## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SHAREHOLDERS

# **Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders**

and

## **Information Circular**

March 2, 2018



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March 2, 2018

## INVITATION TO SHAREHOLDERS

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Methanex Corporation, I invite you to join us at our Annual General Meeting of shareholders. The meeting will be held in East Meeting Room 18 at the Vancouver Convention Centre - East Building in Vancouver, British Columbia on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

If you are unable to attend, the meeting will also be webcast live on the Investor Relations section of our website: www.methanex.com.

Sincerely,

John Floren

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### METHANEX CORPORATION

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders of Methanex Corporation (the "Company") will be held at the following time and place:

**DATE:** Thursday, April 26, 2018

**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. (Pacific Time)

**PLACE:** East Meeting Room 18

Vancouver Convention Centre - East Building

999 Canada Place

Vancouver, British Columbia

The Meeting is being held for the following purposes:

- 1. to receive the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended December 31, 2017 and the Auditors' Report on such statements;
- 2. to elect directors;
- 3. to reappoint the auditors and authorize the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors;
- 4. to consider and approve, on an advisory basis, a resolution to accept the Company's approach to executive compensation disclosed in the accompanying Information Circular; and
- 5. to transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

If you hold common shares of the Company and do not expect to attend the Meeting in person, please complete the enclosed proxy form and either fax it to 1 416 368 2502 or toll-free in North America to 1 866 781 3111 or forward it to AST Trust Company (Canada) using the envelope provided with these materials. Proxies must be received no later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time fixed for commencement of the Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 2nd day of March, 2018.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kevin Price

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General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

#### METHANEX CORPORATION

#### INFORMATION CIRCULAR

Information contained in this Information Circular is given as at March 2, 2018 unless otherwise stated.

#### **PART I VOTING**

## Solicitation of proxies

This Information Circular is provided in connection with the solicitation of proxies by or on behalf of the management and Board of Directors (the "Board") of Methanex Corporation (the "Company", "we" or "our", as applicable) for use at the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") of the shareholders of the Company to be held at the time and place (including any adjournment or postponement thereof) and for the purposes described in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

It is anticipated that this Information Circular and the accompanying proxy form will be mailed on or about March 15, 2018 to holders of common shares of the Company ("Common Shares").

## What will be voted on at the Meeting?

Shareholders will be voting on those matters that are described in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. **The Notice includes all the matters to be presented at the Meeting that are presently known to management.** A simple majority (that is, greater than 50%) of the votes cast, in person or by proxy, will constitute approval of these matters, other than the election of directors and the appointment of auditors.

#### Who is entitled to vote?

Only registered holders of Common Shares ("Registered Shareholders") at the close of business on February 26, 2018 (the "Record Date") are entitled to vote at the Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Each Registered Shareholder will have one vote for each Common Share held at the close of business on the Record Date. As of March 2, 2018, there were 83,783,704 Common Shares outstanding. To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, the only person who beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over, Common Shares carrying 10% or more of the voting rights of the Company was M&G Investment Management Limited ("M&G"). Based on information filed by M&G on January 9, 2018, M&G held 17,431,718 Common Shares<sup>(1)</sup> which represent 20.8% of the Common Shares outstanding as at March 2, 2018.

## Can I vote Common Shares that I acquired after the Record Date (February 26, 2018)?

No. Only Common Shares that are held by a shareholder at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to be voted at the Meeting.

## How do I vote?

If you are a Registered Shareholder, there are two ways in which you can vote your Common Shares. You can either vote by proxy or vote in person at the Meeting.

(1) Shares owned by M&G may include shares owned by certain of its affiliates and associates.

## Voting by proxy

If you do not plan to come to the Meeting, you can have your vote counted by appointing someone who will attend the Meeting as your proxyholder. In the proxy, you can either direct your proxyholder as to how you want your Common Shares to be voted or let your proxyholder choose for you. You can always revoke your proxy if you decide to attend the Meeting and wish to vote your Common Shares in person.

#### Voting in person

Registered Shareholders who will attend the Meeting and wish to vote their Common Shares in person should not complete a proxy form. Your vote will be taken and counted at the Meeting. Please register with the transfer agent, AST Trust Company (Canada), when you arrive at the Meeting.

## What if I am not a Registered Shareholder?

Many shareholders are "non-registered shareholders." Non-registered shareholders are shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of an intermediary (such as a bank, trust company, securities broker, trustee or custodian). Unless you have previously informed your intermediary that you do not wish to receive materials relating to the Meeting, you should receive or have already received from your intermediary either a request for voting instructions or a proxy form.

Intermediaries have their own mailing procedures and provide their own instructions to shareholders. These procedures may allow you to provide your voting instructions by telephone, on the Internet, by mail or by fax. You should carefully follow the directions and instructions received from your intermediary to ensure that your Common Shares are voted at the Meeting.

If you wish to vote in person at the Meeting, you should follow the procedure in the directions and instructions provided by or on behalf of your intermediary. Please register with the transfer agent, AST Trust Company (Canada), when you arrive at the Meeting.

## What is a proxy?

A proxy is a document that authorizes someone else to attend the Meeting and cast your votes for you. Registered Shareholders may use the enclosed proxy form, or any other valid proxy form, to appoint a proxyholder. The enclosed proxy form authorizes the proxyholder to vote and otherwise act for you at the Meeting, including any continuation after the adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

If you are a Registered Shareholder and you complete the enclosed proxy, your Common Shares will be voted as instructed. If you do not mark any boxes, your proxyholder can vote your shares at his or her discretion. See "How will my Common Shares be voted if I give my proxy?" below.

## How do I appoint a proxyholder?

Your proxyholder is the person you appoint and name on the proxy form to cast your votes for you. You can choose anyone you want to be your proxyholder. Your proxyholder does not have to be another shareholder. Just fill in the person's name in the blank space provided on the enclosed proxy form or complete any other valid proxy form and deliver it to AST Trust Company (Canada) within the time specified below for receipt of proxies.

If you leave the space on the proxy form blank, either Thomas Hamilton or John Floren, both of whom are named in the form, are appointed to act as your proxyholder. Mr. Hamilton is Chairman of the Board and Mr. Floren is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

For the proxy to be valid, it must be completed, dated and signed by the Registered Shareholder (or the Registered Shareholder's attorney as authorized in writing) and then delivered to the Company's transfer agent, AST Trust Company (Canada), in the envelope provided or by fax to 1 416 368 2502 or toll-free in North America to 1 866 781 3111 and received no later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) prior to the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

#### How will my Common Shares be voted if I give my proxy?

If you have properly filled out, signed and delivered your proxy, then your proxyholder can vote your shares for you at the Meeting. If you have specified on the proxy form how you want to vote on a particular issue (by marking FOR, AGAINST or WITHHOLD), then your proxyholder must vote your Common Shares accordingly.

If you have not specified how to vote on a particular issue, then your proxyholder will vote your Common Shares as he or she sees fit. However, if you have not specified how to vote on a particular issue and Mr. Hamilton or Mr. Floren has been appointed as proxyholder, your Common Shares will be voted in favour of all resolutions proposed by management. For more information on these resolutions, see "Part II BUSINESS OF THE MEETING." The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the proxyholder you name with respect to amendments or variations to the matters identified in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and any other matters that may properly come before the Meeting. If any such amendments or variations are proposed to the matters described in the Notice, or if any other matters properly come before the Meeting, your proxyholder may vote your Common Shares as he or she considers best.

#### How do I revoke a proxy?

Only Registered Shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. Non-registered shareholders who wish to change their voting instructions must, in sufficient time in advance of the Meeting, arrange for their intermediaries to change their vote and if necessary revoke their proxy.

If you are a Registered Shareholder and you wish to revoke your proxy after you have delivered it, you can do so at any time before it is used. You or your authorized attorney may revoke a proxy by (i) clearly stating in writing that you want to revoke your proxy and delivering this revocation by mail to Proxy Department, AST Trust Company (Canada), P.O. Box 721, Agincourt, ON M1S 0A1, Canada or by fax to 1 416 368 2502 or toll-free in North America to 1 866 781 3111, or by mail to the registered office of the Company, Suite 1800, 200 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3M1, Canada, Attention: Corporate Secretary, or by fax to the Company to 1 604 661 2602, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof or (ii) in any other manner permitted by law. Revocations may also be hand-delivered to the Chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Such revocation will have effect only in respect of those matters upon which a vote has not already been cast pursuant to the authority confirmed by the proxy. If you revoke your proxy and do not replace it with another in the manner described in "How do I appoint a proxyholder?" above, you will be able to vote your Common Shares in person at the Meeting.

## Who pays for this solicitation of proxies?

The cost of this solicitation of proxies is paid by the Company. It is expected that the solicitation will be primarily by mail, but proxies may also be solicited personally or by telephone or other means of communication by directors and regular employees of the Company without special compensation. In addition, the Company may retain the services of agents to solicit proxies on behalf of its management. In that event, the Company will compensate any such agents for such services, including reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, and will indemnify them in respect of certain liabilities that may be incurred by them in performing their services. The Company may also reimburse brokers or other persons holding Common Shares in their names, or in the names of nominees, for their reasonable expenses in sending proxies and proxy material to beneficial owners and obtaining their proxies.

#### Who counts the votes?

The Company's transfer agent, AST Trust Company (Canada), counts and tabulates the proxies. This is done independently of the Company to preserve confidentiality in the voting process. Proxies are referred to the Company only in cases where a shareholder clearly intends to communicate with management or when it is necessary to do so to meet legal requirements.

## How do I contact the transfer agent?

If you have any inquiries, you can contact the Company's principal registrar and transfer agent, AST Trust Company (Canada), as follows:

Email: <u>inquiries@astfinancial.com</u>

Toll-free: 1 800 387 0825 Telephone: 1 416 682 3860

Mail: AST Trust Company (Canada)

PO Box 700 Station B

Montreal, Quebec H3B 3K3

The Company's co-registrar and co-transfer agent in the United States is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC; however, all shareholder inquiries should be directed to AST Trust Company (Canada).

#### PART II BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

#### RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 will be received by shareholders of the Company at the Meeting and are included in the Annual Report, which has been mailed to Registered Shareholders as required under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the "CBCA") and to non-registered shareholders who have requested such financial statements.

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Company are elected each year at the annual general meeting of the Company and hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed in accordance with applicable law. The Company has a majority voting policy for election of directors that is described on page 24. The articles of the Company provide that the Company must have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 directors. The by-laws of the Company state that, when the articles of the Company provide for a minimum and maximum number of directors, the number of directors within the range may be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board. The Board, on an annual basis, considers the size of the Board. On March 2, 2018, the directors resolved that the Board shall consist of 11 directors, such size being consistent with effective decision-making.

The Corporate Governance Committee recommends to the Board nominees for election as directors through a process described on page 22, under the heading "Nominating Committee and Nomination Process." The persons listed below are being proposed for nomination for election at the Meeting. The persons named as proxyholders in the accompanying proxy, if not expressly directed otherwise, will vote the Common Shares for which they have been appointed proxyholder in favour of electing those persons listed below as nominees for directors.

The following table sets out the names, ages and places of residence of all the persons to be nominated for election as directors of the Board, along with other relevant information, including the number and market value of Common Shares, Deferred Share Units ("DSUs") and Restricted Share Units ("RSUs") held by each of them and which standing committees (each a "Committee") of the Board the nominees are members, all as at the date of this Information Circular. In the case of Mr. Floren, who is President & CEO of the Company, the table also includes the number of Performance Share Units ("PSUs") that he holds. Information regarding Mr. Floren's options-based awards and other holdings can be found in the "Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards" table on page 54. The following table also sets out whether a nominee is independent or not independent. All amounts are in Canadian dollars.



## BRUCE AITKEN

Age: 63

Auckland, New Zealand

Director since: July 2004

## Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

**Public Policy Committee** - Responsible Care Committee

Mr. Aitken is a corporate director. He was President & CEO of the Company from May 2004 until his retirement at the end of 2012. Prior to this, Mr. Aitken was President & Chief Operating Officer of the Company from September 2003 and prior to that he was Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific of the Company (based in New Zealand). He has also held the position of Vice President, Corporate Development (based in Vancouver). He was an employee of the Company and its predecessor methanol companies for approximately 22 years. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Aitken worked in various executive roles for Fletcher Challenge Ltd. in New Zealand.

Mr. Aitken holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Auckland and is a member of the Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand.

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2017 Board / Committ	tee Memberships	2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships
Member of the Board Public Policy Committee Responsible Care Committee		5 of 6 2 of 2 2 of 3			Onehunga High Business School Advisory Board (educational institution) (since 2014)
Share and Share Equiva	lents Held as of Ma	rch 2, 2018:			
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>
121,289	Nil	121,289	8,934,148	660,000	Yes



#### **DOUGLAS ARNELL**

Age: 51

West Vancouver, Canada

Director since: October 2016

## Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

- · Corporate Governance Committee
- Human Resources Committee (Chair<sup>7</sup>)

Mr. Arnell is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Helm Energy Advisors Inc., a private company he founded in March 2015 that provides advisory services to the global energy sector. Prior to founding Helm Energy, from September 2010 to March 2015, Mr. Arnell was employed with Golar LNG Ltd., including as Chief Executive Officer from February 2011 to March 2015. Golar LNG is a U.S. public company focused on owning and operating LNG midstream floating assets. Prior to joining Golar LNG, Mr. Arnell held various senior positions within the BG Group of companies from 2003 to 2010 and with other energy companies prior to that time.

Mr. Arnell holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Calgary.

	- Public Policy Co	ommittee				
2017 Board / Commi	ttee Memberships	2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attenda at Board and Committee		Other Current Board Memberships	
Member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee Public Policy Committee		6 of 6 3 of 3 2 of 2	6 of 6 3 of 3 11 of 11 100%		Pembina Pipeline Corporation (since 2017)	
Share and Share Equiv	alents Held as of Ma	rch 2, 2018:				
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>	
2,000	4,997	6,997	515,399	660,000	No <sup>(8)</sup>	



## HOWARD BALLOCH<sup>(9)</sup>

Age: 66

Hong Kong

Director since: December 2004

### Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

- Audit, Finance and Risk Committee

50,059

Mr. Balloch is a corporate director and private investor resident in Hong Kong. From 2002 to 2011, he was President of The Balloch Group ("TBG"), a Beijing-based investment advisory and merchant banking firm he founded following his retirement as Canadian Ambassador to China, a position he had held since early 1996. TBG was acquired by Canaccord Genuity in 2011 and Mr. Balloch served as the Chairman of its Asian operations until he stepped down in March 2013.

Mr. Balloch holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science and Economics and a master's degree in International Relations, both from McGill University, Montreal.

	- Public Policy Co	mmittee (Chair)				
2017 Board / Committee Memberships		2017 Attendance			Other Current Board Memberships	
Member of the Board Audit, Finance and Risk Committee Public Policy Committee (Chair)  Share and Share Equivalents Held as of Ma		6 of 6 7 of 7 2 of 2	15 of 15	100%	Maple Leaf Educational Systems (since 2014) Sinopec Canada Inc. (private) (since 2014)	
•		Total of Common		Minimum		
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>	

3,687,346



1,700

#### PHILLIP COOK

48,359

Age: 71

Austin, Texas, USA

Director since: May 2006

## Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

 Corporate Governance Committee (Chair)
- Human Resources Committee

Mr. Cook is a corporate director. He held the position of Senior Advisor of The Dow Chemical Company ("Dow Chemical") from June 2006 until his retirement in January 2007. Dow Chemical provides chemical, plastic and agricultural products and services. Prior to his Senior Advisor position, Mr. Cook was Corporate Vice President, Strategic Development & New Ventures of Dow Chemical from 2005. Mr. Cook previously held senior positions with Dow Chemical including Senior Vice President, Performance Chemicals & Thermosets from 2003, and from 2000 he held the position of Business Vice President, Epoxy Products & Intermediates.

Yes

660,000

Mr. Cook holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

	- Human Resource	s Commutee	,			
2017 Board / Commit	tee Memberships	2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships	
Member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee (Chair) Human Resources Committee		6 of 6 3 of 3 5 of 5	14 of 14 100%		Cockrell School of Engineering Advisory Board (since 2004) and the Environmental Sciences Institute Advisory Board (since 2010) of the University of Texas at Austin (educational institution)	
Share and Share Equiva	lents Held as of Marc	ch 2, 2018:				
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>	
25,000	5,973	30,973	2,281,471	660,000	Yes	



#### JOHN FLOREN

Age: 59

Eastham, Massachusetts, USA

Director since: January 2013

Not Independent

Mr. Floren has been President & CEO of the Company since January 2013. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Floren was Senior Vice President, Global Marketing & Logistics of the Company from June 2005 and prior to that, Director, Marketing & Logistics, North America from May 2002. He has been an employee of the Company for approximately 18 years and has worked in the chemical industry for over 30 years.

Mr. Floren holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Manitoba. He also attended the Harvard Business School's Program for Management Development and has attended the International Executive Program at INSEAD. Most recently he completed the Directors Education Program at the Institute of Corporate Directors.

2017 Board / Committee	Memberships	2017 Attendance	Total 2017 At at Board and Com	Other Current Board Memberships			
Member of the Board <sup>(10)</sup>		6 of 6	6 of 6 100%		West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (since 2016)		
Share and Share Equivale	nts Held as of M	arch 2, 2018:					
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total PSUs and DSUs <sup>(2)(4)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, PSUs (50% of balance) and DSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, PSUs (50% of balance) and DSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>		
66,580	139,554	136,357	10,044,057	5,125,000	Yes		



## THOMAS HAMILTON (11)

Age: 74

Houston, Texas, USA

Director since: May 2007

Independent

Mr. Hamilton has been Chairman of the Board of the Company since May 2010. He has been co-owner of Medora Investments, a private investment firm in Houston, Texas, since April 2003. Mr. Hamilton was Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer of EEX Corporation, an oil and natural gas exploration and production company, from January 1997 until his retirement in November 2002. From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Hamilton served as Executive Vice President of Pennzoil Company and as President of Pennzoil Exploration and Production Company, one of the largest US-based independent oil and gas companies. Previously, Mr. Hamilton held senior positions at other oil and gas companies including BP, Standard Oil Company and ExxonMobil Corp.

Mr. Hamilton holds a Master of Science and a PhD in Geology from the University of North Dakota. He also has a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

2017 Board / Committee Memberships		2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships	
Chairman of the Board <sup>(12)</sup>		6 of 6	6 of 6	100%	None	
Share and Share Equivale	nts Held as of	March 2, 2018:				
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>	
24,000	11,236	35,236	2,595,484	1,200,000	Yes	



#### ROBERT KOSTELNIK

Age: 66

Fulshear, Texas, USA

Director since: September 2008

#### Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

- Corporate Governance Committee
- Responsible Care Committee (Chair)

Mr. Kostelnik has been a principal in GlenRock Recovery Partners, LLC since February 2012. GlenRock Recovery Partners facilitates the sale of non-fungible hydrocarbons in the United States. Prior to this, he was President & Chief Executive Officer of Cinatra Clean Technologies, Inc. from 2008 to May 2011. Mr. Kostelnik held the position of Vice President of Refining for CITGO Petroleum Corporation ("CITGO") from July 2006 until his retirement in 2007. He held a number of senior positions during his 16 years with CITGO. Previously, Mr. Kostelnik held various management positions at Shell Oil Company.

Mr. Kostelnik holds a Bachelor of Science (Mechanical Engineering) from the University of Missouri and is a Registered Professional

2017 Board / Committee Memberships		2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships
Member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee Responsible Care Committee (Chair)		6 of 6 3 of 3 3 of 3	12 of 12	100%	Association of Chemical Industry of Texas (industry association) (since 2004) HollyFrontier Corporation (since 2011)
Share and Share Equivaler	nts Held as of	March 2, 2018:			
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>
21,000	5,973	26,973	1,986,831	660,000	Yes



#### DOUGLAS MAHAFFY

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Director since: May 2006

#### Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

- Corporate Governance
- Committee

Mr. Mahaffy is a corporate director. He was Chairman of McLean Budden Limited ("McLean Budden") from February 2008 until March 2010. Prior to that, he held the position of Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of McLean Budden from October 1989 to February 2008. Mr. Mahaffy was also President of McLean Budden from October 1989 until September 2006. McLean Budden (now MFS Canada) is an investment management firm that manages over \$30 billion in assets for pension, foundation and private clients in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia.

Mr. Mahaffy holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Business Administration from York University, Toronto.

- Human Reso	urces Committee					
2017 Board / Committee Memberships	2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships		
Member of the Board Corporate Governance Committee Human Resources Committee	6 of 6 3 of 3 5 of 5	14 of 14	100%	Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (government agency) (since 2009) Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (academic health sciences centre), Common Investment Committee (since 2011)		
Share and Share Equivalents Held as of March 2, 2018:						

Share and Share Equivale	ents meiu as oi iv	Tarcii 2, 2016.			
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>
1.900	46.099	47.999	3,535,606	660.000	Yes



#### JANICE RENNIE

Age: 60

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Director since: May 2006

#### Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

- Audit, Finance and Risk Committee
- Human Resources Committee

Ms. Rennie is a corporate director. From 2004 to 2005, Ms. Rennie was Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Organizational Effectiveness for EPCOR Utilities Inc. ("EPCOR"). At that time, EPCOR built, owned and operated power plants, electrical transmission and distribution networks, water and wastewater treatment facilities and infrastructure in Canada and the United States. Prior to 2004, Ms. Rennie was Principal of Rennie & Associates, which provided investment and related advice to small and mid-sized companies.

Ms. Rennie holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and the Institute of Corporate Directors.

2017 Board / Committee Memberships A		2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships
Member of the Board Audit, Finance and Risk Committee Human Resources Committee (Chair <sup>13</sup> )		6 of 6 7 of 7 5 of 5	18 of 18	100%	EPCOR Utilities Inc. (private) (since 2017) Greystone Capital Management Inc. (private) (since 2003) Major Drilling Group International Inc. (since 2010) West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (since 2004) WestJet Airlines Limited (since 2011)
Share and Share Equivale	ents Held as of Ma	arch 2, 2018:			
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>
3,000	12,782	15,782	1,162,502	660,000	Yes



3,076

#### MARGARET WALKER

Age: 65

Austin, Texas, USA

Director since: April 2015

### Independent

5,973

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

Human Resources Committee
 Responsible Care Committee

9,049

Ms. Walker has been the owner of MLRW Group, LLC since January 2011. MLRW Group, LLC is a consulting firm focusing on working with companies to improve capital investment outcomes and to improve overall safety performance. From 2004 until her retirement in December 2010, Ms. Walker was Vice President of Engineering & Technology for The Dow Chemical Company ("Dow Chemical"). Prior to this, Ms. Walker held other senior positions with Dow Chemical including Senior Leader in Manufacturing & Engineering and Business Director of Contract Manufacturing. Dow Chemical provides chemical, plastic and agricultural products and services.

Ms. Walker holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from Texas Tech University, located in Lubbock, Texas.

660,000

Yes

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2017 Board / Committee Memberships  Member of the Board Human Resources Committee Responsible Care Committee		2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships	
		6 of 6 5 of 5 3 of 3	14 of 14	100%	Independent Project Analysis, Inc. (private) (since 2011)	
Share and Share Equiv	alents Held as of M	March 2, 2018:				
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup>	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>	

666,549



#### BENITA WARMBOLD

Age: 59

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Director since: February 2016

#### Independent

Committee memberships as at the date of the Information Circular:

- Audit, Finance & Risk Committee<sup>(14)</sup>

- Responsible Care Committee

Ms. Warmbold was Senior Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board ("CPPIB") from 2013 until her retirement in 2017. Prior to this and from 2008, Ms. Warmbold was the Senior Vice President & Chief Operations Officer of CPPIB. CPPIB is a professional investment management organization responsible for investing funds on behalf of the Canada Pension Plan. From 1997 to 2008, Ms. Warmbold was the Managing Director & CFO for Northwater Capital Management Inc., and prior to that she held senior positions with Canada Development Investment Corporation and KPMG.

Ms. Warmbold holds an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University, is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario and has been granted the ICD.D designation by the Institute of Corporate Directors.

