



GOLDEN RIDGE RESOURCES LTD.

Notice of Meeting and  
Management Information Circular

for the

2020 – 2019

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Of

Golden Ridge Resources Ltd.

Meeting date: June 23, 2021

Time: 10:00 am (Pacific Time)



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 2020 and 2019 Annual General Meeting (the “Meeting”) of shareholders of **Golden Ridge Resources Ltd.** (the “Company”) will be held at 335 – 1632 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna and by conference call on **Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00am** (Pacific Time) for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the financial years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 together with the auditors’ report;
2. To fix the number of Directors of the Company at four;
3. To elect Directors of the Company for the ensuing year;
4. To appoint SMYTHE LLP, as auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorize the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration;
5. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass an ordinary resolution to adopt and approve a rolling 10% stock option plan for the Company;
6. to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass, with or without variation, a resolution of disinterested shareholders of the Corporation confirming and approving the grant of options pursuant to the new rolling stock option plan of the Company: and
7. To transact such other business that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Meeting will be deemed to be held at the Company’s head office located at 335 – 1632 Dickson Avenue Kelowna BC, **however Shareholders wishing to attend the Meeting by conference call may do so by using the following access numbers:**

**Conference Call Dial-In Number: 1-877-385-4099**

**Access Code: 3360987#**

**Due to the continually evolving global COVID-19 public health emergency and in consideration of the health and safety of our Shareholders, colleagues and our broader community, the Meeting will be held in a virtual meeting format only despite the deemed location set forth above.** This means that Shareholders will not be able to attend the Meeting physically. A virtual-only meeting format is being adopted in response to the COVID-19 situation to enfranchise and give all Shareholders an equal opportunity to participate at the Meeting



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regardless of their geographic location or the particular constraints, circumstances or risks they may be facing as a result of COVID-19.

The Information Circular also provides additional information relating to the matters to be dealt with and voted upon at the Meeting and is deemed to form part of this Notice of Meeting. Please see the section heading “*Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon*” in the Information Circular for full particulars.

**ALLSHAREHOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO VOTE BY SUBMITTING THEIR COMPLETED FORM OF PROXY (OR VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM) PRIOR TO THE MEETING BY ONE OF THE MEANS DESCRIBED IN THE CIRCULAR ACCOMPANYING THIS NOTICE OF MEETING.**

All registered shareholders as at **May 17, 2021**, (the “**Record Date**”) are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting in person or by proxy. Shareholders who are unable to attend the Meeting in person are requested to date and sign the enclosed form of proxy and to return it to Computershare Investor Services Inc., **510 Burrard Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3B9 (according to the instructions on the proxy)**, at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time for holding the Meeting, being **10:00 a.m. (Pacific time) on Monday, June 21, 2021**, unless the chairman of the Meeting elects to exercise his or discretion to accept proxies received subsequently. If a shareholder does not deliver a proxy in accordance with these instructions or to the presiding officer of the Meeting, then the shareholder will not be entitled to vote at the Meeting by proxy.

Non-registered shareholders as at the Record Date who receive this notice and accompanying information circular from their broker or other intermediary should complete and return the proxy or voting instruction form (in accordance with the instructions provided with it. Completed voting instruction forms must be received at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time for holding the Meeting, being **10:00 a.m. (Pacific time) on Monday, June 21, 2021**, unless the chairman of the Meeting elects to exercise his or discretion to accept proxies received subsequently. Failure to do so may result in the shares of the non-registered Shareholders not being eligible to be voted at the Meeting. An information circular, a form of proxy and voting instruction form accompany this Notice of Meeting.

DATED at Kelowna, British Columbia, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***“Michael Blady”***

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**Michael Blady**  
**President and CEO**



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### **MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

(as at and dated May 18, 2021, unless indicated otherwise)

This management information circular (the “**Circular**”) is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies and voting instructions forms (“**VIFs**”) by the management of Golden Ridge Resources Ltd. (the “**Company**”) for use at the 2020 and 2019 annual general meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) (and any adjournment thereof) to be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying notice of meeting (the “**Notice**”). **Shareholders wishing to attend the Meeting by conference call may do so by using the following access numbers: Conference Call Dial-In Number: 1-877-385-4099 - Access Code: 3360987#.**

### **MAILING OF INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

This Information Circular is being mailed together with a notice of meeting, request card and proxy or voting instruction form (collectively, the “Meeting Materials”), in accordance with applicable laws, except to those shareholders who requested the information to be delivered by electronic mail. We are not sending Meeting Materials using the ‘Notice and Access’ procedures available under NI 54-101 in respect of this Meeting. If you are a shareholder and you wish to receive the Company’s annual financial statements and/or interim financial statements and the accompanying management’s discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) thereon, please complete and return the request card included in the Meeting Materials.

### **CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES**

Financial information contained in this Circular is in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise indicated.

### **GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION**

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Solicitation will be primarily by mail, but some proxies and VIFs may be solicited personally or by telephone by regular employees or directors of the Company at a nominal cost. The cost of solicitation by management of the Company will be borne by the Company. We have arranged for Intermediaries to forward the Meeting materials to Beneficial Shareholders held of record by those Intermediaries and we may reimburse the Intermediaries for their reasonable fees and disbursements in that regard.

#### **Completion and Voting of Proxies and VIF’s**

We are holding the Meeting in a virtual only format this year out of an abundance of caution to proactively deal with the potential issues arising from the unprecedented public health impact of COVID-19 and to limit and mitigate risks to the health and safety of our communities, shareholders, employees, directors and other stakeholders. All shareholders will have an opportunity to listen to the Meeting, and registered



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Shareholders and duly appointed proxy holders will be permitted to ask questions and vote at the Meeting by calling into the meeting using the dial-in information provided below regardless of their geographic location.

There are different ways to submit your voting instructions, depending on whether you are a registered or beneficial Shareholder. You may vote before the Meeting by completing your form of proxy or voting instruction form (“**VIF**”) in accordance with the instructions provided therein. Beneficial Shareholders should also carefully follow all instructions provided by their intermediaries to ensure that their Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

If you attend the Meeting via teleconference, it is important that you are connected to the teleconference call at all times during the Meeting in order to vote when required. It is your responsibility to ensure connectivity for the duration of the Meeting. You should allow ample time to check into the Meeting and complete any related procedures as directed.

### **Registered Shareholders**

You are a registered Shareholder if you have your Common Shares registered in your name.

Registered Shareholders and duly appointed proxy holders will be able to attend, participate and vote at the Meeting by calling **1-877-385-4099 - Access Code: 3360987#** and instructions will be provided as to how Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting may participate and vote at the Meeting.

You will be asked to provide your proxy control number (the “**Control Number**”) for account validation when requested. The Control Number for registered Shareholders is located on the form of proxy or in the email notification that you received.

