

3. ACCOUNTABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS

The responsibilities set out below are meant to serve as a framework to guide individual Directors in their participation on the Board, with a view to enabling the Board to meet its duties and obligations. Principal responsibilities include:

- assuming a stewardship role and overseeing the management of the business and affairs of the Company;
- ➤ maintaining a clear understanding of the Company, including its strategic and financial plans and objectives, emerging trends and issues, significant strategic initiatives and capital allocations and expenditures, risks and management of those risks, internal systems, processes and controls, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, governance, audit and accounting principles and practices;
- ➤ preparing for each Board and Committee meeting by reviewing materials provided and requesting, where appropriate, information that will allow the Director to properly participate in the Board's deliberations, make informed business judgments; and exercise oversight;
- ➤ absent a compelling reason, attending every Board and Committee meeting, and actively participating in deliberations and decisions. When attendance is not possible a Director should become familiar with the matters to be covered at the meeting;
- > voting on all decisions of the Board or its Committees, except when a conflict of interest may exist;
- preventing personal interests from conflicting with, or appearing to conflict with, the interests of the Company and disclosing details of such conflicting interests should they arise; and
- > acting in the highest ethical manner and with integrity in all professional dealings.