2017 Board / Committee Memberships		2017 Attendance	Total 2017 Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings		Other Current Board Memberships
Member of the Board Audit, Finance and Risk Committee Responsible Care Committee		6 of 6 7 of 7 3 of 3	16 of 16	100%	Canadian Public Accountability Board (professional association) (since 2011) Crestone Peak Resources (private) (since 2017) Queen's University Board of Trustees (educational institution) (since 2015) SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. (since 2017) Women's College Hospital (academic hospital) (since 2014)
Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Total DSUs and RSUs <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (#)	Total of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs (#)	Total Market Value of Common Shares, DSUs and RSUs <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Minimum Shareholding Requirements (\$)	Meets Share Ownership Requirements? <sup>(6)</sup>
6,000	5,393	11,393	839,208	660,000	Yes

- (1) The number of Common Shares held includes Common Shares directly or indirectly beneficially owned or under the control or direction of such nominee.
- (2) For information on Deferred Share Units, see "Deferred Share Unit Plan (Director DSUs)".
- (3) For information on Restricted Share Units, see "Share-Based Awards Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors".
- (4) For information on Performance Share Units, see "Performance Share Unit Plan". Non-management directors are not eligible to participate in this plan.
- (5) This value is calculated using \$73.66, being the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the 90-day period ending March 2, 2018.
- (6) See page 33 for more information on director share ownership requirements. See page 52 for more information on Mr. Floren's share ownership requirements as President & CEO of the Company.
- (7) Mr. Arnell was appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee effective January 1, 2018.
- (8) Mr. Arnell was appointed a director effective October 1, 2016 and directors have five years from the date of their appointment to meet director share ownership requirements.
- (9) Mr. Balloch was a director of Ivanhoe Energy Inc. ("Ivanhoe"), an oil exploration and development company, from 2002 to May 2015. Effective June 1, 2015, Ivanhoe was deemed bankrupt under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada).
- (10) Mr. Floren is not a member of any Committee, but attends all Committee meetings on a non-voting basis by invitation in his capacity as President & CEO of the Company.
- (11) Mr. Hamilton was a director of Hercules Offshore Inc. ("Hercules"), a drilling company, from 2004 to 2015. In August 2015, Hercules filed a prepackaged plan of reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. *Bankruptcy Code*. In November 2015, Hercules completed its financial restructuring and emerged from the protection of Chapter 11 of the U.S. *Bankruptcy Code*.
- (12) Mr. Hamilton is not a member of any Committee, but in his capacity as Chairman of the Board, is considered an ex-officio. He attends all Committee meetings on a non-voting basis.
- (13) Ms. Rennie was Chair of the Human Resources Committee during 2017.
- (14) Ms. Warmbold will become Chair of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee commencing after the current chair, Mr. Poole, retires at the Meeting.

Voting Results

From the 2017 Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders

Director	For	%	Withheld	%
Bruce Aitken	72,052,622	99.78	160,505	0.22
Douglas Arnell	72,080,998	99.82	132,129	0.18
Howard Balloch	71,944,336	99.63	268,791	0.37
Phillip Cook	71,255,707	99.67	957,420	1.33
John Floren	72,056,184	99.78	156,943	0.22
Thomas Hamilton	71,893,349	99.56	319,778	0.44
Robert Kostelnik	72,095,399	99.84	117,728	0.16
Douglas Mahaffy	71,254,576	98.67	958,551	1.33
A. Terence Poole <sup>(1)</sup>	70,461,418	97.57	1,751,709	2.43
Janice Rennie	71,336,888	98.79	867,239	1.21
Margaret Walker	71,466,640	98.97	746,487	1.03
Benita Warmbold	72,152,224	99.92	60,903	0.08

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

## **Summary of Board and Committee Meetings**

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2017

Board of Directors	6
Audit, Finance and Risk Committee	7
Corporate Governance Committee	3
Human Resources Committee	5
Public Policy Committee	2
Responsible Care Committee	3

## Summary of Attendance of Directors at Board and Committee Meetings

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2017

	Board Meetings Attended	Board Meetings Attended		Committee tings Attended	Committee Meetings Attended	Total Board and Committee Meetings Attended		
Director	(#)	(%)	(#)	Committee	(%)	(#)	(%)	
Bruce Aitken	5 of 6	83%	2 of 2	Public Policy	100	9 of 11	82	
			2 of 3	Responsible Care	67			
Douglas Arnell <sup>(1)</sup>	6 of 6	100	3 of 3	Corporate Governance	100	11 of 11	100	
			2 of 2	Public Policy	100			
Howard Balloch	6 of 6	100	7 of 7	Audit, Finance and Risk	100	15 of 15	100	
			2 of 2 (Chair)	Public Policy	100			
Phillip Cook	6 of 6	100	3 of 3 (Chair)	Corporate Governance	100	14 of 14	100	
			5 of 5	Human Resources	100			
John Floren <sup>(2)</sup>	6 of 6	100	_	_	_	6 of 6	100	
Thomas Hamilton <sup>(3)</sup>	6 of 6	100	_	_	_	6 of 6	100	
Robert Kostelnik	6 of 6	100	3 of 3	Corporate Governance	100	12 of 12	100	
			3 of 3 (Chair)	Responsible Care	100			
Douglas Mahaffy	6 of 6	100	3 of 3	Corporate Governance	100	14 of 14	100	
			5 of 5	Human Resources	100			
A. Terence Poole <sup>(4)</sup>	6 of 6	100	7 of 7 (Chair)	Audit, Finance and Risk	100	15 of 15	100	
			2 of 2	Public Policy	100			
Janice Rennie	6 of 6	100	7 of 7	Audit, Finance and Risk	100	18 of 18	100	
			5 of 5 (Chair)	Human Resources	100			
Margaret Walker	6 of 6	100	5 of 5	Human Resources	100	14 of 14	100	
			3 of 3	Responsible Care	100			
Benita Warmbold <sup>(5)</sup>	6 of 6	100	7 of 7	Audit, Finance and Risk	100	16 of 16	100	
			3 of 3	Responsible Care	100			
Total		99			99		99	

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Arnell was appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee effective January 1, 2018.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Floren is not a member of any Committee, but attends all Committee meetings on a non-voting basis by invitation in his capacity as President & CEO of the Company.

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Hamilton is not a member of any Committee, but in his capacity as Chairman of the Board, is considered an ex-officio. He attends all Committee meetings on a non-voting basis.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

<sup>(5)</sup> Ms. Warmbold will become Chair of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee commencing after Mr. Poole's retirement at the Meeting.

#### REAPPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

The directors of the Company recommend the reappointment of KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Vancouver, as the auditors of the Company to hold office until the termination of the next annual meeting of the Company. KPMG LLP has served as the auditors of the Company for more than five years. As in past years, it is also recommended that the remuneration to be paid to the auditors be determined by the directors of the Company.

The persons named as proxyholders in the accompanying proxy, if not expressly directed to the contrary, will vote the Common Shares for which they have been appointed proxyholder to reappoint KPMG LLP as the auditors of the Company and to authorize the directors to determine the remuneration to be paid to the auditors.

#### **Auditor Review**

The Company's Audit, Finance and Risk Committee (the "Audit Committee") conducts a formal review of the external auditor every year and a more comprehensive review every five years, and recommends to the Board whether to propose the reappointment of the current independent auditors at the Company's annual meeting of shareholders or to consider other audit firms. These reviews are based on recommendations by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and the Canadian Public Accountability Board ("CPAB") to assist audit committees in their oversight duties. The comprehensive review has been conducted in 2018, covering the five-year period ended December 31, 2017. Factors considered by the Audit Committee in deciding whether to recommend to the Board retaining KPMG LLP include:

- KPMG LLP's global capabilities;
- The quality and candour of KPMG LLP's communications with the Audit Committee and management;
- KPMG LLP's independence;
- The quality and efficiency of the services provided by KPMG LLP, including input from management on KPMG LLP's
  performance and how effectively KPMG LLP demonstrated its independent judgment, objectivity and professional
  skepticism;
- External data on audit quality and performance, including recent CPAB and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board reports on KPMG LLP and its peer firms; and
- The appropriateness of KPMG LLP's fees, KPMG LLP's tenure as our independent auditor, and the controls and processes in place that help ensure KPMG LLP's continued independence.

#### **Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

## Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee annually reviews and approves the terms and scope of the external auditors' engagement. The Audit Committee oversees the Audit and Non-Audit Pre-Approval Policy, which sets forth the procedures and the conditions by which permissible services proposed to be performed by KPMG LLP are pre-approved. The Audit Committee has delegated to the Chair of the Audit Committee pre-approval authority for any services not previously approved by the Audit Committee. All such services approved by the Chair of the Audit Committee are subsequently reviewed by the Audit Committee.

All non-audit service engagements, regardless of the cost estimate, must be coordinated and approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company to further ensure that adherence to this policy is monitored.

## Audit and Non-Audit Fees Billed by the Independent Auditors

KPMG LLP's global fees relating to the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 are as follows:

US\$000s	2017	2016
Audit Fees	1,459	1,307
Audit-Related Fees	80	50
Tax Fees	134	61
Total	1,673	1,418

Each fee category is described below.

## Audit Fees

Audit fees for professional services rendered by the external auditors for the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements; statutory audits of the financial statements of the Company's subsidiaries; quarterly reviews of the Company's financial statements; consultations as to the accounting or disclosure treatment of transactions reflected in the financial statements; and services associated with registration statements, prospectuses, periodic reports and other documents filed with securities regulators.

Audit fees for professional services rendered by the external auditors for the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements were in respect of an "integrated audit" performed by KPMG LLP globally. The integrated audit encompasses an opinion on the fairness of presentation of the Company's financial statements as well as an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

#### **Audit-Related Fees**

Audit-related fees for professional services rendered by the auditors for financial audits of employee benefit plans; procedures and audit or attest services not required by statute or regulation; and consultations related to the accounting or disclosure treatment of other transactions.

#### Tax Fees

Tax fees for professional services rendered for tax compliance and tax advice. These services consisted of: tax compliance, including the review of tax returns; assistance in completing routine tax schedules and calculations; and advisory services relating to domestic and international taxation.

#### ADVISORY "SAY ON PAY" VOTE ON APPROACH TO EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

A detailed discussion of our approach to executive compensation is provided in the "Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis" that begins on page 37 of this Information Circular. As stated there, the main objective of our executive compensation program is to attract, retain and engage high-quality and high-performance executives with relevant experience who have the ability to successfully execute our strategy and deliver long-term value to our shareholders.

Our executive compensation programs are aligned with returns to shareholders with a significant percentage of the short-term incentive award based on achieving "Modified Return on Capital Employed" goals and on other measures that we believe drive our share price over the longer term. The long-term incentive plan includes Performance Share Units, which vest based on compounded shareholder return over a three-year period, and stock options/Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs"), which vest over a three-year period and have no value if the underlying share price does not increase.

We also believe in the importance of executives owning Common Shares and require the President & CEO and all other executive officers to meet significant share ownership requirements to more fully align their interests with shareholders' and focus on developing and implementing strategies that create and deliver long-term value for shareholders.

At the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders, we held our first annual advisory vote on executive compensation (commonly referred to as a "say on pay vote") and 98.8% of shares were voted in favour of accepting the Company's approach to executive compensation. At each subsequent annual meeting of shareholders, over 96% of shares were voted in favour. It is the Board's intention that the say on pay vote will be only one part of the ongoing process of engagement between shareholders and the Board on compensation. The Board has also put in place a web-based survey to enable shareholders to give feedback on our approach to executive compensation.

This is an advisory vote and the results will not be binding upon the Board. However, the Board will take the results of the vote into account, together with any feedback received from shareholders through the web-based survey, when considering future compensation policies, procedures and decisions. Shareholders will be asked at the Meeting to consider and, if deemed advisable, to adopt the following resolution that is based on the model say on pay resolution formulated by the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance:

#### RESOLVED THAT:

On an advisory basis and not to diminish the role and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, the shareholders accept the approach to executive compensation disclosed in the Company's Information Circular delivered in advance of the 2018 annual general meeting of shareholders.

The Board unanimously recommends that shareholders vote FOR the resolution. Unless instructed otherwise, the persons named in our form of proxy will vote FOR the resolution.

#### INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

None of the directors or officers of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, none of the persons who have been directors or officers of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company's last completed financial year and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing has any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities of the Company or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors.

#### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

None of the directors or officers of the Company, no director or officer of a body corporate that is itself an insider or a subsidiary of the Company, no person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Company or who exercised control or direction over voting securities of the Company or a combination of both carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to any class of outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote in connection with any matters being proposed for consideration at the Meeting, no proposed director or nominee for election as a director of the Company and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing has or had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or proposed transaction since the beginning of the Company's last financial year that has materially affected or would or could materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

#### PART III CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Statement of Corporate Governance Practices**

Corporate governance is a key priority for the Company. We define corporate governance as having the appropriate processes and structures in place to ensure that our business is managed in the best interests of our shareholders while keeping in mind the interests of all stakeholders. We believe good corporate governance is critical to the Company's effective, efficient and prudent operation.

The Company is a Canadian reporting issuer with its Common Shares listed on the TSX and the NASDAQ Global Select Market. In Canada, we are subject to securities regulations that impose on us a requirement to disclose certain corporate governance practices that we have adopted. Canadian regulations also provide guidance on various corporate governance practices that companies like ours should adopt. The Company also monitors corporate governance developments in Canada and adopts best practices where such practices are aligned with our values and our goal of continuous improvement. A brief description of our corporate governance practices follows.

#### 1. Board of Directors

The Board has adopted a set of Corporate Governance Principles to provide for a system of principled goal-setting, effective decision-making and ethical actions. A copy of the Corporate Governance Principles can be found in Schedule A attached to this Information Circular and on our website.

## 2018 Board Objectives

Every year the Board establishes a set of "Board Objectives" which are dominant themes that the Board wishes to focus particular attention on during the year. In late 2017, the Board established several key objectives for 2018 including:

- continue to demonstrate leadership in Responsible Care;
- develop a better understanding of the timing of additional methanol supply over the next five years;
- provide close stewardship of the key aspects of the Company's growth strategy;
- maintain focus on plant reliability and sustainability, including gas supply; and
- maintain focus on key human resource processes.

The status of each objective is discussed at each Board meeting held in person.

## Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board has established five standing Committees with written mandates defining their responsibilities and a requirement to report regularly to the Board. In addition, from time to time, the Board may establish an ad hoc committee for discussing matters of a special nature.

All current Committee members have been determined to be independent in accordance with NASDAQ rules and Canadian securities regulations and no Committee member was during 2017, or is currently, an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. The following table lists each of our standing Committees, its members and a summary of its key responsibilities.

Committee	Members in 2017	Meetings in 2017 (#)	Overall Attendance (%)	Summary of Key Responsibilities
Audit, Finance and Risk Committee <sup>(1)</sup>	A. Terence Poole (Chair) <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Howard Balloch Janice Rennie Benita Warmbold	7	100	assisting the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility relating to:     the integrity of the Company's financial statements     the financial reporting process     systems of internal accounting and financial controls     professional qualifications and independence of the external auditors     performance of the external auditors     risk management processes     financing plans and pension plans     compliance by the Company with ethics policies and legal and regulatory requirements
Corporate Governance Committee	Phillip Cook (Chair) Douglas Arnell Robert Kostelnik Douglas Mahaffy	3	100	establishing the appropriate composition and governance of the Board, including compensation of all non-management directors     recommending nominees for election or appointment as directors     annually assessing and enhancing the performance of the Board, Board Committees and Board members     shaping the corporate governance of the Company and developing corporate governance principles for the Company     monitoring compliance by the Company with ethics policies and legal and regulatory requirements     providing oversight of the director education program
Human Resources Committee	Janice Rennie (Chair) <sup>(4)</sup> Phillip Cook Douglas Mahaffy Margaret Walker	5	100	<ul> <li>approving the goals and objectives of the CEO and evaluating his performance</li> <li>reviewing and recommending to the Board for approval the remuneration of the Company's executive officers</li> <li>approving the remuneration of all other employees on an aggregate basis</li> <li>reviewing the Company's compensation policies and practices from a risk perspective</li> <li>approving the executive compensation discussion and analysis</li> <li>reporting on the Company's organizational structure, officer succession plans, total compensation practices, human resource policies and executive development programs</li> <li>recommending grants and administrative matters in connection with the long-term incentive plan</li> </ul>
Public Policy Committee	Howard Balloch (Chair) Bruce Aitken Douglas Arnell A. Terence Poole <sup>(3)</sup>	2	100	reviewing public policy matters that have a significant impact on the Company, including those relating to government relations and public affairs     overseeing the Company's Social Responsibility Policy
Responsible Care Committee	Robert Kostelnik (Chair) Bruce Aitken Margaret Walker Benita Warmbold	3	92	reviewing matters relating to the environment and occupational health and safety issues that impact significantly on the Company     overseeing the Company's Responsible Care Policy and reviewing the policies and standards that are in place to ensure that the Company is carrying out all of its operations in accordance with the principles of Responsible Care

<sup>(1)</sup> The mandate of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, together with the relevant education and experience of its members and other information regarding the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, may be found in the "Audit Committee Information" section of the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2017.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Poole has been designated as the "audit committee financial expert".

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

<sup>(4)</sup> Ms. Rennie was Chair of the Human Resources Committee in 2017; however, Mr. Arnell was appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee effective January 1, 2018. Ms. Rennie remains a member of the Human Resources Committee.

## **Independence Status of Nominee Directors**

Name	Management	Independent	Not Independent
Bruce Aitken		X	
Douglas Arnell		х	
Howard Balloch		х	
Phillip Cook		X	
John Floren	X		х
Thomas Hamilton		х	
Robert Kostelnik		X	
Douglas Mahaffy		х	
A. Terence Poole <sup>(1)</sup>		x	
Janice Rennie		х	
Margaret Walker		х	
Benita Warmbold		х	

#### (1) Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

Ten of the eleven nominees (91%) who are standing for election to the Board have been determined by the Board to be independent in accordance with NASDAQ rules and Canadian securities regulations. Mr. Floren is the President & CEO of the Company and is therefore not independent.

In accordance with our Corporate Governance Principles, the Board must be composed of a substantial majority of independent directors. The mandates of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee and the Human Resources Committee state that these Committees must be composed wholly of independent directors. In addition, our Corporate Governance Principles provide that, if the Chairman of the Board is not independent, the independent directors on the Board shall select from among themselves a Lead Independent Director.

In 2017, all Committees were constituted exclusively of independent directors. Mr. Floren, in his capacity as President & CEO of the Company, and Mr. Hamilton, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board, attends all Committee meetings.

## Other Directorships and Interlocking Relationships

Several of the nominees are directors of other reporting issuers. For details, please refer to the biographies for each nominee under "Election of Directors".

Ms. Rennie and Mr. Floren serve together as directors on the board of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. No other nominees serve together as directors of other corporations or acted together as trustees for other entities.

#### In Camera Sessions

Following each in-person meeting of the Board, an "in camera" session is held at which non-management directors are in attendance as provided in our Corporate Governance Principles. In addition, an in camera session is usually held following each in-person Committee meeting. In 2017, there was an in camera session after every Board and Committee meeting, with the exception of one Committee telephone meeting. Neither Mr. Floren nor any other member of management, attends any Board or Committee in camera sessions.

#### **Meeting Attendance Records**

The combined Board and Committee meeting attendance rate for all directors in 2017 was 99%. For information concerning the number of Board and Committee meetings held in 2017, as well as the attendance record of each director for those meetings, see the chart on page 13.

#### 2. Board Mandate

Section 3 of the Company's Corporate Governance Principles contains the Board mandate that describes the Board's responsibilities. A copy of the Corporate Governance Principles can be found in Schedule A attached to this Information Circular and on our website.

## **Board Strategy Oversight**

The Board oversees the annual strategic planning process to develop and monitor our strategic direction. Each July, the Board and management hold a full day strategy session that provides detailed information on the business environment and trends affecting the Company and identifies foreseeable opportunities and risks. As part of the 2017 strategy session, the Board and management received presentations on, among other things, the outlook for oil, gas and coal markets and an in-depth competitive analysis of the methanol industry. Comprehensive action items and follow-up are agreed during the strategy session. The strategy is then revised accordingly and submitted to the Board for final review and endorsement at the September Board meeting.

The Board is provided with a strategy update at each regularly scheduled Board meeting throughout the year which tracks the progress of each strategic initiative.

## 3. **Position Descriptions**

#### **Board Chairman and Committee Chairs**

The Board has developed written position descriptions (which we call "Terms of Reference") for the Chairman of the Board, each Committee Chair and for Individual Directors. These Terms of Reference can be found on our website. Section 4 of the Corporate Governance Principles also sets out the responsibilities of each director.

## President & Chief Executive Officer

The President & CEO has a written position description that sets out the position's key responsibilities. In addition, the President & CEO has specific annual corporate and individual performance objectives that he is responsible for meeting. These objectives are reviewed, approved and tracked during the year by the Board through the Human Resources Committee. See "Short-Term Incentive Plan" on page 43 for more complete information on these objectives.

## 4. Orientation and Continuing Education

To familiarize our directors with the role of the Board, its Committees and the nature and operation of the Company's business, we have a thorough and well thought out process for director onboarding. All directors are provided with information covering a wide range of topics including:

- duties of directors and directors' liabilities
- board and committee governance documents
- the Company's Code of Business Conduct
- strategic plans, operational reports and budgets
- important corporate policies
- · recent regulatory filings and analyst reports
- our corporate and organizational structure

New directors are encouraged to not only review and familiarize themselves with this information, but also to have individual meetings with senior management, visit one of our plant sites, attend an Investor Relations event and attend at least one meeting of each of the five Committees. In addition, new directors are assigned another director to act as a "mentor" to assist the new director with settling into the role as quickly as possible.

The Board recognizes the importance of ongoing education for directors. The Company's Corporate Governance Principles state that directors are encouraged to attend seminars, conferences and other continuing education programs to help ensure that they stay current on relevant issues such as corporate governance, financial and accounting practices and corporate ethics. The

Company and all of our directors are members of the Institute of Corporate Directors ("ICD") and the Company pays the cost of this membership. A number of our directors have attended courses and programs offered by ICD. The Company also encourages directors to attend other appropriate continuing education programs and the Company contributes to the cost of attending such programs. As well, written materials published in periodicals, newspapers or by legal or accounting firms that are likely to be of interest to directors are routinely forwarded to directors or included in a "supplemental reading" section in Board and Committee meeting materials. Furthermore, the Company also believes that serving on other corporate and not-for-profit boards is a valuable source for ongoing education.

The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing the director education program and, based on feedback from all directors, the program focuses primarily on providing the directors with more in-depth information about key aspects of our business, including the material risks and opportunities facing the Company. Directors provide input into the agenda for the education program and management schedules presentations and seminars covering these areas, some of which are presented by management and others by external consultants or experts.

The Board and its Committees received a number of presentations in 2017 focused on deepening the Board's knowledge of the business, the industry and the key risks and opportunities facing the Company. Presentation topics included plant technology standardization, North American gas strategy, methanol as a fuel for ships, an economic review of our Geismar projects, and the Company's Corporate Crisis Management Plan. In addition, a representative from the Methanol Institute provided an update on the activities of the Methanol Institute. In 2017, all but one director attended all internal Board education sessions.

In addition, Board meetings are periodically held at a location where the Company has methanol production operations or significant commercial activities. In November 2017, the Board visited the Company's methanol facilities in Trinidad & Tobago. This site visit gave our directors an opportunity to receive various presentations focused on these facilities. The visit also gave our directors an extended opportunity to interact with employees, business associates, government officials and community members as well as tour the methanol production facilities and learn about the local culture.

#### 5. Ethical Business Conduct

## Code of Business Conduct

The Company has a written Code of Business Conduct (the "Code") that applies to all employees, officers and directors. The Code is available in English, Spanish and Arabic and clearly defines a set of standards to help them avoid wrongdoing and to promote honest and ethical behaviour while conducting the Company's business. A copy of the Code can be found on our website and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. A printed version is also available upon request to the Corporate Secretary of the Company.

The Code also establishes a confidential "whistle-blower" ethics hotline for reporting suspected violations of the Code. The ethics hotline allows each of the Company's employees to be able to make a report to the hotline either through use of a toll-free phone number or online via the internet. In both cases, the hotline is operated by an external third party and users may make an anonymous report in their own local language.

The Code is reviewed annually by the Board. The Board monitors compliance with the Code primarily through the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee. These Committees receive regular updates on matters relating to the Code, including an annual report on the activities undertaken by management to maintain and increase Code awareness throughout the organization and the results of surveys designed to determine employee understanding and awareness of the Code.

The Code states that suspected Code violations, whether received through the whistle-blower hotline or otherwise, are to be reported to the legal department and that the General Counsel shall investigate the matter. Furthermore, the Chairman of the Board and the Chair of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee are advised of all reports that concern accounting or audit matters and the Chair of that Committee and the General Counsel together determine how such matters should be investigated. In addition, the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee receives quarterly notices from the General Counsel of any concerns received regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, and auditing matters.

No material change report has been filed since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year that pertains to any conduct of a director or executive officer that constitutes a departure from the Code.