If, as a Registered Shareholder, you decide to vote your Common Shares at the Meeting, you will be revoking any and all previously submitted proxies for the Meeting. If you do not wish to revoke a previously submitted proxy, you will not be able to vote at the Meeting.

If, as a registered Shareholder, you are using your Control Number to participate in the Meeting and you wish to revoke any and all previously submitted proxies for the Meeting you will be provided the opportunity to vote by ballot on the matters put forth at the Meeting. If you do not wish to revoke a previously submitted proxy, you will not be able to participate at the Meeting.

Registered Shareholders who wish to appoint a third-party proxy holder to represent them at the Meeting **must submit their duly completed proxy form or VIF and register the proxy holder. See “Voting by Proxy” below.** You do not have to complete the proxy form if you want to attend the Meeting live via teleconference and vote directly at the Meeting.



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### **APPOINTMENT AND REGISTRATION OF PROXYHOLDER**

The purpose of a proxy is to designate persons who will vote the proxy on a Shareholder's behalf in accordance with the instructions given by the Shareholder in the proxy. The persons whose names are printed in the enclosed form of proxy are officers or directors of the Company (the "Management Designees").

**A Shareholder has the right to appoint a person other than a Management Designee, to represent the Shareholder at the Meeting by striking out the names of the Management Designees and inserting the desired person's name in the blank space provided in the enclosed form of proxy or by executing a proxy in a form similar to the enclosed form. A proxyholder need not be a Shareholder.**

### **VOTING BY PROXY**

**Only registered Shareholders as of the Record Date or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting.** Shares represented by a properly executed proxy will be voted or be withheld from voting on each matter referred to in the Notice of Meeting in accordance with the instructions of the Shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and if the Shareholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Shares will be voted accordingly.

**If a Shareholder does not specify a choice and the Shareholder has appointed one of the Management Designees as proxyholder, the Management Designee will vote in favour of the matters specified in the Notice of Meeting and in favour of all other matters proposed by management at the Meeting.**

**The enclosed form of proxy also gives discretionary authority to the person named therein as proxyholder with respect to amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of the Meeting and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting.** At the date of this Information Circular, management of the Company knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting.

If a registered Shareholder who has a proxy attends the virtual Meeting and accepts the terms and conditions when entering the Meeting online, any votes cast by such Shareholder on a ballot during the Meeting will be counted and the previously submitted proxy will be disregarded. If registered Shareholders DO NOT wish to revoke all previously submitted proxies, they should not accept the terms and conditions, in which case such registered Shareholders can only enter the Meeting as a guest.

### **COMPLETION AND RETURN OF PROXY**

Completed proxies must be sent by mail or fax to the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., at its offices at **510 Burrard Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3B9** or by fax at **1-866-249-7775** in Canada and the United States, and **001-416-263-9524** outside of Canada and the United States (according to the instructions on the form of proxy),



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not later than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the time of the Meeting, unless the chairman of the Meeting elects to exercise his discretion to accept proxies received subsequently. **You may also vote on the Internet or by telephone.**

**In all cases, all proxies must be received and all proxyholders must be registered before 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) on Monday June 21, 2021, or in the case of adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, not less than 48 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the time of the Meeting.**

### **NON-REGISTERED HOLDERS**

**Only Shareholders whose names appear on the records of the Company as the registered holders of Shares or duly appointed proxyholders are permitted to vote at the Meeting.** Most Shareholders of the Company are “non-registered” Shareholders because the Shares they own are not registered in their names but instead registered in the name of a nominee such as a brokerage firm through which they purchased the Shares; bank, trust company, trustee or administrator of self-administered RRSP’s, RRIF’s, RESP’s and similar plans; or clearing agency such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited (a “**Nominee**”). If you purchased your Shares through a broker, you are likely a non-registered holder.

In accordance with securities regulatory policy, the Company has distributed copies of the Meeting materials, being the Notice of Meeting, this Information Circular and the form of proxy, to the Nominees for distribution to non-registered holders.

Nominees are required to forward the Meeting materials to non-registered holders to seek their voting instructions in advance of the Meeting. Shares held by Nominees can only be voted in accordance with the instructions of the non-registered holder. The Nominees often have their own form of proxy, mailing procedures and provide their own return instructions. If you wish to vote by proxy, you should carefully follow the instructions from the Nominee in order to ensure that your Shares are voted at the Meeting.

If you, as a non-registered holder, wish to vote at the Meeting in person, you should appoint yourself as proxyholder by writing your name in the space provided on the request for voting instructions or proxy provided by the Nominee and return the form to the Nominee in the envelope provided. Do not complete the voting section of the form as your vote will be taken at the Meeting.

Non-registered holders who have not objected to their Nominee disclosing certain ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as “non-objecting beneficial owners” (“**NOBOs**”). Those non-registered holders who have objected to their Nominee disclosing ownership information about themselves to the Company are referred to as “objecting beneficial owners” (“**OBOs**”).

In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* (“**NI 54-101**”) of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company has elected to send the Meeting materials directly to NOBOs.

If the Company or its agent has sent these materials directly to you (instead of through a Nominee), your name and address and information about your holdings of securities have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Nominee holding on your behalf. By choosing to send these materials to you directly, the Company (and not the Nominee holding on your behalf) has



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assumed responsibility for (i) delivering these materials to you and (ii) executing your proper voting instructions.

**United States Beneficial Owners:** To attend and vote at the virtual meeting, you must first obtain a valid legal proxy from your broker, bank or other agent and then register in advance to attend the Meeting.

Follow the instructions from your broker, bank or other agent included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker, bank or other agent to request a legal proxy form. After first obtaining a valid legal proxy from your broker, bank or other agent, to then register to attend the Meeting, you must submit a copy of your legal proxy to Computershare Investor Services Inc. at the following e-mail address: [uslegalproxy@computershare.com](mailto:uslegalproxy@computershare.com).

The Company does not intend to pay for Nominees to deliver the Meeting materials and Form 54-101F7 – *Request for Voting Instructions Made by Intermediary* to OBOs. As a result, OBOs will not receive the Meeting materials unless their Nominee assumes the costs of delivery.

The Company is not sending the Meeting materials to Shareholders using “notice-and-access”, as defined under NI 54-101.

### **Revocation of Proxies**

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a Shareholder, his attorney authorized in writing or, if the Shareholder is a corporation, a corporation under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, may revoke a proxy by instrument in writing, including a proxy bearing a later date. The instrument revoking the proxy must be deposited at the registered office of the Company, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the date of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, or with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or to Computershare Investor Services Inc. at its offices at 510 Burrard Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3B9, or by fax at 1-866-249-7775 in Canada and the United States, and 001-416-263-9524 outside of Canada and the United States.

