.J. James, CPA, CA

*Partner, responsible for the engagement and its performance, and for the report that is issued on behalf of KPMG LLP, and who, where required, has the appropriate authority from a professional, legal or regulatory body*  
604-527-3635

Enclosure

cc: Council of the City of Port Coquitlam

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The terms of the engagement set out are as agreed:

K. Grommada

Ms. Karen Grommada, Director of Finance

11/10/16

Date (dd/mm/yy)

## Appendix – Management’s Responsibilities

Management acknowledges and understands that they are responsible for:

- (a) the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework referred to above
- (b) ensuring that all transactions have been recorded and are reflected in the financial statements
- (c) such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management also acknowledges and understands that they are responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud
- (d) providing us with access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as financial records, documentation and other matters, including the names of all related parties and information regarding all relationships and transactions with related parties
- (e) providing us with additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit
- (f) providing us with unrestricted access to persons within the City from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence
- (g) providing us with written representations required to be obtained under professional standards and written representations that we determine are necessary. Management also acknowledges and understands that, as required by professional standards, we may disclaim an audit opinion when management does not provide certain written representations required.
- (h) ensuring that internal auditors providing direct assistance to us, if any, will be instructed to follow our instructions and that management, and others within the City, will not intervene in the work the internal auditors perform for us.

## Appendix – Auditor’s Responsibilities Regarding the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our function as auditors of the City is:

- to express an opinion on whether the City's annual financial statements, prepared by management with the oversight of those charged with governance, are, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting framework referred to above
- to report on the annual financial statements

We will conduct the audit of the City's annual financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and relevant ethical requirements, including those pertaining to independence (hereinafter referred to as applicable “professional standards”).

We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Accordingly, we will, among other things:

- identify and assess risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, based on an understanding of the City and its environment, including the City's internal control. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the City's preparation of the annual financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about whether material misstatements exist, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to the assessed risks
- form an opinion on the City's annual financial statements based on conclusions drawn from the audit evidence obtained
- communicate matters required by professional standards, to the extent that such matters come to our attention, to the appropriate level of management, those charged with governance and/or the board of directors. The form (oral or in writing) and the timing will depend on the importance of the matter and the requirements under professional standards.

**Appendix – Auditor’s Responsibilities Regarding the Audit of the Home Owner Grant:  
Treasurer/Auditor Certificate**

We will also perform audit procedures with respect to the Home Owner Grant: Treasurer / Auditor Certificate (“the Certificate”) in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards with the objective of expressing an opinion on whether the financial information in the Certificate presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with Section 12 of the Home Owner Grant Act. However, we cannot provide assurance that an opinion without reservation will be rendered. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our audit report or withdraw from the audit engagement. In such circumstances, our findings or reasons for withdrawal will be communicated to management and the Council.

The report will indicate that it is intended solely for the information and use of the City and the Ministry of Community, Sport, and Cultural Development and that it is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Appendix – Auditor’s Responsibilities Regarding the Compliance with Subsections 2 and 3 of Section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act**

We will also perform audit procedures with respect to the City’s compliance with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards with the objective of expressing an opinion on whether the City is in compliance with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act. However, we cannot provide assurance that an opinion without reservation will be rendered. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our audit report or withdraw from the audit engagement. In such circumstances, our findings or reasons for withdrawal will be communicated to management and the Council.

The report will indicate that it is intended solely for the information and use of the City and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and that it is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

## Appendix – Expected Forms of Report

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Mayor and Council

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the City of Port Coquitlam, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016 and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the City's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the City of Port Coquitlam as at December 31, 2016, and its consolidated results of operations, its changes in net consolidated financial assets and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Date

Burnaby, Canada

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the City of Port Coquitlam and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

We have audited the accompanying financial information in the Form C2 - Home Owner Grant: Treasurer/Auditor Certificate comprised of total Home Owner Grants of \$xxx, total reimbursement by Province of \$xxx and balance due from Province of \$xxx for the City of Port Coquitlam, for the year ended December 31, 2016 and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies (together "the Certificate"). The Certificate has been prepared by management in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Section 12(1) of the Home Owner Grant Act.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Certificate*

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Certificate in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Section 12(1) of the Home Owner Grant Act, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Certificate that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Certificate based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Certificate is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Certificate. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Certificate, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the City's preparation of the Certificate in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Certificate.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial information in the Form C2 - Home Owner Grant: Treasurer/Auditor Certificate comprised of total Home Owner Grants of \$xxx, total reimbursement by Province of \$xxx and balance due from Province of \$xxx for the City of Port Coquitlam, for the year ended December 31, 2016, is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Section 12(1) of the Home Owner Grant Act.





*Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Use*

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the Certificate, which describes the basis of accounting. The Certificate is prepared to meet the requirements of Section 12(1) of the Home Owner Grant Act. As a result, the Certificate may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the City of Port Coquitlam and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and should not be used by parties other than the City of Port Coquitlam and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Date

Burnaby, Canada

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## **AUDITORS' REPORT ON SUBSECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF SECTION 124 OF PART 8 OF THE SCHOOL ACT**

To the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

We have audited the City of Port Coquitlam's (the "City") compliance with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act for the year ended December 31, 2016. Compliance with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act is the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the City complied with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act. Such an audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting compliance, evaluating the overall compliance with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act and, where applicable, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management.

In our opinion, the City has complied, in all material respects, with subsections 2 and 3 of section 124 of Part 8 of the School Act for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Our report is intended solely for the City and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and should not be used by parties other than the City or the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Date

Burnaby, Canada

### Appendix – Fees for Professional Services

The City and KPMG agree to a fee based on actual hours incurred at mutually agreed-upon rates for the audit. The estimated fee, pursuant to our proposal dated August 25, 2016 are the following for the years ended 2016 through to 2020, exclusive of taxes:

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
\$29,075	\$29,500	\$30,000	\$30,500	\$31,000

Our fees will be billed as the work progresses.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS

These Terms and Conditions are an integral part of the accompanying engagement letter or proposal from KPMG that identifies the engagement to which they relate (and collectively form the "Engagement Letter"). The term "Entity" used herein has the meaning set out in the accompanying engagement letter or proposal. The term "Management" used herein means the management of the Entity.

### 1. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of these Terms and Conditions and the accompanying proposal or engagement letter shall only apply to the extent that they are not prohibited by a mandatory provision of applicable law, regulation or professional standards. If any of the provisions of these Terms and Conditions or the accompanying proposal or engagement letter are determined to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of these Terms and Conditions or the accompanying proposal or engagement letter, as the case may be, shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated, and each such provision shall remain valid and in effect and be enforceable and binding on the parties to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### 2. GOVERNING LAW.

This Engagement Letter shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the province where KPMG's principal office performing this engagement is located (without regard to such province's rules on conflicts of law).

### 3. LLP STATUS.

KPMG LLP is a registered limited liability Partnership ("LLP") established under the laws of the Province of Ontario and, where applicable, has been registered extra-provincially under provincial legislation. KPMG is a partnership, but its partners have a degree of limited liability. A partner is not personally liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the LLP that arise from a negligent act or omission by another partner or by any other person under that other partner's direct supervision or control. The legislation relating to limited liability partnerships does not, however, reduce or limit the liability of the firm. The firm's insurance exceeds the mandatory professional indemnity insurance requirements established by the relevant professional bodies. Subject to the other provisions hereof, all partners of the LLP remain personally liable for their own actions and/or actions of those they directly supervise or control.

### 4. DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION.

Management's cooperation in providing us with documents and related information and agreed-upon assistance on a timely basis is an important factor in being able to issue our report. Entity agrees that all management functions/responsibilities will be performed and all management decisions will be made by Entity, and not KPMG. KPMG shall be entitled to share all information provided by the Entity with all other member firms of KPMG International Cooperative ("KPMG International"). All work papers, files and other internal materials created or produced by KPMG during the engagement and all copyright and intellectual property rights in our work papers are the property of KPMG. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, the Entity shall keep confidential the existence and terms of this Engagement Letter, and such confidential information shall not be distributed, published or made available to any other person without KPMG's express written permission. Further, for purposes of the services described in this Engagement Letter only, the Entity hereby grants to KPMG a limited, revocable, non-exclusive, non-transferable, paid up and royalty-free license, without right of sublicense, to use all logos, trademarks and service marks of Entity solely for presentations or reports to the Entity or for internal KPMG presentations and intranet sites.

### 5. USE OF MEMBER FIRMS AND THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS.

In some circumstances, information entered into KPMG's time and billing system regarding the Entity and the services performed by KPMG hereunder will be stored in the United States of America by KPMG or a third party processor, and such information may be subject to disclosure in accordance with laws applicable in the United States of America. KPMG acknowledges and represents to the Entity that only the name of the Entity, time incurred and description of time incurred will be entered into KPMG's time and billing system regarding the Entity. Under no circumstances will KPMG's time descriptions include any information that would be covered by privacy legislation in effect in British Columbia or made available to any person or entity without the consent of the Entity unless ordered pursuant to a competent court in British Columbia or

professional regulatory body KPMG is subject to. Notwithstanding anything contained in this agreement, KPMG will not process, store or disclose any personal information collected hereunder outside of Canada.

