



AURIZON MINES LTD.

Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee Charter

I. Statement of Principles

Aurizon is committed at all times to take into consideration the environment, health, safety and welfare of the communities in which it has operations, development and exploration activities and to strive to be legally compliant, and economically, environmentally, socially and ethically responsible.

Aurizon believes in the philosophy of sustainable development – development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

II. Mandate

The Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee (or the “Committee”), under the supervision of the Board, shall have overall responsibility for overseeing the development and implementation of policies and procedures for ensuring a safe, healthy work environment and sustainable development.

In assessing and making recommendations regarding policies, procedures and practices regarding health, safety, environmental and sustainable development matters, the Committee shall promote the following objectives:

- employee commitment and accountability to the Company’s policies and procedures and enhancement of their capabilities of implementation through the use of appropriate management systems.
- the development and implementation of effective, realistic systems to minimize risks to health, safety and the environment.
- open communication with employees, local stakeholders and governments regarding the Company’s plans, programs and performance.
- co-operation with government agencies, local communities, educational institutions and suppliers to achieve safe handling, use and disposal of all our materials, resources and products.
- use of technologies that are designed to improve the safe, efficient use of resources, processes and materials.

II. Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of a majority of independent directors all of whom shall be free from any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Committee.

All members of the Committee shall have a general familiarity with environmental, health, safety and sustainable development matters.

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors annually at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after a meeting of the shareholders at which directors are elected and each member shall serve until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until his or her successor is duly appointed by the Board of Directors.

III. Chair

The Board of Directors shall designate one member of the Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee to act as the Chair of the Committee (the “Chair”), but if it fails to do so, then the members of the Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee may designate the Chair by a majority vote of the full Committee membership.

The Chair of the Committee shall Chair all Committee meetings, ensure the fulfillment of the Committee mandate, and report on Committee activities to the Board.

IV Meetings

The Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee shall meet at least annually and more frequently as desired or required.

V Responsibilities and Duties

With input from management the Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee’s primary responsibilities and duties are to:

- oversee the Company’s environmental, health, safety and sustainable development performance from a “best practices” point of view, including performance by the Company’s contractors;
- receive and review environmental, occupational health, safety and sustainable development performance reports of management; and
- monitor and review current and future regulatory issues relating to the environment, health, safety and sustainable development and make recommendations on significant matters, where appropriate, to the Board.

- review variances and non-compliance issues related to actual performance versus the Company's policies and procedures related to health, safety, sustainable development and the environment.
- Encourage, assist, support and counsel management in developing and maintaining policies and procedures to ensure that the principles set out in these policies are being adhered to and achieved.
- Promote and encourage that, with respect to matters under the Company's control, the Company operates in a climate that fosters sustainable development in communities where it operates.
- The Committee shall encourage management to properly communicate the importance of environmental responsibility, the awareness of health and safety issues and the benefits of sustainable development to the Company's employees.
- The Committee shall have the authority to engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties.

VI. Annual Work Plan

The Committee reviews and updates annually a work plan for the ensuing year which includes periodic reviews of environmental, health, safety and sustainable development matters.

This Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development Committee Charter, as amended from time to time, was initially adopted by the Board of Directors of Aurizon Mines Ltd. on the 4th day of December, 2008.

By order of the Board of Directors

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