#### Transactions Involving Directors or Officers

The Code contains a specific provision relating to the need for directors, officers and all employees to avoid conflicts of interest with the Company. Furthermore, the Corporate Governance Committee is mandated to consider questions of independence and possible conflicts of interest of directors and officers. To that end, each director and officer completes an annual questionnaire in which they report on all transactions material to the Company in which they have a material interest. A report of all transactions involving the Company and the directors and executive officers is provided to the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### Recoupment Policy

The Company has a Recoupment Policy that provides for the forfeiture of options, shares or share units or repayment of cash compensation received by employees in certain circumstances where the employee is involved in wrongdoing. For more information on this policy, please see page 39.

## Other Measures

The Board takes other steps to encourage and promote a culture of ethical business conduct. First, under the Company's Corporate Governance Principles, the Board has an obligation to satisfy itself as to the integrity of the CEO and other executive officers and that they are creating a culture of integrity throughout the organization. On an annual basis, the Corporate Governance Committee considers and reports to the Board on this issue. Significant efforts are made to ensure our employees fully understand their responsibilities under the Code through training, leadership communications, certification requirements and awareness initiatives. The level of awareness and understanding of our Code is monitored annually.

In addition to the Code, the Company has several other policies governing ethical business conduct, including the following:

- *Competition Law Policy* provides employees with an understanding of the Company's policy of compliance with all competition laws and information concerning the activities that are permitted and prohibited when dealing with competitors, customers and other parties.
- Confidential Information and Trading in Securities Policy provides guidelines to employees with respect to the treatment of confidential information and advises Company insiders when it is permissible to trade securities of the Company. This policy also prohibits insiders from purchasing financial instruments designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of the Company's shares that they hold. Furthermore, insiders are prohibited from engaging in short selling of the Company's securities, trading in put or call options on the Company's securities or entering into equity monetization arrangements related to the Company's securities.
- Corporate Gifts and Entertainment Policy provides guidelines to Company employees on the appropriateness of
  gifts, gratuities or entertainment that may be offered to or accepted from third parties with whom the Company has
  commercial relations.
- *Corrupt Payments Prevention Policy* prohibits the payment or receipt of bribes and kickbacks by the Company's employees and agents. Facilitation payments are also prohibited.
- *Political Donation Policy* prohibits all political donations by the Company.

The Company's employees regularly receive either web-based or in-person compliance training that focuses on ethical business conduct and the foregoing policies. In addition, employees and directors who are considered "insiders" under Canadian securities laws have been provided with training concerning their obligations and responsibilities under Canadian securities laws.

### 6. Nomination of Directors

## Nominating Committee and Nomination Process

The Board has established the Corporate Governance Committee as its nominating committee. The Committee is composed entirely of independent directors. A summary of the key responsibilities of the Corporate Governance Committee can be found under "Committees of the Board of Directors".

The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying new candidates to stand as nominees for election or appointment as directors to the Board. The Corporate Governance Committee uses a skills matrix to assist in this process. On an annual basis, the Corporate Governance Committee reviews a matrix that sets out the various skills and experience considered to be desirable for the Board to possess in the context of the Company's strategic direction. The Corporate Governance Committee then assesses the skills and experience of each current Board member against this matrix. When completed, the matrix helps the Corporate Governance Committee identify any skills or experience gaps and provides the basis for a search to be conducted for new directors to fill any gaps. The skills matrix is reviewed annually by the Corporate Governance Committee and in January

2014, the Corporate Governance Committee completed a thorough review of the skills matrix to ensure alignment with the Company's corporate strategy. Following is the board skills matrix outlining the skills and experience of each non-management director and the Corporate Governance Committee's determination as to how many directors on the Board should possess those skills and experience.

Non-Mgmt directors		Board Skills										
	Leader- ship <sup>(1)</sup>	Industry Know- ledge & Exper- ience	Finance	Govern- ment & Public Affairs	Board Exper- ience	Health, Safety & Environ- ment Issues <sup>(2)</sup>	Inter- national Perspective	Energy	Under- standing of North America Natural Gas Feed- stock Issues	China	Ambitious Business Growth - Large Capital Projects Execution	Ambit- ious Business Growth - Strat- egies & Risks
Aitken	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>		✓		<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b>
Arnell	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	✓		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓		✓	<b>✓</b>
Balloch			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓		<b>✓</b>			✓		
Cook	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>			✓			✓	✓	✓
Hamilton	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	✓		✓	<b>✓</b>	✓			✓
Kostelnik		<b>✓</b>			✓	✓		<b>✓</b>	✓		✓	
Mahaffy	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		✓							
Poole <sup>(3)</sup>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		✓							<b>√</b>
Rennie			<b>✓</b>		✓							
Walker		✓				✓	✓				✓	✓
Warmbold	<b>✓</b>		✓		✓							<b>✓</b>
current directors (non-mgmt)	6	7	6	4	9	2	6	3	4	2	4	7
TARGET	4	6	2	2	7	1	5	2-3	3-4	1-2	1	2-3

- (1) Previous/current CEO of a mid to large cap (\$500 M +) public company (or equivalent size private company or group division).
- (2) Direct responsibility over large-scale process plant including Health, Safety and Environment.
- (3) Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

In identifying potential director candidates, the Corporate Governance Committee takes into account a broad variety of factors it considers appropriate, including skills, independence, financial acumen, board dynamics and personal characteristics. In addition, diversity (as described more fully below) is considered when identifying potential director candidates. Desirable individual characteristics include integrity, credibility, the ability to generate public confidence and maintain the goodwill and confidence of our shareholders, sound and independent business judgment, general good health and the capability and willingness to travel to, attend and contribute at Board functions on a regular basis. Background checks, as appropriate, are completed prior to nomination.

Suitable director candidates have, over the past several years, been identified through the use of an executive search firm retained under the authority of the Corporate Governance Committee. The selection process is led by the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee and all Committee members and the Chairman of the Board are routinely updated on the process and the individuals being considered. The Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee, the Chairman of the Board, the CEO and, where appropriate, other directors or senior executives meet in person with the candidate to discuss his or her interest and ability to devote the time and resources required to meet the Company's expectations for directors. The recommended candidate is then formally considered by the Corporate Governance Committee and, if approved, the candidate is recommended to the Board.

## Diversity

The Company has a Diversity Policy applicable to both employees and directors of the Company. The full text of the Diversity Policy can be found on the Company's website.

A summary of our Diversity Policy is as follows:

The Company recognizes the importance of diversity, including gender diversity, at all levels of the Company including the Board and the executive team. We believe that diversity is important for both Board and organizational effectiveness. We have identified three key diversity attributes:

- (a) Experiential (education, business and functional experience);
- (b) Demographic (age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, geography); and
- (c) Personal (personality, interests, values).

These attributes are essential for creating an appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge required for the Board, the senior management team and the Company as a whole.

These diversity attributes, which specifically include gender diversity, are factored into the recruitment and decision making process when new Board and executive appointments are made. When engaging external search consultants to identify future candidates for Board or executive roles, such consultants are requested to take full account of all aspects of diversity in preparing their candidate list to provide a diverse and balanced slate where possible and to ensure women are included on their candidate list. Ultimately, appointments are based on merit, measured against objective criteria.

Although we are committed to continue increasing the proportion of women on the Board and in senior management, no targets have been adopted. The Corporate Governance Committee and management's foremost priority is to ensure the Company has the best possible leadership. Accordingly, appointments will continue to be made on merit measured against objective criteria to select the best candidate for Board and executive officer positions. However, as noted above, we have processes in place to promote the presentation of a diverse slate of candidates during any new director and senior management search process.

The current number and proportion (in percentage) of directors on the Board who are women are three of 12 members, or 25%. The current number and proportion (in percentage) of executive officers of the Company who are women are one of six members, or 17%.

The Board measures the effectiveness of the Diversity Policy by monitoring the initiatives undertaken by the Company to promote diversity within the organization, and ensuring that balanced slates of candidates are presented for board searches where possible.

As we refine our approach to talent management, we continue to integrate diversity into our existing practices in order to enhance the diversity of our senior management team. Through our annual talent review and succession planning process, we review the number of women in executive and senior leadership positions for both our executive team and the management teams of each business group. On an ongoing basis we seek opportunities to accelerate the development of women through different career development opportunities, participation in formal leadership programs and participation in mentoring and sponsorship initiatives.

## Majority Voting for Directors

The Board has a policy that states that any nominee for election as a director at an annual general meeting for whom the number of votes withheld exceeds the number of votes cast in his or her favour will be deemed not to have received the support of shareholders. A director elected in such circumstances will tender his or her resignation to the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee and that Committee will review the matter and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board will accept the resignation unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Board will, within 90 days of the annual general meeting, issue a public release either announcing the resignation of the director or justifying its decision not to accept the resignation.

If the resignation is accepted, the Board may appoint a new director to fill the vacancy created by the resignation. This policy applies only to uncontested director elections, meaning elections where the number of nominees for director is equal to the number of directors to be elected.

Following the annual general meeting, voting results for directors are issued in a press release and filed on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

## 7. Director and Officer Compensation

Director and officer compensation is determined by the Board. The process followed for determining director compensation is described commencing on page 27 and the process followed for executive compensation is described commencing on page 40.

## 8. Shareholder Survey on Executive Compensation

The Board appreciates the importance that shareholders place on executive compensation and believes that it is important to engage shareholders on this topic. With this in mind, the Company has again put in place a web-based survey to enable our shareholders to provide feedback on our approach to executive compensation as disclosed in this Information Circular. We intend to run this web-based survey on an annual basis. This year, the survey is accessible to shareholders at the Investor Relations section of our website from March 15, 2018 (the date this Information Circular is anticipated to be filed with securities regulators) until June 30, 2018. In order to submit comments, you are asked to provide your name and confirm that you are a current shareholder. Shareholders may comment generally or on specific aspects of our executive compensation and may provide as much detail as they wish. Shareholders who choose to provide an e-mail address may be contacted in order for the Board to better understand their particular concerns. All comments will be provided to the Chair of the Human Resources Committee and discussed at the July 2018 Human Resources Committee meeting to determine whether any actions should be taken to address concerns raised. We will provide a report on this process in our annual disclosure documents next year.

## Report on the 2017 Shareholder Survey

In 2017, we did not receive any feedback from shareholders on our shareholder survey on executive compensation.

## 9. Assessments

The Company's Corporate Governance Principles state as follows:

Performance as a director is the main criterion for determining a director's ongoing service on the Board. To assist in determining performance, each director will take part in an annual performance evaluation process that shall include both a peer and self-evaluation and a confidential discussion with the Chairman.

Our Board conducts an annual performance evaluation and the Corporate Governance Committee oversees the process. Annually, directors are surveyed and asked to evaluate the overall performance and effectiveness of the Board and to make suggestions for improvement. In addition, directors have the opportunity to evaluate and comment on the effectiveness of the Committees, individual directors and the Chair.

In 2017, directors provided comments on numerous matters including the appropriateness of the Committee structure and the reporting of Committee activities to the Board, the Board's performance of its oversight role, the Board's relationship with management and whether the Board has the appropriate mix of skills and experiences.

The results of the survey are consolidated by the Corporate Secretary, provided to the Chairman of the Board and then presented to both the Corporate Governance Committee and the Board at their September meetings. Each Committee reviews and discusses comments relating to its individual Committee evaluation.

Prior to the September Board and Committee meetings, the Chairman of the Board has a private conversation with each director regarding their own performance and effectiveness as well as the performance of their fellow directors. In addition, the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee receives from the Corporate Secretary comments regarding the Chairman and his leadership of the Board. These comments form the basis of a private conversation between the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee and the Chairman. The content of that conversation is reported by the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee to the full Corporate Governance Committee at its September meeting.

## 10. Director Tenure

The Board is committed to maintaining an appropriate balance between director retention and renewal. The Company believes that continuity on the Board is an asset and is essential to an effective and well-functioning Board. Due to the number of years it takes to acquire sufficient Company-specific knowledge and the historically long market cycles of the chemical industry, the Company places great value on longer serving directors for their experience and organizational memory.

However, we also value board renewal and believe it is critical to ensuring that we have a high performing board over the long term. Turnover in Board membership provides an opportunity to enhance diversity of perspectives and adds significant value through the ongoing input of fresh ideas and new knowledge.

The Company's Director Tenure Policy does not include term limits for directors nor mandatory retirement age provisions. Instead, the Policy outlines other processes that the Board has adopted to effectively manage board renewal, including:

- annual evaluations of individual directors to monitor the effectiveness of each director's contribution;
- the Corporate Governance Committee and the Chairman of the Board annually review the membership of the Board to
  enable the Board to manage its overall composition and maintain a balance of directors to ensure long-term continuity
  and effectiveness; and
- the Chairman of the Board and the Chair of the Governance Committee are responsible for developing a long-term board succession plan which incorporates input from one-on-one discussions between the Chairman of the Board and each Board member, including discussions regarding estimated future retirement dates for each Board member. This plan is reviewed and updated on an annual basis after the Chairman of the Board completes his one-on-one evaluation meeting with each Board member.

## 11. Management Succession Planning

The Company has detailed succession plans for each executive officer and each of such officer's direct reports. For more information on the Company's succession planning process, please see page 39.

## 12. Board's Role in Risk Management Process

The Board's mandate provides that the Board is responsible for identifying and overseeing the implementation of systems to manage the principal risks of the Company's business. The Audit, Finance and Risk Committee's mandate also states that the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee is responsible for reviewing with management, at least annually, the Company's processes to identify, monitor, evaluate and address important enterprise-wide strategic and business risks.

Management annually undertakes a formal risk review process that includes identifying the principal strategic risks of the Company, assessing the Company's strategy to mitigate each risk and determining accountability. The results of this process are documented, reviewed and discussed by the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee and the Board. Notwithstanding these formal processes, the Board recognizes that risk management and oversight is a dynamic and continuous process.

In addition, the Board, through the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, oversees the Company's risk management strategies and programs, including insurance programs, related to the Company's key operational risks such as shipping, cyber security and financial risks. As well, the Human Resources Committee annually reviews the Company's compensation policies and practices to confirm their alignment with the Company's risk management principles and that they do not encourage inappropriate or excessive risk-taking nor are they reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### PART IV COMPENSATION

#### **COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS**

All amounts in this section "Compensation of Directors" are shown in Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted.

## Objective and Design of the Director Compensation Program

We are the world's largest producer and supplier of methanol with sales and operations around the globe and revenues of approximately USD \$3 billion in 2017. As such, the main objective of the Company's director compensation program is to attract and retain directors with international experience, a broad range of relevant skills and knowledge and the ability to successfully carry out the Board's mandate. The Board's mandate can be found in section 3 of our Corporate Governance Principles which are attached to this Information Circular as Schedule A and can also be found on our website.

Directors of the Company are required to devote significant time and energy to the performance of their duties. The Terms of Reference for Individual Directors and the Corporate Governance Principles set forth an extensive list of responsibilities and expectations for the Board as a whole and for each individual director. Directors are expected to prepare for and attend an average of six Board meetings per year, participate on Committees and ensure that they stay informed about the Company's business and the rapidly changing global business environment. Therefore, to attract and retain experienced, skilled and knowledgeable directors who are willing and able to meet these expectations, the Board believes that the Company must offer a competitive compensation package.

Our director compensation program is designed primarily to:

- compensate directors for applying their knowledge, skills and experience in the performance of their duties;
- align the actions and economic interests of the directors with the interests of long-term shareholders; and
- encourage directors to stay on the Board for a significant period of time.

Director compensation is paid only to non-management directors and is comprised primarily of cash fees (including an annual retainer) and a share-based award. Non-management directors are not eligible to receive stock options under the terms of the Company's Stock Option Plan. The "Directors' Total Compensation" table on page 30 sets out the total compensation earned by the directors in 2017.

As part of this compensation program, the directors also have share ownership requirements. See "Directors' Share Ownership Requirements" on page 33 for more details. The Board believes that share ownership requirements further promote the objectives of director retention and alignment with long-term shareholders.

## **Process for Determining Director Compensation**

The Corporate Governance Committee, composed entirely of independent directors, is responsible for annually recommending to the Board for approval the compensation for the independent directors, including the appropriate compensation elements and the target compensation for each element.

The Corporate Governance Committee reviews director compensation at least every two years and did so in 2017, retaining an independent consultant, Willis Towers Watson, to conduct a review of director compensation. The Corporate Governance Committee has determined that the target compensation level for directors should be competitive with the 50th percentile of a comparator group. The comparator group of companies used for the purposes of reviewing and determining executive compensation is prepared by the Human Resources Committee and consists of North American-based companies in the chemicals, mining and oil and gas industries with global operations which, where possible, operate in a commodity-based or cyclical business. The same comparator group was used by the Corporate Governance Committee for reviewing and determining director compensation. The current comparator group is listed below.

Agrium\*
Albemarle Corp.
Ashland Inc.
Baytex Energy Corp.\*
Cabot Corp.
Celanese Corp.
Centerra Gold\*

Chemtura Corp.
FMC Corp.
Goldcorp Inc.\*
IAMGOLD Corp.\*
International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.
Koppers Holdings Inc.
Olin Corp.

PolyOne Corp. Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan\* Sherritt International Corp.\* The Valspar Corp. Westlake Chemical Corp.

#### \* denotes Canadian companies

In January 2017, the Board determined that, in order to meet the target level of the 50th percentile of a comparator group, director compensation should be increased in a phased approach. In addition, the proportionate mix of cash and share-based awards should be changed to be more heavily weighted towards share-based awards. For fees earned in 2017: (a) directors' compensation was increased to a total of \$200,000 being comprised of \$90,000 in cash and \$110,000 in share-based awards, (b) the Chairman's total compensation remains the same but is now more heavily weighted to share-based awards (\$162,000 as cash and \$198,000 as share-based awards), and (c) in order to recognize the additional workload of the Chair of the Human Resources Committee, the compensation for the Chair of the Human Resources Committee has been increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000. All other aspects of director compensation remain unchanged.

In January 2018, the second phase of the compensation increase was implemented in order to meet the 50th percentile target level: (a) directors' compensation was increased to a total of \$220,000 being comprised of \$90,000 in cash and \$130,000 in share-based awards, and (b) the Chairman's total compensation was increased to \$400,000 being comprised of \$160,000 in cash and \$240,000 in share-based awards. All increases in compensation were given in the form of share-based awards.

### **Elements of Director Compensation**

Director compensation is comprised of two elements, namely (i) annual retainer and other fees and (ii) share-based awards. Each element is described in detail below.

#### Annual Retainer and Other Fees

During the year ended December 31, 2017, annual retainer and other fees were paid to non-management members of the Board on the following basis:

Annual retainer for a non-management director (excluding the Chairman of the Board)	\$90,000	annual
Annual retainer for the Chairman of the Board	\$162,000	annual
Annual retainer for Committee Chairs (with the exception of the Chairs of the Audit, Finance and Risk and Human Resoures Committees)	\$10,000	annual
Annual retainer for the Chair of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee	\$20,000	annual
Annual retainer for members of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, including the Chair	\$10,000	annual
Annual retainer for the Chair of the Human Resources Committee	\$20,000	annual
Cross-country or intercontinental travel fee to attend Board or Committee meetings	\$2,500	per trip
Travel fee for site visits undertaken separate and apart from attendance at Board or Committee meetings (and not for orientation purposes upon joining the Board)	\$2,500	per day

Notwithstanding that directors do not receive meeting attendance fees, if over 10 Board meetings are held in a year, the Corporate Governance Committee has the discretion to determine whether any meeting fees are appropriate.

In 2017, the Chairman of the Board received a flat fee annual retainer and did not receive any additional fees; however, he is eligible to receive the travel fee for site visits undertaken separate and apart from attendance at Board or Committee meetings.

#### Share-Based Awards - Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors

Directors are awarded RSUs under the Company's Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors as part of the share-based component of their compensation. Directors may elect to receive their RSU award in the form of DSUs, which are more fully described in the following section. In addition, commencing in 2014, directors who are in compliance with their share ownership requirements may elect to receive the cash equivalent of their RSU award. In both 2017 and 2018, four directors elected to receive the cash equivalent of their share-based award. The table below summarizes the share-based awards granted to directors in 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Chairman of the Board	3,300 RSUs or DSUs	3,000 RSUs or DSUs
All other non-management directors	1,800 RSUs or DSUs	1,700 RSUs or DSUs

RSUs are notional shares credited to an "RSU Account." When dividends are paid on Common Shares, an equivalent value of additional RSUs is calculated and credited to each individual's RSU Account. RSUs granted in any year, together with applicable dividend equivalents, will vest on December 1, in the 24th month following the end of the year in which the award was made. Following vesting, directors are entitled to receive a cash payment based on the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX during the last 15 days prior to the vesting date, net of applicable withholding tax. RSUs do not entitle participants to any voting or other shareholder rights and are non-dilutive to shareholders.

The Board believes that share-based awards granted to directors both compensate the directors for the performance of their duties and also promote director retention and alignment with the interests of long-term shareholders. The target dollar value of such award ("Target Dollar Value") is determined by the Corporate Governance Committee during its review of director compensation and is targeted to be similar to the awards granted to non-management directors in the 50th percentile of the comparator group as discussed under "Process for Determining Director Compensation."

In 2017, the Target Dollar Value was \$110,000 for each non-management director and \$198,000 for the Chairman of the Board. Each non-management director received the number of RSUs (or DSUs) determined by dividing the Target Dollar Value by the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 30-day period ending on the date prior to the date of the grant, and then rounded. The grant date was March 3, 2017.

In 2018, the Target Dollar Value was \$130,000 for each non-management director and \$240,000 for the Chairman of the Board. Each non-management director received the number of RSUs (or DSUs) determined by dividing the Target Dollar Value by the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 30-day period ending on the date prior to the date of the grant, and then rounded. The grant date was March 2, 2018.

#### Deferred Share Unit Plan (Director DSUs)

Under the Company's Deferred Share Unit Plan (the "DSU Plan"), each non-management director elects annually to receive 100%, 50% or 0% of his or her retainer and other fees as DSUs. The actual number of DSUs granted to a director is calculated at the end of each quarter by dividing the dollar amount elected to the DSU Plan by the five-day average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX during the last five trading days of that quarter. Additional DSUs are credited corresponding to dividends declared on the Common Shares. Under the terms of the DSU Plan, directors must elect to become a member of the DSU Plan by December 31 in any year in order to be eligible to receive DSUs in the following calendar year. Directors may also elect to receive their share-based award in the form of DSUs. See the section above "Share-Based Awards – Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors".

DSUs held by a director are redeemable only after the date on which the director retires as a director of the Company or upon death ("Termination Date"), and a lump-sum cash payment, net of any withholdings, is made after the director chooses a valuation date. For DSUs granted on or after March 2, 2007, a director may choose a valuation date falling between the Termination Date and December 1 of the first calendar year beginning after the Termination Date, but the director cannot choose a date retroactively. For DSUs granted prior to March 2, 2007, the valuation date chosen may fall on any date within a period beginning one year before the Termination Date and ending on December 1 of the first calendar year beginning after the Termination Date. The lump-sum amount is calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs held in the account by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the valuation date.

The Board believes that providing directors with the alternative of receiving their cash fees and share-based awards in the form of DSUs, which may not be redeemed until retirement or death, further promotes director retention and alignment with the interests of long-term shareholders.

#### Stock Options

Non-management directors ceased being granted stock options in 2003. No non-management director currently holds any stock options.

## **Perquisites**

Certain minor out-of-pocket expenses incurred by directors are paid for by the Company. All such expenses, if any, are included in the "All Other Compensation" column found in the Directors' Total Compensation table.

## **Directors' Total Compensation**

The following table sets out what each director earned by way of annual retainer, other fees and share-based awards for 2017.