Beneficial Shareholders who wish to revoke a VIF or a waiver of the right to receive proxy-related materials should contact their Intermediaries for instructions.

### **INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON**

No director or executive officer of the Company, nor any person who has held such a position since the beginning of the last completed financial year of the Company, nor any nominee for election as a director of the Company, nor any associate or affiliate of the foregoing persons, has any substantial or material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors described herein.



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### **RECORD DATE AND QUORUM**

The articles of the Company (the “**Articles**”) provide that a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of Shareholders is two persons who are, or represent by Proxy, Shareholders holding in the aggregate, at least five (5%) percent of the issued Common Shares entitled to be voted at the Meeting. Unless otherwise noted, a simple majority of the votes cast at the Meeting (in person or by Proxy) is required in order to pass the resolutions referred to in the accompanying Notice.

### **VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF**

The Company has an authorized capital of an unlimited number of Common Shares without par value. As at the date of this Circular, 42,021,361 Common Shares without par value were issued and outstanding, each such Common Share carrying the right to one (1) vote at the Meeting. The record date has been fixed in advance by the directors of the Company at May 17, 2021 for the purpose of determining those Shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at the Meeting.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, there are no persons who beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the voting securities of the Company.

### **PARTICULARS OF OTHER MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON**

#### **Number and Election of Directors**

The Board presently consists of five directors. Management is nominating four individuals to stand for election as directors at the Meeting. It is proposed that the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting for the ensuing year be fixed at four.

The term of office of each of the present directors expires at the Meeting. Management of the Company proposes to nominate the persons named below for election as directors of the Company at the Meeting. In accordance with the Articles of the Company, each director elected will hold office until the next annual general meeting of the members of the Company or until their successor is duly elected or appointed, unless such office is earlier vacated in accordance with the Articles or such director becomes disqualified to act as a director pursuant to the British Columbia *Business Corporations Act* (“BCBCA”).

**Except where authority to vote on the Election of Directors is withheld, unless otherwise indicated, the named proxyholders will vote FOR the election of each of the proposed nominees set forth above as directors of the Company.**

The following table and notes thereto sets forth the name of each person proposed to be nominated by management for election as a director, the municipality in which he is ordinarily resident, all offices of the Company now held by him, the period of time for which he has been a director of the Company, and the number of Shares beneficially owned by him, directly or indirectly, or over which he exercises control or direction, as at the date hereof:



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Name and Address of Nominee and Present Position with Company	Principal Occupation During the Last Five Years	Director Since	Number of Approximate Voting Securities <sup>1</sup>
<b>Michael Blady</b> British Columbia, Canada President, CEO and Director	Principal of Ridgeline Exploration Services; Vice President and Director GTEC Holdings Ltd.; Director Carlyle Commodities Corp.; and Director Ridgeline Minerals Corp.	September 7, 2017	2,536,867
<b>Duane Lo<sup>2</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada, Director	Chartered Professional Accountant, Principal, Kaman Capital Corp since 2015; CFO Entrée Resources Ltd; CFO Element 29 Resources Inc., and CFO and Director Ridgeline Minerals Corp.	January 17, 2019	120,000
<b>Lawrence Nagy<sup>2</sup></b> British Columbia, Canada Director	Geologist; President, CEO, Director Damara Gold Corp.; Director and/or Technical Advisor to several listed, public and private exploration companies	September 7, 2017	370,000
<b>William F. Lindqvist<sup>2</sup></b> California, USA Director	Director Damara Gold Corp.; Director and/or Technical Advisor to several listed, public and private exploration companies	September 7, 2017	253,333

- 1 Voting securities beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised.
- 2 Denotes member of the audit committee.

**Management is not presently aware that any of the nominees will be unwilling to serve as a director if elected but in the event that, prior to the Meeting, any vacancies occur in the slate of nominees submitted herewith, the enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein to vote for the election of any other eligible person designated by the Board, unless instructions have been given to refrain from voting with respect to the election of directors.**

Corporate Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties, Sanctions or Individual Bankruptcies

To the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director:

- a) is at the date of this Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that:



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- (i) was subject, to a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemptions under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (collectively, an “Order”); when such Order was issued while the person was acting in the capacity of a director, chief executive office or chief financial officer of the relevant company; or
  - (ii) was subject to an Order for that was issued after such person ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the relevant company, and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive office or chief financial officer of the relevant company; or
- b) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been within 10 years before the date of the Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including Golden Ridge) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- c) has, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director; or
- d) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or
- e) has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

The board of directors has not appointed an executive committee.

As the Company is a reporting company the directors of the Company are required to elect from their number an audit committee. **Duane Lo, William Lindqvist and Lawrence Nagy** are the three directors to be elected by the Board to the audit committee for the ensuing year. Messer’s Lo and Lindqvist are considered to be independent members of the audit committee. Mr. Nagy is considered an independent director however does not meet the additional independence requirement for the audit commit as during the year ended June 30, 2019, consulting fees were paid to 43983 Yukon Inc., a company controlled by Mr. Nagy. Therefore Mr. Nagy is considered non-independent. The Board does not believe this to interfere with Mr. Nagy’s ability to exercise his independent judgement.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

The persons named in the enclosed instrument of proxy intend to vote for the appointment of Smythe LLP, Chartered Accountants (“Smythe”), as the Company’s auditor until the next annual general meeting of shareholders at remuneration to be fixed by the Board.



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Management recommends that the shareholders of the Company approve the appointment of Smythe as auditor for the Company.

**Unless instructions are given to abstain from voting with regard to the appointment of the Auditors, it is the intention of management nominees to vote FOR the appointment of Smythe as auditors of the Company.**

### **Ratification and Approval of Stock Option Plan**

The Company has a rolling stock option plan (the “Plan”), which makes a total of 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company available for issuance thereunder. The Company’s Plan was most recently approved by the shareholders at the last annual general meeting held on July 3, 2019. In accordance with policy 4.4 of the Exchange (the “Exchange”), all rolling stock option plans, such as the Company’s requires the approval of the shareholders of the Company on an annual basis.

The purpose of the Plan is to allow Golden Ridge to grant options to directors, officers, employees, management employee and consultants (“Eligible Person”), as additional compensation, and as an opportunity to participate in the success of Golden Ridge. The granting of such options is intended to align the interests of such Eligible Persons with that of the shareholders.

The Plan provides that, subject to the requirements of the Exchange, the aggregate number of securities reserved for issuance, set aside and made available for issuance under the Plan may not exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company at the time of granting of options (including all options granted by the Company to date). The number of Common Shares which may be reserved in any 12 month period for issuance to any one individual upon exercise of all stock options held by that individual may not exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company at the time of the grant. The number of Common Shares which may be reserved in any 12 month period for issuance to any one consultant may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares and the maximum number of Common Shares which may be reserved in any 12 month period for issuance to all persons engaged in investor relations activities may not exceed 2% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of the Company. The Plan provides that options granted to any person engaged in investor relations activities will vest in stages over 12 months with no more than ¼ of the stock options vesting in any three month period.