### 6. PERSONAL INFORMATION CONSENTS AND NOTICES.

Any collection, use or disclosure of personal information is subject to KPMG's Privacy Policy available at [www.kpmg.ca](http://www.kpmg.ca). KPMG may be required to collect, use and disclose personal information about individuals during the course of this engagement.

The Entity represents and warrants that (i) it will obtain any consents reasonably required to allow KPMG to collect, use and disclose personal information in the course of the engagement, and (ii) it has provided notice of the potential processing of such personal information outside of Canada (as described in Section 5 above). KPMG's Privacy Officer noted in KPMG's Privacy Policy is able to answer any individual's questions about the collection of personal information required for KPMG to deliver services hereunder.

### 7. OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT.

In order to allow issues of independence to be addressed, Management agrees that prior to extending an offer of employment to any KPMG partner, employee or contractor, the matter is communicated to the engagement partner or associate partner.

### 8. OFFERING DOCUMENTS.

If the Entity wishes to include or incorporate by reference the financial statements and our report thereon in an offering document, we will consider consenting to the use of our report and the terms thereof at that time. Nothing in this Engagement Letter shall be construed as consent and KPMG expressly does not consent to the use of our audit report(s) in offering documents. If the Entity wishes to obtain KPMG's written consent to the use of our audit report(s) in an offering document, or wishes us to provide a comfort or advice letter, we will be required to perform procedures as required by professional standards; any agreement to perform such procedures will be documented in a separate engagement letter. Management agrees to provide us with adequate notice of the preparation of such documents.

### 9. FEE AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

KPMG's estimated fee is based on the quality of the Entity's accounting records, the agreed-upon level of preparation and assistance from the Entity's personnel, and adherence to the agreed-upon timetable. KPMG's estimated fee also assumes that the Entity's financial statements are in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and that there are no significant new or changed accounting policies or issues, or financial reporting, internal control over financial reporting or other reporting issues. KPMG will inform the Entity on a timely basis if these factors are not in place. Additional time may be incurred for such matters as significant issues, significant unusual and/or complex transactions, informing management about new professional standards, and any related accounting advice. Where these matters arise and require research, consultation and work beyond that included in the estimated fee, the Entity and KPMG agree to revise the estimated fee. No significant additional work will proceed without Management's concurrence, and, if applicable, without the concurrence of those charged with governance. Upon completion of these services KPMG will review with the Entity any fees and expenses incurred in excess of KPMG's estimate, following which KPMG will render the final billing. Our professional fees are also subject to a technology and support charge to cover information technology infrastructure costs and administrative support of our client service personnel, which are not included in our client service personnel fee. The technology and support fee covers costs such as our client service personnel computer hardware and customized KPMG software, telecommunications equipment, printing of financial statements and reports, client service professional administrative support, IT programming professional services and other client support services. Other disbursements for items such as travel, accommodation and meals will be charged based on KPMG's actual disbursements.

KPMG's invoices are due and payable upon receipt. Amounts overdue are subject to interest. In order to avoid the possible implication that unpaid fees might be viewed as creating a threat to KPMG's independence, it is important that KPMG's bills be paid promptly when rendered. If a situation arises in which it may appear that KPMG's independence is threatened



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because of significant unpaid bills, KPMG may be prohibited from signing the report and, if applicable, any consent.

Fees for any other services will be billed separately from the services described in this Engagement Letter and may be subject to written terms and conditions supplemental to those in this letter.

Canadian Public Accountability Board (CPAB) participation fees, when applicable, are charged to the Entity based on the annual fees levied by CPAB.

To the extent that KPMG partners and employees are on the Entity's premises, the Entity will take all reasonable precautions for the safety of KPMG partners and employees at the Entity's premises.

