

# Annual General Meeting of Shareholders Thursday, May 7, 2015

Notice of Meeting & Management Information Circular

Dated March 23, 2015



Dear Denison Shareholder,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to attend Denison's annual meeting of shareholders on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Arcadian Loft, 401 Bay Street, Simpson Tower, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario. In addition to the business of the meeting set out in the attached Management Information Circular, we will report on Denison's performance in 2014 and our plans for the future of Denison. You will also have an opportunity to meet with and ask questions of management and the Board of Directors.

It is important to vote your shares. The attached Management Information Circular contains important information about the meeting, how you can vote, the nominated directors, governance of the Company and the compensation of Denison's executives and directors.

This past year had been another significant one for Denison, as the Company continues towards its goal of becoming a toptier Athabasca Basin focused uranium investment. Denison started the year with the discovery of the Gryphon zone - a significant discovery of a new area of high-grade uranium mineralization on its flagship Wheeler River property, just three kilometres away from the Phoenix Deposit. After an active winter drilling season, the Company increased its estimates at Phoenix by over 30%, bringing Denison's share of estimated indicated mineral resources at Phoenix to over 42 million pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. Denison also bolstered its potential in the Athabasca Basin with the acquisition of an interest in the prospective Mann Lake property and the completion of a CAD\$15 million flow-through share financing. We are optimistic about what 2015 has in store for Denison, and we look forward to sharing our plans for the year with you at the meeting.

The Board of Directors and I thank you for your continued support and interest in Denison.

Sincerely,

Signed "Ron F. Hochstein"

Ron F. Hochstein Executive Chairman Denison Mines Corp.

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

You are invited to Denison's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

#### When

Thursday, May 7, 2015 9:00 a.m. Reception 9:30 a.m. Meeting

### Where

Arcadian Loft 401 Bay Street Simpson Tower, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Toronto, Ontario M5H 2Y4

### The purpose of the Meeting is:

- (a) to receive the consolidated financial statements of Denison Mines Corp. for the year ended December 31, 2014, along with the auditor's report on the statements;
- (b) to elect eight directors to the Board for the upcoming year;
- (c) to reappoint the auditor for the upcoming year and to authorize the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditor; and
- (d) to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

Your vote is important. If you held shares in Denison Mines Corp. on March 18, 2015, you are entitled to receive notice of and vote at this Meeting or any postponement or adjournment of it.

This notice is accompanied by the Management Information Circular which describes who can vote, how to vote and what the Meeting will cover.

The 2014 Annual Report, including the audited consolidated financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2014, has been mailed to those shareholders who requested a copy. This information is also available on Denison's website at <a href="https://www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a>, on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> or by request to the Corporate Secretary of the Company at 595 Bay Street, Suite 402, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2C2.

As described in the "notice and access" notification mailed to shareholders of the Company, Denison has opted to deliver its Meeting materials to shareholders by posting them on its website (<a href="www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a>). The use of this alternative means of delivery is more environmentally friendly and more economical as it reduces the Company's paper and printing use and thus reduces the Company's printing and mailing costs.

The Meeting materials will be available on the Company's website on March 31, 2015 and will remain on the website for one full year. The Meeting materials will also be available on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the United States Securities and Exchange Commission website at www.sec.gov on March 31, 2015.

Shareholders who wish to receive paper copies of the Meeting materials may request copies from the Company by calling 1-888-689-7842 or by sending an email to <a href="mailto:info@denisonmines.com">info@denisonmines.com</a> no later than **April 24, 2015**.

If you are not able to attend the Meeting, please vote by using the proxy form or voting instruction form included with the "notice and access" notification and return it according to the instructions provided before 9:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) on May 5, 2015.

Yours truly,

Signed "Ron F. Hochstein"

Ron F. Hochstein Executive Chairman Dated March 23, 2015



### MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR

### **About this Circular**

You have received this Circular because you owned shares of Denison Mines Corp. on March 18, 2015, the record date. As a Shareholder, you have the right to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 7, 2015 (the "**Meeting**") and to vote

your Shares in person or by proxy.

Management is soliciting your proxy for the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. Management's solicitation is being made by mail and electronic means, at Denison's expense. Proxies may also be solicited personally or by telephone by directors, officers and employees of the Company.

The Board of Directors has approved the contents of this document and has directed management to make it available to you. The information in the Circular is given as of March 23, 2015 unless otherwise noted.

In this Circular, *Denison* or *the Company* means
Denison Mines Corp., *Shareholders* means
holders of Denison's
common shares and *Shares* means Denison's
common shares.

This Circular provides the information that you need to vote at the Meeting.

- If you are a registered holder of Shares, you have been sent a proxy form that you can use if you choose not to vote at the Meeting.
- If your Shares are held by a nominee, you may receive either a proxy form or voting instruction form and should follow the instructions provided by the nominee.

All amounts stated in this Circular are in United States dollars, unless otherwise indicated. References to "CAD\$" mean Canadian dollars.

# **Voting Your Denison Shares**

### **Registered Shareholders**

If you were a registered Shareholder on the record date, you may vote in person at the Meeting or give another person authority to represent you and vote your Shares at the Meeting, as described below under "Voting by Proxy".

### **Non-Registered Shareholders**

Your Shares may not be registered in your name but in the name of a nominee, which is usually a trust company, securities broker or other financial institution. If your Shares are registered in the name of a nominee, you are a non-registered Shareholder. Your nominee is entitled to vote the Shares held by it on the record date. Your nominee is required to seek your instructions as to how to vote your Shares. You may vote your Shares through your nominee or in person.

To vote your Shares through your nominee, you should follow the instructions of your nominee with respect to the procedures to be followed for voting. Generally, nominees will provide non-registered Shareholders with either: (a) a voting instruction form for completion and execution by you, or (b) a proxy form, executed by the nominee and restricted to the number of Shares owned by you, but otherwise uncompleted. These procedures are to permit non-registered Shareholders to direct the voting of the Shares that they beneficially own.

If you are a non-registered Shareholder and would like to vote your Shares in person at the Meeting, you should take the following steps:

- 1. appoint yourself as the proxyholder by writing your own name in the space provided on the voting instruction form or proxy form, and
- 2. follow the nominee's instructions for return of the executed form or other method of response.

Do not otherwise complete the form. Your vote, or your designate's vote, will be taken at the Meeting.

There are two kinds of non-registered Shareholders (i) those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own, known as objecting beneficial owners or "**OBOs**" and (ii) those who do not object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities they own, known as non-objecting beneficial owners or "**NOBOs**".

In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, Denison has elected to send the notice of meeting, this Circular and proxy form (collectively, the "**Meeting Materials**") indirectly to the NOBOs.

Denison intends to pay for intermediaries such as stockbrokers, securities dealers, banks, trust companies, trustees and their agents and nominees ("**Intermediaries**") to forward the Meeting Materials to OBOs.

# **Voting by Proxy**

If you will not be at the Meeting or do not wish to vote in person, we still encourage you to vote by using the proxy form or voting instruction form provided. A proxy must be in writing and must be executed by you or by your attorney authorized in writing, unless you have chosen to complete your proxy by telephone or the Internet, as described on the proxy form or voting instruction form provided.

### Your Proxy Vote and Appointing a Proxyholder

On the proxy form, you can indicate how you want to vote your Shares, or you can let your proxyholder decide for you.

All Shares represented by properly completed proxies received at the Toronto office of Computershare Investor Services Inc. by 9:30 a.m. (Eastern time) on May 5, 2015 or not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before any adjourned or postponed Meeting will be voted or withheld from voting at the Meeting. Proxies should be delivered to:

Computershare Investor Services Inc. Toronto Office, Proxy Department 100 University Avenue 8th Floor Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2Y1 For more information on how to vote, Shareholders may contact Computershare by telephone at 1-800-564-6253 or by e-mail to service@computershare.com.

If you give directions on how to vote your Shares, your proxyholder must vote (or withhold from voting) your Shares according to your instructions, including on any ballot votes that take place at the Meeting. If you have not specified how to vote on a particular matter, then your proxyholder can vote your Shares as he or she sees fit. Your proxy authorizes the proxyholder to vote and act for you at the Meeting, including any continuation after an adjournment of the Meeting.

A proxyholder is the person you appoint to act on your behalf at the Meeting and to vote your Shares. You may choose anyone to be your proxyholder, including someone who is not a Shareholder of Denison. Simply fill in the name in the blank space provided on the enclosed proxy form. If you leave the space in the proxy form blank, the persons designated in the form, who are officers of Denison, are appointed to act as your proxyholder. If you have not specified whether or how to vote on a particular matter and the persons designated in the form are appointed as your proxyholder, your Shares will be voted as follows:

- FOR the election as directors of all nominees listed in this Circular; and
- FOR the reappointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent auditor until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the authorization of the Board of Directors to fix its remuneration.

### **Revoking Your Proxy**

A registered Shareholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by delivering a written notice, stating that you want to revoke your proxy to: The Corporate Secretary, Denison Mines Corp., Atrium on Bay, Suite 402, 595 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5G 2C2 not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time of the Meeting, or by attending the Meeting and notifying the Chair of the Meeting prior to the commencement of the Meeting that you have revoked your proxy. A registered Shareholder may also revoke its proxy by completing and signing a proxy bearing a later date and depositing it with Computershare, provided it is received not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time of the Meeting.

The notice can be from you or your attorney, if he or she has your written authorization. If the Shares are owned by a corporation, the written notice must be from its authorized officer or attorney.

### **Additional Matters Presented at the Annual General Meeting**

The proxy form or voting instruction form provided confers discretionary authority upon the persons named as proxies with respect to any amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to other matters which may properly come before the Meeting.

If you sign and return the proxy form and any matter is presented at the Meeting in addition, as an amendment or a variation to the matters described in the Notice of Meeting, the Denison officers named as proxies will vote in their best judgment. When this Circular went to press, Denison's management was not aware of any matters to be considered at the Meeting other than the matters described in the Notice of Meeting or any amendments or variations to the matters described in the Notice. No director or executive officer has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in matters to be acted upon at the Meeting other than the election of directors or the appointment of the auditor.

#### **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS**

Every year, as required by laws governing public companies, the Company delivers documentation to shareholders. In order to make this process more convenient, Shareholders may choose to be notified by email when the Company's documentation, including the Meeting materials, is posted on the Company's website (<a href="www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a>) and, accordingly, such documentation will not be sent in paper form by mail other than as required by applicable laws.

Delivery in an electronic format, rather than paper, reduces costs to the Company and benefits the environment. Shareholders who do not consent to receive documentation through email notification will continue to receive such documentation by mail or otherwise, in accordance with securities laws. By consenting to electronic delivery, Shareholders: (i) agree to receive all documents to which they are entitled electronically, rather than by mail; and (ii) understand that access to the Internet is required to receive a document electronically and certain system requirements must be installed (currently Adobe Acrobat Reader to view Adobe's portable document format ("PDF")). Such documents may include the interim consolidated financial reports, the annual report (including audited annual consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A")), the notice of annual and/or special meeting and related management information circular and materials, and other corporate information about the Company.

At any time, Denison may elect to not send a document electronically, or a document may not be available electronically. In either case, a paper copy will be mailed to Shareholders.

Registered Shareholders can consent to electronic delivery by completing and returning the consent included with the form of proxy. Non-registered Shareholders can consent to electronic

delivery by completing and returning the appropriate form received from the applicable intermediary. The Company will notify Shareholders using the email address provided by the Shareholder on the form of proxy when the documents that the Shareholder is entitled to receive are posted on the Company's website, with a link to the specific pages of the website containing the PDF document. Shareholders are not required to consent to electronic delivery.

Shareholders may request copies of the Meeting materials by mail at no cost for up to one year from the date the Information Circular was filed on SEDAR by email to <a href="mailto:info@denisonmines.com">info@denisonmines.com</a> or by calling 1-888-689-7842. For Shareholders who wish to receive copies of the Circular in advance of the voting deadline, requests must be received no later than April 24, 2015.

#### NOTICE AND ACCESS

In 2012, the Canadian Securities Administrators announced the adoption of regulatory amendments to securities laws governing the delivery of proxy-related materials by public companies. As a result, public companies are now permitted to advise their shareholders of the availability of all proxy-related materials on an easily accessible website, rather than mailing physical copies of the materials.

The Company has decided to deliver its Meeting materials to Shareholders by posting them on its website at <a href="www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a>. The Circular will be available on the Company's website on March 31, 2015 and will remain on the website for one full year.

The Circular will also be available on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") website at <a href="www.sec.gov/edgar">www.sec.gov/edgar</a> on March 31, 2015.

The Company has decided to mail paper copies of the Circular to those registered and non-registered Shareholders who had previously elected to receive paper copies of the Company's

Meeting materials. All other Shareholders will receive a "notice and access" notification which will contain information on how to obtain electronic and paper copies of the Circular in advance of the Meeting and for a full year following the Meeting.

# **Voting Securities**

Denison's Shares are the only shares issued by the Company. On March 18, 2015, the record date for the Meeting, the Company had 506,438,669 Shares issued and outstanding, and all of these Shares are entitled to be voted at the meeting. Each Share entitles the holder to one vote on all matters at the Meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) (the "**OBCA**"), the Company prepared a list of Shareholders on the record date of March 18, 2015. Each Shareholder named on the list will be entitled to vote the Shares shown opposite his or her name on the list at the Meeting.

### **Principal Holders of Shares**

To the knowledge of Denison's directors and executive officers, the only person or company who beneficially owns or exercises control or direction over, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of Denison's Shares on March 18, 2015 was:

	Number of	Percentage of Outstanding
Name	Shares	Shares on the Record Date
Korea Electric Power Corporation ("KEPCO") through KEPCO Canada Uranium Investment Limited Partnership and other	58,284,000	11.5%
affiliates		

This information was obtained from publicly disclosed information and has not been independently verified by the Company.

### **Business of the Meeting**

The purpose of the Meeting is:

- (a) to receive the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, along with the auditor's report on the statements;
- (b) to elect eight directors to the Board for the upcoming year;
- (c) to reappoint the auditor for the upcoming year and to authorize the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditor; and
- (d) to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

### **Receiving the Consolidated Financial Statements**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 are included in Denison's 2014 Annual Report, which has been mailed to the Company's registered Shareholders and to non-registered Shareholders who requested it or is available on the Company's website at <a href="www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a>. Management will discuss Denison's consolidated financial results at the Meeting, and Shareholders and proxyholders will be given an opportunity to discuss these results with management. No vote of Shareholders is required with respect to this item of business.