The Plan will be administered by the Board or a special committee of directors, either of which will have full and final authority with respect to the granting of all stock options thereunder. Stock options may be granted under the Plan to such Eligible Persons, as the board of directors may from time to time designate.

The exercise price of any stock options granted under the Plan shall be determined by the Board but may not be less than the market price of the Common Shares on the Exchange on the date of the grant (less any discount permissible under Exchange rules). The term of any stock options granted under the Plan shall be determined by the Board at the time of grant but, subject to earlier termination in the event of termination or in the event of death, the term of any stock options granted under the Plan may not exceed ten years. Options granted under the Plan are not to be transferable or assignable other than by will or other testamentary instrument or pursuant to the laws of succession. Subject to certain exceptions, in the event that an Eligible Person ceases to be an Eligible Person, in relation to the Company, stock options granted to such Eligible Person under the Plan will expire 90 days after such individual or entity ceases



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to act in that capacity in relation to the Company, or such later date as may be reasonably determined by the Board, notwithstanding such later date may not exceed 12 months from the date the Eligible Person ceased to be and Eligible Person.

Stock options granted to optionees engaged in investor relations activities on behalf of the Company expire 30 days after such optionees cease to perform such investor relations activities for the Company. In the event of death of an option holder, options granted under the Plan expire one year from the date of the death of the option holder.

The full text of the Plan will be available for review at the Meeting and will be supplied free of charge to Shareholders upon written request made directly to the Company at its registered head office located at 335 – 1632 Dickson Avenue, Kelowna BC V1Y 7T2 Attention: President and CEO.

Accordingly, at the Meeting, Golden Ridge shareholders will be asked to pass an ordinary resolution ratifying the Plan. All Golden Ridge shareholders present at the Meeting, whether in person or by proxy, will be entitled to vote on such resolution as follows:

### Shareholder Approval of Stock Option Plan

“RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution that:

1. the adoption of the Company’s Stock Option Plan be ratified, confirmed and approved, subject to acceptance by the Exchange;
2. the Company be authorized to grant stock options pursuant and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan at any time to a maximum of 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company on the applicable grant date;
3. the Board of Directors be authorized on behalf of the Company to make any amendments to the Stock Option Plan as may be required by regulatory authorities, without further approval of the Shareholders of the Company, in order to ensure adoption of the Stock Option Plan; and
4. any one or more directors and officers of the Company be authorized and directed to perform all such acts and deeds and things and execute, under seal of the Company or otherwise, all such documents, agreements and other writings as may be required to give effect to the true intent of these resolutions.”

**Unless otherwise instructed, the person named in the enclosed proxy or voting instruction form intend to vote such proxy or voting instruction form in favour of the approval of the Plan. The directors of the Company recommend that shareholders vote in favour of the approval of the Plan. To be adopted, this resolution is required to be passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the resolution.**

### Other Business

While management of the Company is not aware of any business other than that mentioned in the Notice of Meeting to be brought before the Meeting for action by the shareholders, **it is intended that the proxies hereby solicited will be exercised upon any other matter or proposal that may properly**



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come before the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, in accordance with the discretion of the persons authorized to act thereunder.

### GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION – Venture Issuers

For the purpose of this Statement of Executive Compensation:

“**Company**” means Golden Ridge Resources Ltd.;

“**compensation securities**” includes stock options, convertible securities, exchangeable securities and similar instruments including stock appreciation rights, deferred share units and restricted stock units granted or issued by the company or one of its subsidiaries for services provided or to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the company or any of its subsidiaries;

“**external management company**” includes a subsidiary, affiliate or associate of the external management company;

“**NEO**” or “**named executive officer**” means each of the following individuals:

- (a) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief executive officer (“**CEO**”), including an individual performing functions similar to a CEO;
- (b) each individual who, in respect of the Company, during any part of the most recently completed financial year, served as chief financial officer (“**CFO**”), including an individual performing functions similar to a CFO;
- (c) in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries, the most highly compensated executive officer other than the individuals identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) at the end of the most recently completed financial year whose total compensation was more than \$150,000 for that financial year; and
- (d) each individual who would be a named executive officer under paragraph (c) but for the fact that the individual was not an executive officer of the Company, and was not acting in a similar capacity, at the end of that financial year.

During the financial year ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 the Company had two Named Executive Officers (“**NEO**”) being:

- a) Michael Blady, President and CEO of the Company; and
- b) Terese Gieselman, CFO and Secretary of the Company.

“**underlying securities**” means any securities issuable on conversion, exchange or exercise of compensation securities.

*All currency references herein are expressed in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise specified.*



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### Director and Neo Compensation

*Director and NEO compensation, excluding options and compensation securities*

The following table sets forth all compensation for the two most recently completed financial years being June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, paid, payable, awarded, granted, given, or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by the Company or its subsidiary, to each NEO and director of the Company, in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct and indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided to the NEO or a director of the Company for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to the Company or its subsidiary.

Table of Compensation Excluding Compensation Securities							
Name and Principal Position	Year June 30	Salary, consulting fee, retainer or commission (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Committee or meeting fees (\$)	Value of Perquisites (\$)	Value of all other compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Michael Blady <sup>1</sup> President and CEO Director	2020	90,000 <sup>1</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	90,000
	2019	90,000 <sup>1</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	90,000
Terese Gieselman <sup>2</sup> CFO & Secretary	2020	49,553 <sup>2</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	15,443 <sup>3</sup>	64,996
	2019	69,263 <sup>2</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	32,163 <sup>3</sup>	101,426
Lawrence Nagy <sup>4</sup> Director	2020	30,000 <sup>4</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	30,000
	2019	37,625 <sup>4</sup>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	37,625
Duane Lo Director	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Elston Johnson Director	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
William Lindqvist Director	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### NOTES:

- 1 Consulting fees were paid or accrued to Michael Blady for his services as President and CEO through Tank Enterprises a company controlled by Mr. Blady (*See External Management Companies for further details*).
- 2 Consulting fees were paid or accrued to Terese Gieselman for her services as CFO and Corporate Secretary through Minco Corporate Management Inc. ("Minco"), (*See External Management Companies for further details*);
- 3 Other compensation includes fees for administration, accounting and employment services provided to the Company by Minco personnel (*See External Management Companies*);



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- 4 Consulting fees were paid or accrued to Larry Nagy a director of the Company for corporate services through 43983 Yukon Inc. (“43983”).