### 10. LEGAL PROCESSES.

a. The Entity on its own behalf hereby acknowledges and agrees to cause its subsidiaries and affiliates to hereby acknowledge that KPMG may from time to time receive requests or orders from the Canadian Public Accountability Board or from professional, securities or other regulatory, judicial or governmental authorities (both in Canada and abroad) to provide them with information and copies of documents in KPMG's files including (without limitation) working papers and other work-product relating to the affairs of the Entity, its subsidiaries and affiliates, which information and documents may contain confidential information of Entity. Except where prohibited by law, if a request or order is directly related to an inspection or investigation of KPMG's audit of the Entity, KPMG will advise the Entity of the request or order. The Entity hereby acknowledges that KPMG will provide these documents and information without further reference to, or authority from, the Entity, its subsidiaries and affiliates. The Entity must mark any document over which it asserts privilege as "privileged". When such an authority requests access to KPMG's working papers and other work-product relating to the Entity's affairs, KPMG will, on a reasonable efforts basis, refuse access to any document over which the Entity has expressly informed KPMG at the time of delivery that the Entity asserts privilege (by the Entity marking such document as "privileged" as contemplated in the foregoing sentence). Notwithstanding the foregoing, where disclosure of such privileged documents is required by law, KPMG will disclose such privileged documents. If and only if the authority requires such access to such privileged documents pursuant to the laws of a jurisdiction in which express consent of the Entity is required for such disclosure, then the Entity hereby provides its consent.

Where privileged Entity documents are disclosed by KPMG as contemplated above, KPMG is directed to advise the authority that the Entity is permitting disclosure only to the extent required by law and for the limited purpose of the authority's exercise of statutory authority. KPMG is directed to advise the authority that the Entity does not intend to waive privilege for any other purpose and that the Entity expects its documents to be held by the authority as privileged and confidential material. For greater certainty, the Entity and KPMG hereby agree that this acknowledgement (and, if required, consent) does not negate or constitute a waiver of privilege for any purpose and the Entity expressly relies upon the privilege protections afforded under statute and otherwise under law.

The Entity agrees to reimburse KPMG, upon request, at standard billing rates for KPMG's professional time and expenses, including reasonable legal fees, expenses and taxes, incurred in dealing with the matters described above.

b. The Entity agrees to notify KPMG promptly of any request received by Entity from any court or applicable regulatory authority with respect to the services hereunder, KPMG's confidential information, KPMG's advice or report or any related document. If KPMG is required by law, pursuant to government regulation, subpoena or other legal process to produce documents or personnel as witnesses arising out of the engagement and KPMG is not a party to such proceedings, Entity shall reimburse KPMG at standard billing rates for professional time and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees, expenses and taxes incurred in responding to such compelled assistance.

c. If the Entity requests that KPMG produce documents or personnel as witnesses in any proceedings in any way related to the engagement or services provided by KPMG hereunder and KPMG is not a party to such proceedings, KPMG may agree to produce documents or personnel as witnesses on such terms and conditions as KPMG may, in its sole discretion, determine. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Entity shall reimburse KPMG at standard billing rates for professional time

and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees, expenses and taxes incurred in responding to such Entity requests.

### 11. KPMG INTERNATIONAL MEMBER FIRMS.

The Entity agrees that any claims that may arise out of this engagement will be brought solely against KPMG, the contracting party, and not against any other KPMG International member firms participating in this engagement or such third party service providers referred to in Section 5 above.

### 12. CONNECTING TO THE ENTITY'S IT NETWORK.

KPMG personnel are authorized to connect their computers to the Entity's IT Network, subject to any restrictions communicated to KPMG from time to time. Connection to the Entity's IT Network or the Internet via the Network, while at the Entity's premises, will be for the express purpose of conducting normal business activities, primarily relating to facilitating the completion of work referred to in this letter.

### 13. DELIVERABLES OR COMMUNICATIONS.

KPMG may issue other deliverables or communications as part of the services described in this Engagement Letter. Such other deliverables or communications may not be included in, summarized in, quoted from or otherwise used or referred to, in whole or in part, in any public documents or public oral statement.

KPMG expressly does not consent to the use of any communication, report, statement or conclusion prepared by us on the interim financial statements. Further any such communication, report, statement or conclusion on the interim financial statements may not be included in, summarized in, quoted from or otherwise used in any public document or public oral statement except when the interim review conclusion contains a modified conclusion as explained below.

If the interim review conclusion is modified relating to a departure from the applicable financial reporting framework, which is not as a result of an exemption permitted by securities legislation, you agree that our interim review report will accompany the interim financial statement.

