

## AUDIT COMMITTEE MANDATE

### PURPOSE

1. The audit committee (the “Committee”) is a committee of the board of directors (the “Board”) of Continental Gold Inc. (“Continental Gold” or the “Company”). Its primary function shall be to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to:
  - (a) the financial reporting process and the quality, transparency and integrity of the Company’s consolidated financial statements and other related public disclosures;
  - (b) the Company’s internal controls over financial reporting;
  - (c) the Company’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements relevant to the consolidated financial statements and financial reporting;
  - (d) ensuring that there is an appropriate standard of corporate conduct for senior financial personnel and employees including, if necessary, adopting a corporate code of ethics;
  - (e) the external auditors’ qualifications and independence; and
  - (f) the performance of the internal audit function and the external auditors.
2. The function of the Committee is oversight. The members of the Committee are not full-time employees of the Company. The Company’s management is responsible for the preparation of the Company’s consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. The Company’s external auditors are responsible for the audit or review, as applicable, of the Company’s consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable auditing standards and laws and regulations. Accordingly, in carrying out its oversight responsibilities, the Committee does not provide any expert or special assurance as to the Company’s financial statements or internal controls or any professional certification as to the auditor’s work.

### COMPOSITION

3. The Committee shall be appointed by the Board annually on the recommendation of the Corporate Governance, Nominating and Human Resources Committee and shall be comprised of a minimum of three directors. If an appointment of members of the Committee is not made as prescribed, the members shall continue as such until their successors are appointed. The Board may remove a member of the Committee at any time in its sole discretion by resolution of the Board.
4. All of the members of the Committee shall be directors whom the Board has determined are independent and “financially literate”, taking into account the applicable rules and regulations of securities regulatory authorities and/or stock exchanges.
5. The Chair of the Committee will be designated by the Board from among the members of the Board. If for any reason a Chair of the Committee is not appointed by the full Board, members of the Committee may designate a Chair of the Committee by majority vote of the full membership of the Committee.

## POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

6. The Committee shall have the authority, including approval of fees and other retention terms, to obtain advice and assistance from outside legal, accounting or other advisors in its sole discretion, at the expense of the Company, which shall provide adequate funding for such purposes. The Company shall also provide the Committee with adequate funding for the ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee. The Committee shall have unrestricted and direct access to the books and records of the Corporation, management, the external auditors and the head of internal audit, including private meetings, and shall have the authority to conduct any investigation, in each case as it considers necessary or appropriate to discharge its duties and responsibilities.

## MEETINGS

7. The Committee shall have a minimum of four meetings per year, to coincide with the Company's financial reporting cycle. Additional meetings will be scheduled as considered necessary or appropriate, including to consider specific matters at the request of the external auditors or the head of internal audit.
8. The time and place of the meetings of the Committee, the calling of meetings and the procedure in all things at such meetings shall be determined by the Chairman of the Committee. 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 will be necessary if all of the members are present either in person or by means of telephone or web conference or if those absent waive notice or otherwise signify their consent to the holding of such meeting.
9. The Committee will hold an in camera session without any senior officers present at each meeting. The Chairman will inform the Chief Financial Officer of the substance of these meetings to the extent that action is required by management.
10. The Committee will keep minutes of its meetings which shall be available for review by the Board. The Committee may appoint any individual, who need not be a member, to act as the secretary at any meeting.
11. The Committee may invite such directors, senior officers and other employees of the Company and such other advisors and persons as is considered appropriate to attend any meeting of the Committee.
12. A quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Audit Committee shall be a majority of Members.
13. Any matter to be determined by the Committee will be decided by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Committee called for such purpose. Each Member will have one vote and decisions of the Committee will be made by an affirmative vote of the majority. The Chairman will not have a deciding or casting vote in the case of an equality of votes. Any action of the Committee may be taken by an instrument or instruments in writing signed by all of the members of the Committee (including in counterpart) and any such action will 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 will report its determinations and recommendations to the Board.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of a member of the Committee shall be in addition to such Member's duties as a member of the Board. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be as follows:

### Financial Reporting and Disclosure

15. The Committee has the duty to determine whether the Company's financial disclosures are complete, accurate, are in accordance with international financial reporting standards and fairly present the financial position and risks of the organization. The Committee should, where it deems appropriate, resolve disagreements, if any, between management and the external auditor, and review compliance with laws and regulations and the Company's own policies.
16. Review, discuss and recommend to the Board for approval the annual audited consolidated financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis of financial and operating results prior to filing with securities regulatory authorities and delivery to shareholders.
17. Review and discuss with the external auditors the results of their reviews and audit, any issues arising and management's response, including any restrictions on the scope of the external auditors' activities or requested information and any significant disagreements with management, and resolving any disputes.
18. Review, discuss and approve, or recommend to the Board for approval, the quarterly consolidated financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis of financial and operating results prior to filing with securities regulatory authorities and delivery to shareholders.
19. Review and discuss with management and the external auditors the Company's critical accounting policies and practices, material alternative accounting treatments, significant accounting and reporting judgments, material written communications between the external auditor and management (including management's representation letters and any schedule or unadjusted differences) and significant adjustments resulting from the audit or review.
20. Review and discuss with management the Company's earnings press releases, as well as type of financial information and earnings guidance (if any) provided to analysts, rating agencies and shareholders.
21. Review and discuss such other relevant public disclosures containing financial information as the Committee may consider necessary or appropriate and, if thought advisable, recommend the acceptance of such documents to the Board for approval.
22. Review disclosure respecting the activities of the Committee included in the Company's annual filings.
23. Review and approve any changes to the Company's significant accounting policies.
24. Inquire of the auditors the quality and acceptability of Continental Gold's accounting principles, including the clarity of financial disclosure and the degree of conservatism or aggressiveness of the accounting policies and estimates.
25. Meet independently with the external auditor and management in separate executive sessions, as necessary or appropriate.
26. Ensure that management has the proper systems in place so that the Company's consolidated financial statements, financial reports and other financial information satisfy legal and regulatory

requirements. Based upon discussions with the external auditor and the consolidated financial statement review, if it deems appropriate, provide the Board with such recommendations and reports with respect to the financial disclosures of the Company.