Director	Annual Retainer (\$)	Annual Retainer for Committee Chairs (\$)	Annual Retainer for Audit & HR Committee Chairs (\$)	Annual Retainer for Audit Committee Members (\$)	Travel Fees & Ad hoc site visit fees(1) (\$)	Total Fees Earned <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Share-Based Award <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	All Other Comp- ensation <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Total (\$)
Bruce Aitken	90,000		l		12,500	102,500	110,000	_	212,500
Douglas Arnell	90,000				2,500	92,500	114,155	3,430	210,085
Howard Balloch	90,000	10,000		10,000	15,000	125,000	110,000	71,755	306,755
Phillip Cook	90,000	10,000			20,000	120,000	114,155	8,115	242,270
John Floren <sup>(5)</sup>									
Thomas Hamilton	162,000	ĺ				162,000	201,450	15,623	379,073
Robert Kostelnik	90,000	10,000	-	-	15,000	115,000	114,155	8,115	237,270
Douglas Mahaffy	90,000	ĺ			12,500	102,500	110,000	68,403	280,903
A. Terence Poole <sup>(6)</sup>	90,000		20,000	10,000	12,500	132,500	114,155	93,747	340,402
Janice Rennie	90,000		20,000	10,000	2,500	122,500	110,000	18,967	251,467
Margaret Walker	90,000	_	_	_	20,000	110,000	114,155	6,190	230,345
Benita Warmbold	90,000			10,000	17,500	117,500	114,155	3,679	235,334
Total	1,062,000	30,000	40,000	40,000	130,000	1,302,000	1,326,380	298,024	2,926,404

- (1) Travel fees are paid per trip for cross-country or intercontinental travel to attend Board or Committee meetings or for site visits undertaken separate and apart from attendance at Board or Committee meetings (and not for orientation purposes upon joining the Board).
- (2) This column includes all retainers and travel fees earned during 2017, including any paid in DSUs. Under the DSU Plan, non-management directors may elect to receive 100%, 50% or 0% of their annual cash retainer as DSUs. The DSU Plan is more fully described under "Deferred Share Unit Plan (Director DSUs)". In 2017, Messrs. Arnell and Poole and Ms. Warmbold elected to receive 100% of their cash retainers as DSUs (Arnell: 1,444 DSUs; Poole: 2,071 DSUs; and Warmbold: 1,837 DSUs). The number and value of the DSUs received by Messrs Arnell and Poole and Ms. Warmbold in lieu of fees are reflected in the "Share-Based Awards Value Vested During the Year" table on page 33.
- (3) This column reflects the grant date fair value of the share-based compensation (RSUs and DSUs) received by directors in 2017. The value shown is calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs or DSUs awarded in 2017 by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on March 2, 2017, the day before such share units were granted, being \$67.15. The grant date fair value shown in this column is the same as the accounting fair value. Directors can elect to receive their share-based compensation award as RSUs or DSUs. Commencing in 2014, if share ownership requirements are met, directors may elect to receive the value of their share-based award as cash, being \$110,000. Please see "Share-Based Awards Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors" for more information. In 2017, Messrs. Aitken, Balloch and Mahaffy and Ms. Rennie made such election and it was paid quarterly.
- (4) This column is made up of the value of additional share units earned by directors in 2017 (RSUs and/or DSUs as applicable) corresponding to dividends being declared on Common Shares during 2017. See "Share-Based Awards Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors" and "Deferred Share Unit Plan (Director DSUs)" for more information on dividend equivalents. With respect to dividend equivalent DSUs, the value of dividend equivalent additional DSUs is calculated by multiplying the number of such units by the Canadian dollar closing price of the Common Shares of the TSX on the day that such units were credited. With respect to dividend equivalent RSUs, the value of dividend equivalent additional RSUs is calculated by multiplying the number of such units by the weighted average Canadian dollar closing price of the Common Shares of the TSX for the 15 trading days prior to the day that such units were credited. No other perquisites were paid in 2017.
- (5) Mr. Floren is President & CEO of the Company and therefore did not receive any compensation as a director. See "Statement of Executive Compensation" for information on Mr. Floren's compensation in 2017.
- (6) Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

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

The following table shows the number of share-based awards held by each director as at December 31, 2017. Directors do not receive option-based awards.

	Outstanding S	Outstanding Share-Based Awards as at December 31, 2017							
Director	Shares or Units of Shares that Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Market or Payout Value of Share-Based Awards that Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Market or Payout Value of Vested Share-Based Awards Not Paid Out or Distributed <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)						
Bruce Aitken	_	_	<u> </u>						
Douglas Arnell	_	_	132,518						
Howard Balloch	_	_	1,948,934						
Phillip Cook	4,173	317,816	<del></del>						
John Floren <sup>(3)</sup>									
Thomas Hamilton	7,936	604,406	_						
Robert Kostelnik	4,173	317,816	_						
Douglas Mahaffy	_	_	2,255,250						
A. Terence Poole <sup>(4)</sup>		_	4,320,481						
Janice Rennie		_	973,477						
Margaret Walker	4,173	317,816	<del>_</del>						
Benita Warmbold		_	132,518						

- (1) These columns reflect the number and value of outstanding unvested RSUs as at December 31, 2017 and include dividend equivalent RSUs credited since the date of the original RSU grants. The value of the RSUs outstanding is calculated by multiplying the number of RSUs outstanding by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017, being \$76.16.
- (2) This column reflects the value of vested DSUs received as their annual share-based award ("Annual DSUs") held by each director as at December 31, 2017, and includes dividend equivalent Annual DSUs credited since the date of the original Annual DSU grants. The value of the Annual DSUs is calculated by multiplying the number of Annual DSUs outstanding by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017, being \$76.16.
- (3) Mr. Floren was President & CEO during 2017 and therefore did not receive any compensation as a director. See "Statement of Executive Compensation" for information on Mr. Floren's compensation in 2017.
- (4) Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

The following table shows the total number and value of DSUs, including both DSUs received in lieu of fees and received as annual share-based awards ("Outstanding DSUs"), held by each director as at December 31, 2017 and includes dividend equivalent Outstanding DSUs credited since the date of the original Outstanding DSU grants. The value is calculated by multiplying the number of Outstanding DSUs by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017, being \$76.16. The actual amount paid to a director on settlement of Outstanding DSUs depends on the valuation date chosen by the director, and the valuation date may be retroactive in the case of Outstanding DSUs granted prior to March 2, 2007. See "Deferred Share Unit Plan (Director DSUs)" for more detailed information regarding the DSU Plan and the valuation date that directors may choose.

	Number of Outstanding DSUs as at Dec. 31, 2017			Value of Outstanding DSUs as at Dec. 31, 2017
Director	Granted prior to Mar. 2, 2007	Granted on or after Mar. 2, 2007	Total DSUs Held	(\$)
Bruce Aitken	_	_	_	_
Douglas Arnell	_	3,197	3,197	243,484
Howard Balloch	_	48,359	48,359	3,683,021
Phillip Cook	_	_	_	_
John Floren <sup>(1)</sup>				
Thomas Hamilton	_	_	_	_
Robert Kostelnik	_	_	_	_
Douglas Mahaffy	_	46,099	46,099	3,510,900
A. Terence Poole <sup>(2)</sup>	19,665	44,758	64,423	4,906,456
Janice Rennie	_	12,782	12,782	973,477
Margaret Walker	_	_	_	_
Benita Warmbold		3,593	3,593	273,643

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Floren was President & CEO during 2017 and therefore did not receive any compensation as a director. See "Statement of Executive Compensation" for information on Mr. Floren's compensation in 2017.

(2) Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

## Directors' Share-Based Awards – Value Vested during the Year

The following table shows the aggregate dollar value realized by each director upon vesting of share-based awards during 2017. Directors do not receive stock options and do not receive any non-equity incentive plan compensation.

	Share-Based Awards – Value Vested during the Year									
		Numbe	r Vested dı (#)	uring 2017		Value Vested during 2017 (\$)				
	RSUs <sup>(1)</sup>		DSUs <sup>(2</sup>	2)		RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>		DSUs <sup>(2)</sup>		
Director	Share- Based Award	Granted in Lieu of Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	Share- Based Award <sup>(5)</sup>	Based Dividend		Share- Based Award	Granted in Lieu of Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	Share- Based Award <sup>(5)</sup>	Dividend Equivalents <sup>(6)</sup>	Total
Bruce Aitken	_	_					_		_	_
Douglas Arnell	_	1,444	1,700	53	3,197	_	92,500	114,155	3,430	220,085
Howard Balloch	_	_	_	1,124	1,124	_	_	_	71,755	71,755
Phillip Cook	1,727	_	_	_	1,727	113,167	_	_	_	113,167
John Floren <sup>(7)</sup>										
Thomas Hamilton	3,453	_	_	_	3,453	226,333	_	_	_	226,333
Robert Kostelnik	1,727	_	_	_	1,727	113,167	_	_	_	113,167
Douglas Mahaffy	_	_	_	1,071	1,071	_	_	_	68,403	68,403
A. Terence Poole <sup>(8)</sup>	_	2,071	1,700	1,466	5,237	_	132,500	114,155	93,747	340,402
Janice Rennie	_	_	_	297	297	_	_	_	18,967	18,967
Margaret Walker	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Benita Warmbold		1,837	1,700	56	3,593		117,500	114,155	3,679	235,334

- (1) This column represents RSUs that were awarded in 2015 and vested on December 1, 2017, together with dividend equivalent RSUs credited in respect thereof. See "Share-Based Awards – Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors" for more information.
- (2) DSUs vest immediately upon grant; however, they may not be redeemed by a director until retirement or upon death. Directors may elect to receive 100%, 50% or 0% of their annual cash retainer and other fees as DSUs. Directors may also elect to receive their share-based award in the form of DSUs. Additional DSUs are credited each quarter corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares. See "Deferred Share Unit Plan (Director DSUs)" for more information.
- (3) The value of the RSUs shown in this column reflects the amount actually paid to directors for RSUs that vested on December 1, 2017, calculated in accordance with the terms of the RSU Plan by multiplying the number of vested units (including fractional units) by the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX during the 15 trading days prior to the vesting date, being \$65.54.
- (4) These columns reflect the number and value of DSUs received in lieu of fees earned in 2017, as elected by non-management directors. The value is equal to the Total Fees Earned column in the Directors' Total Compensation table on page 30. DSUs are granted in lieu of fees on a quarterly basis and the number of DSUs granted at the end of each quarter is calculated by dividing one-quarter of the annual fees elected to be received as DSUs by the average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the last five trading days of the preceding fiscal quarter. In 2017, Messrs. Arnell and Poole and Ms. Warmbold elected to receive 100% of their cash retainers as DSUs.
- (5) These columns reflect the number and value of DSUs granted to directors in 2017 as share-based awards. The value shown is the grant date fair value (which is the same as accounting fair value) and is calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs awarded in 2017 by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on March 2, 2017, the day before such share units were granted, being \$67.15. Directors can elect to receive their share-based award as RSUs or DSUs, or the cash equivalent. See "Share-Based Awards—Restricted Share Unit Plan for Directors" for more information.
- (6) These columns reflect dividend equivalent additional DSUs credited on outstanding DSUs in 2017, and the value is calculated by multiplying the number of such additional DSUs by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the day that such DSUs were credited.
- (7) Mr. Floren was President & CEO during 2017 and therefore did not receive any compensation as a director. See "Statement of Executive Compensation" for information on Mr. Floren's compensation in 2017.
- (8) Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

# **Directors' Share Ownership Requirements**

Since 1998, the Company has had share ownership guidelines for directors to promote shareholder alignment and, in early 2011, these became a requirement. Prior to September 2017, the requirement was that each non-management director must own Common Shares having a value equal to at least 2 times his or her total retainer, which includes both the cash and equity components of the retainer. In September 2017, the Board increased the requirement so that each non-management director must own Common Shares having a value equal to at least 3 times their total retainer, which includes both the cash and equity components of the retainer. In the event a share price change results in a director falling below the minimum shareholding requirement, that director has one year in which to meet the requirement. RSUs and DSUs held by a director are considered when determining whether the individual is meeting the share ownership requirements. Commencing in September 2017, directors have five years from the date of their appointment to meet their share ownership requirement.

The following table shows, among other things, the number of Common Shares, RSUs and DSUs held by each director as at March 2, 2018 compared to the number of Common Shares, RSUs and DSUs held as at March 3, 2017 and the percentage of the requirement achieved for each director based on their holdings as at March 2, 2018.

			Common Shares		Units eld #)	Total Common Shares and Share Units	Total At-Risk Value of Common Shares and	Value of Common Shares and Share Units Required to Meet	Percentage of Requirement	Amount at Risk as a Multiple	
Director	Director Since	As At	Held <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	RSUs	DSUs	Held (#)	Share Units <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Requirement <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Achieved (%)	of Annual Retainer	Meets Requirement
Bruce Aitken	Jul-04	Mar 2, 2018	121,289	_	_	121,289	8,934,148	660,000	1,354	99.3	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	121,289	_	_	121,289	7,715,193				
		Change	_	_	_	_	+1,218,955				
Douglas Arnell <sup>(4)</sup>	Oct-16	Mar 2, 2018	2,000	_	4,997	6,997	515,399	660,000	78	5.7	No
		Mar 3, 2017	1,360	_	1,700	3,060	194,647				
		Change	+640	_	+3,297	+3,937	+320,752				
Howard Balloch	Dec-04	Mar 2, 2018	1,700	_	48,359	50,059	3,687,346	660,000	559	41.0	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	1,700	_	47,235	48,935	3,112,755				
		Change	_	_	+1,124	+1,124	+574,591				
Phillip Cook	May-06	Mar 2, 2018	25,000	5,973	_	30,973	2,281,471	660,000	346	25.3	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	25,000	5,768	_	30,768	1,957,152				
		Change	_	+205	_	+205	+324,319				
John Floren <sup>(5)</sup>	Jan-13										
Thomas Hamilton <sup>(6)</sup>	May-07	Mar 2, 2018	24,000	11,236	_	35,236	2,595,484	1,200,000	216	16.2	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	24,000	11,137	_	35,137	2,235,065				
		Change	_	+99	_	+99	+360,419				
Robert Kostelnik	Sep-08	Mar 2, 2018	21,000	5,973	_	26,973	1,986,831	660,000	301	22.1	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	21,000	5,768	_	26,768	1,702,712				
		Change	_	+205	_	+205	+284,119				
Douglas Mahaffy	May-06	Mar 2, 2018	1,900	_	46,099	47,999	3,535,606	660,000	536	39.3	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	1,900	_	45,028	46,928	2,985,090				
		Change	_	_	+1,071	+1,071	+550,516				
A. Terence Poole <sup>(7)</sup>	Feb-94	Mar 2, 2018	37,000	_	66,223	103,223	7,603,406	660,000	1,152	84.5	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	37,000	_	60,886	97,886	6,226,528				
		Change	_	_	+5,337	+5,337	+1,376,878				
Janice Rennie	May-06	Mar 2, 2018	3,000	_	12,782	15,782	1,162,502	660,000	176	12.9	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	3,000	_	12,485	15,485	985,001				
		Change	_	_	+297	+297	+177,501				
Margaret Walker	Apr-15	Mar 2, 2018	3,076	5,973	_	9,049	666,549	660,000	101	7.4	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	3,076	4,074	_	7,150	454,812				
		Change	_	+1,899	_	+1,899	+211,737				
Benita Warmbold	Feb-16	Mar 2, 2018	6,000	_	5,393	11,393	839,208	660,000	127	9.3	Yes
		Mar 3, 2017	6,000	_	1,700	7,700	489,797				
		Change	_	_	+3,693	+3,693	+349,411				

- This column includes all Common Shares directly or indirectly beneficially owned or over which control or direction is exercised by each director.
- (2) For 2018, this value is calculated using \$73.66 per share, being the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 90-day period ending March 2, 2018. For 2017, this value is calculated using \$63.61 per share, being the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 90-day period ending March 3, 2017.
- (3) Commencing in September 2017, the director share ownership requirements state that non-management directors are to hold Common Shares and/or share units equal to at least three times their total retainer, which includes both the cash and equity components of the retainer.
- (4) Directors have five years from the date of their appointment to meet director share ownership requirements.
- (5) Mr. Floren is President & CEO and therefore does not receive any compensation as a director. See "Share Ownership Requirements" for information regarding Mr. Floren's holdings and ownership requirements.
- (6) Mr. Hamilton is Chairman of the Board and his share ownership requirement is \$1,200,000 being three times his total retainer of \$400,000.
- (7) Mr. Poole resigned as a director in June 2003 and was reappointed in September 2003. Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

# Ownership of Equity Holdings and Vested DSUs

The following table shows the number of Common Shares and vested DSUs and the accumulated value of such Common Shares and vested DSUs, held by each director as at March 2, 2018.

Director	Common Shares Held <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	DSUs Held <sup>(2)</sup> (#)	Total Common Shares and DSUs Held (#)	Accumulated Value <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)
Bruce Aitken	121,289	_	121,289	8,934,148
Douglas Arnell	2,000	4,997	6,997	515,399
Howard Balloch	1,700	48,359	50,059	3,687,346
Phillip Cook	25,000	_	25,000	1,841,500
John Floren	66,580		66,580	4,904,283
Thomas Hamilton	24,000	_	24,000	1,767,840
Robert Kostelnik	21,000	_	21,000	1,546,860
Douglas Mahaffy	1,900	46,099	47,999	3,535,606
A. Terence Poole <sup>(4)</sup>	37,000	66,223	103,223	7,603,406
Janice Rennie	3,000	12,782	15,782	1,162,502
Benita Warmbold	6,000	5,393	11,393	839,208
Margaret Walker	3,076	_	3,076	226,578

- (1) This column includes all Common Shares directly or indirectly beneficially owned or over which control or direction is exercised by each director.
- (2) DSUs vest immediately upon grant; however, they may not be redeemed by a director until retirement or upon death. Directors may elect to receive 100%, 50% or 0% of their annual cash retainer and other fees as DSUs. Directors may also elect to receive their share-based award in the form of DSUs. Additional DSUs are credited each quarter corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares. See "Deferred Share Unit Plan (Director DSUs)" for more information.
- (3) This value is calculated using \$73.66 per share, being the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 90-day period ending March 2, 2018.
- (4) Mr. Poole is not standing for re-election at the Meeting.

# LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

# **Compensation Highlights**

We are pleased to share with you our approach to executive compensation. In 2017, the Company's annual "Say on Pay" advisory vote once again received strong support, with 96% of the votes in favour of the Company's disciplined approach.

Our executive compensation program is designed to attract, retain and engage high-quality executive talent. A key principle of our approach is pay-for-performance, which is why approximately 82% of the President & CEO's target compensation and approximately 70% of the other Named Executive Officers' target compensation is at risk and linked to the achievement of a combination of corporate (financial) and individual (strategic and operational) performance goals.

# 2017 Performance Highlights

Industry fundamentals and methanol pricing improved significantly in 2017 compared to 2016. This improvement in methanol pricing - combined with record sales and production - enabled Methanex to deliver the highest adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) in its history. Our record financial performance was made possible by investments we have made over the last few years to increase our production capacity. We also continued our practice of returning excess cash to shareholders: in 2017, we increased our dividend by 9% and completed a share buyback program.

The Company's modified return on capital employed in 2017, which is the measure of corporate performance under the short-term incentive plan, was 12.9% compared to a target of 13%. As a result, the corporate performance factor for determining the short-term incentive award for 2017 was 99% versus a target of 100%.

# 2017 CEO Compensation

Target total compensation for President & CEO John Floren was \$7.0 million in 2017, compared to \$6.0 million in 2016.

- Base salary: The Board increased Mr. Floren's base salary by 8% to align with projected increases within the Company's comparator group and reflect his significant experience and strong performance. Mr. Floren's base salary was frozen in 2016 due to challenging business conditions.
- Short-term incentive award: The Board awarded Mr. Floren a short-term incentive award of \$1,169,000 at 114% of target, compared to the 2016 award of \$447,000 at 47% of target. Mr. Floren's above-target award reflects the combination of a corporate performance factor of 99%, which accounts for 70% of his potential short-term incentive award, together with individual performance exceeding target that accounts for 30% of the award.
- Long-term incentive award: Mr. Floren received a long-term incentive award grant with a target value of \$4.3 million, made up of 50% performance share units and 50% tandem stock appreciation rights. The target value of Mr. Floren's long-term incentive award remained approximately the same in 2017 compared to 2016, continuing to align the CEO's total compensation levels with the Company's comparator group and long-term shareholder interests.

We believe the compensation awarded to Mr. Floren in 2017 appropriately reflects the Company's performance and is aligned with shareholder interests, given the significant emphasis on long-term incentive compensation. The graph on page 50 illustrates the close link between the Company's cumulative total shareholder return and the total compensation earned by Mr. Floren and the other Named Executive Officers.

#### Conclusion

The Human Resources Committee and the Board are confident that our executive compensation practices continue to demonstrate a strong link between pay and long-term shareholder value.

Thomas Hamilton Chairman of the Board

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Douglas Arnell Chair, Human Resources Committee

### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

All amounts in this section "Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis" are in Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted.

### Objectives and Design of the Executive Compensation Program

We are committed to operational excellence as part of our business strategy and this commitment extends to our search for, and retention of, executive talent. As such, the main objective of our executive compensation program is to attract, retain and engage high-quality, high-performing executives with relevant experience who have the ability to successfully execute our strategy and deliver long-term value to our shareholders.

To achieve this objective, our executive compensation program is based on the following principles:

- Alignment with shareholder interests. Our performance-based incentive plans align the interests of executives with shareholders and the total compensation earned by the NEOs (as defined below), including the realized and unrealized value of previously granted long-term incentive awards, aligns with cumulative total shareholder return over time.
- Pay-for-performance. We believe in pay-for-performance. Accordingly, over 82% of the President & CEO's target compensation and approximately 70% of other NEO's target compensation is at risk and linked to a combination of individual and corporate performance goals, compounded total shareholder return and share price performance.
- Effective risk management. Compensation policies and practices are designed with features that mitigate risk without diminishing the incentive nature of the compensation. We believe our compensation policies and practices encourage and reward prudent business judgment and appropriate risk-taking over the long-term to increase shareholder value.
- Pay competitively. Our executive compensation program is designed to be competitive with the 50th percentile of a comparator group of North American-based chemical, mining and oil and gas companies with global operations in order to attract, retain and engage high-quality executive talent.

Executive compensation at the Company includes base salary, short-term incentives, long-term incentives, and indirect compensation, including benefits, perquisites and pensions, as described in more detail in the table below.

Element	Description
Base Salary	Fixed compensation that is intended to compensate executives competitively for leadership, specific skills, knowledge and experience required to perform their duties.
Short-Term Incentive Plan	Variable compensation that is designed to recognize and reward the achievement of strategic performance goals with an annual cash reward. Amounts are based on an assessment of corporate financial performance ("Modified Return on Capital Employed") and individual performance over the year.
Long-Term Incentive Plan	Variable compensation that is designed to retain talented executives, reward them for their contribution to the long-term success of the Company and align their interests with shareholders. Consists of performance share units ("PSUs") and stock options/stock appreciation rights ("SARs")/tandem stock appreciation rights ("TSARs") that deliver value based on the Company's compounded total shareholder return and share price performance over varying periods of time.
Indirect Compensation	Fixed compensation that is intended to support the health, wellness and financial well-being of executives and their families. Executives are provided a single, fixed amount, taxable perquisite allowance. Executives participate in group benefit and registered defined contribution retirement programs on the same terms as other employees. Canadian-based executives also participate in a defined contribution supplemental retirement plan due to Canadian tax limits.

The Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes our approach to compensation for the Company's President & CEO, Chief Financial Officer and its three other executive officers who had the highest total compensation during 2017 (collectively the "Named Executive Officers" or "NEOs").

Named Executive Officer	Office Held	Principal Occupations and Positions During Last Five Years
John Floren	President & CEO	President & CEO since January 1, 2013.
Ian Cameron	Senior Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer	Senior Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer since January 1, 2003.
Vanessa James	Senior Vice President, Global Marketing & Logistics	Senior Vice President, Global Marketing & Logistics since January 1, 2013.
Mike Herz	Senior Vice President, Corporate Development	Senior Vice President, Corporate Development since January 1, 2013.
Wendy Bach	Senior Vice President, Corporate Resources	Senior Vice President, Corporate Resources from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017. In addition, acted as General Counsel from January 1, 2014 to February 29, 2016. Prior thereto was Vice President, Human Resources from July 2, 2012 to December 31, 2013.

# **Compensation Policies and Practices Risk Review**

The mandate of the Human Resources Committee requires an annual review of the Company's compensation policies and practices to confirm they align with the Company's risk management principles, do not encourage inappropriate or excessive risk-taking and are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Company's compensation policies and practices are designed with features that mitigate risk without diminishing the incentive nature of the compensation. We believe our compensation policies and practices encourage and reward prudent business judgment and appropriate risk-taking over the long-term to increase shareholder value. The Human Resources Committee and the Board have concluded that any risks arising from our employee compensation policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. In its deliberations, the Human Resources Committee considered, among other things, the following key features of such policies and practices:

# Program Structure

- Our short-term incentive and PSU awards have maximum limits, based on pre-defined plan provisions and the calculation formula;
- There is a proportionately greater award opportunity derived from the long-term incentive plan compared to the short-term incentive plan, creating a greater focus on sustained performance over time;
- The application of a Modified ROCE (as defined below) metric that aligns employees with the balanced objectives of increasing revenues, reducing costs and managing net assets is a significant component of the short-term incentive award;
- We use two distinct long-term incentive vehicles PSUs and stock options/SARs/TSARs that vest over a number of years, thereby providing strong incentives for sustained operational and financial performance; and
- Our long-term incentive plan awards are made annually and have overlapping vesting and performance periods, such that
  at any one time multiple potential awards are affected by current year performance, thereby encouraging and rewarding
  sustained high levels of performance and maintaining executives' exposure to the risks of their decisions in the long-term.