### 14. LIMITATION ON WARRANTIES

**THIS IS A SERVICES ENGAGEMENT. KPMG WARRANTS THAT IT WILL PERFORM SERVICES HEREUNDER IN GOOD FAITH WITH QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN A COMPETENT AND WORKMANLIKE MANNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE INDUSTRY STANDARDS. SUBJECT TO SECTION 1, KPMG DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS OR CONDITIONS, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.**

### 15. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

a. Subject to Section 1: (i) Entity agrees that KPMG shall not be liable to Entity for any actions, damages, claims, fines, penalties, complaints, demands, suits, proceedings, liabilities, costs, expenses, or losses (collectively, "Claims") in any way arising out of or relating to the services performed hereunder for an aggregate amount in excess of the fees paid by Entity to KPMG under the engagement; and (ii) on a multi-phase engagement, KPMG's liability shall be based on the amount actually paid to KPMG for the particular phase that gives rise to the liability.

b. Subject to Section 1, in the event of a Claim by any third party against KPMG that arises out of or relates to the services performed hereunder, Entity will indemnify and hold harmless KPMG from all such Claims, including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees, except to the extent finally determined to have resulted from the intentional, deliberate or fraudulent misconduct of KPMG.

c. Subject to Section 1: (i) in no event shall KPMG be liable for consequential, special, indirect, incidental, punitive or exemplary damages, liabilities, costs, expenses, or losses (including, without limitation, lost profits and opportunity costs); (ii) in any Claim arising out of the engagement, Entity agrees that KPMG's liability will be several and not joint and several; and (iii) Entity may only claim payment from KPMG of KPMG's proportionate share of the total liability based on degree of fault.

d. For purposes of this Section 15, the term KPMG shall include its subsidiaries, its associated and affiliated entities and their respective current and former partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives. The provisions of this Section 15 shall apply regardless of

the form of Claim, whether in contract, statute, tort (including, without limitation, negligence) or otherwise.

#### 16. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

The parties shall, and shall cause both their and their respective subsidiaries', affiliates' and associated entities' current and former officers, partners, directors, employees, agents and representatives, to first attempt to settle any dispute arising out of or relating to this Engagement Letter or the services provided hereunder (the "Dispute") through good faith negotiations in the spirit of mutual cooperation between representatives of each of the parties with authority to resolve the Dispute. In the event that the parties are unable to settle or resolve a Dispute through negotiation within 30 days of when one of the parties has notified the other party of the Dispute by delivering a notice of dispute, or such longer period as the parties may mutually agree upon, such Dispute shall, as promptly as is reasonably practicable, be subject to mediation pursuant to the National Mediation Rules of the ADR Institute of Canada, Inc. that are in force at the time the notice of dispute is delivered. Any Dispute remaining unresolved for more than 60 days following the parties first meeting with a mediator or such longer period as the parties may mutually agree upon shall, as promptly as is reasonably practicable, be resolved by arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Rules of the ADR Institute of Canada, Inc. (the "Arbitration Rules") that are in force at the time the Dispute is subject to arbitration. For certainty, the parties hereby waive any right they may otherwise have to bring a court action in connection with a Dispute. The parties also waive any right they may otherwise have to bring or participate in a class, collective, or representative proceeding in connection with a Dispute, whether in court or before an arbitrator. The arbitrator's decision shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the parties, and the parties shall have no right to appeal or seek judicial review of the arbitrator's decision. For certainty, the parties hereby waive any right of appeal which may otherwise be available under applicable legislation or under the Arbitration Rules. The place of mediation and arbitration shall be the city in Canada in which the principal KPMG office that performed the engagement is located. The language of the mediation and arbitration shall be English.

#### 17. LIMITATION PERIOD

Subject to Section 1, no proceeding arising under or relating to the engagement may be brought by either party more than one year after the cause of action has accrued or in any event not more than five years after completion of the engagement, except that a proceeding for non-payment may be brought by KPMG at any time following the date of the last payment due to KPMG hereunder. For purposes of this Section 17, the term "KPMG" shall include its subsidiaries and associated and affiliated entities and their respective current and former partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives.

#### 18. COMMENT LETTERS OR EQUIVALENT.

Management agrees to promptly provide us with a copy of any comment letter or request for information issued by a relevant securities regulatory authority on the Entity's continuous disclosure filings or equivalent. If any of the comments pertain to the Entity's financial statements and, when applicable, Management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, Management and those charged with governance agree to engage our assistance, subject to any pre-approval process, in the process of responding to such comments.