The 2014 Annual Report is available on Denison's website at <a href="https://www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a>, on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the SEC website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml">www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml</a>.

#### The Election of Directors

At its meeting on March 5, 2015, the Board decided that eight directors are to be elected at the Meeting. Denison's articles provide for a minimum of three and a maximum of ten directors on the Board.

All of the proposed nominees are currently directors of Denison and have been directors since the dates indicated below. Each of the nominated directors is eligible to serve as a director and has expressed his or her willingness to do so. Directors who are elected will serve until the end of the next annual meeting or until a successor is elected or appointed.

Unless otherwise instructed, proxies and voting instructions given pursuant to this solicitation by Denison's management will be voted FOR the election of the proposed nominees. If any proposed nominee is unable to serve as a director or withdraws his or her name, the named proxyholders reserve the right to nominate and vote for another individual in their discretion.

Denison's Board recognizes that the quality of its directors is an important factor in the overall success of the Company. Denison is committed to ensuring that its Board is composed of members who have the competencies, capabilities and diversity required to understand Denison's business, along with the integrity and motivation required to properly discharge their fiduciary duties in the long term best interests of the Company and all of its Shareholders.

The Board adopted a Diversity Policy on November 6, 2014 which includes provisions relating to the identification and nomination of women to the Board. See "Denison's Corporate Governance Practices – Diversity within Denison" on page 16 for a summary.

When considering the Board as a whole and assessing directors' candidacy for the Board, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee follows its established guidelines for the Board's composition, including its Diversity Policy and its "Guidelines for the Composition of Denison's Board', and seeks directors that have some or all of the following attributes:

- Financial accreditation and/or financial literacy
- Sound business experience and expertise
- Corporate governance experience
- Industry specific experience and knowledge, such as mining, environment and safety and occupational health
- Experience in government relations, operations and regulatory issues
- Financing and merger/acquisition experience
- Strong reputation within the financial and business communities
- Candidacy consistent with the Diversity Policy and the targets set thereunder
- Strong board skills, such as integrity, networking abilities, interpersonal skills, ability to think strategically and act independently
- Independence, as such term is defined by the Canadian Securities Administrators

When determining nominees for election, the Board also considers its strategic relationship with its largest shareholder, KEPCO. Denison and KEPCO have entered into a strategic relationship agreement under which the Board must nominate one person designated by KEPCO for election as a director at any Shareholder meeting where directors are to be elected, so long as KEPCO holds over 5% of the outstanding Shares. KEPCO has designated Mr. Joo Soo Park as its nominee.

According to the Company's by-laws, the Company must receive advance notice of nominations of directors by Shareholders. The Company did not receive notice of any director nominations in connection with this year's Meeting within the time periods prescribed by the by-laws. Accordingly, at the Meeting the only persons eligible to be nominated for election to the Board are the below nominees.

The table below sets out information about each nominated director as of March 23, 2015, including

his or her background and experience, main areas of expertise, other boards of which he or she is a member and his or her equity holdings in the Company. Each director has provided the information about the Shares that he or she owns or over which he or she exercises control or direction.

**Profiles of the Nominated Directors** 

The Board has adopted a Share ownership requirement. Non-employee directors must own Shares with a cost of acquisition equal to three times the value of their annual director retainers. The Board exempted nominees of KEPCO from this requirement.



John H. Craig, 67 Toronto, ON Canada

Shares: 115,300 Value of Share holdings: CAD\$116,453<sup>1</sup>

Options: 267,500

John Craig is a partner at a leading Canadian law firm, practicing in securities law with a focus on equity financings both for underwriters and issuers with an emphasis on resource companies, TSX listings, dealings with the TSX and Ontario Securities Commission for listed public companies, takeovers and issuer bids and going private transactions. His mergers and acquisitions experience involves mergers of public companies, both listed and unlisted and acquisitions of listed companies by unlisted and private concerns. Mr. Craig is also involved with international resources in negotiation and drafting of mining, oil and gas concession agreements, joint venture agreements, operating agreements and farm-in agreements in a variety of countries. Mr. Craig received his B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Western Ontario and was admitted to the Ontario Bar in 1973.

Mr. Craig² is also a director of Africa Oil Corp. (TSX-V, OMX), BlackPearl Resources Inc. (TSX, OMX), Consolidated HCl Holdings Corp. (TSX), Corsa Coal Corp. (TSX-V) and Lundin Mining Corporation (TSX, OMX).

**Areas of Expertise**: Finance, Law, International Business, Mining and Exploration, Corporate Governance, Compensation

- · Director since May 9, 1997
- Lead Director since May 6, 2010
- Independent
- · Complies with Share ownership requirement
- Member of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee



W. Robert Dengler, 74 Aurora, ON Canada

Shares: 210,040 Value of Share holdings: CAD\$212,140<sup>1</sup>

Options: 325,100

Robert Dengler is currently engaged as a Corporate Director. In 2006, Mr. Dengler retired from his position as Non-Executive Vice-Chairman of Dynatec Corporation. Until January 2005, Mr. Dengler served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Dynatec Corporation, a position which he held for 25 years. Before founding Dynatec, Mr. Dengler was a partner and Vice-President & General Manager of J.S. Redpath Limited. Mr. Dengler has more than 40 years of management experience. Mr. Dengler obtained his B.Sc. from Queen's University in 1964.

Mr. Dengler is also a director of IAMGOLD Corporation (TSX, NYSE).

**Areas of Expertise**: Finance, International Business, Mining and Exploration, Compensation, Operations

#### **Denison Board Details:**

- Director since December 1, 2006. Served as a director of a predecessor of Denison since 2004
- · Independent
- · Complies with Share ownership requirement
- · Chair of the Compensation Committee
- · Chair of the Environment, Health and Safety Committee



Brian D. Edgar, 65 Vancouver, BC Canada

Shares: 70,000 Value of Share holdings:

CAD\$70,700<sup>1</sup> Options: 267,500 Brian Edgar is the Chairman of Silver Bull Resources Inc., a mineral exploration company listed on both the NYSE MKT and the TSX. He also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Dome Ventures Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Silver Bull. Prior to joining Silver Bull in 2012, Mr. Edgar worked as a director at Rand Edgar Capital Corp. (now Rand Edgar Investment Corp.), a private investment company established in 1992 by Messrs. Rand and Edgar. Mr. Edgar is a lawyer who practiced corporate and securities law for 16 years.

Mr. Edgar³ is also a director of BlackPearl Resources Inc. (TSX, OMX), Lucara Diamond Corp. (TSX, OMX), Lundin Mining Corporation (TSX, OMX) and ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. (TSX-V, OMX).

**Areas of Expertise**: Finance, International Business, Mining and Exploration, Law, Corporate Governance, Compensation

- Director since March 22, 2005
- Independent
- Complies with Share ownership requirement
- Chair of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee
- · Member of the Audit Committee



Ron F. Hochstein, 53 Coquitlam, BC Canada

Shares: 979,000 Value of Share holdings: CAD\$988,790<sup>1</sup>

Options: 1,200,700

Ron Hochstein is currently Executive Chairman of the Company, after having served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 2009 to 2015. Prior to that, Mr Hochstein served as President and Chief Operating Officer starting in 2006 when International Uranium Corporation ("IUC") and Denison Mines Inc. ("DMI") combined to form the Company. Before then, Mr. Hochstein served as President and Chief Executive Officer of IUC. Mr. Hochstein joined the Company in October 1999 as Vice-President, Corporate Development and later served as Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, prior to his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer in April 2000. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Hochstein was a Project Manager with Simons Mining Group and was with Noranda Minerals as a metallurgical engineer. Mr. Hochstein is a Professional Engineer and holds an M.B.A. from the University of British Columbia and a B.Sc. from the University of Alberta. Mr. Hochstein also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lundin Gold Inc., since December 2014.

Mr. Hochstein<sup>2</sup> is also a director of Energy Fuels Inc. ("**EFR**") (TSX, NYSE MKT), Lundin Gold Inc. (TSX, OMX) and Sprott Resource Corp. (TSX).

**Areas of Expertise**: Finance, Management, International Business, Mining and Exploration, Operations, Compensation

### **Denison Board Details:**

- Director since April 6, 2000
- Not independent
- Share ownership requirement does not apply
- Member of the Environment, Health and Safety Committee



Lukas H. Lundin, 56 Vaud, Switzerland

Shares: 1,050,000 Value of Share holdings: CAD\$1,060,500<sup>1</sup> Options: 305,000 Lukas Lundin is a Mining Executive and was Chairman of the Board from1998 until Mr. Hochstein's appointment as Executive Chairman this year. Mr. Lundin was educated at the École Internationale de Genève in Switzerland. In 1981, Mr. Lundin graduated from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (engineering). Mr. Lundin headed International Petroleum Corporation's international operations and was based in the Company's technical office in Dubai, U.A.E. for over 12 years. From 1990 to June 1995, Mr. Lundin was President of International Musto Exploration Limited and was responsible for Musto's acquisition of the Bajo de la Alumbrera deposit. Mr. Lundin was also responsible for Argentina Gold Corp. and the discovery of the multi-million ounce Veladero gold deposit.

Mr. Lundin² is also a director of Lundin Gold Inc. (Chairman) (TSX, OMX), Lucara Diamond Corp. (Chairman) (TSX, OMX), Lundin Mining Corporation (Chairman) (TSX, OMX), Lundin Petroleum AB (OMX) and NGEx Resources Inc. (Chairman) (TSX, OMX).

**Areas of Expertise**: Finance, Management, Operations, Mining and Exploration, International Business, Compensation

- Director since May 9, 1997
- Not independent
- Complies with Share ownership requirement



Joo Soo Park, 51 Naju-si, Korea

Shares: Nil

Value of Share holdings:

CAD\$Nil Options: 50,000 Based in Korea, Mr. Park is currently General Manager of the Overseas Resources Project department at KEPCO, the largest electric utility in South Korea. Prior to then, he headed the Korea Electric Power Research Institute at KEPCO from 2007 to 2012 as Senior Manager. His role at KEPCO includes managing overseas resource investment projects, including mining companies, in five countries. In addition, Mr. Park held a senior level position at a nuclear power plant. Born in 1964, he has a Business Administration degree from Choongnam National University and an MBA from the Helsinki School of Economics.

Mr. Park is also a director of EFR.

**Areas of Expertise**: Economics, Finance, Management, Operations, Energy, International Business, Operations

Denison Board Details:

- Director since January 16, 2015
- Not independent
- Share ownership requirement does not apply.



William A. Rand, 72 Vancouver, BC Canada

Shares: 105,000 Value of Share holdings: CAD\$106,050<sup>1</sup>

Options: 267,500

William Rand is the President and a director of Rand Investments Ltd, a private investment company. Prior to this year, Mr. Rand was a Director of Rand Edgar Investment Corp. Mr. Rand practiced corporate/securities law for nearly 25 years before retiring from the practice of law in 1992 to establish Rand Edgar Capital Corp. (succeeded by Rand Edgar Investment Corp.). Mr. Rand received a Bachelor of Commerce degree (Honours Economics) from McGill University, a law degree from Dalhousie University and a Master of Laws degree in international law from the London School of Economics and a Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* from Dalhousie University.

Mr. Rand³ is also a director of Lundin Mining Corporation (TSX, OMX), Lundin Petroleum AB (OMX), New West Energy Services Inc. (Chairman) (TSX-V) and NGEx Resources Inc. (TSX, OMX).

Areas of Expertise: Finance, Management, International Business, Compensation, Law

- Director since May 9, 1997
- Independent
- Complies with Share ownership requirement
- · Member of the Audit Committee
- Member of the Compensation Committee



Catherine Stefan, 62 Toronto, ON Canada

Shares: 80,000 Value of Share holdings:

CAD\$80,800<sup>1</sup>
Options: 325,100

Catherine Stefan is currently President of Stefan & Associates, a consulting firm. Ms. Stefan served as Chief Operating Officer of O&Y Properties Inc. from 1996 to 1998. From 1999 until 2008, Ms. Stefan was Managing Partner of Tivona Capital Corporation, a private investment firm. Ms. Stefan obtained her Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto in 1973. Ms. Stefan is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors, with 30 years of business experience, primarily in senior management of public companies in the real estate sector.

Areas of Expertise: Management, Finance, International Business, Compensation, Law

#### **Denison Board Details:**

- Director since December 1, 2006. Served as a director of a predecessor of Denison since 2004
- Independent
- Complies with Share ownership requirement
- · Chair of the Audit Committee
- Member of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee
- · Sole director on the Company's SOX Steering Committee

Notes to Profiles of the Nominated Directors:

- 1. The value of Share holdings has been calculated based on the closing price of the Shares on the TSX of CAD\$1.01 on March 23, 2015.
- 2. John Craig, Ron Hochstein and Lukas Lundin were all directors of Sirocco Mining Inc. ("Sirocco"). John Craig and Lukas Lundin resigned on November 8, 2013 and January 31, 2014, respectively, at which times Sirocco was financially solvent. Pursuant to a plan of arrangement completed on January 31, 2014, Canadian Lithium Corp. acquired Sirocco. The final step in the plan of arrangement transaction was the amalgamation of Canadian Lithium Corp. and Sirocco to form RB Energy Inc ("RBI"). On October 13, 2014, RBI announced that, among other things, the Board of Directors of RBI had approved a filing on October 14, 2014, for an Initial Order to commence proceedings under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (the "CCAA"). On October 15, 2014, RBI further announced that the Quebec Superior Court had issued an Amended and Restated Initial Order in respect of RBI and certain of its subsidiaries under the CCAA. RBI is now under the protection of the Court. KPMG LLP has been appointed monitor under the Court Order. The TSX de-listed RBI's common shares effective at the close of business on November 24, 2014 for failure to meet the continued listing requirements of the TSX. Since that time, RBI's common shares have been suspended from trading. Although neither John Craig nor Lukas Lundin was ever a director, officer or insider of RBI, each was a director of Sirrocco within the 12 month period prior to RBI filing under the CCAA. Ron Hochstein was a director of RBI from the time of the plan of arrangement with Canadian Lithium Corp. to October 3, 2014.
- 3. Brian Edgar and William Rand were directors of New West Energy Services Inc. (TSX-V), when a cease trade order was issued against that company by the British Columbia Securities Commission on September 5, 2006 for failure to file its financial statements within the prescribed time. The default was rectified and the order was rescinded on November 9, 2006. Mr. Edgar resigned in August 2009.
- 4. The Board has adopted neither a term limit nor a retirement policy for directors.