### Share Ownership Requirements

We believe in the importance of our management team owning Common Shares to more fully align management with shareholder interests and we have significant share ownership requirements for all executive officers and share ownership guidelines for all management employees eligible to receive long-term incentives, which are monitored annually by the Human Resources Committee.

### Committee Discretion

- The Human Resources Committee and Board have discretion to adjust payouts under both the short-term incentive plan
  and the long-term incentive plan to reflect the core operating performance of the business and the level and type of risk
  taken to achieve results; and
- The incorporation of an individual performance rating, ranging from 0% to 200%, as a factor in the short-term incentive calculation enables the Human Resources Committee to direct a zero payout to any executive in any year if the individual executive did not perform well or engaged in activities that pose a financial, operational or other undue risk to the Company.

# Recoupment Policy

• The Company's Recoupment Policy applies to all employees, officers and directors. If the Board determines that, as a result of any gross negligence, fraud or other illegal behaviour: (1) the Company has had to restate its financial results; or (2) there is a determination that metrics used and which formed the basis of any employee incentive compensation were not in fact achieved, then the Board, in its sole discretion, can take such action as it deems to be in the best interests of the Company and necessary to remedy the misconduct and prevent its recurrence. Among other actions that it may take, the Board may, to the fullest extent permitted by law, seek to recover or require reimbursement of incentive performance and equity awards under any plan providing for incentive compensation, equity compensation or performance-based compensation. Recovery or reimbursement may include recoupment of money or shares, immediate forfeiture of unvested awards and cancellation of outstanding vested awards and may also apply to profits that may have been realized from the sale of securities.

# **Hedging Policy**

• The Company's Confidential Information and Trading in Securities Policy provides guidelines to employees with respect to the treatment of confidential information and advises insiders of the Company when it is permissible to trade securities of the Company. This policy also prohibits insiders, which include all of the Company's executive officers and directors, from purchasing financial instruments designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of the Common Shares or equity based incentive awards that they hold. Insiders are also prohibited from short selling the Company's securities, trading in put or call options on the Company's securities or entering into equity monetization arrangements related to the Company's securities.

### **Succession Planning and Leadership Development**

Developing talent is a strategic priority for the organization. In order to support our business strategy, we need a strong bench of internal candidates for every key leadership position. We have a robust succession and talent management program designed to build and preserve organizational capability and to minimize succession risk through the proactive identification, assessment and development of talent at all leadership levels, including the executive level, within the organization. The executive team discusses organizational talent on a regular basis and also conducts an in-depth talent review session each year where members of the global management team and other key talent from all levels in the organization are discussed and assessed. Development plans are put in place and tracked for all key talent and succession candidates from year-to-year.

We offer an integrated suite of customized global leadership development programs for all levels of leaders in the organization. The programs focus on the development of our core leadership competencies which include developing management skills and building business acumen, global business knowledge and cross cultural agility. These programs range in length from customized two-day workshops for our frontline leaders to cohort style programs for senior leaders delivered over an eight-month period. In addition to formal leadership development programs, we offer a custom coaching and mentoring program targeted at key talent to further accelerate their growth and development. We also support meaningful and varied on-the-job experiences and assignments to optimize both business performance and individual development. Every year, the Human Resources Committee reviews the progress made in developing current and future leaders through the succession and talent management program and leadership development programs, with particular focus on the executive officers and potential successors to executive officer roles. Management also conducts a talent management session with the Board annually to review the development plans of all potential succession candidates for executive roles. The Human Resources Committee and the Board are satisfied that well-qualified internal candidates exist or are being developed for all executive positions, including the President & CEO position.

# **Process for Determining Executive Compensation**

The Human Resources Committee is responsible for compensation matters with respect to executive officers, including the NEOs. The Human Resources Committee, as of the date of this Information Circular, consists of five members (Mr. Arnell, Mr. Cook, Mr. Mahaffy, Ms. Rennie and Ms. Walker), all of whom are independent directors. None of the members of the Human Resources Committee is, or was during the most recently completed financial year, an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; was formerly an officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or has any material interest, or any associates or affiliates that have a material interest, direct or indirect, in any actual or proposed transaction since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year that has materially affected or would materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

In 2017, two of the four members of the Human Resources Committee had direct experience with executive compensation through their previous executive positions and/or their service on human resources/compensation committees at other organizations. In their executive positions, members participated in compensation, benefits and related decisions; implemented or evaluated the design of the company's executive compensation programs; and gained experience in other areas of human resources, such as talent management, succession planning, performance management and performance-based compensation. In addition, the Human Resources Committee receives an annual update from Meridian Compensation Partners ("Meridian") on recent trends, regulatory changes and key issues regarding executive compensation and compensation governance and how they relate to the Company.

### **Committee Members**

- Mr. Arnell joined the Human Resources Committee as Chair effective January 1, 2018. He joined the Board in October 2016 and also serves on the Corporate Governance and Public Policy Committees. Mr. Arnell is the President and CEO of Helm Energy Advisors Inc., a private company he founded in March 2015 that provides advisory services to the global energy sector. Prior to founding Helm Energy, Mr. Arnell was the CEO of Golar LNG Ltd., a U.S. public company focused on the ownership and operation of LNG midstream floating assets. Prior to joining Golar LNG, Mr. Arnell held various senior positions in business units within the BG Group of companies from 2003 to 2010 and had responsibility for the Human Resources function. Mr. Arnell also serves on the board of Pembina Pipeline Corporation.
- Mr. Cook held a number of executive management positions during his 37 years at Dow Chemical. From 2003 to 2006, he managed a portfolio that included about one-third of Dow's businesses with over 10,000 employees on six continents. He was involved at an executive level with various human resources issues for these businesses, including compensation, workforce planning, employee development and talent management.
- Mr. Mahaffy was the Chief Executive Officer of McLean Budden between 1989 and 2008. Mr. Mahaffy has been a member
  of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board since 2009, was a
  member of the Human Resources Committee at Stelco between 1994 and 2006 and chaired that committee between 1997
  and 2001.
- Ms. Rennie, the Chair of the Human Resources Committee during 2017, was Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Organizational Effectiveness at EPCOR between 2004 and 2005. Ms. Rennie was a member and Chair of the Compensation Committee at Teck Resources from 2008 to 2015. She has been a member of the People and Compensation Committee at WestJet since 2011, a member of the Compensation Committee of West Fraser Timber since 2012, and was a member of the Corporate Governance, Compensation and Nominating Committee at Capital Power between 2009 and 2012.
  - As of January 1, 2018, Ms. Rennie stepped down as Chair, but remains on the Committee.
- Ms. Walker was the Vice President, Engineering & Technology for Dow Chemical between 2004 and 2010. Prior to that
  role, Ms. Walker held other senior positions with Dow Chemical and served on various management committees related
  to human resources programs.

As part of its mandate, the Human Resources Committee annually reviews and recommends to the Board for approval the remuneration of the Company's executive officers. The Human Resources Committee periodically reviews the levels of compensation for executive officers and obtains advice from independent consultants in that regard. A thorough competitive assessment was conducted by Willis Towers Watson in June 2017, with the previous assessment in May 2015. The competitive assessment was based on our comparator group companies (see next page). The Human Resources Committee relied on information provided in that report to inform their decisions related to 2018 compensation for the NEOs.

The Human Resources Committee also obtains the advice and recommendations of the CEO with respect to compensation matters pertaining to the Company's other executive officers. Willis Towers Watson and Meridian, from time to time, are retained to advise the Human Resources Committee on specific executive compensation matters raised by the Committee. However, the Human Resources Committee is ultimately responsible for its decisions and may employ factors and considerations other than the information and advice provided by compensation advisors. Both the Human Resources Committee and the Board have the ability to exercise discretion in awarding compensation.

Total compensation for executive officers includes base salary, short-term incentives, long-term incentives, perquisites and benefits. Total compensation is established to be competitive with the 50th percentile of the aggregate total compensation of organizations in a comparator group of companies. Base salaries only for executives located outside of North America may be adjusted based on local base salary data. The Human Resources Committee reviews the comparator group used to establish total compensation for executive officers. Given that the Company has no publicly traded peers in the methanol industry only, with input from Meridian in 2013, the Human Resources Committee selected a larger comparator group of 23 companies comprised of North American-based companies in the chemicals, mining and oil and gas industries with global operations, and, where possible, that operate in a commodity-based or cyclical business. We monitor the status of comparator companies on a regular basis with respect to mergers and/or acquisitions and changes are reflected in the year they take effect. Our current comparator group includes the following 19 companies of similar size, complexity and industry:

PolyOne Corp.

The Valspar Corp.

Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan\*

Sherritt International Corp.\*

Agrium\* Albemarle Corp. Ashland Inc. Baytex Energy Corp.\* Cabot Corp. Celanese Corp. Centerra Gold\*

Chemtura Corp. FMC Corp. Goldcorp Inc.\* IAMGOLD Corp.\*

International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. Westlake Chemical Corp. Koppers Holdings Inc.

Olin Corp.

denotes Canadian companies

# **Compensation Consultants**

The Chair of the Human Resources Committee approves the scope of all executive compensation work by independent consultants. The Human Resources Committee also has the responsibility under its mandate to consider independence factors before selecting such advisors.

The Human Resources Committee has retained Willis Towers Watson as independent advisors. Willis Towers Watson's mandate for executive compensation in 2017 included four items:

- 1. A bi-annual review and recommendations relative to market data with respect to the compensation mix and compensation levels for the CEO and other executive officers;
- 2. A "Look Back-Total Take" analysis assessing CEO pay in relation to shareholder returns over his tenure since 2013;
- 3. A review of the Company's long-term incentive plan design provisions; and
- 4. General executive compensation assistance.

Other services that Willis Towers Watson provides to the management of the Company include ongoing consulting and thirdparty administration services for executive supplemental retirement plans and employee pension plans and occasional non-executive compensation data and assistance. The Human Resources Committee and the Board are aware of, but do not pre-approve, these non-executive services requested by management. Willis Towers Watson's written mandate to the Human Resources Committee outlines Willis Towers Watson's role and terms of reference as the independent consultant to the Human Resources Committee. This includes confirmation that Willis Towers Watson has well-established safeguards to maintain the independence of its executive compensation consultants, which include compensation protocols, internal reporting relationships and formal policies to prevent any potential conflict of interest.

During 2017, the Human Resources Committee also retained Meridian to provide an update to the Human Resources Committee at its July 2017 meeting on recent trends related to executive compensation in North America, particularly with regard to compensation governance oversight, issues and processes. In addition, Meridian reviewed the Company's executive compensation practices from a governance perspective. Meridian provides consulting services only to the Human Resources Committee and only with respect to executive compensation, with approximate fees to the Company during 2017 of \$17,300 and during 2016 of \$26,600.

Total fees paid to Meridian and Willis Towers Watson over the past two years are listed in the table below.

	Executive Compensation Related Fees (\$)	Consulting and Third Party Administration Services Fees for Employee Pension Plans (\$)	Consulting and Third-Party Administration Services Fees for Executive Supplemental Retirement Plans (\$)	Non-Executive Compensation Related Fees <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Total All Other Fees (\$)	Total Fees (\$)
2017	171,039	102,527	43,298	25,221	171,046	359,430
2016	67,417	105,052	45,973	-	151,025	245,045

Non-Executive Compensation Related Fees in 2017 pertain to market data received from Willis Towers Watson with respect to director compensation.

# **Elements of Executive Compensation**

All amounts in this section "Elements of Executive Compensation" are in Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted.

The 2017 target executive compensation mix is illustrated in the table below.

		At Risk Payouts						
	Base Salary	Short- Term Options/ Incentive SARs/ Award TSARs		PSUs	Total Compensation "At Risk"			
CEO	18%	18%	32%	32%	82%			
All Other NEOs	30%	20%	25%	25%	70%			

All of the elements of executive compensation are summarized in the following table and described in more detail below.

Total Direct Compensation				Indirect Compensation			
Base Salary	Short-Term Incentive Award	Long-Term Incentives	+	Benefits	Retirement Plans		
Pay for role and capability	Pay for achievement of annual strategic performance goals	Pay for future performance and retention		Investment in employee health and well-being as well as perquisites	Investment in financial security after retirement		
	"At-Risk" Awards	"At-Risk" Payouts					

# Base Salary

Base salaries are intended to compensate executives competitively for leadership, specific skills, knowledge and experience required to perform their duties. Base salaries for executive officers are established within a salary range, the midpoint of which is targeted to be at the 50th percentile of the comparator group of companies. Base salaries for executives located outside of North America may be adjusted based on local base salary data. Initial placement within the salary range is based on qualifications and experience and salaries are reviewed annually. The initial placement and annual base salary review for the CEO is conducted by the Human Resources Committee. The Human Resources Committee may retain an external consultant to assist with this process. The CEO recommends to the Human Resources Committee for its approval the initial placement and annual salary reviews for all other executive officers, including the other NEOs. Over time, base salary can approach and may exceed the midpoint of the salary range based on an executive's experience, long term performance and the scope of the executive's role.

### Short-Term Incentive Plan

The Company's short-term incentive plan is designed to recognize and reward the achievement of strategic performance goals by executive officers with an annual cash award. The Board has determined that the short-term incentive award should be based on two components – corporate performance and individual performance – and that each component should be quantified and weighted for calculation purposes. The purpose of the corporate performance component is to align the interests of executive officers with an overall corporate performance measure to focus their efforts on achieving annual strategic corporate targets. The purpose of the individual performance component is to recognize each executive officer's individual contribution to certain annual strategic and operational business activities and initiatives.

The target award percentage is determined by the Board each year. For 2017, the target award was 100% of annual base salary for the CEO, 70% for the SVP, Finance & CFO, and 65% of annual base salary for the other three NEOs. The corporate performance component represents 70% of the potential overall award and the individual component represents 30% of the potential overall award. Short-term incentive awards can range from 0% to 200% of the target award based on a combination of individual performance and corporate performance.

### a) Corporate Performance Component

The corporate performance component is 70% of the potential overall award for all NEOs. For 2017, as in past years, the Board determined that the corporate performance component should be based on profitability, as measured by the Company's return on capital employed, modified to eliminate the distortion of accounting depreciation on new and depreciated assets ("Modified ROCE").

The short-term incentive plan provides for the following payout levels based on corporate performance results:

Corporate Performance Level	Corporate Factor Payout Level
Minimum performance is not achieved	0%
Minimum performance is achieved or exceeded, but target performance is not achieved	Less than 100%
Target performance is achieved or exceeded, but maximum performance is not achieved	Equal to or greater than 100%, but less than 200%
Maximum performance is achieved or exceeded	200%

The payout factor for performance between threshold, target and maximum is interpolated on a straight-line basis.

### **Modified ROCE**

The Board has reviewed a number of measures of profitability and has determined that Modified ROCE is a good measure to be used for evaluating corporate performance. Investing in large capital assets designed to run for long periods of time is a core element of our long-term business strategy. Modified ROCE measures the quality of returns to shareholders in a simple way that employees understand. In 2017, the Board established 13% Modified ROCE as the performance target, with break-even net income as the performance minimum and 19% as the performance maximum. Refer to the "Financial Highlights" section of our 2017 Annual Report for a more detailed definition of Modified ROCE. The Company's actual Modified ROCE in 2017 was 12.9%, resulting in a payout level of 99%, which means corporate performance was slightly below target level.

- The Company uses an enduring standard for setting the Modified ROCE target based on achieving a long-term return above the Company's weighted average cost of capital ("WACC"), thus ensuring that a target payout is achieved only when returns exceed the WACC. We believe that this is aligned with long-term shareholder value creation and reflects our shareholders' long-term performance expectations.
- The enduring standard we set for Modified ROCE does not take into account anticipated annual changes in commodity price or broader economic factors, which results in greater variability of payouts. We do not decrease our targets when Modified ROCE is expected to be lower in a given year because methanol prices are lower nor do we raise them when Modified ROCE is expected to be higher in a given year. We believe that our performance standards and payout levels should align with an appropriate level of return for shareholders, regardless of the shorter term economic conditions. This means that payouts will be low when our return is low, even if management has outperformed budget expectations. We believe this aligns the interests of our management directly with the interests of our shareholders.

- The Board reviews the threshold, target and maximum ROCE targets each year to ensure that they remain appropriate, primarily in light of our WACC, historical Modified ROCE results and the ROCE of our peer companies.
- The Modified ROCE target is set independently of our annual budgeting process, which allows the budget to focus on expected results in the particular conditions, while incentives focus on long-term shareholder value creation.
- The Board understands we are in a cyclical business and that our shareholders take a longer term view of their share ownership. The use of an enduring standard ensures that our management similarly takes a long-term view; they understand that payouts will be low when commodity prices are low, but that if they remain with the Company over the long-term, their annual incentives will likely average out to an appropriate level.

Over the last ten years, we have paid out below target five times, at target once, and above target four times, with Modified ROCE and payouts as follows:

Year	Modified ROCE	Corporate Factor Payout Level <sup>(1)</sup>
2008	14%	132%
2009	1%	56%
2010	8%	47%
2011	14%	149%
2012	12%	100%
2013	23%	200%
2014	16%	154%
2015	6%	48%
2016	0.4%	3%
2017	12.9%	99%

(1) Up to and including 2011, the corporate performance component accounted for 60% of the potential overall award (40% based on Modified ROCE performance and 20% based on other strategic financial or operational measures). Since 2012, Modified ROCE performance has been the singular corporate performance measure. Since 2014, the corporate performance component has accounted for 70% of the potential overall award for all NEOs.

# b) Individual Performance Component

The individual performance component is weighted at 30% of the potential overall award for all NEOs. All of our employees, including each of our executive officers, set annual individual performance goals that are aligned with the Company's overall strategic goals. The individual performance goals are designed to be challenging yet attainable. The annual individual performance goals of the CEO are approved by the Board and the CEO approves the annual individual performance goals for the Company's executive officers, including the other NEOs.

The Human Resources Committee assigns the CEO's individual performance rating, which is subsequently reviewed and approved by the Board. With respect to all other NEOs, the CEO assigns their individual performance ratings and such ratings are reviewed by the Human Resources Committee and approved by the Board. The individual performance component of the short-term incentive award is based on a number of measures for each executive, as summarized below.

# John Floren, President & CEO

Under Mr. Floren's leadership during 2017, the Company achieved record sales of over 10 million tonnes, record production volume and the highest Adjusted EBITDA in the Company's history. In addition to returning significant excess cash to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks, the Company also secured a contract for additional gas supply in Chile enabling the Company to commit to the restart of the Chile IV facility.

Based on the corporate and individual performance achieved in 2017, the Board awarded the CEO a short-term incentive award. The Human Resources Committee and Board considered his overall individual performance for 2017, which exceeded expectations, and assigned him an individual performance rating of 150%, which was approved at the March 2, 2018 Board meeting. The calculation of the short-term incentive award for the CEO is detailed in the table below.

Named Executive Officer	Corporate Performance Assessment (a)	Corporate Performance Weighting (b)	Individual Performance Assessment (c)	Individual Performance Weighting (d)	Overall Performance Result (a×b) + (c×d)	Short-Term Incentive Award Calculation <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)
John Floren	99%	70%	150%	30%	114%	1,025,000 x 100% x 114% = \$1,169,000

<sup>(1)</sup> The short-term incentive award calculation is (salary at December 31, 2017) × (short-term incentive target percentage) × (overall performance result), rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

### Ian Cameron, Senior Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Cameron is responsible for the global finance function, as well as oversight of our operations in Trinidad. During 2017, Mr. Cameron and his team in Trinidad delivered excellent production volume and enhanced site teamwork. In 2017, Mr. Cameron and his finance team amended and extended the Company's corporate credit facility, concluded an agreement with the lenders to the Egypt limited recourse debt facilities to enable shareholder distribution from the Egypt entity, facilitated the share buybacks and continued to deliver strong performance in people development while managing costs effectively. The Finance team delivered excellent financial management, a strong balance sheet and a balanced approach to capital allocation during 2017, allowing the Company to continue to focus on execution of its growth strategy in the years ahead.

### Vanessa James, Senior Vice President, Global Marketing & Logistics

Ms. James is responsible for global marketing and logistics activities, as well as oversight of our operations in New Zealand. Together with her team, Ms. James continued to enhance our market leadership position through a well-executed turnaround in our New Zealand operation. Other accomplishments included the achievement of record sales volume, strong Responsible Care performance across the Marketing & Logistics function, with receipt of the Association of International Chemical Manufacturers (AICM) award for achievement in Responsible Care in China, enhancement of our brand in China, expanding demand into emerging energy applications and continued global sales growth.

# Mike Herz, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development

Mr. Herz is responsible for all corporate development and new project activities and, in 2017, had oversight of our operations in Egypt. He and his team worked diligently to enhance plant performance and gas availability in Egypt, resulting in record production for that plant. He and his team also made steady progress in the development of new growth opportunities and led the continuing strong execution of the Company's corporate strategy.

# Wendy Bach, Senior Vice President, Corporate Resources

Ms. Bach was responsible for the Legal, Global Stakeholder Relations, Human Resources and Information Technology functions at the Company. During 2017, she and her team made significant progress in executing an effective global IT strategy, supporting a robust succession planning process, and effectively resolving a number of legal issues. In addition, the team executed an excellent workforce planning process and made solid progress on implementation of an internal coaching and mentoring program.

Based on the corporate and individual performance achieved in 2017, the Board awarded each NEO a short-term incentive award. The individual performance results for each of the NEOs exceeded expectations and the CEO assigned performance ratings for each of them in early 2018 that were subsequently reviewed by the Human Resources Committee and approved at the March 2, 2018 Board meeting. The same formula as shown earlier for the CEO is used to calculate incentives for the remaining NEOs, with the exception that the target award is 100% for the CEO, 70% for the Senior VP, Finance & CFO and 65% for the remaining NEOs.

# Long-Term Incentive Plan

The Company's long-term incentive plan is designed to retain talented executives, reward them for their contribution to the long-term successful performance of the Company and align their interests with those of long-term shareholders. All executive officers receive 50% of the value of their long-term incentive awards in PSUs and 50% in stock options/SARs/TSARs. In addition, each executive officer who is a Canadian tax resident may elect annually to receive 100%, 50% or 0% of his or her short-term incentive award as deferred share units (DSUs).

The long-term incentive plan was modified in 2010 to replace most stock options with either non-dilutive stand-alone SARs or TSARs. Shareholders approved this amendment to the Stock Option Plan at the 2010 annual general meeting. Due to a potential adverse personal tax impact for employees in some jurisdictions, employees in Belgium and Trinidad continue to receive stock options and employees in Canada receive TSARs. Employees in all other jurisdictions receive stand-alone SARs.

The Company operates within a cyclical industry and there are no publicly traded peer companies that operate in the methanol industry only. The Board is focused on ensuring a strong linkage between pay and actual Company performance and monitors the appropriateness and effectiveness of the plan design (including payout vehicle, target levels, target range and performance measures) on an ongoing basis, with the next formal review of the long-term incentive plan design to be completed during 2018 when performance measures, both absolute and relative, will be critically evaluated.

The annual grant of stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs is established at the February/March Board meeting and the grant date is the date of that Board meeting. The number of stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs granted to each eligible employee in any year is related to responsibility level and may be adjusted to retain key talent and for employees with longer-term potential for upward mobility. All management of the Company who are eligible for annual long-term incentive awards are subject to share ownership requirements or guidelines.

The target award percentage for all NEOs is determined by the Board each year based on competitive market data. For 2017, the target award for the CEO was 375% of base salary, 175% of base salary for the SVP, Finance & CFO and 160% of base salary for all other NEOs.

The 2017 long-term incentive plan has three components: stock options/SARs/TSARs, PSUs and DSUs.

# a) Stock Option/SARs/TSARs Plans

Under the stock option/SARs/TSARs plans, executive officers are eligible for grants of Company stock options/SARs/TSARs. Stock options/SARs/TSARs are granted by the Board on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee. The grant price is set equal to the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the day before the date of the grant and converted to US dollars using the Bank of Canada closing rate (previously the noon rate) on the day that the closing price is established. Stock options/SARs/TSARs expire seven years after their date of grant. In 2017, the Company increased the stock option reserve by 3,000,000 Common Shares.

Stock options/SARs/TSARs granted in 2017 represent 0.64% of the total number of outstanding Common Shares of the Company as at December 31, 2017 (1.14% at December 31, 2016 and 0.84% at December 31, 2015). The plans expressly prohibit the re-pricing of stock options or the exchange of underwater stock options for cash or other awards.