### *External Management Companies*

The Company retained the services of Michael Blady, through his management company, Tank Enterprises at a rate of \$8,500 per month effective October 1, 2020 (2019 - \$7,500). Tank Enterprises is a private company controlled by Christopher Bogart, the President and CEO of the Company.

The Company retained the services of Terese Gieselman, through her management company, Minco Company at a rate of \$85 per hour effective January 1, 2020 (2019 - \$75). Minco is a private company wholly owned by Terese Gieselman, the CFO and Corporate Secretary of the Company. Administration and accounting service fees are billed at \$50 - \$65 per hour.

### **Compensation Securities Table**

During the most recently completed financial year June 30, 2020 there were no options granted to NEO's and directors.

The following options were granted during the financial year ended June 30, 2019:

Name and Position	Type of compensation security	Number of compensation securities, number of underlying securities and percentage of class <sup>1</sup>	Date of Issue or Grant	Issue, conversion or exercise price	Closing price of security or underlying security on the date of grant	Closing price of security or underlying security at year end	Expiry date
Michael Blady <sup>1</sup> President and CEO Director	Stock Option	50,000 (4%) 50,000 Shares (0.26%)	Jan 17/2019	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.90	Jan 17,2024
Terese Gieselman <sup>2</sup> CFO & Secretary Director	Stock Option	30,000 (2%) 30,000 Underlying Shares (0.15%)	Jan 17/2019	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.90	Jan 17,2024
Elston Johnston <sup>3</sup> Director	Stock Option	15,000 (1%) 15,000 Underlying Shares (0.08%)	Jan 17/2019	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.90	Jan 17,2024
Lawrence Nagy <sup>4</sup> Director	Stock Option	30,000 (2%) 30,000 Underlying Shares (0.15%)	Jan 17/2019	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.90	Jan 17,2024
William Lindqvist <sup>5</sup> Director	Stock Option	30,000 (2%) 30,000 Underlying Shares (0.15%)	Jan 17/2019	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.90	Jan 17,2024
Duane Lo <sup>6</sup> Director	Stock Option	50,000 (4%) 50,000 Shares (0.26%)	Jan 17/2019	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.90	Jan 17,2024

Percentages based on 1,229,000 options outstanding and 19,485,458 shares outstanding as at June 30, 2019 (on a post consolidated basis);

As at June 30, 2020 NEO's and Directors held the following options:

1. Mr. Blady held an aggregate of 240,000 options each of which are exercisable into one common share of the Company and all of which are fully vested. Of these, 90,000 are exercisable at \$0.75



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per share until October 17, 2022; 100,000 are exercisable at \$0.63 until April 5, 2023; and 50,000 are exercisable at \$0.60 until January 17, 2024.

2. Minco held an aggregate of 155,000 options each of which are exercisable into one common share of the Company and all of which are fully vested. Of these, 55,000 are exercisable at \$0.75 per share until October 17, 2022; 30,000 are exercisable at \$0.63 until April 5, 2023; and 30,000 are exercisable at \$0.60 until January 17, 2024.
3. Mr. Johnston held an aggregate of 47,000 options each of which are exercisable into one common share of the Company and all of which are fully vested. Of these, 2,000 are exercisable at \$3.00 until June 4, 2024; 20,000 are exercisable at \$0.75 per share until October 17, 2022; 10,000 are exercisable at \$0.63 until April 5, 2023; and 15,000 are exercisable at \$0.60 until January 17, 2024.
4. Lawrence Nagy held an aggregate of 100,000 options each of which are exercisable into one common share of the Company and all of which are fully vested. Of these, 50,000 are exercisable at \$0.75 per share until October 17, 2022; 20,000 are exercisable at \$0.63 until April 5, 2023; and 30,000 are exercisable at \$0.60 until January 17, 2024.
5. William Lindqvist held an aggregate of 100,000 options each of which are exercisable into one common share of the Company and all of which are fully vested. Of these, 50,000 are exercisable at \$0.75 per share until October 17, 2022; 20,000 are exercisable at \$0.63 until April 5, 2023; and 30,000 are exercisable at \$0.60 until January 17, 2024.
6. Duane Lo held 50,000 options which are exercisable at \$0.60 until January 17, 2024 into one common share of the Company and all of which are fully vested.

*See Securities Authorized For Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans for additional information.*

### **Exercise of Compensation Securities by Directors and NEO's**

During the most recently completed year end June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 there was no exercise of compensation securities by directors or NEO's.

### **Stock Option Plan**

The Company's Stock Option Plan provides that the maximum number of options eligible for issuance under the Plan is equal to 10% of the number of common shares of the Company outstanding from time to time. As required by the policies of the Exchange, as this plan is considered a "rolling plan" it requires approval by the shareholders of the Company on an annual basis, which will be sought at the Meeting. Refer to "Particulars of Other Matters to be Acted Upon – Ratification of Stock Option Plan" for further details.

### **Employment, consulting and management agreements**

Other than set out herein, the Company did not have any formal employment, management or consulting agreements under which compensation was provided during the most recently completed financial year or is payable in respect of services provided to the Company or any of its subsidiaries that were performed by a director or NEO.



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### **Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

The Company does not have any pension or retirement plan which is applicable to the NEOs. The Company has not provided compensation, monetary or otherwise, during the most recently completed financial year, to any person who now or previously has acted as an NEO of the Company, in connection with or related to the retirement, termination or resignation of such person, and the Company has provided no compensation to any such person as a result of a change of control of the Company. The Company is not party to any compensation plan or arrangement with a NEO resulting from the resignation, retirement or termination of employment of any such person.

There are no compensatory plans or arrangements between the Company and a NEO with respect to the resignation, retirement or other termination of employment of the NEO, a change of control of the Company or a change in the NEO's responsibilities following a change of control of the Company.

### **Oversight and Description of Director and NEOs Compensation**

#### *Compensation Review Process*

The Company does not have a formal compensation program. The Company's officers in most cases are compensated based on a daily or fixed monthly, amounts and are paid indirectly through professional management and consulting companies in which they are owners, contractors or employees. In establishing fees or salaries for the Company's CEO, other executive officers and directors, consideration is given to salary ranges for comparable positions in similar size resource industry companies. Data for such comparisons is obtained from the evaluation of compensation against industry peers including those with a similar market capitalization, in the business of exploring similar minerals in similar jurisdictions, and from reviewing similar other companies' compensation information included in their information circulars. In setting salaries within competitive ranges, the Company considers performance related factors including the Company's overall results during the past year and its performance relative to a budgeted plan or stated objectives. Consideration also is given to an individual's contribution to the Company and the accomplishments of departments for which that officer has management responsibility, and the potential for future contributions to the Company.

In keeping with the relatively simple compensation structure adopted by most venture issuers, the Company's executive compensation for its executive officers has two primary components, cash compensation and incentive stock options.

