

## **PREMIER GOLD MINES LIMITED**

### **Mandate of the Environmental Committee**

#### **Purpose**

1. The Environmental Committee (the "**Committee**") is appointed by the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Premier Gold Mines Limited (the "**Corporation**") to assist the Corporation and the Board in fulfilling their respective obligations relating to safety, health and environmental matters concerning the Corporation.

#### **Composition**

2. The Committee shall be composed of three or more directors as designated by the Board from time to time.
3. The Chair of the Committee shall be designated by the Board from among the members.
4. At least one member of the Committee shall be independent within the meaning of applicable securities laws, instruments, rules and policies and regulatory requirements (collectively "**Applicable Laws**").
5. Each member of the Committee shall be appointed by, and serve during the pleasure of, the Board. The Board may fill vacancies in the Committee by appointment from among the Board.

#### **Meetings**

6. The Committee shall meet at least twice in each financial year of the Corporation. The Committee shall meet otherwise at the discretion of the Chair or a majority of the members or as may be required by Applicable Laws.
7. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
8. The time and place at which meetings of the Committee are to be held, and the procedures at such meetings, will be determined from time to time by the Chair. A meeting of the Committee may be called by notice, which may be given by written notice, telephone, facsimile, email or other communication equipment, given at least 48 hours prior to the time of the meeting, provided that no notice of a meeting shall be necessary if all of the members are present either in person or by means of conference telephone or if those absent waive notice or otherwise signify their consent to the holding of such meeting.
9. Members may participate in a meeting of the Committee by means of conference telephone or other communication equipment.
10. The Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings which shall be available for review by the Board.

11. The Committee may appoint any individual, who need not be a member, to act as the secretary at any meeting.
12. The Committee may invite such directors, senior officers and other employees of the Corporation and such other advisors and persons as is considered advisable to attend any meeting of the Committee.
13. Any matter to be determined by the Committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Committee called for such purpose. Any action of the Committee may also be taken by an instrument or instruments in writing signed by all of the members of the Committee (including in counterparts) and any such action shall be as effective as if it had been decided by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Committee called for such purpose.
14. The Committee shall report its determinations and recommendations to the Board.

### **Resources and Authority**

15. The Committee has the authority to:
  - (a) engage, at the expense of the Corporation, independent counsel and other experts or advisors as is considered advisable;
  - (b) determine and pay the compensation for any independent counsel and other experts and advisors retained by the Committee;
  - (c) conduct any appropriate investigation; and
  - (d) request any senior officer or other employee, or outside counsel for the Corporation, to attend any meeting of the Committee or to meet with any members of, or independent counsel or other experts or advisors to, the Committee.

### **Responsibilities**

#### ***(a) Environment***

16. The Committee is responsible for:
  - (a) reviewing and recommending to the Board, for approval, changes in or additions to the environmental policies, standards, accountabilities and programs of the Corporation in the context of competitive, legal and operational considerations;
  - (b) reviewing reports on the nature and extent of the compliance or any non-compliance of the Corporation with the environmental policies, standards, accountabilities and programs of the Corporation and environmental legislation applicable to the Corporation and monitoring the correction of any deficiencies and reporting to the Board on the status of such matters; and
  - (c) reviewing such other environmental matters as the Committee considers advisable or the Board may specifically direct the Committee to review or consider.

***(b) Safety and Health***

17. The Committee is responsible for:
- (a) reviewing and recommending to the Board, for approval, changes in, or additions to, the occupational health and safety policies, standards, accountabilities and programs of the Corporation in the context of competitive, legal and operational considerations;
  - (b) reviewing reports on the nature and extent of the compliance or any non-compliance of the Corporation with the occupational health and safety policies, standards, accountabilities and programs of the Corporation and occupational health and safety legislation applicable to the Corporation and monitoring the correction of any deficiencies and reporting to the Board on the status of such matters; and
  - (c) reviewing such other occupational health and safety matters as the Committee considers advisable or the Board may specifically direct the Committee to review or consider.

***(c) Other Responsibilities***

18. The Committee should review and assess the adequacy of this mandate from time to time and at least annually and submit any proposed amendments to the Board for consideration.
19. The Committee should perform any other activities consistent with this mandate and Applicable Laws as the Committee or the Board considers advisable.

***(d) Chair***

20. The Chair of the Committee should:
- (a) provide leadership to the Committee and oversee the functioning of the Committee;
  - (b) chair meetings of the Committee, unless not present, including in camera sessions, and report to the Board following each meeting of the Committee on the activities and any recommendations and decisions of the Committee and otherwise at such times and in such manner as the Chair considers advisable;
  - (c) ensure that the Committee meets at least twice per financial year of the Corporation and otherwise as is considered advisable;
  - (d) in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, the Lead Director, if any, and the members, establish dates for holding meetings of the Committee;
  - (e) set the agenda for each meeting of the Committee with input from other members, the Chairman of the Board, the Lead Director, if any, and any other appropriate individuals;
  - (f) ensure that Committee materials are available to any director upon request;

- (g) act as liaison and maintain communication with the Chairman of the Board, the Lead Director, if any, and the Board to co-ordinate input from the Board and to optimize the effectiveness of the Committee;
- (h) report annually to the Board on the role of the Committee and the effectiveness of the Committee in contributing to the effectiveness of the Board;
- (i) assist the members of the Committee to understand and comply with the responsibilities contained in this mandate;
- (j) foster ethical and responsible decision making by the Committee;
- (k) together with the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, oversee the structure, composition and membership of, and activities delegated to, the Committee from time to time;
- (l) ensure appropriate information is provided to the Committee by the senior officers to enable the Committee to function effectively and comply with this mandate;
- (m) ensure that appropriate resources and expertise are available to the Committee;
- (n) ensure that the Committee considers whether any independent counsel or other experts or advisors retained by the Committee are appropriately qualified and independent in accordance with Applicable Laws;
- (o) facilitate effective communication between the members of the Committee and the senior officers;
- (p) attend, or arrange for another member of the Committee to attend, each meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation to respond to any questions from shareholders that may be ask of the Committee; and
- (q) perform such other duties as may be delegated to the Chair by the Committee or the Board from time to time.

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