As mentioned above, all executive officers have received 50% of the value of their long-term incentive awards in stock options/SARs/TSARs and 50% in PSUs. In 2017, Mr. Floren received 116,000 TSARs, Mr. Cameron received 35,000 TSARS, while the other NEOs individually received between 24,000 and 26,000 TSARs or stand-alone SARs. The table below shows the number of stock options/SARs/TSARs granted in 2017 and 2016 and their ratio to outstanding shares as at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

	Stock Options/ SARs/TSARs Granted in 2017 (#)	Number of Stock Options/SARs/ TSARs Granted in 2017 as a Percentage of Outstanding Common Shares at Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Options/ SARs/TSARs Granted in 2016 (#)	Number of Stock Options/SARs/ TSARs Granted in 2016 as a Percentage of Outstanding Common Shares at Dec. 31, 2016 <sup>(2)</sup> (%)
CEO	116,000	0.138	196,000	0.218
NEOs (4 individuals, excluding CEO)	111,000	0.133	189,000	0.210
All other managers (approximately 140 individuals)	309,800	0.370	640,600	0.713
Total	536,800	0.641	1,025,600	1.142

- (1) The Company had 83,770,254 Common Shares outstanding as at December 31, 2017.
- (2) The Company had 89,824,338 Common Shares outstanding as at December 31, 2016.

### b) Performance Share Unit Plan

PSUs are notional shares credited to a "PSU Account." Additional PSUs corresponding to dividends declared on the Common Shares are also credited to the PSU Account. PSUs granted in any year will normally vest on December 31 in the 24th month following the end of the year in which the award was made. For example, PSUs awarded in March 2017 will vest on December 31, 2019, and at the time of vesting, a minimum of 25% to a maximum of 150% of total PSUs granted will vest depending on the Company's performance against predetermined criteria. All of the executive officers and other key management personnel are eligible to participate in the PSU Plan.

For PSUs, we currently use one performance measure, absolute Total Shareholder Return Compound Annual Growth Rate ("TSR CAGR"), which aligns with shareholder expectations and maintains a strong line of sight for employees. While a majority of our comparator group do include a relative metric that can help moderate the influence of the commodity price, the challenge for the Company is that it does not have a peer group of companies whose share prices are similarly closely correlated with the price of methanol. Measuring total shareholder return relative to companies that do not have exposure to the price of methanol could yield payout results that are driven by methanol prices and do not fully reflect operational performance. However, as part of the ongoing monitoring of the plan design, the next formal review will be completed in 2018 when performance measures, both absolute and relative, will be critically evaluated.

For PSUs granted in 2017, the performance criterion is TSR CAGR over the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 (the "Measurement Period"). TSR CAGR is calculated as the change (if any) in value of an initial hypothetical investment of USD \$100 in shares expressed as a percentage and determined on an annual and compounded basis over the Measurement Period, with dividends assumed to be reinvested.

The following table shows the TSR CAGR performance levels used to determine the number of PSUs that will actually vest based on the degree to which the TSR CAGR was achieved during the applicable Measurement Period. Starting in 2014, the performance measures and % of PSUs vesting are:

Performance Measure TSR CAGR	Vesting Scale Percentage of PSUs Vesting
Equal to or less than 8%	25%
12%	100%
Equal to or greater than 16%	150%

The payout factor for performance between threshold, target and maximum is interpolated on a straight-line basis. PSUs are designed to both focus management efforts on performance while retaining employees in down cycles.

The following table shows the actual vesting levels of PSUs that have vested since the PSU Plan was implemented.

PSU Grant Date (Feb/March)	PSU Vesting Date (December 31)	Actual Percentage of PSUs Vested
2007	2009	50%
2008	2010	50%
2009	2011	120%
2010	2012	120%
2011	2013	120%
2012	2014	120%
2013	2015	120%
2014	2016	25%
2015	2017	25%

In 2017, Mr. Floren received 32,000 PSUs, Mr. Cameron received 10,000 PSUs and the other NEOs each received 7,000 PSUs as part of their 2017 long-term incentive awards.

In general, following the vesting of the PSUs, an employee receives an amount of cash equal to one-half of the value of their vested PSUs (less withholding tax) and a number of Common Shares equal to one-half of the number of vested PSUs. These Common Shares are purchased on behalf of employees in the open market. Half of the outstanding PSUs held by an employee are considered when determining whether the individual is meeting share ownership requirements. PSUs do not entitle participants to any voting or other shareholder rights.

### c) Deferred Share Unit Plan

Under the DSU Plan, each executive officer who is a Canadian tax resident may elect annually to receive 100%, 50% or 0% of his or her short-term incentive award as DSUs. Such election must be made by the executive officer in mid-December of the fiscal year to which the award relates. The actual number of DSUs granted to an executive officer with respect to an executive officer's short-term incentive award is calculated in March of the following calendar year by dividing the dollar amount elected to the DSU Plan by the average daily closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the last 90 days of the prior calendar year.

A DSU account is credited with notional grants of DSUs received by each DSU Plan member. Additional DSUs are credited to DSU Plan members corresponding to dividends declared on the Common Shares. DSUs do not entitle a DSU Plan member to any voting or other shareholder rights. DSUs count towards the achievement of share ownership requirements.

DSUs held by executive officers are redeemable only after the date on which the executive officer's employment with the Company ceases or upon death ("Termination Date") and a lump-sum cash payment, net of any withholdings, is made after the executive officer chooses a valuation date. For DSUs granted after January 1, 2008, executive officers may choose a valuation date falling between the Termination Date and December 1st of the first calendar year beginning after the Termination Date, but the executive officer cannot choose a retroactive date. For DSUs granted prior to January 1, 2008, the valuation date chosen may fall on any date within a period beginning one year before the Termination Date and ending on December 1st of the first calendar year beginning after the Termination Date. The lump-sum amount is calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs held in the account by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the valuation date.

# **Benefits and Perquisites**

Benefits and perquisites for executive officers include participation in retirement plans, as well as benefits such as extended health and dental care, life insurance and disability benefits that are extended to all employees. Executive officers may also participate in the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan, in which all employees are eligible to participate. The Employee Share Purchase Plan allows all employees to regularly contribute up to 15% of their base salary into an account to purchase Common Shares. The Company contributes into the account an amount of cash equal to one-half of the employee's cash contribution to a maximum of 5% of base salary. The combined funds in the account are, on a semi-monthly basis, used to purchase Common Shares in the open market.

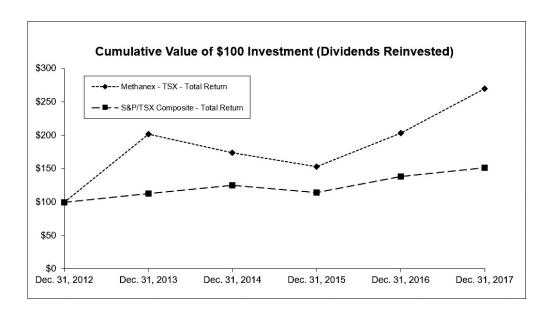
The Company also provides a single, fixed amount, taxable perquisite allowance for executives for financial planning, automobile, social club, health, fitness and household security in lieu of individual allowances for each perquisite.

# **Total Compensation Expense**

The total compensation expense as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table attributable to the NEOs was 0.5% of the Company's revenue in 2017.

#### Total Shareholder Return Comparison

The following graph compares the total cumulative shareholder return for \$100 invested in Common Shares on December 31, 2012 with the cumulative total return of the S&P/TSX Composite Index, for the five most recently completed financial years. All amounts in the following graph and table are in Canadian dollars.



	Dec. 31, 2013	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2015	Dec. 31, 2016	Dec. 31, 2017
Methanex Total Return <sup>(1)</sup>	\$202	\$174	\$153	\$204	\$270
S&P/TSX Composite Index Total Return	\$113	\$125	\$114	\$139	\$151

<sup>(1)</sup> For Total Return calculations, the graph reflects the total cumulative total shareholder return for \$100 invested on December 31, 2012 and dividends declared on Common Shares are assumed to be reinvested at the closing price on the dividend payment date.

### Trend in Total Shareholder Return Compared to Trend in Executive Compensation

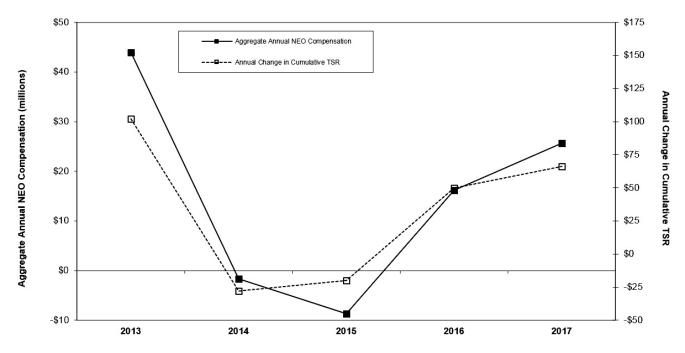
Aggregate NEO total compensation over the last five years is shown in the table below. NEO total compensation in 2017 (as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table) is 12% more than it was in 2013. Aggregate NEO total compensation increased by 2% from 2013 to 2014, decreased by approximately 11% from 2014 to 2015, increased by 6% from 2015 to 2016 and increased by 17% from 2016 to 2017.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
NEO Total Compensation (millions)	\$13.8	\$14.1	\$12.5	\$13.2	\$15.4

However, a comparison of NEO total compensation to the total cumulative shareholder return over a period of time does not accurately illustrate the linkages between NEO total compensation and total shareholder return. A more useful comparison is based on total compensation earned by the NEOs, including the impact of the change in value of previously granted stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs. The value of outstanding stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs varies based on the share price at the time of valuation.

The following graph illustrates the annual change in cumulative total shareholder return on a \$100 investment in the Company's Common Shares compared with the Aggregate Annual NEO Compensation (defined in footnote (1) below) of NEOs in each year of the five-year period ending on December 31, 2017 and demonstrates the close link between the two.

# Aggregate Annual NEO Compensation<sup>1</sup> and Annual Change in Cumulative TSR<sup>2</sup>



 Aggregate Annual NEO Compensation for each year is calculated by adding the realized compensation for all NEOs in such year and the total change in NEO unrealized compensation year over year.

Realized compensation is calculated by adding base salary, plus annual incentive earned in that year (and paid in the following year) as reported in the Summary Compensation Table plus the realized value for exercised stock options/SARs/TSARs and settled PSUs in that year.

The total change in unrealized compensation is the difference between the value of all outstanding stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs at December 31st of the current year and the value of all outstanding stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs at December 31 of the previous year. This also includes the difference between the actual proceeds the NEO received from exercised stock options/SARs/TSARs and/or settled PSUs in the current year and the value of those stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs at December 31st of the previous year.

Aggregate Annual NEO Compensation does not include changes in the value of Common Shares held. All executive officers are subject to share ownership requirements. See "Share Ownership Requirements" for more information.

(2) Annual Change in Cumulative TSR reflects the annual change in total cumulative shareholder return for \$100 invested in Common Shares over the five-year period beginning on December 31, 2012 as set out in the table under the heading "Total Shareholder Return Comparison" on page

For the purposes of this graph, the values for outstanding stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs are calculated using the Canadian dollar closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31st for each of the years included in this graph. The value of all outstanding stock options/SARs/TSARs at December 31st is calculated using the difference between the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on that date and the exercise price and number of outstanding stock options/SARs/TSARs on that date for each grant. The value of all outstanding PSUs at December 31st is calculated using the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on that date and the number of outstanding PSUs on that date.

The following tables detail the President & CEO's and all other NEOs' total realized compensation plus total unrealized compensation for each of the last five years as depicted in the above graph and as described in the footnotes to that graph.

СЕО	2013	2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	2016 <sup>(3)</sup>	2017 <sup>(4)</sup>
Realized Compensation					
Base Salary	750,250	844,750	932,000	951,000	1,006,500
Annual Incentive	1,508,000	1,470,000	751,000	447,000	1,169,000
Stock Options/SARs/TSARs: Value Realized on Exercise	1,372,052	1,691,888	2,330,903	589,528	5,044,905
PSUs: Value Realized on Settlement	583,967	703,359	762,442	2,794,808	371,178
<b>Total Realized Compensation</b>	4,214,269	4,709,997	4,776,345	4,782,336	7,591,583
<b>Unrealized Compensation</b>					
Change of Value of Outstanding In-the- Money Value of Stock Options/SARs/ TSARs at December 31 of each year	9,034,153	(5,243,624)	(4,802,034)	4,273,053	5,160,179
Change of Value of Outstanding PSUs at December 31 of each year	3,191,764	134,297	130,991	1,222,687	2,452,738
Total Change in Unrealized Compensation	12,225,917	(5,109,327)	4,671,043	5,495,740	7,612,917
CEO: Total Realized Compensation + Total Change in Unrealized Compensation	16,440,186	(399,330)	105,302	10,278,076	15,204,500

All Other NEOs - Aggregate	2013	2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015(2)	2016 <sup>(3)</sup>	2017 <sup>(4)</sup>
Realized Compensation					
Base Salary	1,717,750	1,751,000	1,791,500	1,778,000	1,861,250
Annual Incentive	1,656,000	1,570,000	746,000	543,000	1,533,000
Stock Options/SARs/TSARs: Value Realized on Exercise	7,287,752	1,918,480	3,713,489	1,463,376	2,322,546
PSUs: Value Realized on Settlement	1,422,246	1,834,300	1,948,781	2,249,050	390,399
<b>Total Realized Compensation</b>	12,083,748	7,073,780	8,199,770	6,033,426	6,107,195
<b>Unrealized Compensation</b>					
Change of Value of Outstanding In-the- Money Value of Stock Options/SARs/ TSARs at December 31 of each year	12,378,566	(7,495,217)	(7,905,691)	4,427,348	8,192,816
Change of Value of Outstanding PSUs at December 31 of each year	3,075,378	(837,727)	(898,880)	1,425,035	2,231,400
Total Change in Unrealized Compensation	15,453,944	(8,332,944)	(8,804,571)	5,852,383	10,424,216
All Other NEOs: Total Realized Compensation + Total Change in Unrealized Compensation	27,537,692	(1,259,164)	(604,801)	11,885,809	16,531,411
Aggregate NEOs: Total Realized Compensation + Total Change in Unrealized Compensation	43,977,878	(1,658,494)	(499,499)	22,163,885	31,735,911

<sup>(1)</sup> The decrease in total realized and unrealized compensation from 2013 to 2014 was mainly attributable to the decrease in share price.

<sup>(2)</sup> The increase in total realized and unrealized compensation from 2014 to 2015 was mainly attributable to the value received upon exercise of stock options offset by lower short-term incentive awards.

- (3) The increase in total realized and unrealized compensation from 2015 to 2016 was mainly attributable to the increase in share price and an increase in the number of long-term incentive units.
- (4) The increase in total realized and unrealized compensation from 2016 to 2017 was mainly attributable to the increase in share price and short-term incentive payments.

# Stress-Testing CEO Compensation

While annual compensation awards made to the CEO are based on current year corporate and individual performance, the ultimate value from long-term incentive plan awards is linked to, and dependent upon, the Company's ability to replicate and sustain successful annual performance over the longer term.

In 2017, Willis Towers Watson conducted a look-back total take analysis for the current CEO, reflecting the approximate four-year period from his appointment on January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2017. The analysis found that the relationship between shareholder value created and the CEO's total-take is reasonable. The analysis also found that the Company has outperformed the S&P/TSX Composite Index, S&P 500 as well as the median of the Company's compensation peer group in terms of change in shareholder value.

### Share Ownership Requirements

Each executive officer is required to own Common Shares having a value equal to, in the case of the CEO, at least five times annual base salary and, in the case of each of the other executive officers, at least three times annual base salary. Half of the value of PSUs and the full value of DSUs held by an executive officer are considered when determining whether executives are meeting their share ownership requirements. Executive officers are expected to use the cash proceeds (if any) from the exercise of stock options/SARs/TSARs or the vesting of PSUs to achieve their share ownership requirement. Executive officers are expected to make steady progress toward meeting these requirements and the full requirements must be met within five years from the date each individual became an executive officer. All other management of the Company who are eligible to receive long-term incentives are subject to share ownership guidelines appropriate to the level of their position.

The following table summarizes the relationship between the share ownership position of each of the NEOs and the share ownership requirement applicable to each of them as at December 31, 2017.

Named Executive Officer	Minimum Ownership Requirement (as Multiple of Base Salary)	Common Shares Beneficially Owned or over Which Control or Direction is Exercised (Units)	Value of Shares (\$)	PSUs Held (50% of Balance) (Units)	Value of 50% of PSUs (\$)	DSUs Held (Units)	Value of DSUs (\$)	Total Holdings (Units)	Value of Total Holdings (incl 50% of PSUs Held) (\$)	Ownership Requirement Achieved (as Multiple of Base Salary <sup>(1)</sup> )
John Floren	5 times	66,227	4,388,201	54,277	3,596,394	-	_	120,504	7,984,595	7.8 times
Ian Cameron	3 times	30,427	2,016,093	15,247	1,010,266	46,390	3,533,062	92,064	6,559,421	12.1 times
Vanessa James	3 times	30,957	2,051,211	12,125	803,403	_	_	43,082	2,854,614	6.2 times
Mike Herz	3 times	33,481	2,218,451	12,125	803,403	_	_	45,606	3,021,854	6.6 times
Wendy Bach	3 times	26,224	1,737,602	12,125	803,403		_	38,349	2,541,005	5.9 times

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on \$66.26 per Common Share, being the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX for the 90-day period ending December 31, 2017. The multiple shown demonstrates the extent to which the requirement has been achieved and is based on the respective 2017 base salary.

#### **Shareholder Feedback on Executive Compensation**

If you are a shareholder and you wish to provide feedback to the Chair of our Human Resources Committee on the Company's approach to executive compensation as described in this Information Circular, you may do so through a webbased survey that can be found in the Investor Relations section of our website at www.methanex.com. See "Shareholder Survey on Executive Compensation" on page 25 for more information.

### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

All amounts in this section "Statement of Executive Compensation" are in Canadian dollars except where otherwise noted.

# **Summary Compensation**

The following table sets forth a summary of compensation earned during the last three years by the Company's NEOs.

### **Summary Compensation Table**

					Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)				
Name and Principal Position	Year	Base Salary (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Share-Based Awards (\$) (2)	Option- Based Awards (\$) (3)	Annual Incentive Plans <sup>(4)</sup>	Long- Term Incentive Plans	Pension Value (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>	Total Compensation (\$)
John Floren	2017	1,006,500	2,148,800	2,146,759	1,169,000	_	221,430	277,991	6,970,480
President & CEO	2016	951,000	2,086,650	2,098,539	447,000	_	208,580	254,184	6,045,953
	2015	932,000	1,806,220	1,749,810	751,000	_	205,040	253,952	5,698,022
Ian Cameron	2017	530,000	671,500	647,729	488,000	_	99,110	184,956	2,621,295
Senior VP, Finance &	2016	500,000	602,810	610,289	153,000	_	90,110	171,591	2,127,800
CFO	2015	497,500	416,820	481,198	237,000	_	87,560	161,235	1,881,313
Vanessa James	2017	457,250	470,050	481,170	341,000	_	46,346	183,993	1,979,809
Senior VP, Global	2016	449,000	463,700	471,101	137,000		47,678	113,642	1,682,121
Marketing & Logistics	2015	445,500	416,820	481,198	172,000	_	45,186	112,940	1,673,644
Mike Herz	2017	451,500	470,050	481,170	386,000	_	81,947	109,411	1,980,078
Senior VP, Corporate	2016	426,000	463,700	471,101	130,000		76,679	96,650	1,664,130
Development	2015	422,750	416,820	481,198	172,000	_	74,404	106,246	1,673,418
Wendy Bach	2017	422,500	470,050	444,157	318,000	_	76,684	114,734	1,846,125
Senior VP,	2016	403,000	463,700	471,101	123,000		72,505	110,587	1,643,893
Corporate Resources	2015	399,000	416,820	481,198	155,000		70,224	109,811	1,632,053

- (1) Values in this column reflect base salary from January 1st to December 31st each year. Salary increases are effective from April 1st of each year.
- (2) This column reflects the grant date fair value of PSUs granted to NEOs as long-term incentive awards. At the time of vesting, a minimum of 25% to a maximum of 150% PSUs will vest depending on the Company's performance against predetermined criteria. For PSUs granted in 2017, the performance criterion is the compound annual growth rate in total shareholder return ("TSR CAGR") over the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019. The grant date fair value shown in this column is calculated by multiplying the total number of PSUs awarded by the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the day before the PSUs were granted (2017: \$67.15; 2016: \$46.37; 2015: \$69.47). This valuation methodology is different than the accounting fair value. In calculating the accounting fair value, the Company used a binomial pricing model to assign a probability weighted average total shareholder return factor that determines the number of PSUs that would be included in the valuation in accordance with the PSU Plan. The accounting fair value, as calculated by the binomial pricing model on the grant date, is: 2017: CEO USD \$401,360, CFO USD \$125,425 and each Senior VP USD \$87,798; 2016: CEO USD \$389,138, CFO USD \$112,418 and each Senior VP USD \$86,475; 2015: CEO USD \$361,790, CFO and each Senior VP USD \$83,490.
- (3) This column reflects the grant date fair value of stock options/SARs/TSARs received by NEOs as long-term incentive awards. The value shown is calculated by multiplying the number of stock options/SARs/TSARs granted by the Canadian dollar exercise price at the time of the grant by the Black-Scholes valuation factor (2017: exercise price = \$67.15 Black-Scholes valuation factor = 27.56; 2016: exercise price = \$46.37 Black-Scholes valuation factor = 23.09; 2015: exercise price = \$69.47 Black-Scholes valuation factor = 20.99). This value is the same as the accounting fair value of the full grant, but is not adjusted by the vesting schedule. The actual exercise price of stock options under the Stock Option/SARs/TSARs Plan is the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the day before the stock options/SARs/TSARs were granted (the Canadian dollar exercise price), converted to US dollars based on the Bank of Canada closing rate of exchange on that day (previously the noon rate).
- (4) These annual incentive payments are reported in the year in which they were earned, not in the year in which they were actually paid. They are paid in cash and/or DSUs in the year following the year in which they are earned. All NEOs elected to be paid in cash in each of the past three years. No NEOs elected to convert their annual incentive payment to DSUs as permitted under the terms of the DSU Plan.
- (5) The amounts shown for Messrs. Floren, Cameron, Herz and Ms. Bach include the Company's pension contributions both to the Company's regular defined contribution pension plan in Canada and its supplemental defined contribution retirement plan in Canada. Due to US tax rules for US tax residents, Mr. Floren's supplemental retirement plan balances are held notionally and, at retirement, will be paid as a lump sum from general revenues. The amount for Ms. James is the Company's pension contribution to the Company's regular defined contribution pension plan in New Zealand.

- (6) The amounts shown represent:
- For Mr. Floren: the Company's contributions to the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan, the value of additional PSUs corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares (2017: \$161,030 (2,568 units); 2016: \$139,998 (3,085 units); 2015: \$139,174 (2,541 units)), perquisite allowance (2017: \$66,000; 2016: 66,000; 2015: \$66,000) and other miscellaneous items.
- For Mr. Cameron: the Company's contributions to the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan, the value of additional PSUs corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares (2017: \$45,236 (722 units); 2016: \$37,192 (820 units); 2015: \$30,406 (555 units)), the value of additional DSUs corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares (2017: \$68,834 (1,077 units); 2016: \$64,263 (1,424 units); 2015: \$60,756 (1,133 units)), perquisite allowance (2017: \$57,000; 2016: \$57,000; 2015: \$57,000) and other miscellaneous items.
- For Ms. James: the Company's contributions to the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan, the value of additional PSUs corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares (2017: \$35,973 (574 units); 2016: \$32,801 (723 units); 2015: \$33,343 (609 units)), perquisite allowance (2017: \$57,000; 2016: \$57,000; 2015: \$57,000); relocation payments related to annual leave and long service; and other miscellaneous items.
- For Mr. Herz: the Company's contributions to the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan, the value of additional PSUs corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares (2017: \$35,973 (574 units); 2016: \$32,801 (723 units); 2015: \$33,343 (609 units)), perquisite allowance (2017: \$57,000; 2016: \$57,000; 2015: \$57,000) and other miscellaneous items.
- For Ms Bach: the Company's contributions to the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan, the value of additional PSUs corresponding to dividends declared on Common Shares (2017: \$35,973 (574 units); 2016: \$32,801 (723 units); 2015: \$30,406 (555 units)), perquisite allowance (2017: \$57,000; 2016: \$57,000; 2015: \$57,000) and other miscellaneous items.