The Board has adopted a Majority Voting Policy which provides that shareholders are entitled to vote *for*, or *withhold from* voting for, each individual director nominee at a Shareholders' meeting. If the number of Shares *withheld from* any nominee exceeds the number of Shares voted *for* the nominee, then he or she must offer to resign. Denison's Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will review the matter and recommend to the Board whether to accept the resignation or not. The director involved does not participate in any Board or committee deliberations on the matter. The Board must announce its decision within 90 days of the meeting.

The Majority Voting Policy applies only in circumstances involving an uncontested election of directors, meaning an election in which the number of nominees is equal to the number of directors to be elected.

#### 2014 Attendance Record

At Denison, we believe that attendance at meetings is a critical ingredient to an engaged and effective Board. Personal attendance at Board and committee meetings is expected of all directors. Directors can participate by teleconference if they cannot attend in person. The table below shows the number of Board and committee meetings each director attended in 2014.

At every Board and committee meeting including those held by teleconference, directors have an opportunity to meet in camera without management present and the independent directors also have an opportunity to meet without the non-independent directors. The independent directors also have an in-person session annually. In 2014, all five independent directors personally attended the annual meeting of independent directors.

Name	Воа	ard		ıdit nittee		nsation nittee	Environ Health & Comm	& Safety	Corpo Governa Nomin Comm	ance & ating
John H. Craig	5 of 5	100%							4 of 4	100%
W. Robert Dengler	5 of 5	100%			3 of 3	100%	2 of 2	100%		
Brian D. Edgar	5 of 5	100%	4 of 4	100%					4 of 4	100%
Ron F. Hochstein	5 of 5	100%					2 of 2	100%		
Tae-Hwan Kim <sup>1</sup>	3 of 5	60%								
Lukas H. Lundin	5 of 5	100%								
William A. Rand	5 of 5	100%	4 of 4	100%	3 of 3	100%				
Catherine J.G. Stefan	5 of 5	100%	4 of 4	100%					4 of 4	100%

Note to 2014 Attendance Record:

### Information about Denison's Relationship with KEPCO

One of the nominees for election, Mr. Joo Soo Park, is employed by KEPCO. KEPCO is the primary utility in South Korea and an international supplier of nuclear reactors worldwide. KEPCO has its head office in Naju-si, South Korea. Through its corporate holdings, KEPCO is a significant Shareholder of the Company. Denison and KEPCO entered into a strategic relationship agreement in 2009, which provides for a long-term collaborative business relationship. Under this agreement, the Board must nominate one person designated by KEPCO for election as directors at any Shareholder meeting where directors are to be elected, so long as KEPCO holds more than 5% of the outstanding Shares.

The agreement also provides KEPCO a right of first offer if Denison intends to sell any of its substantial assets and gives KEPCO with a right to participate in certain purchases of substantial assets which Denison proposes to acquire. The agreement also gives KEPCO the right to participate in future offerings of Shares of a certain size in order to preserve its interest in the Company.

### The Reappointment of the Auditor

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("**PwC**") has been the Company's independent auditor since 1997. You may either vote *for* reappointing PwC as Denison's auditor to hold office until the end of the next annual meeting and authorizing the directors to fix its remuneration or you can *withhold* your vote. **Unless otherwise instructed, the named proxyholders will vote FOR reappointing PwC and authorizing the directors to fix PwC's remuneration.** 

<sup>1.</sup> Mr. Cheong was a director until he resigned on January 16, 2014. There were no Board meetings in 2014 prior to his resignation. Mr. Kim was appointed as KEPCO's representative on the Board on January 17, 2014 and was on the Board until his resignation on January 6, 2015.

As part of the Company's corporate governance practices, the Audit Committee pre-approves all of the services performed by PwC to ensure that the independence of the Company's auditor is not compromised through engaging it for other services. All services provided by the Company's auditor are pre-approved by the Audit Committee as they arise or through an annual pre-approval of amounts for specific types of services. All services performed by Denison's auditor comply with professional standards and securities regulations governing auditor independence.

The following table discloses the fees billed to the Company by PwC during the last two fiscal years. Services were billed and paid in Canadian dollars and have been translated into U.S. dollars using an average annual exchange rate of: \$1.1045 for 2014 and \$1.0298 for 2013.

Financial Year		Audit-Related		
Ending	Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	Fees (2)	Tax Fees (3)	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>
December 31, 2013	\$295,401	\$121,134	Nil	\$123,373
December 31, 2014 Notes:	\$309,371	\$136,411	Nil	\$9,507

- 1. The aggregate fees billed for audit services of the Company's consolidated financial statements.
- 2. The aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Company's financial statements and are not disclosed in the Audit Fees column. Fees relate to reviews of interim consolidated financial statements and specified audit procedures not included as part of the audit of the consolidated financial statements.
- 3. The aggregate fees billed for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning services, such as transfer pricing and tax return preparation.
- 4. The aggregate fees billed for professional services other than those listed in the other three columns. For 2014, "All Other Fees" relates to the Company's acquisition of International Enexco Limited. For 2013, "All Other Fees" relates to the Company's acquisitions of JNR Resources Inc., Fission Energy Corp. and Rockgate Capital Corp.

### **Denison's Corporate Governance Practices**

This section of the Circular describes Denison's corporate governance practices with reference to the framework provided in National Policy 58-201 - *Corporate Governance Guidelines* and National Instrument 58-101 - *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* (collectively, the "Governance Guidelines") of the Canadian Securities Administrators.

Denison is a reporting issuer in all of the provinces of Canada and is classified as a foreign private issuer by the SEC. The Shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (DML: TSX) and on NYSE MKT (DNN: NYSE MKT). As such, Denison adheres to Canadian corporate governance requirements and also complies with the requirements of NYSE MKT. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee closely monitors this regulatory environment and, where applicable, makes recommendations to the Board to modify the Company's governance practices as needed.

### **Denison's Code of Ethics & Whistleblower Policy**

The Company is committed to conducting its business in compliance with the law and the highest ethical standards. The Company has adopted a written Code of Ethics which applies to directors, officers and all employees of the Company. The Code of Ethics sets out principles and standards for honest and ethical behavior at Denison and covers the following key areas:

- compliance with applicable laws
- conflicts of interest
- insider trading
- quality of disclosure and accountability
- compliance with anti-bribery and corruption laws in Canada and other jurisdictions
- confidentiality and corporate opportunity
- reporting illegal or unethical behavior

Directors, officers or employees who have concerns about violations of laws, rules or regulations, or of the Code of Ethics are to report them to the Corporate Secretary or to the Chair of the Audit Committee. Following receipt of any complaints, the Corporate Secretary of the Company or Chair of the Audit Committee, as the case may be, will investigate each matter so reported and report to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has primary authority and responsibility for monitoring compliance with and enforcing the Code of Ethics, subject to the supervision of the Board.

The Code of Ethics is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a> or on SEDAR under the Company's profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

The Audit Committee has established a policy and procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters (the "Whistleblower Policy"), to encourage employees, officers and directors to raise concerns regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters, on a confidential basis free from discrimination, retaliation or harassment.

In support of the Whistleblower Policy, Denison has established a third party web-based reporting service so that any employee can report any issue or instance of misconduct easily and confidentially.

# The Disclosure Policy

Denison has developed a Disclosure Policy as part of its ongoing commitment to full and fair financial disclosure and best practices in corporate reporting and governance. This policy outlines the internal control structures that Denison has established to effectively manage the dissemination of material information to the public and remain compliant with all applicable legal and business

requirements. The Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website at www.denisonmines.com or on SEDAR under the Company's profile at www.sedar.com.

### **Shareholder Communications**

The Board has put structures in place to ensure effective communication between the Company, its Shareholders and the public. The Company has established an investor relations procedure whereby most Shareholder concerns are dealt with on an individual basis, usually by providing requested information. Significant Shareholder concerns are brought to the attention of management or the Board. Shareholders are informed of developments in the Company by the issuance of timely press releases which are concurrently posted to the Company's website and filed on SEDAR.

The Board monitors the policies and procedures that are in place to provide for effective communication by the Company with its Shareholders and with the public generally, including effective means to enable Shareholders to communicate with senior management and the Board. The Board also monitors the policies and procedures that are in place to ensure a strong, cohesive, sustained and positive image of the Company with Shareholders, governments and the public generally.

Shareholders, employees or other interested parties may communicate directly with the Chairman of the Board, the Lead Director and other independent directors by writing to them at Denison's Toronto office, at the following address:

Denison Mines Corp. 595 Bay Street Suite 402 Toronto, ON M5G 2C2

Envelopes should be marked "Confidential" and to the attention of the appropriate party.

### The Board of Directors

Denison's Board is currently comprised of eight directors. The size and composition of the Board reflects a breadth of backgrounds and experience that is important for effective governance and oversight of an international corporation in the mining industry. It is proposed that eight directors be elected at the Meeting, a majority of whom are independent.

The Board has not adopted policies imposing a director term limit or retirement age in connection with individuals nominated for election as it does not believe that such policies would be in the best interests of the Company at this time. The Company operates in a unique industry which leads to difficulty in finding qualified directors with the appropriate background and experience and to introduce a director term limit or retirement policy would impose further difficulty. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee annually reviews the composition of the Board, including the age and tenure of individual directors. The Board strives to achieve a balance between the desirability to have a depth of experience from its members and the need for renewal and new perspectives.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has determined that the Board is highly effective and well composed and that no appreciable benefit would be derived from the introduction of term or retirement age limits at this time.

### **Diversity within Denison**

Denison's Board recognizes that diversity enriches the decision making process and is important to the Company's good governance. The Board formally adopted a Diversity Policy in November 2014, which clarifies the Company's commitment to identifying and considering women for its Board and in senior officer positions. Along with the adoption of the Diversity Policy last year, the Board also amended the guidelines by which the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee considers the composition of the Board and evaluates candidates to include a commitment for the committee to consider qualified female candidates for nomination to the Board to further the Board's goals of achieving gender diversity. Similarly, as part of the hiring process of executive officers, management of the Company seeks women having the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to evaluate as potential candidates.

Each year, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is required to measure and report to the Board as to the Company's annual and cumulative progress in achieving targets for representation of women within Denison. Denison's targets were set for the first time under the Diversity Policy this month. The Committee reported Denison's female representation for 2015 as follows:

- One female director on the Board, who is also the Chair of the Audit Committee, out of eight directors, representing 12.5% of the Board;
- One female senior officer out of seven senior officers, representing 14.3% of the senior officers. There are currently no female executive officers of the Company.
- One female out of three senior officers at the Company's major subsidiary, DMI, representing 33.3% of the senior officers of DMI. There are currently no female executive officers of DMI.

Denison believes that the current composition of the Board is highly effective and that the Board is well-composed. Denison has set a target of at least maintaining its current level of 12.5% female representation among directors. As turnover occurs, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will consider gender diversity as a key factor in its nomination process. Similarly, the Company will strive to maintain its current level of gender diversity among its senior officers and among the senior officers of DMI and will consider gender diversity as a part of the hiring decision as turnover occurs.

#### Independence

The Board is responsible for determining whether or not each director is independent. This assessment is made in accordance with standards of the Canadian Securities Administrators in National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**") and the Governance Guidelines. With the assistance of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board reviews each director's independence annually and upon the appointment or election of a new director. The Board last considered this matter at its meeting on March 5, 2015. The following table sets out the Board's determination and reasoning with respect to each nominee for election at the Meeting:

		Not	
Name	Independent	Independent	Commentary on Independence
John H. Craig <sup>1</sup>	×		
W. Robert Dengler	×		
Brian D. Edgar	×		
Ron F. Hochstein		×	Executive Chairman and served in the position of Chief Executive Officer until March 2015.
Lukas H. Lundin		×	As former Chairman of the Board until this year, Mr. Lundin has been and is still involved with the Company on capital raising and corporate development opportunities which could be regarded as having an indirect material relationship which could reasonably be expected to interfere with his exercise of independent judgment.
Joo Soo Park		×	Mr. Park is regarded as having an indirect material relationship which could reasonably be expected to interfere with his exercise of independent judgment, considering the Company's strategic relationship with KEPCO, KEPCO's significant shareholding in Denison and his position with KEPCO.
William A. Rand	×		
Catherine J.G. Stefar	×		

Notes on Independence:

The Board believes that adequate structures and processes are in place to facilitate the functioning of the Board independently of management for a number of reasons:

The Board has a Lead Director

Mr. Craig has been appointed as the Lead Director by the Board upon the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee to preside at the independent sessions and to perform such other duties as the Board may determine, like the responsibility for leading all Board meetings. The Lead Director facilitates the functioning of the Board independently of management, serves as an independent leadership contact for directors and assists in maintaining and enhancing the quality of the Company's corporate governance. With his extensive experience in corporate governance matters, Mr. Craig is leading and managing the Board in a manner that ensures that it functions independently of management, in an effective and efficient manner.

 The Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees are entirely independent. Aside from the Environment, Health and Safety Committee, all of the Board's standing committees are composed entirely of independent directors. The Board has considered the membership of Mr. Hochstein on the Environment, Health and Safety Committee and determined that his operational experience is a benefit to the committee and that his lack of independence does not interfere with that committee's responsibilities or interfere with his judgment.

• The Board regularly meets without management.

The Board has an opportunity to meet *in camera* without management at every Board and committee meeting. In 2014, the independent directors met formally each quarter and meet in person once in December. Only independent directors attend the *in camera* sessions of the Audit

<sup>1.</sup> Mr. Craig has been an independent director of the Company since 1997 and is a significant contributor to the Board's effective decision making and governance. Moreover, Mr. Craig has acted as Lead Director since 2010. Due to a client conflict in 2013, Denison's regular law firm was unable to act for the Company and the law firm of which Mr. Craig is a partner acted for Denison in connection with a number of transactions that year. Early in 2014, the Board became aware that the provision of these legal services could adversely impact Mr. Craig's independent status on the Board. As a result, the Board determined that it would be in the best interest of the Company if Denison terminated its engagement with Mr. Craig's firm in order to preserve Mr. Craig's independence. The Company has re-engaged its former law firm.