#### 19. PUBLIC DOCUMENTS OR EQUIVALENT.

Except as otherwise specifically agreed in this Engagement Letter, nothing in this Engagement Letter shall be construed as consent and KPMG expressly does not consent to the use of our audit report(s) in any "document" or "public oral statement" (as those terms are defined in section 138.1 of the Securities Act (Ontario)), including but not limited to when:

- (i) the Entity files with securities regulatory authorities its annual financial statements and KPMG's audit report thereon;
- (ii) the Entity files with securities regulatory authorities its Management's Discussion and Analysis in connection with the material in (i) above;
- (iii) the Entity files with securities regulatory authorities any other continuous disclosure document containing, or incorporating by reference, the annual financial statements and KPMG's audit report thereon (e.g., Annual Reports on Form 40-F or 20-F or 10-K filed on SEDAR).

If the Entity wishes to obtain KPMG's written consent to the use of our audit report(s), we will be required to perform procedures as required by professional standards. Except as otherwise specifically agreed in this Engagement Letter, any agreement to perform procedures necessary to provide KPMG's written consent or any agreement to read any other document issued by the Entity will be a separate engagement.

#### 20. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

a. KPMG is engaged by a wide variety of entities and individuals, some of whom may be creditors, investors, borrowers, shareholders, competitors, suppliers or customers of Entity, or other parties with conflicting legal and business interests to Entity, including, without limitation, in relation to the audit, tax or advisory services provided to Entity by KPMG. KPMG's engagements with such companies and individuals may result in a conflict with Entity's interests.

b. As a condition of KPMG's engagement by Entity, Entity agrees that: (i) without further notice or disclosure, KPMG may accept or continue engagements on unrelated matters to KPMG's engagement for Entity in which KPMG may act contrary to Entity's interests even if those unrelated matters are materially and directly adverse to Entity; and (ii) without further notice or disclosure, KPMG may provide advice or services to any other person or entity making a competing bid or proposal to that of Entity whether or not KPMG is providing advice or services to Entity in respect of Entity's competing bid or proposal.

c. In accordance with professional standards, and except as set out below, KPMG will not use any confidential information regarding Entity in connection with its engagements with other clients, and will establish confidentiality and other safeguards to manage conflicts, which may include, in KPMG's sole discretion, the use of separate engagement teams and data access controls. In no event shall KPMG be liable to Entity or shall Entity be entitled to a return of fees and disbursements incurred on behalf of Entity or any other compensation whatsoever as a result of KPMG accepting or continuing a conflicting engagement.

d. Entity further agrees that KPMG may, in its sole discretion, disclose the fact or general nature of its engagement for Entity to (i) KPMG International and other KPMG International member firms in order to check against potential conflicts of interest, and (ii) to the extent reasonably required in order to obtain the consent of another entity or individual in order to permit KPMG to act for such entity or individual, or for Entity, in connection with the engagement or any future engagement.

e. Where another party has engaged KPMG to deliver services before Entity has done so, and subsequently circumstances change such that there is a conflict, which in KPMG's sole opinion cannot be adequately managed through the use of confidentiality and other safeguards, KPMG shall be entitled to terminate the engagement for Entity, without liability, immediately upon notice.

f. Other KPMG International member firms are engaged by many entities and individuals, including, without limitation, entities and individuals that may enter into transactions or may have disputes with Entity or Entity's related or affiliated entities. Entity agrees that (i) it will not assert that other KPMG International member firms are precluded from being engaged by those other entities or individuals, and (ii) those engagements of other KPMG International member firms do not conflict with KPMG's engagement for Entity.

g. Subject to Section 1, Entity will indemnify and hold harmless KPMG, its subsidiaries and associated and affiliated entities, and their respective current and former partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any claims, actions, damages, complaints, demands, suits, proceedings, liabilities, fines, penalties, costs, expenses or losses by any third party (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) that alleges that KPMG was in a conflict of interest by providing services hereunder. The provisions of this subsection 20(g) shall apply regardless of the form of Claim, whether in contract, statute, tort (including, without limitation, negligence) or otherwise.

h. KPMG encourages Entity to obtain legal advice with respect to Entity's rights in connection with potential future conflicts prior to entering into the engagement.

#### 21. LOBBYING

Unless expressly stated in this Engagement Letter, KPMG will not undertake any lobbying activity, as that term is defined in all applicable federal, provincial and municipal lobbyist registration statutes and regulations, in



connection with the engagement. In the event that KPMG and Entity agree that KPMG will undertake lobbying activity in connection with the engagement, such agreement shall be set out in an amendment to this Engagement Letter.

**22. SURVIVAL**

All sections hereof other than Section 12 shall survive the expiration or termination of the engagement.