Where no amount is stated in this footnote in respect of a particular perquisite, the amount does not exceed 25% of the total value of all perquisites for the NEO disclosed in the table. In all years, no NEO spent 25% or more of the value of his or her perquisite allowance on any one perquisite. The amounts shown do not include payments made on settlement of PSUs granted in a prior year. Payments made on settlement of PSUs are reported in the table entitled "Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards" found below.

#### **Incentive Plan Awards**

The following table sets forth information concerning outstanding option-based awards and share-based awards (PSUs) held by the NEOs as at December 31, 2017.

### **Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards**

			Op	tion-Based Awa	rds		Sha	re-Based Awa	ırds
	Year	Securities Underlying Unexecised Options / SARs/TSARs	Options / SAR / TSAR Exercise Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Options / SAR / TSAR Expiration	Vested Options / SARs / TSARs at Year End	Value of Unexercised In-the- Money Options / SARs / TSARs <sup>(2)</sup>	Shares or Units That Have Not Vested	Market or Payout Value of Share- Based Awards That Have Not Been Vested (3)	Market or Payout Value of Vested Share-Based Award Not Paid Out or Distributed <sup>(4)</sup>
Name	Granted	(#)	(USD \$)	Date	(#)	(\$)	(#)	(\$)	(\$)
John	2017	116,000	50.17	Mar 2, 2024	_	1,533,721	32,775	624,045	
Floren	2016	196,000	34.59	Mar 3, 2023	65,333	6,422,302	47,577	905,868	
	2015	120,000	55.66	Mar 5, 2022	80,000	760,144			518,424
	2014	99,000	73.13	Mar 6, 2021	99,000	_			
	2013	_	38.24	Mar 7, 2020	_	_			
	2012	39,000	31.73	Mar 1, 2019	39,000	1,417,834			
Ian	2017	35,000	50.17	Mar 2, 2024	_	462,761	10,242	195,014	
Cameron	2016	57,000	34.59	Mar 3, 2023	19,000	1,867,710	13,744	261,695	
	2015	33,000	55.66	Mar 5, 2022	22,000	209,039			119,636
	2014	24,000	73.13	Mar 6, 2021	24,000	_			
	2013	36,000	38.24	Mar 7, 2020	36,000	1,014,765			
	2012	39,000	31.73	Mar 1, 2019	39,000	1,417,834			

		Opti	on-Based A	wards			Sha	are-Based Aw	vards
	Year	Securities Underlying Unexercised Options / SARs/TSARs	Options / SAR / TSAR Exercise Price (1)	Options / SAR / TSAR Expiration	Vested Options / SARs / TSARs at Year End	Value of Unexercised In-the- Money Options / SARs / TSARs (2)	Shares or Units That Have Not Vested	Market or Payout Value of Share- Based Awards That Have Not Been Vested (3)	Market or Payout Value of Vested Share-Based Award Not Paid Out or Distributed <sup>(4)</sup>
Name	Granted	(#)	(USD \$)	Date	(#)	(\$)	(#)	(\$)	(\$)
Vanessa	2017	26,000	50.17	Mar 2, 2024	_	343,765	7,170	136,510	
James	2016	44,000	34.59	Mar 3, 2023	14,667	1,441,741	10,573	201,304	
	2015	33,000	55.66	Mar 5, 2022	22,000	209,039			119,636
	2014	24,000	73.13	Mar 6, 2021	24,000	_			
	2013	39,000	38.24	Mar 7, 2020	39,000	1,099,329			
	2012	_	31.73	Mar 1, 2019	_	_			
Mike	2017	26,000	50.17	Mar 2, 2024	_	343,765	7,170	136,510	
Herz	2016	44,000	34.59	Mar 3, 2023	14,667	1,441,741	10,573	201,304	
	2015	33,000	55.66	Mar 5, 2022	22,000	209,039			119,636
	2014	24,000	73.13	Mar 6, 2021	24,000	_			
	2013	39,000	38.24	Mar 7, 2020	39,000	1,099,329			
	2012	9,900	31.73	Mar 1, 2019	9,900	359,912			
Wendy	2017	24,000	50.17	Mar 2, 2024	_	317,322	7,170	136,510	
Bach	2016	44,000	34.59	Mar 3, 2023	14,667	1,441,741	10,573	201,304	
	2015	33,000	55.66	Mar 5, 2022	22,000	209,039			121,051
	2014	24,000	73.13	Mar 6, 2021	24,000	_			
	2013	12,000	38.24	Mar 7, 2020	12,000	338,255			
	2012	_	31.73	Mar 1, 2019	_	_			

- (1) For the purposes of this column, the US dollar exercise price represents the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the day prior to the date of the grant converted to US dollars at the Bank of Canada closing (previously noon) rate of exchange on that day. One-third of the stock options/SARs/TSARs are exercisable beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant, one-third beginning on the second anniversary of the date of the grant and the final third beginning on the third anniversary of the date of the grant. If the stock options/SARs/TSARs are unexercised, they will expire, in the ordinary course, seven years after the date of their grant.
- (2) This column reflects the in-the-money value of outstanding vested and unvested stock options/SARs/TSARs. The closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017 was \$76.16. For the purposes of this column, the US dollar exercise price of any stock option has been converted to Canadian dollars at the Bank of Canada closing (previously noon) rate of exchange on December 31, 2017.
- (3) This column reflects the value of outstanding unvested PSUs and includes dividend equivalent PSUs credited since the date of the original PSU grant. PSUs provide for different payouts depending on achievement of a target compounded annual growth rate of total shareholder return over a three-year period. The minimum payout is 25% of the vested PSU balance. The value shown is based on this minimum payout and is calculated using the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017, being \$76.16.
- (4) This column reflects the settlement value of PSUs granted in 2015, including dividend equivalent PSUs in respect thereof that vested on December 31, 2017. During 2017, Mr. Floren, Mr. Cameron, Ms. James and Mr. Herz elected to settle such vested PSUs in cash only. The cash settlement value of such vested PSUs is based on the weighted average closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX during the 15 trading days prior to December 31, 2017 (\$73.53). Ms. Bach's vested 2015 PSUs will be settled according to the general provisions of the PSU Plan whereby she will each receive an amount of cash equal to one-half the value of her vested PSUs (less withholding tax) and a number of Common Shares equal to one-half the number of vested PSUs. These Common Shares were purchased on behalf of employees on the open market between January 15 and February 2, 2018. The cash settlement value (\$73.53) is described above and the share settlement value (\$75.27) is the weighted average purchase price of the Common Shares purchased between January 15 and February 2, 2018. The closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017, the vesting date of the 2015 PSUs, was \$76.16. Based on the TSR CAGR achieved, the number of 2015 PSUs that vested was 25% of each individual's 2015 PSU balance as at December 31, 2017. The number of PSUs for each NEO in respect of vested 2015 PSUs was as follows: Mr. Floren: 7,051 PSUs; Mr. Cameron: 1,627 PSUs; Mr. Herz: 1,627 PSUs; Ms. James: 1,627 PSUs; and Ms. Bach: 1,627 PSUs. The 2015 PSUs will be settled on March 16, 2018.

DSUs vest immediately upon grant; however, they may not be redeemed until retirement or upon death. The following table shows the total number of outstanding DSUs and their value (calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs by \$76.16, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on December 31, 2017) for all NEOs as at December 31, 2017.

NEO (*)	Outstanding DSUs as at Dec. 31, 2017	Value of Outstanding DSUs as at Dec. 31, 2017
Ian Cameron	46,390	\$ 3,533,062

<sup>(\*)</sup> Mr. Floren and Ms. James do not currently participate in the DSU Plan due to tax implications and/or residency requirements. Mr. Herz and Ms. Bach are eligible to participate in the DSU Plan but do not currently hold any units.

The following table sets forth information concerning the value vested or earned upon the vesting of stock options/SARs/TSARs, share-based awards (PSUs and DSUs) and the short-term incentive award during 2017. The values shown were calculated as at the vesting date. Also included is the actual value realized upon the exercise of stock options during 2017.

# Incentive Plan Awards – Value Vested or Earned during the Year

Name	Option-Based Awards - Value Vested During the Year <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Option-Based Awards - Value Realized at Exercise <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Share-Based Awards - Value Vested During the Year <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation - Value Earned During the Year <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)
John Floren	1,286,124	5,044,905	518,424	1,169,000
Ian Cameron	374,026	829,853	188,470	488,000
Vanessa James	288,722	465,517	119,636	341,000
Mike Herz	288,722	230,458	119,636	386,000
Wendy Bach	288,722	796,718	121,051	318,000

- (1) The value shown in this column is calculated by multiplying the number of stock options that vested in 2017 by the difference between the exercise price, converted to Canadian dollars from US dollars at the Bank of Canada closing (previously noon) rate of exchange on the vesting date, and the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX on the vesting date.
- (2) This amount represents, in respect of all Common Shares acquired during 2017 on exercise of stock options/SARs/TSARs, the difference between the market value of such shares at the time of exercise and the exercise price. The exercise price is denominated in US dollars and has been converted to Canadian dollars using the foreign exchange rate at the time of the exercise and provided to the stock option administrator, Solium Capital, by Solium's stockbroker.
- (3) The value shown in this column includes: (a) the settlement value of PSUs granted in 2015, including dividend equivalent PSUs in respect thereof, that vested on December 31, 2017; and (b) the value of dividend equivalent DSUs received during the year. The settlement value of such PSUs is fully described in footnote (4) of the "Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards" table. Mr. Floren and Ms. James do not currently participate in the DSU Plan due to tax implications and/or residency requirements. The value of DSU dividend equivalents is based on the market price on the day they were granted, which is also the vesting date. DSUs vest immediately upon grant; however, they may not be redeemed by the NEO until the NEO ceases to be an employee.
- (4) The value shown in this column is the annual incentive payment included in the Summary Compensation Table.

# **Retirement Plans**

The Company has established registered defined contribution retirement plans that provide an annual Company contribution equal to 7% of annual base salary in the Canadian plan and 10% of annual base salary in the New Zealand plan. Contributions are made to a retirement account and invested according to a selection of investment vehicles made by the NEO. At retirement, funds in the account may be used to purchase an annuity or they can be transferred to a life income fund or a locked-in registered retirement savings plan. No NEOs are members of a defined benefit retirement plan. All NEOs participate in a defined contribution plan.

Canadian income tax legislation places limits on the amount of retirement benefits that may be paid from the registered retirement plan. NEOs resident in Canada participate in a defined contribution supplemental retirement plan that provides benefits in excess of what is provided under the registered plan. Benefits are provided without regard to Canadian income tax limits on the maximum benefit payable and are paid net of any benefit payable under the registered plan. Supplemental plan contributions are based on earnings defined as base salary plus the target short-term incentive award and provide NEOs with an annual contribution equal to 11% of earnings less any contributions made to the registered plan. The Canadian defined contribution supplemental retirement plan was fully funded as of December 31, 2006 and remains fully funded on an accounting basis as of December 31, 2017 for all members who are Canadian tax residents. The supplemental plan funds are invested in a single fund with Leith Wheeler and represent an asset on the balance sheet. At retirement, funds in the member's account may be paid as a lump sum or paid as a 10-year monthly annuity. These payments would be made from the supplemental plan investment account, not from general revenue. Due to US tax rules for US tax residents, Mr. Floren's supplemental retirement plan balances are held notionally and, at

retirement, will be paid as a lump sum from general revenue. No NEOs are members of any defined benefit supplemental retirement plan.

The following table shows the change in value of the defined contribution registered retirement plan and defined contribution supplemental retirement plan benefits for the NEOs.

### **Defined Contribution Plan Table (Registered and Supplemental Plans)**

Name	Accumulated Value at Start of Year (\$)	Compensatory <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Non-Compensatory <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Accumulated Value at Year-End (\$)
John Floren	1,900,445	221,430	149,381	2,271,256
Ian Cameron	2,175,331	99,110	193,127	2,467,568
Vanessa James	286,792	46,346	74,338	407,476
Mike Herz	1,023,795	81,947	113,290	1,219,031
Wendy Bach	586,331	76,684	62,423	725,439

- (1) The amounts include the Company's pension contributions to both the Company's regular defined contribution pension plan and to the Company's supplemental defined contribution retirement plan. For Ms. James, the amounts include the Company's pension contributions to the Company's regular defined contribution pension plan in New Zealand. The Company's pension contributions are also reported in the "Pension Value" column of the Summary Compensation Table.
- (2) The amounts include regular investment earnings or losses on pension contributions. Employee contributions are not permitted in the Canadian pension plans.

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

The Company has entered into employment agreements with each of the NEOs that provide them with certain rights in the event of involuntary termination of employment or a "Change of Control" of the Company. A "Change of Control" occurs when:

- more than 40% of voting shares of the Company are acquired by an outsider;
- a majority change in the Board occurs;
- all or substantially all of the assets of the Company are sold to an outsider; or
- a majority of directors determines that a change in control has occurred.

Change of Control benefits are granted to motivate executive officers to act in the best interests of the Company's shareholders in connection with a Change of Control transaction by removing the distraction of post Change of Control uncertainties faced by the executive officers with regard to their continued employment and compensation. The employment agreements with the NEOs provide for a "double trigger" for grants of stock options/SARs/TSARs. A "double trigger" means that early vesting of stock options/SARs/TSARs requires the occurrence of both (1) a Change of Control and (2) either termination of the NEO's employment or an adverse material change in the NEO's employment status within 24 months following such Change of Control. The Company believes that "double trigger" Change of Control compensation for stock options/SARs/TSARs is consistent with market practices and is attractive in maintaining continuity and retention of executive officers. Severance benefits stated in the employment agreements are appropriate because both the Company and the executive officer have a mutually agreed upon severance package that is in place prior to any termination event.

The following table shows the provisions in the employment agreements of the NEOs as at December 31, 2017 in the event of a termination of employment.

	Resignation <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Retirement <sup>(2)</sup>	Termination Without Cause <sup>(1)</sup>	Change of Control and Termination within 24 months <sup>(1)</sup>	Termination for Cause
Termination Payment	No payment	No payment	CEO: 2.0 x Termination Amount Other NEOs: 1.5 x Termination Amount Termination Amount = (annual salary + short- term incentive target + compensation for pension and various other Company benefits)	CEO: 2.0 x Termination Amount Other NEOs: 2.0 x Termination Amount  Termination Amount  Termination Amount  Termination Amount  1 = (highest annual salary during last three years + the average of last three years' short-term incentive award + any other cash compensation awards + pension and other  Company benefits) + legal and professional fees and expenses	No payment
Short-Term Incentive Plan	Forfeits eligibility under the plan if resignation is before end of plan year (no prorated awards)	Eligible based on corporate and individual performance and prorated to active service in plan year	Forfeits eligibility if termination is before end of plan year (no prorated awards)	Forfeits eligibility if termination is before end of plan year (no prorated awards)	Forfeits eligibility
Stock Options/SARs/TSARs	90 days to exercise vested stock options/ SARs/TSARs; forfeits unvested stock options/ SARs/TSARs	Stock options/SARs/ TSARs continue to vest in the normal course and are exercisable to the expiry date	90 days to exercise vested stock options/ SARs/TSARs; forfeits unvested stock options/ SARs/TSARs	Vest immediately (upon occurrence of both Change of Control and Termination within 24 months) and are exercisable to expiry date (subject to privatization)	90 days to exercise vested stock options/ SARs/TSARs; forfeits unvested stock options/ SARs/TSARs
Performance Share Units	Payment of all vested units; forfeits unvested units	Units continue to vest in the normal course and are settled upon vesting	Payment of all vested units; forfeits unvested units	Immediate vesting and payment of all units (upon Change of Control only)	Payment of all vested units; forfeits unvested units
Deferred Share Units	Payment of all vested units				
Registered Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	Payment of account balance				
Supplemental Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	Payment of account balance				
Other Company Benefits			Forfeits eligibility		

- (1) Under the employment agreements, an executive officer is required to give three months' written notice of his or her resignation and the Company is required to give three months' written notice of termination.
- (2) Under the long-term incentive plans, retirement is defined as (a) the employee has been continuously employed by the Company for a minimum of five years; (b) the employee has notified the Company of his or her intended termination of employment at least 30 days in advance; and (c) the employee has attained 55 years of age. If the employee meets all of these criteria, his or her voluntary termination is considered a retirement. If the employee does not meet all of these criteria, his or her voluntary termination is considered a resignation.
- (3) The table reflects the Termination Amount for all currently employed NEOs other than Mr. Cameron who has grandfathered provisions in his executive agreement that provide for the inclusion of the value of his long-term incentives in the calculation of the Termination Amount in the event of a Change of Control and termination within 24 months. His termination payment is equal to (a) 2.0 times his most recent compensation (highest annual salary during the last three years plus the average of the value of the last three years' short-term incentive awards and long-term incentive awards) and (b) compensation for pension and other Company benefits he would have received over a 24-month period, plus all legal and professional fees and expenses. For all other NEOs Mr. Floren, Ms. James, Mr. Herz, and Ms. Bach the value of long-term incentive awards is not included as part of the calculation of the Termination Amount. Employment agreements for any new executive officers in the future will not include the value of long-term incentives in the calculation of the Termination Amount.

Where there is either a termination or Change of Control event, each NEO must adhere to restrictions on his or her competitive activities, solicitation of business and hiring away for a period of one year after the termination of his or her employment. All NEOs have also signed a confidentiality undertaking that restricts their use of confidential information acquired during their employment with the Company both during their employment and subsequent to the termination of their employment. All NEOs are subject to the Recoupment Policy, which is more fully described on page 39.

### **Example of NEO Termination Benefits on Change of Control**

Based on the foregoing formulas, the following table shows the benefits that the NEOs would have been entitled to if a Change of Control with termination or termination without cause event had occurred on December 31, 2017.

	Chang			
Name	Termination Payment (\$)	Value of Early Vested Options and Share- Based Awards <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Total (\$)	Termination without Cause (\$)
John Floren	4,419,742	7,653,373	12,073,115	4,891,742
Ian Cameron	4,403,730	2,289,597	6,693,327	1,715,624
Vanessa James	1,747,842	1,695,021	3,442,863	1,434,381
Mike Herz	1,790,420	1,695,021	3,485,441	1,447,316
Wendy Bach	1,645,724	1,668,578	3,314,302	1,354,568

(1) This column reflects the value of early vested stock options/SARs/TSARs and unvested PSUs, including dividend equivalent PSUs received. Early vesting of stock options/SARs/TSARs requires that both (a) a Change of Control occurs and (b) either termination of the NEOs employment or the NEO suffers an adverse material change in employment status. All unvested PSUs vest at the time of a Change of Control. For greater clarity, the value of stock options/SARs/TSARs and PSUs that vested on or before December 31, 2017, in accordance with the terms of the plans, are not included in this column.

The amounts in this table do not include the value of outstanding DSUs to which the NEO is entitled, regardless of the reason for the termination of employment. The number of outstanding DSUs and their value is shown in the table included in footnote (4) to the "Outstanding Option-Based Awards and Share-Based Awards" table.

### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

No director or officer of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, and no associate of any such director, officer or proposed nominee, at any time during the most recently completed financial year, has been indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or had indebtedness to another entity that is, or has been, the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than, in each case, "routine indebtedness" (as defined under applicable securities laws) or which was entirely repaid before the date of this Information Circular.

# DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Company carries insurance that includes coverage for the benefit of the directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries arising from any claim or claims made against them, jointly or severally, during the policy period, by reason of any wrongful act, as defined in the policy, in their respective capacities as directors or officers. The policy also insures the Company and its subsidiaries in respect of any amount the Company or any of its subsidiaries is permitted or required to pay to any of its directors or officers as reimbursement for claims made against them in their capacity as a director or officer.

The insurance provides USD \$120,000,000 coverage, inclusive of costs, charges and expenses, subject in the case of loss by the Company or its subsidiaries to a deductible of USD \$500,000 (USD \$1,000,000 for securities claims). There is no deductible in the case of loss by a director or officer. However, the limits of coverage available in respect of any single claim may be less than USD \$120,000,000, as the insurance is subject to an annual aggregate limit of USD \$120,000,000.

The cost of this insurance for the current policy year is USD \$808,500.

#### PART V OTHER INFORMATION

### NORMAL COURSE ISSUER BID

On March 6, 2017, the Company announced a normal course issuer bid (the "2017 Bid") authorizing the Company to purchase up to 4,492,141 Common Shares, representing approximately 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at March 6, 2017. The 2017 Bid commenced on March 13, 2017, with purchases being made on the open market through the facilities of the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

On July 26, 2017, the Company announced an amendment to the 2017 Bid which increased the number of Common Shares that may be purchased from 4,492,141 to 6,152,358, representing 10% of the public float as at March 6, 2017. The amended 2017 Bid commenced on August 1, 2017, with purchases being made on the open market through the facilities of the TSX. The Company completed the 2017 Bid in October 2017 when 6,152,358 Common Shares had been purchased.

Shareholders of the Company may obtain, without charge, a copy of the Company's notice to the TSX of its intention to make a normal course issuer bid upon request to the Corporate Secretary of the Company.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table provides information as at December 31, 2017 with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance.

	Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights <sup>(1)</sup> (b)	Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)
Plan Category	(#)	(\$)	(#)
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	2,306,030	58.27	3,953,471
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	_	_	_
Total	2,306,030	58.27	3,953,471

<sup>(1)</sup> The exercise prices of all outstanding options are denominated in US dollars. However, for the purposes of this column, the exercise prices have been converted to Canadian dollars using the Bank of Canada closing rate of 1.2545 on December 29, 2017, the last trading day of the year.

There is no compensation plan under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance that was adopted without the approval of securityholders.

# **Stock Option Plan**

The Company has a Stock Option Plan pursuant to which the Board may from time to time in its discretion grant to officers and other employees of the Company and its subsidiaries options to purchase unissued Common Shares. The Stock Option Plan was amended on April 27, 2017 to authorize the issuance of an additional 3,000,000 Common Shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options issued thereunder, which amendment was approved by the shareholders of the Company at the Company's annual and special meeting on April 27, 2017. Under the terms of the Stock Option Plan, the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued from and after April 27, 2017 is 6,304,155 (representing approximately 7.5% of the Company's 83,770,254 outstanding Common Shares on a non-diluted basis as at December 31, 2017). Options may not be granted to non-management directors under the Stock Option Plan.

The following table sets out the total number of Common Shares that may be issued from and after December 31, 2017 pursuant to stock options granted under the Stock Option Plan, the number of Common Shares potentially issuable pursuant to stock options outstanding and unexercised under the Stock Option Plan, and the remaining number of Common Shares available to be issued pursuant to stock options granted from and after the date of this Information Circular.

Common Shares Issuable under Stock Option Plan from and after December 31, 2017		Common Shares Issuable pursuant to Outstanding Unexercised Options as at December 31, 2017		Common Shares available for Future Issuance pursuant to Options granted fro and after December 31, 2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	
(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)
6,259,501	7.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,306,030	$2.8^{(2)}$	3,953,471	4.7 <sup>(2)</sup>

- (1) This assumes all outstanding unexercised options will ultimately be exercised in full.
- (2) Approximate percentage of the Company's 83,770,254 outstanding Common Shares on a non-diluted basis as at December 31, 2017.

The maximum number of Common Shares that may be reserved for issuance to, or covered by any option granted to, any single person may not exceed the lower of 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares or the maximum number permitted by the applicable securities laws and regulations of Canada or of the United States or any political subdivision of either, and the by-laws, rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other trading facility upon which the Common Shares are listed or traded, as the case may be. In addition, the maximum number of Common Shares issued to insiders of the Company pursuant to options under the Stock Option Plan within any one-year period, or issuable to insiders of the Company pursuant to options under the Stock Option Plan at any time, must not, when combined with all of the Company's other security-based compensation arrangements, exceed 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding securities. Apart from these restrictions, there is no maximum number or percentage of securities under the Stock Option Plan available to insiders of the Company or which any person is entitled to receive under the Stock Option Plan.

The Company's annual burn rate, as described in Section 613(p) of the TSX Company Manual, was 0.62% in fiscal 2017, 1.14% in fiscal 2016 and 0.83% in fiscal 2015. The burn rate is calculated by dividing the number of stock options/SARs/TSARs granted under the Stock Option Plan during the applicable fiscal year divided by the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding for that year and is subject to change from time to time, based on the number of stock options/SARs/TSARs granted and the total number of Common Shares issued and outstanding.

The exercise price for each option granted under the Stock Option Plan is the price fixed for such option by the Board, which may not be less than the "fair market value" of the Common Shares on the date the option is granted. The "fair market value" for this purpose is deemed to be the US dollar equivalent of the closing price of a Common Share on the TSX on the most recent day preceding the particular date upon which Common Shares were traded on the TSX. The US dollar equivalent is determined by using the US dollar/Canadian dollar daily noon rate<sup>(1)</sup> as published by the Bank of Canada on the day the closing price is established.