Committee, Compensation Committee and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, as all of the members of these committees are independent.

 The Board, a committee or an individual director may engage an independent advisor. Individual directors may, in appropriate circumstances and with the authorization of the applicable committee or the Chairman, engage independent advisors at the expense of the Company.

### The Role of the Board

The Board is responsible for overseeing the management of the business and affairs of Denison, with a view to the long-term best interests of the Company. The Board has adopted a formal mandate setting out the role and responsibilities of the Board (see Appendix A). In order to delineate the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board, the Lead Director and the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Board has also adopted written position descriptions for each of these positions.

In discharging its stewardship over the Company, the Board has undertaken the following specific duties and responsibilities:

- satisfying itself as to the integrity of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers and as to a culture of integrity throughout the Company;
- approving, supervising and providing guidance to management on the Company's strategic planning process;
- identifying the principal risks of the Company's business and ensuring management's implementation and assessment of appropriate risk management systems;
- ensuring that the Company has highly qualified management and adequate and effective succession plans for senior management;
- overseeing the Company's communications policy with its Shareholders and with the public generally; and
- assessing directly and through its Audit Committee, the integrity of the Company's internal control and management information systems.

Generally, operations in the ordinary course or that are not in the ordinary course and do not exceed material levels of expenditures or commitment on the part of the Company have been delegated to management. Decisions relating to matters that are not in the ordinary course and that involve material expenditures or commitments on the part of the Company generally require prior approval of the Board. As the Board has plenary power, any responsibility which is not delegated to management or a Board committee remains with the Board.

The responsibilities of the Lead Director include presiding over Board meetings, assuming principal responsibility for the Board's operation and functioning independent of management and ensuring that Board functions are effectively carried out.

The responsibilities and authorities of the Chair of each committee of the Board are set out in the mandate for each committee and in the Board's mandate. Generally, the Chair of a committee leads and oversees the activities of the committee to ensure that it fulfills its mandate and operates independently of management.

### The Role of the CEO

Denison's Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Board and, subject to the oversight of the Board, is responsible for the management of the Company's business, providing leadership and vision, developing and recommending significant corporate strategies and objectives for approval by the Board, and developing and recommending to the Board annual operating budgets.

Each year, the CEO develops annual objectives which are reviewed by the Compensation Committee and then recommended to the Board for approval. The CEO is accountable to the Board and its committees, and the Compensation Committee conducts a formal review of his performance each year. The Board has also established limits of authority for the CEO. These are described in the Company's delegation of authority policy, which was approved by the Board in 2008. The Board has also adopted a position description for the

### **Board Committees**

CEO.

To assist the Board with its responsibilities, the Board has established four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Environment, Health and Safety Committee (the "EHS Committee"). Each committee has a written mandate and reviews its mandate annually.

Each of the standing committees has responsibility in its area of expertise for identifying the principal risks in Denison's business and monitoring management's implementation and assessment of appropriate risk management systems.

#### The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has three members:

- Catherine Stefan (Chair)
- Brian Edgar
- William Rand

Members of the Audit Committee must be independent and financially literate for the purposes of NI 52-110 and the requirements of NYSE MKT. All three members are also considered by the Company to have financial expertise within the meaning of the *Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002*. Mr. Edgar has a law degree and practiced for 16 years in corporate finance law. In addition, he has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of a public company since 2005 and served on public company boards and audit committees for over 30 years. Mr. Rand has a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a major in accounting and two law degrees, with extensive experience in corporate finance. Moreover, Mr. Rand has been actively involved as an audit committee member for many years on a number of public companies. Ms. Stefan is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Professional Accountant, with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. In addition, she has held the position of Senior Vice President of a public company.

The Audit Committee oversees the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and its subsidiaries and all audits and external reviews of the financial statements of the Company, on behalf of the Board, and has general responsibility for oversight of internal controls, and accounting and auditing activities of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Audit Committee reviews, on a continuous basis, any reports prepared by the Company's auditor relating to the Company's accounting policies and procedures, as well as internal control procedures and systems. The Audit Committee is also responsible for examining all financial information, including annual and quarterly financial statements, prepared for securities commissions and similar regulatory bodies prior to filing or delivery of the same.

All auditing services and non-audit services to be provided to the Company by the Company's auditor are pre-approved by the Audit Committee, and the Audit Committee reviews the independence of PwC, the Company's external auditor. The Audit Committee also oversees the annual audit process, the quarterly review engagements, the Company's internal accounting controls, the Code of Ethics and Whistleblower Policy. The Audit Committee recommends to the Board the firm of independent auditors to be nominated for appointment by the Shareholders.

The Audit Committee also oversees the Company's internal audit function. The Company's senior internal auditor reports directly to the Chair of the Audit Committee on matters related to internal accounting controls.

The Audit Committee is required to meet a minimum of four times each year, and it met four times in 2014. It met *in camera* without management present at every meeting with the external auditor.

For information required by NI 52-110, please refer to the Company's Annual Information Form under the heading "Standing Committees – Audit Committee".

## **The Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee has two members:

- Robert Dengler (Chair)
- William Rand

Members of the Compensation Committee must be independent and have experience and skills relevant to executive compensation. Mr. Dengler brings over 25 years of first-hand experience working with executive compensation in the mining industry, serving as Chief Executive Officer of Dynatec Corporation. Mr. Dengler has been the Chair of Denison's Compensation Committee since 2006 and was a compensation committee member of the Board of Directors of IAMGOLD Corporation until this year. Mr. Rand has extensive experience in executive compensation, and is currently a compensation committee member on the boards of four public companies. Additionally, Mr. Rand draws on the skills and knowledge of executive compensation and disclosure issues which he acquired during his long career as a corporate securities lawyer.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for the Company's executive compensation policy. The Compensation Committee evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance and establishes both the elements and amounts of the Chief Executive Officer's compensation. The Compensation Committee, in conjunction with the Board, also reviews management's recommendations for, and approves the compensation of, the other officers of the Company and determines the general compensation structure, policies and programs of the Company, including the extent and level of participation in incentive programs. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves the executive compensation disclosure included in the Company's Circular each year.

The Compensation Committee is also responsible for overseeing compensation risk and talent and succession risk.

The Compensation Committee has also been mandated to review the adequacy and form of the compensation of directors and to ensure that such compensation realistically reflects the responsibilities and risks involved in being an effective director.

The Compensation Committee met three times during 2014 to address matters pertaining to its mandate.

### **The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee**

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee has three members:

- Brian Edgar (Chair)
- John Craig
- Catherine Stefan

Members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee must be independent.

This Committee is responsible for Denison's approach to corporate governance, monitors the regulatory environment and recommends changes to the Company's practices when appropriate. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee oversees the effective functioning of the Board and the relationship between the Board and management. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee ensures that the Board can function independently of management as required, makes recommendations with respect to the appointment of a Lead Director, identifies individuals qualified to become new Board members and recommends to the Board the director nominees at each annual meeting of Shareholders and, with the assistance of the Board and where necessary, develops an orientation and education program for new recruits to the Board.

In identifying possible nominees to the Board, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee considers the competencies and skills necessary for the Board as a whole, the skills of existing directors and the competencies and skills each new nominee will bring to the Board, as well as whether or not each nominee will devote sufficient time and resources to the Board and whether he or she is independent within the meaning of the Governance Guidelines.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee also annually reviews and makes recommendations to the Board with respect to: (i) the size and composition of the Board; (ii) the independence of Board members; (iii) the composition of the committees of the Board; (iv) the effectiveness and contribution of the Board, its committees and individual directors, having reference to their respective mandates, charters and position descriptions; and (v) compliance with and amendments to the Board mandates, policies and guidelines.

In January of each year, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee distributes, receives and reviews the results of written board effectiveness assessments. The assessments question members of the Board as to their level of satisfaction with the functioning of the Board, its interaction with management and the performance of the standing committees of the Board. The Board members also conduct peer reviews and a self-assessment as to their effectiveness as a Board member. After the assessments are reviewed, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee reports to the Board as to the results and makes recommendations to the Board to improve the Company's corporate governance practices. This process occurs prior to the consideration by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of nominations for Board member elections at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders each year.

In addition, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee reviews the Company's disclosure of its corporate governance practices in the Company's Circular each year. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee met four times during 2014.

The Environment, Health and Safety Committee

The EHS Committee currently has two members:

- Mr. Dengler (Chair)
- Mr. Hochstein

Due to the complexity of uranium exploration and development and mine reclamation and decommissioning, the Board determined that it was appropriate that a member of management sit on the EHS Committee to ensure that technical expertise is properly brought before the Committee. The fact that a majority of the members are not independent is balanced by the fact that the key recommendations of the committee are considered by the full Board. The mining industry, by its very nature, can have an impact on the natural environment and can involve certain risks to employees. As a result, environmental planning and compliance and safety programs must play a very important part in the operations of any company engaged in these activities. The Company takes these issues very seriously and has established the EHS Committee to oversee the Company's efforts to act in a responsible and concerned manner with respect to matters affecting

the environment, health and safety and its stakeholders. The EHS Committee met twice during 2014.

### **Director Education**

The Board encourages directors and senior management to participate in appropriate professional and personal development activities, courses and programs, and supports management's commitment to the training and development of all permanent employees.

Director education is implemented in the following ways at Denison:

•	An on-line board portal dedicated
	exclusively to the Board

In addition to housing meeting materials, Denison's board portal includes a reference manual, which includes corporate information, industry information, regulatory and governance updates and corporate policies. As a hosted website dedicated to our Board, the portal is current and available to directors wherever they are.

 Management Presentations to the Board and to Committees When appropriate, management prepares and presents relevant information to Board members. For instance, at each regular Board meeting, the Chief Executive Officer provides an industry and market update. Similarly, the Company's legal counsel also provides directors and senior officers of the Company with summary updates of any developments relating to the duties and responsibilities of directors and officers and to any other corporate governance matters. Denison's Chief Financial Officer ensures that the Audit Committee is apprised of relevant developments and issues.

Third-Party Presentations for our Board

From time to time, a leading Toronto law firm provides topical presentations via webinar to Denison's Board. In addition, the Company's external auditor provides education when requested and warranted.

External Conferences

Directors are encouraged to attend external conferences, seminars or courses at Denison's expense. The Corporate Secretary notifies Board members of relevant educational opportunities from time to time.

Updates and Subscriptions

Management distributes updates, newsletters and articles on industry and regulatory information to the Board on a regular basis via email. Additionally, the Company maintains subscriptions to regular newsletters on topics of interest for circulation to the Board.

The Chairman also provides new Board members with an orientation session, covering a range of topics from the role of the Board, its committees and directors to Denison's business and the uranium business generally.

### Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

The Company maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers acting in their respective capacities in an aggregate amount of CAD\$50,000,000, subject to a CAD\$250,000 per occurrence for insured claims including claims under securities laws for which the Company has provided an indemnity. There is no deductible for non-indemnified claims. The premium paid by the Company in 2014 for this coverage is CAD\$282,075 for the period from November 1, 2014 to November 1, 2015. No amounts were paid by individual directors and officers for this coverage.

# **Director Compensation**

Denison recognizes the contribution that its directors make to the Company and seeks to compensate them accordingly. The Compensation Committee is responsible for making recommendations as to director compensation for the Board's consideration and ultimate approval. When reviewing the Board's compensation arrangements annually, the Compensation Committee considers the following objectives:

•	Board compensation should be competitive to attract talent.	Compensation is set at a level that will attract desirable candidates and retain current directors. Denison recognizes that there is a lot of competition for qualified directors in the mining sector.
•	Board compensation should award directors appropriately.	Denison recognizes that directors need to be compensated fairly for their time and efforts and the risks and responsibilities which they assume as directors in any increasingly complex regulatory environment.
•	Board compensation should align the interests of directors with those of the Shareholders.	Denison's compensation package, including fees and options, coupled with the Share ownership requirement imposed on directors aligns directors' interests with those of its Shareholders.
•	Board compensation should be fair.	Denison seeks to reward its directors reasonably and on par with directors of comparable companies.

The Board's compensation has not been formally assessed by a compensation consultant since 2010, when the Compensation Committee engaged Towers Watson & Co. to evaluate the Board's compensation in comparison to its peer group. The review resulted in a director compensation program which remained constant until 2012 when director retainers were reduced by 25%, due to the change in scope of the Company's operations as a result of the sale of the U.S. Mining division in that year.

The Compensation Committee adopted a number of key principles for Denison's directors' compensation from the Towers Watson report which the Committee still applies when making compensation decisions:

- Director compensation must appropriately reward directors for their time commitment and compensate them for the risks and responsibilities which they assume in their roles for the Company.
- Competitive director compensation is critical to the Company's ability to attract and retain qualified and desirable directors.
- Approximately half of directors' compensation at Denison should be provided in cash and the balance should be by way of equity to provide further incentive to directors.

To achieve these objectives, Denison's directors receive cash and equity compensation.

# **Cash Compensation**

In 2014, Denison's director cash compensation included an annual retainer which varied depending on a director's role on the Board, an annual chair fee for serving as a committee chair and an attendance fee for each meeting attended. The quantum of this compensation was set in 2012. The table below sets out directors' retainers and fees in 2014.

Annual Retainer	CAD\$			
Chairman	45,000			
Lead Director	33,750			
Other directors	22,500			
Chair Fees				
Audit Committee	10,000			
Other Committees	5,000			
Attendance Fees (per meeting) <sup>1</sup>				
Personal attendance	1,200			
Attendance by telephone	800			

Note to Cash Compensation:

Denison also reimburses directors for any reasonable travel and out-of-pocket expenses relating to their duties as directors.

Mr. Hochstein did not receive any compensation for serving as a director in 2014, since he was compensated as an officer of the Company. On March 23, 2015, Mr. Hochstein was appointed Executive Chairman and stepped down as Chief Executive Officer. Consequently, Mr. Hochstein will receive compensation from the Company as a director for the balance of 2015.

### **Equity Compensation**

In addition to cash compensation, Denison compensates its directors through the grant of stock options under Denison's Stock Option Plan. The Plan is described on page 43 of this Circular. The Board believes that option grants help to align directors' interests with those of Shareholders and also provide additional incentive to directors for corporate performance.

In 2014, the Board approved a grant of 50,000 options pursuant to the Stock Option Plan to each non-employee director, which is consistent with the grant made by the Board to each director in 2013. Mr. Hochstein's option grant is discussed under his executive compensation below. See "Executive Compensation" on page 28.