#### *Compensation Risk Assessment and Mitigation*

Although the Company does not have formal policies specifically targeting risk-taking in a compensation context, the practice of management and the Board is to consider all factors relating to an executive officer's performance, including any risk mitigation efforts or excessive risk-taking, in determining compensation.

Under the Company's policies, executive officers and directors are not permitted to purchase financial instruments (including prepaid variable contracts, equity swaps, collars or units of exchange funds) that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held directly or indirectly by the executive officer or director.



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### *Elements of Executive Compensation Program*

The Company's compensation program consists of the following elements:

- (a) base salary or consulting fees;
- (b) bonus payments; and
- (c) equity participation through the Plan.

### *Base Salary or Consulting Fees*

Base salary ranges for NEOs were initially determined upon review of salaries paid by other companies that are comparable in size to the Company.

In determining the base salary of a NEO, the Board considers the following factors:

- (a) the particular responsibilities related to the position;
- (b) salaries paid by other companies in the same industry, which were similar in size and stage of development as the Company;
- (c) the experience level of the NEO;
- (d) the amount of time and commitment which the NEO devotes to the Company; and
- (e) the NEO's overall performance and performance in relation to the achievement of corporate milestones and objectives.

### *Bonus Payments*

Each of the NEOs, as well as all employees, are eligible for an annual bonus, payable in cash or through option-based compensation. The amount paid is based on the Board's assessment of the Company's performance for the year. Factors considered in determining bonus amounts include individual performance, financial criteria (such as cash management and share price performance) and operational criteria (such as significant acquisitions of mineral properties and the attainment of corporate milestones). The Company did not award any bonuses during its financial years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019.

### *Equity Participation*

The Company currently offers equity participation in the Company through the Plan.

### *Executive Compensation*

Except for the grant of Options to the NEOs and any compensation payable pursuant consulting fees incurred for the performance of duties by the CEO the CFO there are no additional arrangements under



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which NEOs were compensated by the Company during the two most recently completed financial years for their services in their capacity as NEOs, directors or consultants.

### *Director Compensation*

The Company does not currently pay compensation to non-management directors, nor are they paid for attendance at board meetings. The directors are reimbursed for expenses occurred in carrying out their duties as directors and are granted Options.

The Plan allows the Company to grant Options to the officers, employees and directors. The purpose of granting such Options is to assist the Company in compensating, attracting, retaining and motivating the directors of the Company and to closely align the personal interests of such persons to that of the Shareholders.

### **SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS**

The following table sets forth as at the year ended June 30, 2020, the number of securities authorized for issuance under the Company's Plan:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding Options (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding Options (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) <sup>1</sup>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	1,229,000	\$0.68	744,546 <sup>2</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	1,229,000	\$0.68	744,546

#### **NOTES:**

1. The above numbers are based on 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares of 19,735,459 as at June 30, 2020.
2. Subsequent to June 30, 2020 the Company granted 1,350,000 option exercisable at \$0.25 per share until October 5, 2025 to directors, officers and consultants.

### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

The Company's management functions are performed by its NEOs and the Company has no management agreements or arrangements in place under which such management functions are performed by persons other than NEOs.



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### **INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

None of the directors, executive officers, and employees, proposed nominees for election as directors or their associates has been indebted to the Company or to any of its subsidiaries nor has any of these individuals been indebted to another entity which indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries for the financial year ended June 30, 2020.

As of the date of this Circular, the aggregate indebtedness of directors and executive officers to the Company outstanding is:

<b>AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS (\$)</b>		
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>To the Company or Golden Ridge Resources Ltd. NV</b>	<b>To Another Entity</b>
Share Purchases	\$36,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	Nil.
Other	Nil.	Nil.

(1) \$9,000 is owed by Duane Lo, a director of the Company, for the purchase of 120,000 units of the Company ("Units") pursuant to the loan agreement of which \$9,000 has been repaid to date; \$9,000 is owed by Elston Johnston, the a director of the Company, for the purchase of 120,000 Units pursuant to a loan agreement, of which \$9,000 has been repaid to date; 9,000 is owed by William Lindqvist a director of the Company, for the purchase of 120,000 Units pursuant to a loan agreement of which \$9,000 has been repaid to date; and 9,000 is owed by Lawrence Nagy, a director of the Company, for the purchase of 120,000 Units s pursuant to a loan agreement of which \$9,000 has been repaid to date. Each Unit consists of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, each whole warrant entitling the holder to purchase one additional common share at a price of \$0.25 until July 24, 2022. Each loan agreement is secured by a share pledge agreement between the Company and the applicable director or executive officer.

### **INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

Except as otherwise disclosed herein or as previously disclosed in an information circular of the Company, no informed person (i.e. insider) of the Company, no proposed director of the Company, and no associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since financial year ended June 30, 2020 or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

### **INFORMATION ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The following information of the Company's Corporate Governance Policy is given in accordance with Form 58-101F2 of National Instrument 58-101.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board is currently composed of five directors, and it is proposed that four directors will be nominated at the Meeting.

Form 58-101F2 suggests that the board of directors of every listed company should be constituted with



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a majority of individuals who qualify as “independent” directors under NI 58-101, which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect “material relationship” with the Company. “Material relationship” is defined as a relationship which could, in the view of the Company’s Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director’s independent judgment.

Of the proposed nominees, one nominee, Michael Blady is considered “not independent”. Mr. Blady is the current President and CEO and is considered an “inside” or a management director. Each of the remaining three (3) proposed directors are considered by the Board to be “independent”, within the meaning of NI 58-101. The independent board determines executive compensation from time to time.

### **Directorships**

The following table sets forth the directors of the Company who currently hold directorships on other reporting issuers:

Name of Director	Other Issuer
Michael Blady	GTEC Holdings Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup> Ridgeline Minerals Corp. <sup>(1)</sup> Carlyle Commodities Corp. <sup>(2)</sup>
Duane Lo	Ridgeline Minerals Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>
Larry Nagy	Damara Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>
William Lindqvist	Damara Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>

(1) Listed on the TSX Venture Exchange.

(2) Listed on Canadian Securities Exchange.

### **Orientation and Continuing Education**

The Board does not have a formal orientation and education program for new directors. Upon joining the Board, each director is provided with an orientation program regarding the role of the Board, its committees and its directors, and the nature and operation of the Company’s current and past business. They are also provided with a copy of the audit committee charter. The Board encourages directors to participate in continuing education opportunities in order to ensure that the directors may maintain or enhance their skills and abilities as directors and maintain a current and thorough understanding of the Company’s business.

### **Ethical Business Conduct**

Corporate governance is the structure and process used to direct and manage the business and affairs of a corporation with the objective of enhancing shareholder value. The Board believes that the Company has in place corporate governance practices that are both effective and appropriate to the Company’s size and business operations.

