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Audit Committee Charter

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Membership and Meetings

Membership

The Committee shall be comprised of no fewer than three members as appointed by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Board Affairs Committee. Each Committee member shall meet the independence, experience and other membership requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

The Board Affairs Committee will recommend the Committee members and a Committee Chair from among such Committee members in accordance with the Company's Corporate Governance Principles. Consideration will be given to staffing the Committee with at least one member who the Board has determined is an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Commission. No Committee member should serve on more than two other public company audit committees without the prior approval of the Board.

Each Committee member will serve at the pleasure of the Board for such term as the Board may decide or until such Committee member is no longer a Board member.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet in person or telephonically as often as it determines, but not less frequently than four times per year. Meetings of the Committee should be attended by representatives of the Company's principal external auditors ("independent auditors"), the Chief Financial Officer, the Controller, the Leader of Risk Management (whose responsibilities include the management of Internal Audit), the General Counsel and others as and when deemed appropriate by the Committee. The Committee shall meet privately with such persons or groups, whenever the Committee deems it appropriate.

The Committee Chair shall be responsible for calling the meetings of the Committee, establishing meeting agenda with input from management and supervising the conduct of the meetings. Any Committee member may submit items to be included on the agenda. Committee members may also raise subjects that are not on the agenda at any meeting.

A majority of the number of appointed Committee members will constitute a quorum for conducting business at a meeting of the Committee.

Purposes

The Committee will assist the Board in the oversight of (1) the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, (2) the independent auditors' qualifications and independence, (3) the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent auditors, and (4) the compliance by the Company with legal and regulatory requirements.

The Committee shall also prepare the report required by the rules of the Commission to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.

Committee Authority and Responsibilities

Relationship with the Independent Auditors

The Committee has the sole authority to appoint or replace the independent auditors. Notwithstanding this authority, the Committee will continue its long standing practice of recommending that the Board ask shareholders to ratify the Committee's selection. If shareholders fail to so ratify, the Committee will consider that fact in its future selection of the independent auditors.

The Committee is directly responsible for the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditors for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work. The independent auditors will report directly to the Committee.

Other Responsibilities

The Committee, to the extent it deems necessary or appropriate, will:

Financial Statement and Disclosure Matters

1. Meet to review and discuss with management and the independent auditors:
 - (a) The annual audited financial statements (and related Form 10-K) and quarterly unaudited financial statements (and related Forms 10-Q), including disclosures made in management's discussion and analysis, and recommend to the Board whether the audited financial statements should be included in the Company's Form 10-K.
 - (b) Analyses prepared by management and/or the independent auditors setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, including analyses of the effects of alternative GAAP methods on financial statements.
 - (c) Major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, any major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies.
 - (d) The effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance sheet structures on the Company's financial statements.

2. Review and discuss reports from the independent auditors on:
 - (a) All critical accounting policies and practices to be used.
 - (b) All alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditors.
 - (c) Other material written communications between the independent auditors and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.
3. Discuss with management the Company's earnings press releases (including any use of "pro-forma" or "adjusted non-GAAP information"), financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies.
4. Discuss with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies.
5. Discuss with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 relating to the conduct of the audit, including any audit problems or difficulties encountered in the course of the audit work and management's response thereto, any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to requested information, and any disagreements with management.
6. Review and discuss with the independent auditors and the Leader of Risk Management, the adequacy of the Company's internal accounting controls.
7. Review disclosures made to the Audit Committee by the Company's CEO and CFO during their certification process for the Form 10-K and Form 10-Q about any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting or material weaknesses therein and any fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls.
8. Review with the independent auditors its opinion on the effectiveness of management's assessment of internal controls over financial reporting and the independent auditors' analysis of matters requiring modification to the CEO and CFO certifications in the Form 10-K and Form 10-Q.

Oversight of the Company's Relationship with the Independent Auditors

9. At least annually, review a report from the independent auditors describing:
 - (a) the independent auditors' internal quality-control procedures,
 - (b) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the firm, 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,
- (c) any steps taken to deal with any such issues, and
 - (d) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Company.
10. Evaluate the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditors, including considering whether the auditors' quality controls are adequate and the provision of permitted non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the auditors' independence. This review should also include an evaluation of the lead audit partner. The Committee shall present its conclusions with respect to the independent auditors and lead audit partner to the Board.
 11. 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. Consider whether, in order to assure continuing auditor independence, it is appropriate to adopt a policy of rotating the independent auditing firm on a regular basis.
 12. Establish policies for the Company's hiring of employees or former employees of the independent auditors who participated in the audit of the Company.
 13. As appropriate, seek to discuss with the national office of the independent auditors issues on which they were consulted by the Company's audit team and matters of audit quality and consistency.
 14. Meet with the independent auditors prior to the audit to discuss the planning and staffing of the audit.

Oversight of the Company's Internal Audit Function

15. Discuss with the independent auditors the responsibilities of, and the budget and staffing for, the Company's internal audit function.
16. Review the appointment and replacement of the Leader of Risk Management.
17. Review and discuss with the Leader of Risk Management, the Company's internal system of audit and financial controls, internal audit plans and the periodic report of audit activities, examinations and results of internal audits.

Compliance Oversight Responsibilities

18. Periodically, meet in separate sessions with management, internal auditors and the independent auditors to discuss any matters that the Committee or the persons with whom they meet, believe should be discussed.
19. Review (a) the status of the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations, (b) major legislative and regulatory developments which could materially impact the

Company, and (c) management's efforts to monitor compliance with the Company's code of conduct.

20. Review and investigate any matters pertaining to the integrity of senior management, including conflicts of interest or adherence to standards of conduct as required by Company policy.
21. Establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
22. Obtain from the independent auditors assurance that Section 10A (b) of the Exchange Act has not been implicated.

Preapproval of Audit and Non-Audit Services

The Committee has the sole authority to preapprove all auditing services and permitted non-audit services to be performed by the independent auditors. The Committee may delegate this authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more members when appropriate, including the authority to grant preapprovals of audit and permitted non-audit services, provided that decisions of such subcommittee to grant preapprovals are presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Resources of the Committee

The Committee has the authority to retain independent legal, accounting or other advisors. The Company will provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of (1) compensation to the independent auditors, (2) compensation to any advisors employed by the Committee and (3) ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

Reports to the Board

The Committee will make regular reports to the Board.

Charter Reviews

The Committee will review and reassess the adequacy of this charter annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

Performance Assessment

The Committee will annually review the Audit Committee's own performance.

Limitation of Audit Committee's Role

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibilities of management and the independent auditors.

Audit Committee Report

The Committee, with the assistance of management and any outside advisors the Committee deems appropriate, shall prepare a report for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement relating to the Company's annual meeting of shareholders.

Public Disclosure

Consistent with New York Stock Exchange listing standards, this Charter will be included on the Company's website and will be made available in print, free of charge, upon request sent to the Company's Corporate Secretary. The Company's annual proxy statement will state that this Charter is available on the Company's website and will be made available in print, free of charge, upon request to the Company's Corporate Secretary.