### **2014 Director Compensation**

The table below sets out what Denison paid to non-employee directors in retainers and fees in 2014.

	Option-based		
Name	Total Fees (\$) <sup>1</sup>	awards (\$) <sup>2</sup>	Total (\$)
John H. Craig <sup>3</sup>	39,249	33,558	72,807
W. Robert Dengler	33,228	33,558	66,786
Brian D. Edgar	35,763	33,558	69,321
Tae-Hwan Kim <sup>4</sup>	22,544	33,558	56,102
Lukas H. Lundin	45,088	33,558	78,646
William A. Rand	30,874	33,558	64,432
Catherine J. G. Stefan <sup>5</sup>	46,809	33,558	80,367

Notes to 2014 Director Compensation:

- Compensation was paid in CAD\$ and translated into US\$ using average annual exchange rate of 1.1045 for 2014.
- This amount represents the fair value, on the date of grant, of awards made under the Stock Option Plan for the applicable financial year. The grant date fair value has been calculated using the Black Scholes option-pricing model according to IFRS 2 Share-based payment.
- 3. In 2014, the Company incurred legal fees of \$276,000 to a law firm of which Mr. Craig is a partner. This amount has not been included in the Total Fees above, as these amounts are not payable to Mr. Craig and do not relate

<sup>1.</sup> Mr. Dengler has waived both his EHS Committee chair retainer and EHS Committee meeting fees given the change in scope of the Company's operations as a result of the sale of the U.S. Mining division in 2012.

- to his directorship. See "Denison's Corporate Governance Practices Independence" for a discussion on how this compensation relates to Mr. Craig's independence.
- 4. Mr. Tae-Hwan Kim resigned from the Board of Directors on January 6, 2015 and was replaced by Mr. Joo Soo Park on January 16, 2015. Mr. Kim directed the Company to pay cash compensation owing to him as a director to an affiliate of KEPCO.
- 5. Payments to Ms. Stefan include fees for attendance at meetings of the SOX Committee.

# **Directors' Outstanding Option-Based Awards**

The table below sets out for each non-employee director all option-based awards outstanding at the end of 2014.

Name	Number of Shares underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (CAD\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options (CAD\$) <sup>1</sup>
John H. Craig	37,500	1.43	May 13, 2015	Nil
	40,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	40,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	50,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	50,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	217,500			
W. Robert Dengler	37,500	1.43	May 13, 2015	Nil
	40,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	57,600 <sup>3</sup>	5.02	May 18, 2016	Nil
	40,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	50.000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	50,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	275,100			
Brian D. Edgar	37,500	1.43	May 13, 2015	Nil
	40,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	40,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	50,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	50,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	217,500			
Tae-Hwan Kim <sup>2</sup>	50,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	50,000			
Lukas H. Lundin	75,000	1.43	May 13, 2015	Nil
	40,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	40,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	50,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	50,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	255,000			

Name	Number of Shares underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (CAD\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options (CAD\$) <sup>1</sup>
William A. Rand	37,500	1.43	May 13, 2015	Nil
	40,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	40,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	50,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	50,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	217,500			
Catherine J. G. Stefan	37,500	1.43	May 13, 2015	Nil
	40,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	57,600 <sup>3</sup>	5.02	May 18, 2016	Nil
	40,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	50,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	50,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	275,100			

Notes to Directors' Outstanding Option-Based Awards:

- Option values have been calculated using the closing price of the Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2014
  of CAD\$1.13, less the applicable exercise price of the outstanding options. As at December 31, 2014, some
  of the above options had not fully vested. The above value of unexercised in-the-money options has been
  computed assuming that all of the options have vested.
- 2. Mr. Tae-Hwan Kim resigned from the Board on January 6, 2015 and was replaced by Mr. Joo Soo Park on January 16, 2015. Mr. Kim's options expired on February 5, 2015.
- 3. Options to acquire shares of DMI, a predecessor of the Company, were originally granted to Mr. Dengler and Ms. Stefan prior to 2006. Following the combination of DMI and IUC, these options were restated as Denison options and now entitle them to acquire the number of Shares noted above.

### Value Vested or Earned in 2014

The following table sets out for each non-employee director the value of the Company's option-based equity plan compensation vested or earned during the financial year ended December 31, 2014. The Company has no non-equity incentive plan compensation for directors.

Name	Option-based awards Value vested during the year <sup>1</sup> (CAD\$)
John H. Craig	15,200
W. Robert Dengler	15,200
Brian D. Edgar	15,200
Tae-Hwan Kim	Nil
Lukas H. Lundin	15,200
William A. Rand	15,200
Catherine J.G. Stefan	15,200

Note to Value Vested or Earned in 2014:

- 1. The value vested during the year reflects the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options that vested in 2014 were exercised on their vesting date. Options that had a negative value on their vesting date are included in this calculation.
- 2. Mr. Tae-Hwan Kim resigned from the Board on January 6, 2015 and was replaced by Mr. Joo Soo Park on January 16, 2015. Mr. Kim's options expired unvested on February 5, 2015.

### **Share Ownership Requirement**

The Board has adopted a Share ownership requirement for its members. It provides that all non-employee directors must own a requisite number of Shares by the later of five years from the commencement of their directorship or March 7, 2013, being the date on which the Share ownership requirement was increased. In 2014, directors were required to own Shares with a cost equal to three times the value of their annual director retainers. The Board has exempted nominees of KEPCO, the Company's largest shareholder, from this requirement. In 2014, all directors to whom the Share ownership requirement applied in 2014 held a sufficient number of Shares. Stock options do not count toward directors' Share ownership requirements.

### **Loans to Directors**

As of March 23, 2015, Denison and its subsidiaries had no loans outstanding to any current or former directors, except routine indebtedness as defined under Canadian securities laws.

### **Executive Compensation**

This section of the Circular discusses Denison's executive compensation program and the pay decisions affecting its Named Executive Officers ("NEOs"). The table below sets out Denison's NEOs for the 2014 financial year.

#### Denison NEOs for 2014

NEO	Position during 2014	Basis
Ron F. Hochstein	President and Chief Executive	The Chief Executive Officer qualifies as an NEO under
	Officer	Canadian securities laws.
David D. Cates	Vice President Finance & Tax,	The Chief Financial Officer qualifies as an NEO under
	Chief Financial Officer	Canadian securities laws.
Steve Blower	Vice-President, Exploration	Mr. Blower was one of the three most highly compensated
		executive officers, excluding the CEO and the CFO, at the
		end of the year.
Michael	Vice-President, Controller	Mr. Schoonderwoerd was one of the three most highly
Schoonderwoerd		compensated executive officers, excluding the CEO and
		the CFO, at the end of the year.
lan Ludgate	Manager, Denison	Mr. Ludgate was one of the three most highly compensated
	Environmental Services	executive officers, excluding the CEO and the CFO, at the
		end of the year.

### The Objectives of the Company's Compensation Program

Denison strives to improve Shareholder value through sustainable corporate performance. The Company recognizes that its employees and, in particular, the leaders within the organization have a significant impact on Denison's success in the uranium market.

In support of its goal, Denison's executive compensation program has three objectives:

- 1. Align the interests of its executive officers with the long-term interests of the Company and its Shareholders.
- 2. Link compensation to the performance of both the Company and the executive.
- 3. Compensate executive officers at a level and in a manner that ensures that Denison is capable of attracting and retaining talented executives.

### Managing Risk

When determining an executive's compensation package, the Compensation Committee seeks to balance annual performance incentives, which are awarded based on success against preestablished short-term corporate and individual goals, with long-term incentive payments, including stock option grants under Denison's Stock Option Plan, to drive longer term performance. In doing so, the Compensation Committee considers the implications of each of the various components of the Company's compensation policies and practices to ensure that executive officers are not inappropriately motivated towards shorter-term results or excessive risk taking or illegal behaviour.

The Compensation Committee uses a number of strategies to reduce the risk associated with compensation, including:

- Reviewing and approving annual individual objectives of executives and then assessing
  performance against these objectives when awarding the individual performance component
  of the annual bonus:
- Considering the Company's performance relative to its peers when reviewing the corporate performance component of the NEO's annual bonus;
- Making the annual bonus payment of the CEO and the CFO conditional upon a claw back agreement, whereby each of them personally agrees to reimburse any portion of their bonus payment which is awarded for achievements that are found to involve their fraud, theft or other illegal conduct;

- Setting standard vesting terms on stock option grants which align optionees' interests with longer term growth of the Company, using 12-month and 24-month vesting provisions and five year option terms;
- Acknowledging the Board's role in overseeing compensation policies and practices and exercising discretion to adjust payouts up or down; and
- Prohibiting Denison's directors and officers from purchasing financial instruments that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of the Shares.

### **Compensation Decision-Making**

The Compensation Committee reviews all of Denison's policies and programs relating to executive compensation and makes recommendations to the Board. This process involves:

 Benchmarking and Executive Incentive Bonus Plan review The Compensation Committee undertakes a comparative review of Denison's compensation practices annually against a peer group of companies to ensure that the Company's compensation is in line with industry. At the same time, the Compensation Committee reviews the Executive Incentive Bonus Plan (the "Bonus Plan") annually and considers if any modifications are required.

Establishing objectives to measure performance

The objectives of the CEO are reviewed by the Compensation Committee and recommended to the Board for ultimate approval. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves the annual objectives of the other NEOs.

Evaluating performance

The performance of the CEO is reviewed by the Compensation Committee. The performance of the other NEOs is reviewed by the CEO and reported to the Compensation Committee.

Determining compensation packages

The CEO's base salary and bonus grants are calculated, reviewed by the Compensation Committee and recommended to the Board for ultimate approval. The base salaries and bonuses of the other NEOs are reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee. The Board approves all stock option grants.

### **Compensation Consultant Advice**

No consulting services were provided by a compensation consultant to Denison, the Board or a committee of the Board in 2013 or 2014.

# Benchmarking

Denison seeks to provide competitive total compensation packages to its executive officers to ensure that it attracts and retains the most talented individuals. Denison's target compensation position is the median against a peer group of similar type and size of Canadian mining companies.

The Compensation Committee last undertook a significant bench marking review of Denison's executive officer salaries in 2012, when the Company changed its focus from a production company with a U.S. mining division to a Canadian focused exploration company. At that time, the Compensation Committee referred to the 2011 Mining Industry Salary Surveys conducted by Coopers Consulting Ltd. and PwC entitled "Corporate and CEO Positions" and "Mine Site Positions". After analyzing the report in 2012, the Compensation Committee concluded that Denison's CEO and CFO's salaries and bonuses were in line with the comparative groups reviewed by the Committee. Since 2012, the CEO voluntarily reduced his salary due to the change in scope of the Company's operations as a result of the sale of the U.S. Mining division, and Denison appointed a new CFO with a lower salary than his predecessor. There were no significant changes to the Company or management in the last two years, so the Compensation Committee did not carry out a comparison of peer salaries in 2013 or 2014.

### **Compensation Framework**

The Company uses three key compensation components to achieve the executive compensation program's objectives: base salary, annual performance incentive and long-term incentive.

### **Base Salary**

Base salary is a fixed component of pay that compensates executives for fulfilling their roles and responsibilities and aids in attracting and retaining the qualified executives. Base salaries are reviewed annually to ensure that they reflect how an individual fulfills his responsibilities and to ensure that Denison's compensation stays competitive.

### **Annual Performance Incentives**

Denison's annual performance incentive is a short-term variable element of compensation in the form of a cash bonus. Based on a recommendation of the Compensation Committee, Denison's Board has approved the Bonus Plan for Denison's CEO, CFO and and Vice-Presidents.

Depending on an executive's position within the Company, his bonus represents a varying percentage of his target total compensation. Denison's most senior executives have the highest amount and proportion of annual incentive compensation as follows:

CEO – up to 80% of base salary CFO – up to 50% of base salary

VP – up to 40% of base salary

The stated goal of Denison's compensation program is to improve Shareholder value through sustainable corporate performance. Linking corporate and personal performance to support this goal, Denison has incorporated two performance measures into its bonus calculations:

Corporate performance is based on quantitative performance measures, while the individual component is both qualitative and quantitative

- 1. Corporate performance
- 2. Individual performance

**Corporate Performance Measures:** Denison has chosen to measure corporate performance using recognized and objective measurements for Shareholders:

**Shareholder Return (SR)** measures, on the last day of the year, how well management has enhanced Denison's Share price.

**Shareholder Return Relative to Industry (SRI)** measures the return of Denison's Shareholders relative to the uranium industry's return to shareholders. For the purposes of this assessment, industry return is assessed with reference to the Global X Uranium ETF, an investment fund listed on NYSE Arca.

The annual target for SR is set at the beginning of the year and determined by the CEO in consultation with the Compensation Committee. The actual Corporate Performance Measures will be determined at the end of the fiscal year and measure performance for that year. The allocation of the Corporate Performance measure is SR 65% and SRI 35%.

**Individual Performance Measures:** Denison's qualitative performance measurements reflect the performance of individuals and their teams in meeting Denison's annual business objectives. They include, health, safety and environment metrics, budget cost control and resource growth. Individual performance measures may also include personal development goals, such as team building, human resources, personal development, and long-term objective achievement.

Each year, the CEO meets with the executives to develop a set of Individual Performance Measures and to set objectives for the year, which are then presented to and approved by the Compensation Committee. The CEO also presents his Individual Performance Measures to the Compensation Committee for recommendation to the Board for approval.

# **Bonus Weighting and Proportions**

The following table below provides information about the performance measure categories and their weight for each executive.

	Corporate (%)	Individual (%)
CEO	60	40
CFO	50	50
VP Exploration	50	50
VP Controller	50	50

If in any year, the Company suffers a fatality at any of its operations worldwide, the performance measurement of health, safety and environment component of the individual performance measure will be assessed at 0% for all executives under the plan.

Finally, for each Performance Measure, there are three levels established based on the level of achievement:

	Base Target	Stretch Target	Breakthrough Target
CEO	Up to 50%	60%	80%
CFO	Up to 30%	40%	50%
VP	Up to 20%	30%	40%

### **Long-Term Incentives**

Stock option grants to executives play an important role in helping Denison meet the objectives of its compensation program. Stock options reward long-term growth and an appreciation in Share price thus creating Shareholder value. Additionally, stock option grants are commonplace in the Canadian mining industry and an important part of keeping Denison's compensation competitive with that of its peers.