The Stock Option Plan provides for the issuance of Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") in tandem with stock options. Under the terms of the Stock Option Plan, a tandem SAR entitles the holder to surrender the related option granted under the Stock Option Plan and to receive a cash amount equal to the excess of the "fair market value" over the "grant price" of the related option, net of any applicable withholding taxes and other required source deductions. The Stock Option Plan defines grant price for this purpose as the US dollar equivalent of the closing price of a Common Share on the TSX on the most recent day preceding the grant date upon which Common Shares were traded on the TSX. The US dollar equivalent of the closing price shall be calculated using the US dollar/Canadian dollar daily noon rate<sup>(1)</sup> as published by the Bank of Canada on the same day that the closing price is established for the grant date. "Fair market value" means the closing price of a Common Share on the NASDAQ on the most recent day preceding the exercise date upon which Common Shares were traded on the NASDAQ. SARs may be granted under the Stock Option Plan in an amount equal to the number of Common Shares covered by each option. Each exercise of a SAR in respect of a Common Share covered by a related option terminates the option in respect of such share. Unexercised SARs terminate when the related option is exercised or the option terminates. The Stock Option Plan also provides that Common Shares subject to any option surrendered on exercise of a related SAR will be credited to the Company's share reserve and will be available for future options granted under the Stock Option Plan. Since it is anticipated that most option holders will exercise their related SAR, it is likely that the need for further increases in the number of Common Shares reserved for options will be reduced.

<sup>(1)</sup> The Bank of Canada ceased reporting noon rates of exchange as of March 2017. Since that time, the Bank of Canada's closing rates of exchange for converting US/Canadian share prices has been used.

Subject to certain limitations contained in the Stock Option Plan, options (and tandem SARs) may be granted upon and subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as the Board may from time to time determine with respect to each option (and related tandem SAR), including terms regarding vesting. The Common Shares subject to any option may be purchased at such time or times after the option is granted as may be determined by the Board. Pursuant to the provisions of the Stock Option Plan, options (and related tandem SAR), must expire on an expiry date no later than seven years from the day the option was granted except that, subject to the right of the Board in its discretion to determine that a particular option (and related tandem SAR) may be exercisable during different periods, in respect of a different amount or portion or in a different manner:

- a. in the case of death of an optionee prior to the expiry date, the option (and related tandem SAR) will vest immediately and will be exercisable prior to the earlier of (i) the date that is one year from the date of death and (ii) the expiry date;
- b. in the case of disability of the optionee prior to the expiry date, the option (and related tandem SAR) shall vest immediately and will be exercisable until the expiry date;
- c. in the case of termination of the optionee's employment by reason of (i) retirement where the optionee is not less than 55 years of age, the optionee has been employed by the Company for at least five years, and the optionee provides the Company with written notice of their retirement at least 30 days prior to the retirement date or (ii) circumstances that the Board, in its discretion, determines constitute a "major divestiture or disposition of assets, facility closure or major downsizing" (which determination shall be conclusive and binding on all parties concerned), the option (and related tandem SAR) will continue to vest in accordance with its terms and will be exercisable until the expiry date;
- d. if the optionee ceases, for any other reason, to be an officer or employee of the Company or of a subsidiary of the Company prior to the expiry date, the option (and related tandem SAR) will be exercisable prior to the earlier of (i) the date which is 90 days from the date the optionee ceases to be an officer or employee and (ii) the expiry date; and
- e. Where an option expires or ceases to be exercisable during a blackout period during which trading in Company securities is restricted in accordance with the policies of the Company or its affiliates, or within the ten business days immediately after a blackout period, the expiry date for the option (and related tandem SAR) shall become a date that is ten days after the last day of the blackout period.

Since 2005, all options have been granted on the following basis: one-third of the options granted are exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of the grant, a further third on the second anniversary of the date of the grant and the final third are exercisable on the third anniversary of the date of the grant. Options expire, in the ordinary course, seven years after the date of their grant. As described above, unexercised SARs terminate when the related option is exercised or the option expires.

Unexercised options (and related tandem SARs) may be exercised up to their stated expiry date provided that nothing shall preclude the compulsory acquisition of such options (or related tandem SARs) at their fair market value in the event of a going private transaction effected pursuant to the amalgamation, arrangement or compulsory acquisition provisions of the CBCA or successor legislation thereto. No option (or related tandem SAR) may be transferable or assignable otherwise than by will or the laws of succession and distribution.

Approval by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the votes cast by the shareholders voting (excluding, to the extent required pursuant to any applicable stock exchange rules or regulations, votes of securities held by insiders benefiting from the amendment) is required for the following amendments to the Stock Option Plan or options granted under it:

- 1. an increase in the number of Common Shares that can be issued under the Stock Option Plan, including an increase to the fixed maximum number of securities issuable under the Stock Option Plan, either as a fixed number or a fixed percentage of the Company's outstanding capital represented by such securities;
- 2. a reduction in the exercise price or purchase price of outstanding options (including a cancellation of an outstanding option for the purpose of exchange for reissuance at a lower exercise price to the same person);
- 3. an extension of the expiry date of an option or amending the Stock Option Plan to permit the grant of an option with an expiry date of more than seven years from the day the option is granted;
- 4. an expansion of the class of eligible recipients of options under the Stock Option Plan that would permit the reintroduction of non-management directors;
- 5. an expansion of the transferability or assignability of options (including any tandem SARs connected therewith), other than to a spouse or other family member; an entity controlled by the option holder or spouse or family member; an RRSP or RRIF of the option holder, spouse or family member; a trustee, custodian or administrator acting on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the option holder, spouse or family member; any person recognized as a permitted assign in such circumstances in securities or stock exchange regulatory provisions; or for estate planning or estate settlement purposes;

- 6. any amendment of the Stock Option Plan to increase any maximum limit of the number of securities:
  - (a) issued to insiders of the Company within any one-year period, or
  - (b) issuable to insiders of the Company at any time;

which may be specified in the Stock Option Plan, when combined with all of the Company's other security-based compensation arrangements, to be in excess of 10% of the Company's total issued and outstanding securities, respectively;

- 7. if the Stock Option Plan has a fixed maximum number of securities issuable, the addition of any provision that allows for the exercise of options without cash consideration, whether the option holder receives the intrinsic value in the form of securities from treasury or the intrinsic value in cash, which does not provide for a full deduction of the underlying Common Shares from the maximum number issuable under the Stock Option Plan or, if the Stock Option Plan does not have a fixed maximum number of securities issuable, the addition of any provision that allows for the exercise of options without cash consideration where a deduction may not be made for the number of Common Shares underlying the options from the Stock Option Plan reserve; and
- 8. a change to the amendment provisions of the Stock Option Plan;

provided that shareholder approval will not be required for increases or decreases or adjustment to the number of Common Shares subject to the Stock Option Plan, deliverable upon the exercise of any option or subject to SARs, or adjustment in the exercise price for shares covered by options and the making of appropriate provisions for the continuance of the options (and related tandem SARs) outstanding under the Stock Option Plan to prevent their dilution or enlargement in accordance with the section or sections of the Stock Option Plan that provide for such increase, decrease, adjustments or provisions in respect of certain events, including the subdivision or consolidation of the Common Shares or reorganization, merger, consolidation or amalgamation of the Company, or for the amendment of such section or sections.

The Board has authority (without shareholder approval required) to make other amendments to the Stock Option Plan or any option (and related tandem SAR) relating to:

- 1. clerical or administrative changes (including a change to correct or rectify an ambiguity, immaterial inconsistency, defective provision, mistake, error or omission or clarify the Stock Option Plan's provisions or a change to the provisions relating to the administration of the Stock Option Plan);
- 2. changing provisions relating to the manner of exercise of options (or related tandem SAR), including changing or adding any form of financial assistance provided by the Company to participants or, if the Stock Option Plan has a fixed maximum number of securities issuable, adding provisions relating to a cashless exercise that provides for a full deduction of the underlying Common Shares from the maximum number issuable under the Stock Option Plan;
- 3. changing the eligibility for and limitations on participation in the Stock Option Plan (other than amendments of the Stock Option Plan to increase any maximum limit of the number of securities that may be issued or issuable to insiders that may be specified in the Stock Option Plan or the reintroduction of participation by non-management directors);
- 4. changing the terms, conditions and mechanics of grant, vesting, exercise and early expiry of options (or related tandem SARs);
- 5. changing the provisions for termination of options so long as the change does not permit the Company to grant an option (and related tandem SAR) with an expiry date of more than seven years or extend an outstanding option's expiry date;
- 6. additions, deletions or alterations designed to respond to or comply with any applicable law or any tax, accounting, auditing or regulatory or stock exchange rule, provision or requirement or to allow option holders to receive fair and equitable tax treatment under any applicable tax legislation; and
- certain changes to provisions on the transferability of options (and related tandem SARs) that do not require shareholder approval as described above.

No amendment of the provisions of the Stock Option Plan or any option may, without the consent of the optionee, adversely affect or impair any options previously granted to an optionee under the Stock Option Plan.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Shareholder proposals to be considered at the 2019 annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company must be received at the principal executive offices of the Company no later than December 1, 2018 to be included in the Information Circular and form of proxy for such annual meeting.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is on SEDAR at <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the Company's website at <a href="www.methanex.com">www.methanex.com</a>. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") for the most recently completed financial year.

The Company will provide to any person or company, without charge to any securityholder of the Company, upon request to the Corporate Secretary of the Company, copies of the Company's comparative consolidated financial statements and MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2017, together with the accompanying auditor's report and any interim consolidated financial statements of the Company that have been filed for any period after the end of the Company's most recently completed financial year. Submit your request to:

Methanex Corporation Kevin Price General Counsel and Corporate Secretary 1800 Waterfront Centre 200 Burrard Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 3M1

Telephone: 604 661 2600 Facsimile: 604 662 2602

If a registered holder or beneficial owner of the Company's securities, other than debt instruments, requests the Company's annual or interim financial statements or MD&A, the Company will send a copy of the requested financial statements and MD&A (provided it was filed less than two years before the Company receives the request) to the person or company that made the request, without charge.

Pursuant to National Instrument 51-102, the Company is required to send a request form to registered holders and beneficial owners of the Company's securities, other than debt securities, that such registered holders and beneficial owners may use to request a copy of the Company's annual financial statements and MD&A, interim financial statements and MD&A, or both. Registered holders and beneficial owners should review the request form carefully. In particular, registered holders and beneficial owners should note that, under applicable Canadian securities laws, the Company is only required to deliver the financial statements and MD&A to a person or company that requests them. Failing to return a request form or otherwise specifically requesting a copy of the financial statements or MD&A from the Company may result in a registered holder or beneficial owner not being sent these documents. Copies of these documents can also be found at www.sedar.com and the Company's website at www.methanex.com.

# APPROVAL BY DIRECTORS

The contents and the sending of this Information Circular have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia this 2nd day of March, 2018.

KEVIN PRICE

GENERAL COUNSEL & CORPORATE SECRETARY

# SCHEDULE A

# METHANEX CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

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### 1. OBJECT OF THESE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The Board of Directors of Methanex Corporation (the "Company") has adopted these Corporate Governance Principles as it is responsible for providing the foundation for a system of principled goal-setting, effective decision-making and ethical actions, with the objective of establishing a vital corporate entity that provides value to the Company's shareholders.

# 2. CODE OF ETHICS

All directors, officers and employees are expected to display the highest standard of ethics. The Company has a Code of Business Conduct to establish guidelines for ethical and good business conduct by directors, officers and employees and the Code shall include guidance regarding conflicts of interest, protection and proper use of corporate assets and opportunities, confidentiality, fair dealing with third parties, compliance with laws and the reporting of illegal or unethical behaviour. The Board, through both the Audit, Finance & Risk Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee, shall monitor compliance with the Code and annually review the Code's contents.

### 3. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The business of the Company is conducted by its employees, managers and officers, under the direction of the President and Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") and the stewardship and supervision of the Board of Directors.

The Board's mandate is to oversee and provide policy guidance on the business and affairs of the Company, which includes;

- monitoring overall corporate performance;
- overseeing compensation and succession planning for, and performance of, executive officers, including the appointment and performance of the CEO;
- adopting a strategic planning process and approving, at least annually, a strategic plan that takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risks of the business;
- evaluating the integrity of, and overseeing the implementation of, the Company's management information systems and internal controls and procedures;
- identifying and overseeing the implementation of systems to manage the principal risks of the Company's business;
- overseeing the implementation of appropriate disclosure controls, including a communication policy for the Company;
- developing the Company's approach to corporate governance; and
- to the extent feasible, satisfying itself as to the integrity of the CEO and other executive officers and that the CEO and executive officers create a culture of integrity throughout the organization.

### 4. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

# Act in best interests

The primary responsibility of each director is to:

- a) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the Company; and,
- b) exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

### **Participation**

Directors are expected to prepare for, attend, and participate in meetings of the Board and the committees of which they are members. Directors will maintain the confidentiality of the deliberations and decisions of the Board and information received at meetings, except as may be specified by the Chairman or if the information is publicly disclosed by the Company.

#### **Performance**

Performance as a director is the main criterion for determining a director's ongoing service on the Board. To assist in determining performance, each director will take part in an annual performance evaluation process that shall include both a peer and self-evaluation and a confidential discussion with the Chairman.

# **Ongoing Education**

Directors are encouraged to attend seminars, conferences, and other continuing education programs to help ensure that they stay current on relevant issues such as corporate governance, financial and accounting practices and corporate ethics. From time to time, the Corporation will arrange for site visits and other special presentations intended to deepen the directors' familiarity with the Company and its affairs.

### 5. BOARD LEADERSHIP

#### Selection of Chairman and CEO

The Board elects its Chairman and appoints the Company's CEO. As a general principle, the Board believes that the Chairman and the CEO should not be the same person.

# **Lead Independent Director**

In order to ensure independent Board leadership, the Board is committed to having either an independent Chairman or a Lead Independent Director. If the Chairman is not independent, the independent directors on the Board (please refer to Exhibit A for definition of independent director) shall select from among themselves a Lead Independent Director.

Either the Chairman or the Lead Independent Director, as applicable, shall chair regular meetings of the independent directors and assume other responsibilities described in the Terms of Reference for the Chairman or the Lead Independent Director (as applicable) or which the Corporate Governance Committee may designate.

# 6. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

### Criteria for Board membership

The Corporate Governance Committee will review each year the credentials of candidates to be considered for nomination to the Board. The objective of this review will be to maintain a composition of the Board that provides a satisfactory mix of skills and experience. This review will include taking into account the desirability of maintaining diversity (as described below) while also maintaining common characteristics such as personal integrity, achievement in individual fields of expertise and a willingness to devote necessary time to Board matters. The Corporate Governance Committee will recommend to the Board the action to be taken to effect changes in incumbent directors if, in the opinion of the Committee after discussion with the Chairman and the CEO, such changes are deemed appropriate.

## **New directors**

The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying new candidates to be recommended for election to the Board and is also responsible for establishing criteria for the selection of new directors and conducting all necessary inquiries into their backgrounds and qualifications and making recommendations to the full Board.

# **Diversity**

The Company has implemented a Diversity Policy that recognizes the importance of diversity, including gender diversity, at all levels of the Company including the Board. The Policy identifies three key diversity attributes:

- 1) experiential (education, business and functional experience);
- 2) demographic (age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, geography); and
- 3) personal (personality, interests, values).

These diversity attributes are factored into the recruitment and decision making process when new Board appointments are made. When engaging external search consultants to identify future candidates for Board roles, such consultants are requested to take full account of all aspects of diversity in preparing their candidate list and are asked to provide a diverse and balanced slate where possible. Ultimately, appointments are based on merit, measured against objective criteria.

# **Majority voting**

The Company has implemented a majority voting policy which provides that any nominee for election as a director at an Annual General Meeting for whom the number of votes withheld exceeds the number of votes cast in his or her favour, is deemed not to have received the support of shareholders even though duly elected as a matter of law.

### Orientation

The Company will provide new directors with an orientation to the Company, its management structure and operations, the industry in which the Company operates, and key legal, financial and operational issues. An information package will be provided that will include information about the duties of directors, the business of the Company, documents from recent Board meetings, information regarding corporate governance and the structure and procedures of the Board and its committees. New directors will also be provided with an opportunity to meet senior management and other directors and to tour the Company's operations.

# **Board composition**

The Company's bylaws provide for the directors to establish the number of directors to sit on the Board within a broad minimum/maximum range. The directors are to determine a size of Board large enough to provide experiential, demographic and personal diversity, yet small enough to allow for efficient operation and decision-making. The Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews the size of the Board and recommends any changes it determines appropriate. The Board is to be composed of a substantial majority of independent directors.

### Directors who change their occupation

Directors who retire or otherwise leave or change their employment, should not necessarily leave the Board. In this circumstance, the Corporate Governance Committee shall review the appropriateness of a director's continued service on the Board. When continued service does not appear appropriate, the director may be asked to stand down.

#### **Director Tenure**

The Directors are elected by the shareholders at every Annual General Meeting. The term of office of each director shall expire at the close of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders following that at which he or she was elected.

The Company has implemented a Director Tenure Policy. This Policy recognizes that continuity on the Board is an asset and is essential to an effective and well-functioning Board. However, the Company also values board renewal and believes it is critical to ensuring a high performing board over the long-term. Additionally, the Company recognizes the value in turnover of Board membership as it provides an ongoing input of fresh ideas and new knowledge.

The Director Tenure Policy does not include cumulative term limits or a mandatory retirement age for directors. Instead, the Policy outlines the processes the Company has in place to effectively manage board renewal, such as annual evaluations and developing and annually reviewing a long-term board succession plan.

# Other Board memberships

Whether service on other boards is likely to interfere with the performance of a director's duties to the Company depends on the individual and the nature of their other activities. The Board believes that the commitment required for effective membership on the Company's Board is such that directors are to consult with the Chairman and the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee prior to accepting an invitation to serve on another board.

### 7. BOARD COMPENSATION

Directors are required to devote significant time and energy to the performance of their duties. To attract and retain able and experienced directors, they are to be compensated competitively. The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing the compensation and benefits of directors and making a recommendation to the Board. Directors who are employees of the Company receive no additional compensation for service on the Board.

Director compensation consists of cash and share-based long-term incentives. The cash portion will be comprised of an annual retainer and may be supplemented by other fees. The long-term incentives will normally be structured so as to vest over time because time-based vesting assists in retaining the continued services of directors and aligning their actions with long-term shareholder interests.

### 8. SHARE OWNERSHIP

The Company shall establish Company share ownership requirements for directors and executive officers. Other managers of the Company will have share ownership guidelines. These requirements and guidelines help to more closely align the economic interests of these individuals with those of other stockholders.

# 9. ASSESSING THE BOARD'S PERFORMANCE

The Board and each Board committee will conduct an annual self-evaluation. The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing these evaluations and reporting their results to the Board. The purpose of these reviews is to contribute to a process of continuous improvement in executing the responsibilities of the Board and its committees.

All directors are encouraged to make suggestions on improving the practices of the Board and its committees at any time and to direct those suggestions to the Chairman or the appropriate committee Chair.

### 10. BOARD'S INTERACTION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

It is the function of management to speak for the Company in its communications with the investment community, the media, customers, suppliers, employees, governments and the general public, and the Board shall ensure that the Company has systems in place to receive feedback from stakeholders. If comments from the Board are appropriate, they should, in most circumstances, come from the Chairman. If shareholders or other stakeholders communicate with the Chairman or other directors, management will be informed and consulted in order to formulate the appropriate response.

### 11. MEETING PROCEDURES

### Scheduling of Board meetings and selection of agenda items

The Board holds approximately six regular Board meetings each year. The Chairman and the CEO, in consultation with the Corporate Secretary, develop the agenda for each Board meeting. Directors are encouraged to suggest items they would like to have considered for the meeting agenda.

#### Board materials distributed in advance

Information supporting Board meeting agenda items is to be provided to directors approximately seven days before the meeting. Such materials should focus attention on the critical issues to be considered by the Board.

# Non-directors at Board meetings

The Chairman shall ensure those Company officers and other members of management who attend Board meetings (1) can provide insight into the matters being discussed and/or (2) are individuals with high potential who the directors should have the opportunity to meet and evaluate. Management should consult with the Chairman if it proposes that any outside advisors attend a Board meeting.

# Sessions of independent directors

Every in-person Board meeting shall be accompanied by an independent directors' session at which no executive directors or other members of management are present. The object of the session is to ensure free and open discussion and communication among the non-executive, independent directors. The Chairman (or the Lead Independent Director if the Chairman is not independent) shall chair such meetings. If the Lead Independent Director chairs such meetings, he or she shall regularly advise the Chairman of the business of such meetings.

# 12. COMMITTEE MATTERS

#### **Committee structure**

The Board, through the Corporate Governance Committee, shall constitute such committees as it determines necessary and as may be required by law. Each committee will have its own mandate that shall set forth the committee's responsibilities, structure and procedure.

The current committee structure and the performance of each committee are to be reviewed annually by the Corporate Governance Committee.

# Assignment of directors to committees

The Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for proposing to the Board the individuals who will be the Chair and members of each committee on an annual basis. In preparing its recommendations, the Committee will consult with the Chairman and the CEO and take into account the preferences of the individual directors.

Committee assignments should be based on the director's knowledge, interests and areas of expertise. The Board believes experience and continuity are more important than rotation and that directors should only be rotated if doing so is likely to improve Committee performance or facilitate the work of the Committee.

# Frequency and length of committee meetings

Each committee Chair will develop that committee's meeting agenda through consultation with members of the committee, management and the Corporate Secretary. The Chair of each committee will determine the schedule of meetings of that committee based upon an annual work plan designed to discharge the responsibilities of the committee as set out in its mandate.

# 13. BOARD RELATIONSHIP TO SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Directors have complete access to the Company's senior management.

The Board also encourages directors to make themselves available for consultation with management outside Board meetings to provide counsel on subjects where such directors have special knowledge and experience.

#### 14. ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND ENGAGEMENT OF ADVISORS

The Board and each committee shall have the resources and authority appropriate to discharge their duties and responsibilities. This shall include the power to hire outside advisors without consulting or obtaining the approval of management in advance. Any individual director who wishes to engage an outside advisor should review the request with the Chairman.

# 15. EVALUATION AND SUCCESSION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

# Performance evaluation of the CEO

The Board, through the Human Resources Committee, will annually review the CEO's performance as measured against mutually agreed goals and objectives. This review will also be used in establishing the CEO's annual compensation.

### Performance evaluation and succession planning of executive officers

The Board, through the Human Resources Committee, will annually review the performance and compensation packages of the officers of the Company who report directly to the CEO and any other officer whose compensation is required to be publicly disclosed and will also annually review the succession plan for the CEO and the executive officers.

### 16. REVIEW OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The Corporate Governance Committee shall review these Corporate Governance Principles periodically and report to the Board any recommendations it may have for their amendment.

# **EXHIBIT A to the Methanex Corporate Governance Principles**

"Independent Director" means a person other than an Executive Officer or employee of the Company or any other individual having a relationship which, in the opinion of the Company's board of directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. For purposes of this rule, "Family Member" means a person's spouse, parents, children and siblings, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, or anyone residing in such person's home. The following persons shall not be considered independent:

(A) a director who is, or at any time during the past three years was, employed by the Company;

- (B) a director who accepted or who has a Family Member who accepted any compensation from the Company in excess of \$120,000 during any period of twelve consecutive months within the three years preceding the determination of independence, other than the following:
  - a. compensation for board or board committee service;
  - b. compensation paid to a Family Member who is an employee (other than an Executive Officer) of the Company; or
  - c. benefits under a tax-qualified retirement plan, or non-discretionary compensation.
- (C) a director who is a Family Member of an individual who is, or at any time during the past three years was, employed by the Company as an Executive Officer;
- (D) a director who is, or has a Family Member who is, a partner in, or a controlling Shareholder or an Executive Officer of, any organization to which the Company made, or from which the Company received, payments for property or services in the current or any of the past three fiscal years that exceed 5% of the recipient's consolidated gross revenues for that year, or \$200,000, whichever is more, other than the following:
  - a. payments arising solely from investments in the Company's securities; or
  - b. payments under non-discretionary charitable contribution matching programs.
- (E) a director of the Company who is, or has a Family Member who is, employed as an Executive Officer of another entity where at any time during the past three years any of the Executive Officers of the Company serve on the compensation committee of such other entity; or
- (F) a director who is, or has a Family Member who is, a current partner of the Company's outside auditor, or was a partner or employee of the Company's outside auditor who worked on the Company's audit at any time during any of the past three years.