To facilitate meeting this responsibility, the Board seeks to foster maintaining a culture of ethical business conduct and social responsibility as critically important. Management consistently strives to instill the Company’s principles into the practices and actions of the Company’s management and employees.



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In that regard, the Board adopted a written **Code of Business Conduct** (the “Code”) for its directors, officers, employees and consultants. A copy of the Code can be found on the Company website at [www.goldenresources.com](http://www.goldenresources.com) and has been posted on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com);

### **Nomination of Directors**

The Board has not established a nominating committee. In circumstances where the Company needs to nominate new directors, current directors put forward candidates to the Board for consideration and potential nomination as a director.

### **Compensation**

The Company has not yet established a compensation committee and to date, decisions regarding compensation for the directors and the executive officers have been made by the independent board members.

### **Other Board Committees**

The Company has no committees other than the audit committee. The Company is small and until now the duties of the recommended committees have been performed by the plenary Board. Going forward, upon the expansion in the size of the Board, the Board will review its corporate governance practices and consider, among other matters, whether it would be desirable to establish additional committees of the Board.

### **Assessments**

The Board has not yet established a formal performance review process for assessing the effectiveness of the Board, the audit committee or the individual directors. It is expected that the contributions of an individual director are informally monitored by the other Board members, having in mind the business strengths of the individual and the reasons for which the individual was nominated for appointment to the Board. The Company will continue to develop its approach to corporate governance in light of its own circumstances and what are recognized as best practices in this area.

## ***DISCLOSURE BY VENTURE ISSUERS***

NI 52-110F2 requires the Company as a ‘venture issuer’ to disclose annually in its information circular the following information concerning the audit committee and its relationship with its independent auditors.

### **Audit Committee Charter**

The audit committee is governed by its charter, which is set out in the attached Schedule “A” of this Circular.

### **Composition of the Audit Committee**

A member of the audit committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material



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relationship with the Company. A material relationship means a relationship which could, in the view of an issuer's board of directors, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment or is one of the relationships that is deemed material, which are described above under *Board of Directors*.

A member of the audit committee is considered financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

The current members of the audit committee are Duane Lo, William Lindqvist and Lawrence Nagy. All members of the audit committee are financially literate, and Messer's Low and Lindqvist are considered independent. Mr. Nagy considered independent pursuant to section 1.4 of 52-110 however due to the consulting paid described in *General Statement of Compensation – Venture Issuer fees* Mr. Nagy does not meet the further independence of section 1.5 of 52-110. The Board does not believe this to interfere with the Mr. Nagy's ability to exercise their independent judgement.

### **Relevant Education and Experience**

**Lawrence Nagy, B.A. Geology** has over 40 years of experience in the mineral resource industry. He obtained a B.A. degree in Geology from the University of Saskatchewan in 1966 before spending the next 16 years working for Cominco Ltd. on projects in western Canada and Australia and was a co-founder of Keewatin Engineering Ltd., a Vancouver-based geological consulting company responsible for managing exploration projects worldwide. Mr. Nagy provides broad international mineral exploration experience through his past management of a variety of successful junior resource companies, including Loki Gold Corp., Oliver Gold Corp. and Brett Resources Ltd and Damara Gold Corp.

**William Lindqvist, Ph.D** served as Vice President of Exploration for Homestake Mining Company and the Executive General Manager of Exploration for Newcrest Mining Limited. Mr. Lindqvist has a Ph.D in Applied Geology from the Royal School of Mines in London. Additionally Mr Lindqvist has served as director and a member of audit committees over the past several years for Canadian public companies and has developed an understanding of financial reporting sufficient to enable him to act as a member of the Audit Committee.

**Duane Lo, Chartered Accountant** has over 19 years of experience in accounting and financial management, including 15 years in the financing, management and administration of mining operations and development projects in Brazil, Africa and other jurisdictions. He was previously the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Luna Gold Corp. and Corporate Controller for First Quantum Minerals Ltd. Mr. Lo was also employed at Deloitte in the assurance and advisory practice. He holds a Canadian Chartered Accountant designation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia.

### **Audit Committee Oversight**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board.



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### **Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 NI 52-110 (*De Minimis Non-audit Services*), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of NI 52-110 (*Exemptions*).

### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

As at the date of this Circular, the Audit Committee has not adopted any specific policies or procedures for the engagement of non-audit services.

### **External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)**

The aggregate fees billed by the Company's external auditors in each of the last two fiscal years for audit fees are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees	Tax Fees	All Other Fees
June 30, 2020	\$29,355	\$Nil	\$4,200	\$Nil
June 30, 2019	\$39,751	\$Nil	\$4,200	\$Nil

<sup>1</sup> The Audit Fees are fees billed by the Company's external auditor for services provided in auditing the annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> Audit Related Fees are fees billed for assurance and related services by the Company's external auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements.

<sup>3</sup> Tax Fees are fees billed by the external auditor for tax compliance, tax advice and planning.

<sup>4</sup> All Other Fees are fees billed by the external auditor for products and services not included in the categories described above.

### **Exemption for Venture Issuers**

The Company is a "venture issuer" as defined in NI 52-110 and is relying on the exemption contained in Section 6.1 of NI 52-110, which exempts the Company from the requirements of Parts 3 (*Composition of the Audit Committee*) and Part 5 (*Reporting Obligations*) of NI 52-110.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Management of the Company is not aware of any other matter to come before the Meeting other than as set forth in the notice of Meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy to vote the shares represented thereby in accordance with their best judgment on such matter.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company is available through the internet on the Canadian System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) which can be accessed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Comparative financial information on the Company for the year ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, together



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with the auditors' report thereon and management discussion and analysis of the Company will be presented at the Meeting and which can also be accessed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Shareholders may request copies of the Company's financial statements and MD&A by contacting the Company at Suite 335 – 1632 Dickson Avenue Kelowna, BC V1Y 7T2.

### **BOARD APPROVAL**

The content and sending of this Circular has been approved by the Company's Board. The foregoing contains no untrue statement of a material fact and does not omit to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in the light of the circumstances in which it was made.

DATED at Kelowna, British Columbia, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*“Michael Blady”*

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**Michael**  
**Director, President and CEO**



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## SCHEDULE "A"

### THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S CHARTER

#### *Purpose*

The overall purpose of the Audit Committee (the "**Committee**") of GOLDEN RIDGE RESOURCES LTD. (the "**Company**") is to ensure that the Company's management has designed and implemented an effective system of internal financial controls, to review and report on the integrity of the consolidated financial statements and related financial disclosure of the Company, and to review the Company's compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, taxation matters and disclosure of financial information. It is the intention of the Board that through the involvement of the Committee, the external audit will be conducted independently of the Company's Management to ensure that the independent auditors serve the interests of Shareholders rather than the interests of Management of the Company. The Committee will act as a liaison to provide better communication between the Board and the external auditors. The Committee will monitor the independence and performance of the Company's independent auditors.