Denison's Stock Option Plan is described in detail on page 43 of this Circular. The Compensation Committee has approved a Stock Option Grant Policy, which provides for a uniform granting practice for eligible employees at Denison.

Under Denison's policy, stock option grants are made annually following the release of year end results. Stock options continue to be priced in accordance with the Stock Option Plan and the Company's Disclosure Policy. Half of the options granted vest on the first anniversary of the grant, with the remainder vesting on the second anniversary of the grant. All options granted under the policy have a five year term.

The magnitude of a grant for an employee is based on an employee's level of responsibility and ability to impact the Company's results, except that grants to directors are determined by the

Compensation Committee as appropriate. In addition, pursuant to an amendment to the Grant Policy approved by the Compensation Committee in March 2015, the policy now incorporates performance from the prior year into the option grants for Denison's executives.

## **2014 NEO Compensation Results**

The Board reviewed Denison's 2014 performance and the analysis and recommendations of the Compensation Committee and approved the following decisions on executive compensation for 2014.

#### **Base Salaries**

Mr. Hochstein's salary was last adjusted in 2012 when the Company sold the U.S. Mining Division. At that time, Mr. Hochstein's salary was reduced from prior levels by almost 14% to CAD\$340,000 to align Denison's compensation with its new business profile as a uranium exploration and development company. No adjustment was made to his salary for 2013 or 2014.

Mr. Cates was appointed Vice President Finance and Tax, Chief Financial Officer of the Company on January 1, 2013. As a result of the appointment, his salary was set at CAD\$180,000. In 2014, the Committee provided a cost of living increase to Mr. Cates' salary, bringing it to CAD\$181,980.

Mr. Schoonderwoerd was appointed Vice President Controller on January 1, 2013. As a result of the appointment, his salary was set at CAD\$175,000. In 2014, the Committee provided a cost of living increase to Mr. Schoonderwoerd's salary, bringing it to CAD\$176,930.

Mr. Blower was hired as Vice President Exploration in 2012, at a salary of CAD\$235,000, which the Committee considered to be competitive within Denison's peer group. His salary remained at that level in 2014.

Mr. Ludgate has been a long-standing employee of the Company whose salary in 2014 was CAD\$169,380. His salary is reviewed annually by the Chief Executive Officer. Because Mr. Ludgate is not an officer of the Company, his salary is not reviewed by the Compensation Committee, but rather it is set by the CEO.

Compensation upon termination for the NEOs is discussed in detail on page 41of this Circular.

# **Long Term Incentives**

Denison's NEOs each received annual stock grants in March 2014 in accordance with Denison's Stock Option Grant Policy, as detailed in the Summary Compensation Table on page 39 of this Circular. There were no options held by the NEOs that were re-priced downward during the most recently completed financial year of the Company.

### **Annual Performance Incentives**

Four of Denison's five NEOs for 2014 were eligible to receive a bonus for the year in accordance with the Company's Bonus Plan. Mr. Ludgate's bonus is determined by the Chief Executive Office as he is not an officer of the Company and not eligible for the Plan.

# 2014 Corporate Performance

As explained earlier in this Circular, Corporate Performance Measures are assessed by looking at Shareholder Return (SR) and Shareholder Return Relative to Industry (SRI).

The Compensation Committee had set a target of 10% SR for 2014. When it considered the Company's performance, it determined that Denison's SR was -12.4%. Under the circumstances,

the Compensation Committee adopted Mr. Hochstein's recommendation and determined that no bonus be paid on account of SR.

The Compensation Committee also assessed NEOs bonus eligibility in the area of SRI. Using the agreed bench mark for measuring industry performance, the Compensation Committee noted that the return on Global X ETF was quoted at -25.6%. Given this information, the Compensation Committee agreed that this component of corporate performance be calculated at the base level, because the Company outperformed industry.

## 2014 Individual Performance

In March 2014, the Board of Directors approved individual objectives for Mr. Hochstein upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee. This past month, the Compensation Committee assessed Mr. Hochstein's performance against these objectives to calculate his entitlement under the Bonus Plan.

The Committee determined that Mr. Hochstein had substantially completed his objectives with the following analysis:

Objective			Assessment		
1.	Complete the acquisition of Rockgate Capital Corp.	V	The takeover of Rockgate was substantially completed in 2014, although it became more complicated than expected and had to eventually be completed by way of plan of arrangement.		
2.	Complete the divestment of the Mongolian asset in 2014	Progressing	Due to protracted and unsuccessful negotiations, the sale of the Company's Mongolian assets was not completed during the year and efforts to achieve this objective are on-going.		
3.	Complete the divestiture of the African portfolio with a value that is accretive to Denison shareholders.	V	The Company was engaged in serious negotiations for the sale of its African assets, but Management ultimately recommended against proceeding due to market conditions. In hindsight, the recommendation served the Company well.		
4.	Continue to dynamically expand the Company's strategic resource base and upgrade the Company's exploration portfolio through investments, acquisitions and an aggressive exploration program.	√√	During 2014, the Company had three significant exploration accomplishments which increased its strategic resources in the Athabasca Basin. First, the Company released new resource estimates for the Phoenix Deposit at Wheeler River, increasing its share of Indicated mineral resources at Phoenix to over 42 million pounds U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> . Also, the exploration team discovered the Gryphon zone - a significant discovery of a new area of high-grade uranium mineralization at Wheeler River. Denison also expanded its potential in the Athabasca Basin with the acquisition of an interest in the prospective Mann Lake property.		
5.	Continue to pursue opportunities to monetize and cost-share lower priority targets in Denison's Athabasca Basin portfolio through farm-outs or sale of properties.	√	The Company sold two non-core properties which it had acquired through the acquisition of JNR Resources Inc.		
6.	Surpass budget projections by meeting budget objectives with at least a 5% reduction in non-exploration expenditures year over year.	V	Putting aside transactions costs which were not included in Denison's budget, the Company surpassed budget expectations with approximately a 10% reduction in non-exploration expenditures compared to 2013.		
7.	Continue to instill a culture of 100% regulatory and environmental compliance and strive for zero Lost Time Accidents in all facets of the organization.	$\sqrt{}$	The Company had no lost time accidents and achieved 100% regulatory and environmental compliance.		

Three of Denison's other NEOs also set individual performance objectives for 2014, and the Compensation Committee assessed their performance against these objectives for determining entitlement under the Bonus Plan. Mr. Ludgate is not a senior officer of the Company, so his bonus entitlement was not determined by the Compensation Committee.

In looking at Mr. Cates' performance over 2014, the Compensation Committee determined that Mr. Cates exceeded his bonus targets on the majority of his objectives. Among targets which he surpassed, Mr. Cates orchestrated a critical multi-stepped re-organization of the Company's African assets in order to ready the portfolio for divestiture. Similarly, Mr. Cates successfully led negotiations and closed the transaction to acquire an interest in the Mann Lake property through the acquisition of International Enexco Ltd. Mr. Cates was also active in the negotiations to acquire Rockgate Capital Corp., which wound up being a complicated transaction, which was ultimately closed by plan of arrangement early in 2014. Mr. Cates was also instrumental in securing a private placement financing during the year, which raised almost CAD\$15 million for exploration on Denison's Canadian properties. Finally, Mr. Cates met his budget objectives and simplified Denison's corporate structure through internal reorganizations.

Considering the Company's successes last year in increasing its strategic resources, the Compensation Committee concluded that Mr. Blower outperformed against the majority of his objectives in 2014. Between the newly released public estimates of mineral resources at Phoenix and the Company's discovery of high grade mineralization at Gryphon, the Compensation Committee concluded that Mr. Blower exceeded his objective of increasing Denison's resource base. Mr. Blower also surpassed his goals relating to optimizing Denison's strategic land position through the farming out of several non-core properties and identifying Mann Lake as an ideal acquisition target. Mr. Blower also achieved the breakthrough level on the critical objective of formulating and implementing a training program for the Company's technical staff. Finally, the Compensation Committee found that Mr. Blower exceeded his objectives relating to cost control on all exploration programs for which he is responsible and the successful implementation of a new geological system.

The Compensation Committee also considered Mr. Schoonderwoerd's performance in 2014 against his objectives. Mr. Schoonderwoerd improved the Company's cash management and reporting capabilities and also optimized the efficiency of the accounting team even with personnel changes occurring during the year. Mr. Schoonderwoerd also exceeded his objectives as they related to the successful integration of the Company's newly acquired entities including Rockgate Capital Corp. and International Enexco Ltd. Mr. Schoonderwoerd made progress on efforts to improve cost and variance analysis reporting and to update the Company's accounting systems.

All four NEOs who are eligible under the Bonus Plan were recognized as exceeding their objectives in 2014 relating to health and safety as the Company had no lost time accidents and was 100% compliant with applicable environmental and health and safety laws and regulations.

Based on the foregoing, the assessment of the following NEOs' bonus entitlement was:

Executive	Corporate	Individual	Total
	Calc/Max	Calc/Max	Calc/Max
Ron Hochstein	10.5%/48%	14.5%/32%	25.0%/80%
	\$32,322	\$44,572	<b>\$76,894</b>
David Cates	5.3% / 25%	18.8% / 25%	24.0% / 50%
	\$8,646	\$30,892	\$ <b>39,538</b>
Steve Blower	3.5% / 20%	15.5% / 20%	19.0% / 40%
	\$7,451	\$32,983	\$ <b>40,434</b>
Michael	3.5% / 20%	12.5% / 20%	16.0% / 40%
Schoonderwoerd	\$5,604	\$20,027	\$ <b>25,631</b>

Notes on NEO Bonus Entitlement:

Mr. Ludgate's performance during the year was assessed by the Chief Executive Officer. It was determined that the Company's Environmental Services business, for which Mr. Ludgate is responsible, delivered results in line with expectations. As a result, Mr. Ludgate's bonus was set at an amount generally in line with the Corporate Performance indicator used for the NEO group.

## **Performance Graph**

The following graph compares the cumulative total shareholder return for CAD\$100 invested in the Shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the Company's five most recently completed financial years with the cumulative total shareholder return of the TSX S&P/TSX Composite Index for the same period.

The Share performance as set out in the graph does not necessarily indicate future price performance. **Amounts below are stated in Canadian dollars.** The Shares trade on the TSX under the symbol "DML".

<sup>1.</sup> For all of the NEOs, the bonus entitlement is calculated in CAD\$ and translated into US\$ using the 2014 average annual exchange rate 1.1045.

#### **Cumulative Value of CAD\$100 Investment**



Data supplied by the TSX.

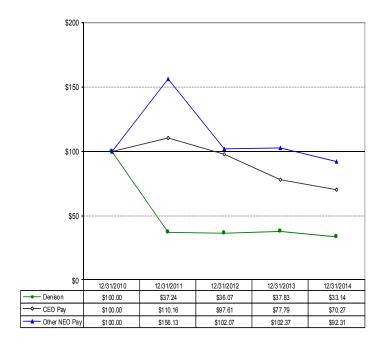
Note to Performance Graph:

1. Denison sold its U.S. Mining Division to EFR on June 29, 2012. In consideration for this sale, Denison Shareholders were issued 1.106 common shares of EFR for each Share held, while still retaining their interest in Denison. The performance graph does not reflect the value of that distribution.

# Five-Year Trend in NEO Total Compensation Compared to Denison Cumulative Value of CAD\$100 Investment

To evaluate the trend in Denison compensation levels in relation to Share performance as measured in the graph above, Denison relied on the total annual compensation awarded for fiscal years 2011 through 2014 on the same basis as is currently disclosed in the "Summary Compensation Table" below, using the fiscal year 2010 as a base amount for comparing changes in compensation over time.

The total annual compensation reflects total compensation for the CEO and the other four NEOs disclosed each year, rather than compensation from 2010 to 2014 for the current NEOs who may not have been NEOs each year. Each year "Other NEO Pay" includes the compensation of four designated NEOs.



Denison Share data supplied by the TSX.

Note to Compensation Trend Graph:

1. Denison sold its U.S. Mining Division to EFR on June 29, 2012. In consideration for this sale, Denison Shareholders were issued 1.106 common shares of EFR for each Share held, while still retaining their interest in Denison. The performance graph does not reflect the value of that distribution.

As at December 31, 2014, total compensation has decreased for both Denison's Chief Executive Officer and for Denison's other four NEOs.

When Ron Hochstein became CEO in 2009, he did not immediately receive a pay increase despite the increased role and responsibility with that position. Rather, his base salary was adjusted over two years, with an increase of 20% in the first year and 9% in the second year, thereby bringing his base salary within the range of Denison's peers by 2011. In 2012, Mr. Hochstein volunteered to reduce his base salary by 13.9% as part of the Company's transition from uranium producer to exploration and development company. His salary remained at the same level during 2013 and 2014.

The decrease of 10% in Mr. Hochstein's total compensation from 2013 to 2014 is largely attributable to the size of his bonus in 2014 as compared to the year before. The Compensation Committee had set a target of 10% SR for 2014. Denison's SR was -12.4% and, as a result, no bonus was paid on account of SR, which impacted the overall size of Mr. Hochstein's bonus, along with Denison's other NEOs. Like the trend in Denison's Share performance over the last two years, Mr. Hochstein's compensation has decreased over the same period of time. It is important to note, though, that the Share performance graph above does not reflect the value of the distribution of EFR shares to Denison Shareholders in 2012.

The total compensation of Mr. Cates' predecessor, Mr. James Anderson, is included in "Other NEO Pay" from 2010 to 2012. Like Mr. Hochstein's salary, Mr. Anderson's base salary was similarly adjusted between 2009 and 2011 for the purposes of retention. Mr. Anderson's salary was increased approximately 22% over the course of those two years bringing him in line with his peers. This increase is reflected in the compensation trend above.

When Mr. Cates became CFO on January 1, 2013, he was paid a base salary approximately CAD\$116,000 less than his predecessor. The Compensation Committee did not make any adjustment to Mr. Cates's base compensation in 2014, except for a minor cost of living increase of 1.1%.