### **External Auditor**

27. Retaining and terminating, and/or making recommendations to the Board and the shareholders with respect to the retention or termination of, an external auditing firm to conduct review engagements on a quarterly basis and an annual audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements.
28. Communicating to the external auditors that they are ultimately accountable to the Board and the Committee as representatives of the shareholders.
29. Obtaining and reviewing an annual report prepared by the external auditors describing: the firm's internal quality-control procedures; 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, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues.
30. Reviewing any post-audit or management letter containing the recommendations of the external auditor and management's response thereto, and monitoring the subsequent follow-up to any identified weaknesses.
31. Evaluating the independence of the external auditor and any potential conflicts of interest and (to assess the auditors' independence) all relationships between the external auditors and the Company, including obtaining and reviewing an annual report prepared by the external auditors describing all relationships between the external auditors and the Company.
32. Approving, or recommending to the Board for approval, all audit engagement fees and terms, as well as all non-audit engagements of the external auditors prior to the commencement of the engagement.
33. Reviewing with the external auditors the plan and scope of the quarterly review and annual audit engagements.
34. Setting hiring policies with respect to the employment of current or former employees of the external auditors.

### **Internal Controls and Audit**

35. Reviewing and discussing with management, the external auditors and the head of internal audit the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, including reviewing and discussing any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls, and any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.
36. Discussing the Company's process with respect to risk assessment (including fraud risk), risk management and the Company's major financial risks and financial reporting exposures, all as they relate to internal controls over financial reporting, and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such risks.
37. Reviewing and discussing with management the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and anti-fraud program and the actions taken to monitor and enforce compliance.

38. Establishing procedures for:
  - (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters; and
  - (b) confidential, anonymous submissions by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting, internal controls or auditing matters;
  - (c) dealing with the reporting, handling and taking of remedial action in respect to alleged illegal or unethical behavior as provided in the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Whistleblower Policy and anti-corruption policies.
39. Requiring the Company to appoint an independent service provider to maintain a whistleblower hotline and be responsible for receiving complaints or concerns. As soon as practical after receiving such information, the independent service provider is to inform the Audit Committee Chair of the complete details of any complaint or concern received. The Chair of the Audit Committee shall promptly advise the other members of the Audit Committee of the complaint or concern and the Audit Committee shall determine how best to deal with the complaint or concern.
40. Reviewing and discussing with management, the external auditors and the head of internal audit the responsibilities and effectiveness of the Company's internal audit function, including reviewing the internal audit mandate, independence, organizational structure, internal audit plans and adequacy of resources, receiving periodic internal audit reports and meeting privately with the head of internal audit on a periodic basis.
41. Approving in advance the retention and dismissal of the head of internal audit.

#### **Other**

42. Meeting separately, periodically, with each of management, the head of internal audit and the external auditors.
43. Reporting regularly to the Board.
44. Reviewing and assessing its mandate and recommending any proposed changes to the Corporate Governance, Nominating and Human Resources Committee of the Board on an annual basis.
45. Evaluating the functioning of the Committee on an annual basis, including with reference to the discharge of its mandate, with the results to be reported to the Corporate Governance, Nominating and Human Resources Committee, which shall report to the Board.
46. Review annually, together with the Corporate Governance, Nominating and Human Resources Committee of the Board, the directors' and officers' liability insurance and indemnities of the Company and consider the adequacy of such coverage.

#### **DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

47. The fundamental responsibility of the Committee Chair is to be responsible for the management and effective performance of the Committee and provide leadership to the Committee in fulfilling its mandate and any other matters delegated to it by the Board. To that end, the Committee Chair's responsibilities shall include:
  - (a) working with the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer and the Secretary to establish the frequency of Committee meetings and the agendas for meetings;

- (b) providing leadership to the Committee and presiding over Committee meetings;
- (c) facilitating the flow of information to and from the Committee and fostering an environment in which Committee members may ask questions and express their viewpoints;
- (d) reporting to the Board with respect to the significant activities of the Committee and any recommendations of the Committee;
- (e) meet regularly with the Chief Financial Officer of the Company and other members of management to review material issues relating to matters under discussion, review and consideration by the Audit Committee and to provide the Audit Committee and the Board, in a timely manner, all information necessary to permit the Board to fulfill its statutory obligations;
- (f) leading the Committee in annually reviewing and assessing the adequacy of its mandate and evaluating its effectiveness in fulfilling its mandate; and
- (g) taking such other steps as are reasonably required to ensure that the Committee carries out its mandate.

#### **ADOPTION**

This Policy was adopted by the Board on June 10, 2015 and reviewed by the Board on November 23, 2016.