#### *Composition, Procedures and Organization*

- (1) The Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**").
- (2) At least two (2) members of the Committee shall be independent<sup>1</sup> and the Committee shall endeavour to appoint a majority of independent directors to the Committee, who in the opinion of the Board, would be free from a relationship which would interfere with the exercise of the Committee members' independent judgment. At least one (1) member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. All members of the Committee that are not financially literate will work towards becoming financially literate to obtain a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices applicable to the Company. For the purposes of this Charter, an individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.
- (3) All of the members of the Committee shall be "financially literate"<sup>2</sup>.
- (4) The Board, at its organizational meeting held in conjunction with each annual general meeting of the shareholders, shall appoint the members of the Committee for the ensuing year. The Board may at any time remove or replace any member of the Committee and may fill any vacancy in the Committee.
- (5) Unless the Board shall have appointed a chair of the Committee, the members of the Committee shall elect a chair and a secretary from among their number.



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- (6) The quorum for meetings shall be a majority of the members of the Committee, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and to hear each other.
- (7) The Committee shall have access to such officers and employees of the Company and to the Company's external auditors, and to such information respecting the Company, as it considers to be necessary or advisable in order to perform its duties and responsibilities.
  - 1 *"Independent" member of an audit committee means a member who has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. A "material relationship" means a relationship which could, in the view of the Company's Board of Directors, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment.*
  - 2 *"Financially literate" individual is an individual who has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.*
- (8) Meetings of the Committee shall be conducted as follows:
  - (A) the Committee shall meet at least four times annually at such times and at such locations as may be requested by the chair of the Committee. The external auditors or any member of the Committee may request a meeting of the Committee;
  - (B) the external auditors shall receive notice of and have the right to attend all meetings of the Committee;
  - (C) management representatives may be invited to attend all meetings except private sessions with the external auditors; and
  - (D) the proceedings of all meetings will be minuted.
- (9) The internal auditors and the external auditors shall have a direct line of communication to the Committee through its chair and may bypass management if deemed necessary. The Committee, through its chair, may contact directly any employee in the Company as it deems necessary, and any employee may bring before the Committee any matter involving questionable, illegal or improper financial practices or transactions.
- (10) Any member of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board and shall cease to be a member of the Committee on ceasing to be a director. The Board may fill vacancies on the Committee by election from among its number. If and whenever a vacancy shall exist on the Committee, the remaining members may exercise all its powers so long as a quorum remains in office. Subject to the above, each member of the Committee shall hold office as such until the next Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders after his/her election.



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- (11) The members of the Committee shall be entitled to receive such remuneration for acting as members of the Committee as the Board may from time to time determine.

### ***Roles and Responsibilities***

- (1) The overall duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be as follows:

(A) to assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibilities relating to the Company's accounting principles, reporting practices and internal controls and its approval of the Company's annual and quarterly consolidated financial statements and related financial disclosure;

(B) to establish and maintain a direct line of communication with the Company's internal and external auditors and assess their performance;

(C) to ensure that the management of the Company has designed, implemented and is maintaining an effective system of internal financial controls; and

(D) to report regularly to the Board on the fulfilment of its duties and responsibilities.

- (2) The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the external auditors shall be as follows:

(A) to recommend to the Board a firm of external auditors to be engaged by the Company, and to verify the independence of such external auditors;

(B) to review and approve the fee, scope and timing of the audit and other related services rendered by the external auditors;

(C) review the audit plan of the external auditors prior to the commencement of the audit;

(D) approve in advance provision by the external auditors of services other than auditing;

- (E) to review with the external auditors, upon completion of their audit:

(i) contents of their report;

(ii) scope and quality of the audit work performed;

(iii) adequacy of the Company's financial and auditing personnel;

(iv) co-operation received from the Company's personnel during the audit;

(v) internal resources used;

(vi) significant transactions outside of the normal business of the Company;

(vii) significant proposed adjustments and recommendations for improving internal accounting controls, accounting principles or management systems; and

(viii) the non-audit services provided by the external auditors;

- (F) to discuss with the external auditors the quality and not just the acceptability of the Company's accounting principles;



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- (G) to implement structures and procedures to ensure that the Committee meets the external auditors on a regular basis in the absence of management; and
- (H) review any significant disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting.
- (3) The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the Company's internal auditors are to:
  - (A) periodically review the internal audit function with respect to the organization, staffing and effectiveness of the internal audit department;
  - (B) review and approve the internal audit plan; and
  - (C) review significant internal audit findings and recommendations, and management's response thereto.
- (4) The duties and responsibilities of the Committee as they relate to the internal control procedures of the Company are to:
  - (A) review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Company's policies and business practices which impact on the financial integrity of the Company, including those relating to internal auditing, insurance, accounting, information services and systems and financial controls, management reporting and risk management;
  - (B) review any unresolved issues between management and the external auditors that could affect the financial reporting or internal controls of the Company; and
  - (C) periodically review the Company's financial and auditing procedures and the extent to which recommendations made by the internal audit staff or by the external auditors have been implemented.
- (5) The Committee is also charged with the responsibility to:
  - (A) review the Company's quarterly statements of earnings, including the impact of unusual items and changes in accounting principles and estimates and report to the Board with respect thereto;
  - (B) review and approve the financial sections of:
    - (i) the annual report to Shareholders;
    - (ii) the annual information form, if required;
    - (iii) annual and interim MD&A;
    - (iv) prospectuses;
    - (v) news releases discussing financial results of the Company; and
    - (vi) other public reports of a financial nature requiring approval by the Board and report to the Board with respect thereto;



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(C) review regulatory filings and decisions as they relate to the Company's consolidated financial statements;

(D) review the appropriateness of the policies and procedures used in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements and other required disclosure documents, and consider recommendations for any material change to such policies;

(E) review and report on the integrity of the Company's consolidated financial statements;

(F) establish procedures for:

(i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and

(ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;

(G) review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Company;

(H) review and recommend updates to the charter and receive approval of changes from the Board;

(I) review the minutes of any audit committee meeting of subsidiary companies;

(J) review with management, the external auditors and, if necessary, with legal counsel, any litigation, claim or other contingency, including tax assessments that could have a material effect upon the financial position or operating results of the Company and the manner in which such matters have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements;

(K) review the Company's compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements as they relate to financial statements, tax matters and disclosure of financial information; and

(L) perform other functions as requested by the full Board.

(6) The Committee shall have the authority:

(A) to engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties,

(B) to set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the Committee; and

(C) to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.