Denison's other NEOs experienced moderate increases in their salaries up to 2011, largely reflective of peer bench marking, to ensure that the Company was able to attract and retain executives with the appropriate experience and skill. With the sale of Denison's US Mining Division in 2012, two long-standing executives whose compensation is included in "Other NEO Pay" from 2010 to 2012 left the Company. At the same time, Mr. Blower joined the Company, keeping the trend of total compensation in "Other NEO Pay" relatively unchanged between 2012 and 2014. The Compensation Committee did not increase any other NEO salaries for 2014, except for cost of living increases. Denison's disappointing SR performance of -12.4% negatively impacted the size of bonuses of Denison's other NEOs as it did for Mr. Hochstein in 2014.

## **Compensation of Named Executive Officers**

The table below is a summary of base salary, incentive-based awards and other compensation awarded to the NEOs in the last three financial years. None of the NEOs received any share-based awards or any non-equity awards under a long-term incentive plan. The Company does not have any defined benefit or actuarial plans for active employees.

**Summary Compensation Table** 

Name and Principal	Year	Salary (\$)	Option-based awards <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Non-equity Annual Incentive Plans <sup>2</sup> (\$)	All other compensation <sup>3</sup> (\$)	Total <sup>4</sup> compensation (\$)
Ron F. Hochstein <sup>5</sup>	2014	307,832	134,233	76,894	35,865	554,824
President and CEO	2013	330,160	112,802	135,200	36,067	614,229
	2012	390,227	251,699	90,027	38,791	770,744
David D. Cates	2014	164,762	61,076	39,538	17,741	283,117
Vice President, Finance & Tax, CFO	2013	169,936	45,121	50,910	15,676	281,643
Timanoc a Tax, or o	2012	155,335	31,220	16,005	7,877	210,437
Steve Blower <sup>6</sup>	2014	212,766	55,036	40,434	25,445	333,681
Vice President, Exploration	2013	228,200	46,249	59,620	19,342	353,411
Ελρισιαιστί	2012	78,357	70,607	12,004	6,977	167,945
Michael	2014	160,190	41,612	25,631	17,753	245,186
Schoonderwoerd Vice President.	2013	165,081	31,021	34,410	19,130	249,642
Controller	2012	153,914	53,660	16,005	18,301	241,880
lan Ludgate	2014	153,354	22,819	9,054	17,337	202,564
Manager, Denison Environmental	2013	161,558	18,551	15,537	18,268	213,914
Services	2012	159,198	29,064	16,005	17,608	221,875

Notes to Summary Compensation Table:

- 1. This amount represents the fair value, on the date of grant, of awards made under the Stock Option Plan for the applicable financial year. See "Additional Information about the Stock Option Plan" beginning on page 43 of this Circular. The grant date fair value has been calculated using the Black Scholes option-pricing model according to IFRS 2 Share-based payments since it is used consistently by comparable companies. The key assumptions and estimates used for the calculation of the grant date fair value under this model include the risk-free interest rate, expected stock price volatility, expected life and expected dividend yield. Option fair values were calculated in CAD\$ and translated into US\$ using the exchange rate of: (i) 1.1045 for 2014; (ii) 1.0298 for 2013; and (iii) 0.9927 for 2012. Reference is made to the disclosure regarding the Company's Stock Option Plan in Note 20 in the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2014 available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.
- 2. These amounts were earned in the fiscal year noted and were paid in the following fiscal year.
- 3. These amounts consist of car allowance, travel-to-work or parking benefits, life insurance premiums and retirement savings benefits. The retirement savings benefits component exceeds 25% of All Other Compensation, in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, as follows (i) for Mr. Hochstein: \$24,370, \$23,112, \$27,317; (ii) for Mr. Cates: \$6,591, \$6,798, \$6,214; (iii) for Mr. Blower: \$9,397,\$9,128, \$3,135; (iv) for Mr. Schoonderwoerd: \$8,010, \$8,253, \$6,737: and (v) for Mr. Ludgate: \$15,336, \$16,156, \$15,920.
- 4. Compensation was paid in CAD\$ and translated into US\$ using average annual exchange rates of (i) 1.1045 for 2014; (ii) 1.0298 for 2013; and (iii) 0.9997 for 2012.
- 5. Mr. Hochstein has served as a director of the Company since 2000. He was not compensated separately as such for the years shown in the table above.
- 6. Mr. Blower joined the Company in August 2012. His 2012 compensation in the table above is lower as a result.

#### **Incentive Plan Awards**

The Company employs two forms of incentive plans to award its employees for individual and Company performance, namely option-based awards and non-equity based awards in the form of cash bonuses. The Company does not have a share-based incentive plan.

## **Outstanding Option-Based Awards**

The following table sets out for each NEO the number and value of options outstanding on December 31, 2014.

Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (CAD\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the-money options (CAD\$) <sup>1</sup>
Ron F. Hochstein	37,500	1.43	May 13, 2015	Nil
	11,680 <sup>2</sup>	3.42	August 12, 2015	Nil
	184,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	17,520 <sup>2</sup>	1.78	October 6, 2016	Nil
	200,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	100,000	1.16	December 5, 2017	Nil
	200,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	200,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	950,700			
David D. Cates	25,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	32,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	80,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	91,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	228,000			
Steve Blower	85,000	1.38	August 31, 2017	Nil
	82,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	82,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	249,000			
Michael	48,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
Schoonderwoerd	28,800 <sup>3</sup>	5.02	May 18, 2016	Nil
	55,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	55,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	82,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	248,800			
Ian Ludgate	36,000 <sup>3</sup>	5.02	May 18, 2016	Nil
-	27,000	3.19	March 10, 2016	Nil
	30,000	1.52	March 8, 2017	Nil
	33,000	1.30	March 10, 2018	Nil
	34,000	1.82	March 5, 2019	Nil
Total	160,000			

Notes for Outstanding Option-Based Awards:

Option values have been calculated using the closing price of the Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2014 of CAD\$1.13, less the applicable exercise price of the outstanding options. As at December 31, 2014, some of the above options had not fully vested. The above value of unexercised in-the-money options has been computed assuming that all of the options have vested.

<sup>2.</sup> The Company acquired JNR on January 31, 2013 pursuant to a plan of arrangement. Pursuant to the plan of arrangement, holders of JNR options to acquire JNR shares were issued replacement options to acquire Shares under the Stock Option Plan. Mr. Hochstein was issued options to acquire Shares pursuant to the Stock Option Plan in exchange for his JNR options which he held as a director of that company.

3. Options to acquire shares of DMI, a predecessor of the Company, were originally granted to Messrs. Schoonderwoerd and Ludgate in 2006. Following the combination of DMI and IUC, these options were restated as Denison options and now entitle them to acquire the number of Shares noted above.

## Value Vested or Earned during 2014

The table below sets out information concerning the value of incentive plan awards, including option-based and non-equity incentive plan compensation, vested or earned during the financial year ended December 31, 2014 for each NEO.

Name	Option-based awards – Value vested during the year <sup>1</sup> (CAD\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year <sup>2</sup> (\$)
Ron F. Hochstein	40,040	76,894
David D. Cates	20,160	39,538
Steve Blower	18,950	40,434
Michael Schoonderwoerd	18,150	25,631
lan Ludgate	10,500	9,054

Notes for Value Vested or Earned During 2014:

- 1. The value vested during the year reflects the aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options that vested in 2014 were exercised on their vesting date. Options that had a negative value on their vesting date are included in this calculation.
- 2. Compensation was paid in CAD\$ and translated into US\$ using an average annual exchange rate of 1.1045.

#### **Loans to Executives**

As of March 23, 2015, Denison and its subsidiaries had no loans outstanding to any current or former NEOs, except routine indebtedness as defined under Canadian securities laws.

## **Compensation on Termination**

Four of the five NEOs have written employment agreements with Denison, which set out their rights in the event of termination without cause. Mr. Ludgate does not currently have written employment agreement with the Company and, as such, his compensation on termination would be determined with reference to common law and applicable legislation.

Subject to a specific provision in an NEO employment agreement, all options held by directors and employees of the Company vest immediately following a change of control, which is defined in the Stock Option Plan as the acquisition of 30% or more of the then outstanding Shares or a sale by the Company of substantially all of its assets. All options are then exercisable for a period of 60 days following the close of any such transaction.

#### **Termination Payouts for NEOs**

Messrs. Hochstein, Cates, Blower and Schoonderwoerd all had similar executive employment agreements with the Company at the end of the financial year which entitle each executive to treat his contract as terminated and to receive respective separation payments outlined below upon the occurrence of a "Good Reason". In each contract, a Good Reason means:

- a reduction in the executive's salary;
- a material alteration in the scope of the executive's duties, his responsibilities or his reporting relationship;

- requiring the executive to be based in a different location; or
- a "change of control" of the Company. A "change of control" means the acquisition of 50% of the Shares by any holder, a change in the composition of a majority of the Board upon the occurrence of a change of control or the approval by the Shareholders of a business arrangement not approved by the Board which results in the Shareholders not holding more than 50% of the Shares; the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company; or the sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company.

#### Ron Hochstein

In the event that Mr. Hochstein's employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause or in the event of a Good Reason, he will be entitled to a payment equal to his salary for 30 months ("CEO Notice Payment") and a bonus payment in an amount equal to the bonus payment earned by him for the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the effective date of termination. In addition, Mr. Hochstein will be entitled to a payment equivalent to 19% of the CEO Notice Payment in lieu of benefits. Finally, if Mr. Hochstein's employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause, any of Mr. Hochstein's unvested stock options will automatically vest and all of his options will be exercisable for a 90-day period.

#### **David Cates**

In the event that Mr. Cates' employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause or in the event of a Good Reason, he will be entitled to a payment equal to his salary for 18 months and a bonus payment in an amount equal to the bonus payment earned by him for the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the effective date of termination. Finally, if Mr. Cates' employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause, any of Mr. Cates' unvested stock options will automatically vest and all of his options will be exercisable for a 90-day period.

#### Steve Blower

In the event that Mr. Blower's employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause or in the event of a Good Reason, he will be entitled to a payment equal to his salary for 18 months and a bonus payment in an amount equal to the bonus payment earned by him for the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the effective date of termination. Finally, if Mr. Blower's employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause, any of Mr. Blower's unvested stock options will automatically vest and all of his options will be exercisable for a 90-day period.

#### Michael Schoonderwoerd

In the event that Mr. Schoonderwoerd's employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause or in the event of a Good Reason, he will be entitled to a payment equal to his salary for 18 months and a bonus payment in an amount equal to the bonus payment earned by him for the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the effective date of termination. Finally, if Mr. Schoonderwoerd's employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause, any of Mr. Schoonderwoerd's unvested stock options will automatically vest and all of his options will be exercisable for a 90-day period.

The table below is a summary of the compensation that would have been paid to the NEOs if any of them had been terminated on December 31, 2014 and includes situations of termination without cause and termination without cause in the event of a change of control.

Name	Separation Pay (\$)	Bonus Payment (\$)	Value of Options <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Payment in lieu of Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Ron F. Hochstein <sup>2,3</sup>					
<ul> <li>Termination without cause</li> <li>Termination without cause in the event of a change of control</li> </ul>	769,579 769,579	135,200 135,200	Nil <sup>4</sup> Nil <sup>4</sup>	146,220 146,220	1,050,999 1,050,999

Name	Separation Pay (\$)	Bonus Payment (\$)	Value of Options <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Payment in lieu of Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
David Cates <sup>2</sup>					
<ul> <li>Termination without cause</li> <li>Termination without cause in the event of a change of control</li> </ul>	247,144 247,144	50,910 50,910	Nil <sup>4</sup> Nil <sup>4</sup>	Nil Nil	298,054 298,054
Steve Blower <sup>2</sup>					
<ul> <li>Termination without cause</li> <li>Termination without cause in the event of a change of control</li> </ul>	319,149 319,149	59,620 59,620	Nil <sup>4</sup> Nil <sup>4</sup>	Nil Nil	378,769 378,769
Michael Schoonderwoerd <sup>2</sup> Termination without cause     Termination without cause in the event of a change of control	240,285 240,285	34,410 34,410	Nil <sup>4</sup> Nil <sup>4</sup>	Nil Nil	274,695 274,695

Notes to Termination Payouts:

- 1. Option values have been calculated using the closing price of the Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2014 of CAD\$1.13, less the applicable exercise price of the outstanding options. Amounts have been translated into US\$ using the December 31, 2014 closing exchange rate of 1.1045 for illustrative purposes.
- 2. Amounts would be payable in CAD\$, and have been translated into US\$ using average an annual exchange rate of 1.1045 for 2014 for illustrative purposes.
- 3. Ron Hochstein was appointed Executive Chairman on March 23, 2015 and is no longer entitled to the termination benefits outlined above.
- 4. All options vest immediately if employment is terminated for a reason other than just cause or a Good Reason and are exercisable for a 90-day period. The value shown represents the incremental value of the NEOs' unvested options as at December 31, 2014.

#### **Denison's Stock Option Plan**

Denison has implemented a share option plan (the "**Stock Option Plan**" or the "**Plan**") under which a maximum of 39,670,000 Shares have been authorized for issuance. The Plan was first implemented in 1997, and was amended and updated (after shareholder and regulatory approval was obtained) in 2006 and then again in 2013.

The purpose of the Stock Option Plan is to attract, retain and motivate the Company's directors, officers, key employees and consultants and to align their interests with those of the Company and its Shareholders. The Compensation Committee administers grants under the Stock Option Plan. All grants are subject to the approval of the Board.

Below are the key provisions of Denison's Stock Option Plan:

- A maximum of 39,670,000 Shares are currently authorized for issuance under the Plan.
- Denison's directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company or any employee of a management company providing services to the Company or a subsidiary of the Company are eligible to participate under the Stock Option Plan.
- Options cannot have a term of over ten years; however, since 2011, the Board has adopted
  a practice of granting options with five year terms, with vesting in two equal parts on the first

anniversary and the second anniversary from the grant date. The Compensation Committee takes into account previous grants when it considers new grants of options.

- Grants are typically done annually for all eligible employees. The Board fixes the exercise
  price of an option at the time of the grant at the TSX closing price of Shares on the trading
  day immediately before the date of the grant, and the exercise price cannot be lower than
  this price.
- If a director, officer or an employee leaves the Company, all of their options will expire 30 days after they cease to be a director or an employee, except the expiry period is extended if the options would otherwise expire during a period of time when trading Shares is restricted. In certain cases, individual employment agreements may vary vesting rights and expiry periods upon a change of control. See "Compensation on Termination" starting on page 40 for more information. The Stock Option Plan provides that options granted to a consultant will terminate 30 days after the consultant agreement terminates.
- The Stock Option Plan does not provide for a restriction on the maximum number of securities issuable to any one person or company. However, no more than 10% of total Shares issued and outstanding can be reserved for issuance to insiders in a one-year period under the Stock Option Plan and any other security based compensation arrangement, and no more than 10% of total Shares issued and outstanding can be issued to all insiders in a one-year period under the Stock Option Plan and any other share compensation arrangement. Options cannot be transferred to another person.
- The following kinds of changes require Shareholder approval under the terms of the Stock Option Plan:
  - ✓ any change to the number of Shares that can be issued under the plan, including increasing the fixed maximum number of Shares, or changing from a fixed maximum number to a fixed maximum percentage of Shares
  - ✓ any change that increases the number of categories of people who are eligible to receive options, if it could increase the participation of insiders
  - ✓ the addition of any form of financial assistance or any amendment to a financial assistance provision which is more favourable to participants
  - ✓ the addition of a cashless exercise feature which does not provide for a full deduction
    of the number of underlying Shares from the plan reserve
  - ✓ the addition of a deferred or restricted share unit or any other provision which results
    in Shares being received while no consideration is received by Denison
  - √ discontinuance of the Stock Option Plan
  - ✓ any other amendments that could lead to a significant dilution of the Company's
    outstanding Shares or may provide additional benefits to participants under the Stock
    Option Plan, especially insiders, at the expense of the Company and its existing
    Shareholders
- No change to the Stock Option Plan can alter or affect the rights of an option holder in a negative way without his or her consent, except as described in the Stock Option Plan.
- The Board has the power, subject to regulatory approval where required, to make a limited number of changes to the Stock Option Plan, including amendments of a house keeping nature, changes to the vesting provisions of an option, a change to the termination provisions of an option, provided that the extension does not go beyond the original expiry date of the option and add a cashless exercise feature that provides for a full deduction of Shares from the plan reserve.

The Company prohibits the giving of financial assistance to facilitate the purchase of Shares to directors, officers or employees who hold options granted under the Stock Option Plan.

On March 23, 2015, there were an aggregate of 7,730,849 options outstanding. The table below sets out the number and price of Shares to be issued under the Stock Option Plan at the end of 2014.

Plan Category	Number of Shares to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options (as at December 31, 2014) (a)	Weighted – Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options (as at December 31, 2014) (b)	Number of Shares Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Stock Option Plan (excluding Shares reflected in (a)) (as at December 31, 2014)
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Shareholders <sup>2</sup>	6,179,574 <sup>3, 4</sup>	CAD\$1.80	27,509,200
Equity Compensation Plans Not Approved by Shareholders	Nil	Nil	Nil

#### Notes:

- 1. Based on 505,868,894 Shares outstanding on December 31, 2014. The aggregate number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the Stock Option Plan, as amended, may not exceed 39,670,000. As at December 31, 2014, 12,160,800 options had been granted (less cancellations) since the Stock Option Plan's inception in 1997.
- 2. Reference is made to the disclosure regarding the Stock Option Plan in Note 20 in the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2014 which are available through its filings with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and the United States at <a href="https://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml">www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml</a>.
- 3. In 2006, the Company assumed DMI's Legacy Plan (defined below). In 2013, the Company issued replacement options to Fission employees pursuant to the plan of arrangement, 1,160,134 of which were outstanding at the end of the year as explained below.
- 4. This represents approximately 1.2% of the Shares outstanding on December 31, 2014.

#### **Legacy Option Plans**

In connection with some of the transactions involving the Company, Denison has assumed the stock option plans of the entity acquired. The following lists the plans assumed by Denison during 2014 or under which options were still outstanding at December 31, 2014:

#### The DMI Legacy Plan

In 2006, DMI combined its business with IUC to form today's Denison. As part of that business combination, the Company agreed to assume all of DMI's obligations under its legacy stock option plan of DMI. As a result, DMI option holders received 2.88 Shares for each DMI option exercised according to its terms at the time of grant. This business combination also resulted in the automatic vesting of all DMI options outstanding on December 1, 2006. On December 1, 2006, an aggregate of 1,411,115 options were outstanding under the DMI Legacy Plan, which were restated as 4,064,011 Denison options. No further grants can be made under the DMI Legacy Plan. By December 31, 2014, an aggregate 254,840 DMI options were outstanding and, during the financial year ended December 31, 2014, no Shares were issued on account of the exercise of DMI options.

#### The Fission Legacy Plan

On April 26, 2013, Denison acquired Fission Energy Corp. by way of a plan of arrangement. Pursuant to the plan of arrangement, holders of Fission options to acquire Fission shares exchanged their Fission options for replacement options to acquire Shares which automatically vested upon issuance. On April 26, 2013, an aggregate of 1,985,035 Fission replacement options were issued. No further grants of Fission replacement options can be made. By December 31, 2014, an aggregate 1,160,134 Fission replacement options were outstanding and, during the financial year ended December 31, 2014, an aggregate of 517,849 Shares were issued on account of the exercise of Fission replacement options.

#### The IEC Legacy Plan

On June 6, 2014, Denison acquired International Enexco Limited by way of plan of arrangement. Pursuant to the plan of arrangement, all IEC stock options outstanding at the

time of closing vested immediately and were exercisable for 902,200 Shares, after applying the exchange ratio under the arrangement. The plan of arrangement also provided that all IEC stock options expired on September 5, 2014. There were no IEC stock options outstanding as at the end of the financial year, and, during the financial year ended December 31, 2014, an aggregate of 425,100 Shares were issued on account of the exercise of IEC options.

### **Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company is available on Denison's website at <a href="https://www.denisonmines.com">www.denisonmines.com</a>, on SEDAR under the Company's profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on EDGAR at <a href="https://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml">www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml</a>. Financial information related to the Company is contained in the Company's financial statements and related MD&A for its most recently completed financial year.

You may request a printed copy of the following documents free of charge by writing to the Corporate Secretary of the Company at 595 Bay Street, Suite 402, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2C2:

- The Company's 2014 Annual Report, containing the Company's consolidated financial statements and related MD&A for its year ended December 31, 2014;
- Any subsequently quarterly report; or
- The Company's most recent Annual Information Form or Form 40-F.

## **Approval**

The contents and the sending of this Circular to Shareholders, the directors and the auditor of the Company have been approved by the Board.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Signed "Ron F. Hochstein"

Ron F. Hochstein Executive Chairman

#### **APPENDIX A**



## MANDATE OF THE BOARD, POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND LIMITS TO MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Directors of Denison Mines Corp. recognizes the importance of adopting a written mandate and for developing position descriptions for the Board, the Chair of the Board, the Chair of each Committee of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), involving the definition of the limits to management's responsibilities, and has adopted the following amended terms of reference effective the 7th day of March 2013.

- 1. MANDATE AND POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE BOARD
- (a) The Board has adopted the following mandate in which it explicitly acknowledges responsibility for the stewardship of the Company and, as part of the overall stewardship responsibility, responsibility for the following matters:
  - (i) to the extent feasible, satisfying itself as to the integrity of the CEO and other executive officers and that the CEO and other executive officers create a culture of integrity throughout the organization;
  - (ii) adoption of a strategic planning process and approving, on at least an annual basis, a strategic plan which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risks of the business;
  - (iii) the identification of the principal risks of the Company's business and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks:
  - (iv) succession planning, including appointing, training and monitoring senior management;
  - (v) adopting a communications policy for the Company; and
  - (vi) the Company's internal control and management information systems.
- (b) The Board takes its responsibilities very seriously and expects that all directors will participate in Board and Committee meetings on a regular basis, to the extent reasonably practicable, and will review all meeting materials in advance of each meeting. Attendance of directors shall be taken at each Board meeting by the Corporate Secretary or Assistant Corporate Secretary.
- (c) At all times, a majority of the Board will satisfy the independence requirements set out by the Canadian Securities Administrators in National Policy 58-201 and any other applicable laws and regulations as the same may be amended from time to time. The independent directors shall meet once per year to discuss the Company's matters.
- (d) The Company, together with its subsidiaries, is committed to conducting its business in compliance with the law and the highest ethical standards, and to the highest standards of openness, honesty and accountability that its various stakeholders are entitled to expect. The Audit Committee of the Board has established a Policy and Procedures for the Receipt, Retention and Treatment of Complaints Regarding Accounting or Auditing Matters, and the Company has established a Code of Ethics for Directors, Officers and Employees, which establishes procedures for directors, officers and employees to report any concerns or questions they may have about violations of the Code or any laws, rules or regulations. In addition, the Board will consider adopting other measures for receiving feedback from stakeholders if at any time the Board or its independent directors consider the foregoing to be inadequate.
- (e) All new directors will receive a comprehensive orientation. This orientation may vary from director to director, depending on his or her expertise and past experience, but in each case will be sufficient to ensure that each director fully understands the role of the Board and its committees, the contribution individual directors are expected to make (including the commitment of time and resources that is expected) and an understanding of the nature and operation of the Company's business.
- (f) The Board will provide continuing education opportunities for all directors, where required, so that individual directors may maintain or enhance their skills and abilities as directors, as well as to ensure that their knowledge and understanding of the Company's business remains current.
- (g) Prior to nominating or appointing individuals as directors, the Board will consider the advice and input of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee on all relevant matters, including:
  - (i) the appropriate size of the Board, with a view to facilitating effective decision making;
  - (ii) what competencies and skills the Board, as a whole, should possess; and
  - (iii) what competencies and skills each existing director possesses.

- 2. POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, THE LEAD DIRECTOR, AND THE CHAIR OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND THE CEO
- (a) Where the Chair of the Board is not an independent director, in accordance with paragraph 1(c) of this Mandate and upon recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board will appoint from among the independent directors, a Lead Director to serve as such until the next meeting of shareholders where directors are elected, unless otherwise removed by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- (b) The Chair of the Board, if independent, or the Lead Director will:
  - act as the effective leader of the Board and ensure that the Board's agenda will enable it to successfully carry out its duties;
  - (ii) provide leadership for the Board's independent directors;
  - organize the Board to function independently of management, and ensure that the responsibilities of the Board are well understood by both the Board and management and that the boundaries between the Board and management responsibilities are clearly understood and respected;
  - (iv) ensure that the Board has an opportunity to meet without members of management, regularly, and without non-independent directors at least once per year;
  - (v) determine, in consultation with the Board and management, the time and places of the meetings of the Board:
  - (vi) manage the affairs of the Board, including ensuring that the Board is organized properly, functions effectively and meets its obligations and responsibilities and mandates, where appropriate, through its duly appointed committees, including:
    - ensuring that the Board works as a cohesive team and providing the leadership essential for this purpose;
    - ensuring that the resources available to the Board (in particular timely and relevant information) are adequate to support its work;
    - ensuring that a process is in place by which the effectiveness of the Board and its committees is assessed on a regular basis;
    - ensuring that a process is in place by which the contribution of individual directors to the effectiveness of the board and committees is assessed on a regular basis: and
    - o ensuring that, where functions are delegated to appropriate committees, the functions are carried out and results are reported to the Board.
  - (vii) ensure that the Board has a succession planning process is in place to appoint the Chief Executive Officer and other members of management when necessary;
  - (viii) co-ordinate with management and the Corporate Secretary or Assistant Corporate Secretary to ensure that matters to be considered by the Board are properly presented and given the appropriate opportunity for discussion;
  - (ix) preside as chair of each meeting of the Board;
  - (x) communicate with all members of the Board to co-ordinate their input, ensure their accountability and provide for the effectiveness of the Board; and
  - (xi) act as liaison between the Board and management to ensure that relationships between the Board and management are conducted in a professional and constructive manner, which will involve working with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the conduct of Board meetings provides adequate time for serious discussion of relevant issues and that the Company is building a healthy governance culture.

The Chair of the Board or the Lead Director may, as the case may be, delegate or share, where appropriate, certain of these responsibilities with any committee of the Board.

- (c) Any special responsibilities and authorities of the Chair of any committee of the Board will be set out in the Terms of Reference/Mandate for the Committee. In general, the Chair of a Committee shall lead and oversee the Committee to ensure that it fulfills its mandate as set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference/Mandate. In particular, the Chair shall:
  - (i) organize the Committee to function independently of management, unless specifically provided otherwise in the Committee's Mandate:
  - (ii) ensure that the Committee has an opportunity to meet without members of management as necessary;
  - (iii) determine, in consultation with the Committee and management, the time and places of the meetings of the Committee;
  - (iv) manage the affairs of the Committee, including ensuring that the Committee is organized properly, functions effectively and meets its obligations and responsibilities;

- (v) co-ordinate with management and the Secretary to the Committee to ensure that matters to be considered by the Committee are properly presented and given the appropriate opportunity for discussion:
- (vi) provide advice and counsel to the CEO and other senior members of management in the areas covered by the Committee's mandate;
- (vii) preside as chair of each meeting of the Committee; and
- (viii) communicate with all members of the Committee to co-ordinate their input, ensure their accountability and provide for the effectiveness of the Committee.
- (d) The CEO, subject to the authority of the Board, shall have general supervision of the business and affairs of the Company and such other powers and duties as the Board may specify, from time to time. These responsibilities shall include making recommendations to the Board regarding the implementation, performance and monitoring, as the case may be, of each of the items referred to in paragraphs 2(b)(i) to (b)(viii) of this mandate and ensuring that procedures are in place and followed by the Company so that each of those items and any other requirement of the Board is implemented, performed and monitored in a prudent and responsible manner in accordance with the determinations of the Board. The Board will develop and approve periodically, as the Board considers necessary, the corporate goals and objectives that the CEO is responsible for meeting.

#### 3. LIMITS ON THE CEO'S AUTHORITY

- (a) Unless specifically instructed otherwise by the Board, and except as set out in Section 127(3) of the Ontario *Business Corporations Act* (the "OBCA"), the CEO of the Company has the responsibility and authority to transact any business or approve any matter:
  - (i) in the ordinary course of business of the Company; and
  - that is not in the ordinary course of business of the Company, but that is not likely to result in a material change, within the meaning of the Ontario Securities Act, with respect to the Company; and
- (b) In addition to those matters referred to in Section 127(3) of the OBCA, Board approval is required with respect to any business or matter that is not in the ordinary course of business of the Company and that is likely to result in a material change, within the meaning of the Ontario Securities Act, with respect to the Company.



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