

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

This charter (the "Charter") sets forth the purpose, composition, responsibilities and authority of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the board of directors (the "Board") of GFL Environmental Inc. (the "Company").

### Section 1 Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to:

- financial statements and financial reporting processes;
- the systems of internal accounting and financial controls;
- enterprise risk management;
- financial risk management, including financial risks associated with climate change, sustainability and environmental and social matters;
- the annual independent audit of the financial statements;
- the independent auditor's qualifications and independence;
- the performance of the independent auditor;
- the design and implementation of the Company's internal audit function, and the performance of the internal audit function;
- legal and regulatory compliance;
- reviewing and monitoring compliance with debt covenants and reviewing the process and reports with which the Company measures financial results or performance;
- reviewing and approving material transactions with related parties of the Company, to ensure the transactions are on arm's length and commercially reasonable terms, supported by third party appraisals or valuations, where applicable; and
- public disclosure items such as quarterly press releases, financial-oriented investor relations materials and other public reporting requirements.

# Section 2 Committee Membership

The Committee shall consist of as many directors of the Board as the Board may determine (the "**Members**"), but in any event, not less than 3 (three) Members. All of the Members shall meet the criteria for independence and financial literacy established by applicable laws and the rules of any stock exchanges upon which the Company's securities are listed, including National Instrument 52-110 — *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**") and Rule 10A-3(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subject to any exceptions permitted under such laws. NI 52-110 also requires that to be independent, a

Member be free of any relationship which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a Member's independent judgment.

Members shall be appointed by the Board, taking into account any recommendation that may be made by the Nomination, Governance and Compensation Committee of the Board (the "NGC Committee"). Any Member may be removed and replaced at any time by the Board, and will automatically cease to be a Member if he or she ceases to meet the qualifications required of Members. The Board will fill vacancies on the Committee by appointment from among qualified directors of the Board, taking into account any recommendation that may be made by the NGC Committee. If a vacancy exists on the Committee, the remaining Members may exercise all of their powers so long as there is a quorum.

### **Chair**

The Board will designate one of the independent directors of the Board to be the chair of the Committee (the "**Chair**"), taking into account any recommendation that may be made by the NGC Committee.

### Qualifications

All Members shall be independent and financially literate, subject to any exceptions described above. Members must be familiar with the accounting principles used to prepare financial statements and must have suitable experience as to the general application of such accounting principles. Members must also have an understanding of the internal controls and procedures necessary for financial reporting, auditing and financial matters. In addition, at least one member of the Committee must have accounting or related financial management expertise, as the Board interprets such qualification in its business judgment and in line with applicable securities laws and any stock exchanges upon which the Company's securities are listed.

### Attendance of Ex Officio Members, Management and other Persons

The Committee may invite, at its discretion, senior executives of the Company or such persons as it sees fit to attend meetings of the Committee and to take part in the discussion and consideration of the affairs of the Committee. Senior executives and other employees of the Company shall attend a Committee meeting if invited by the Committee. The Committee may also require senior executives or other employees of the Company to produce such information and reports as the Committee may deem appropriate in the proper exercise of its duties. The Committee may meet without senior executives in attendance for a portion of any meeting of the Committee.

## **Delegation**

Subject to applicable law, the Committee may delegate any or all of its functions to any of its independent Members or any independent sub-set thereof, from time to time as it sees fit.

## Section 3 Committee Operations

# <u>Meetings</u>

The Chair, in consultation with the other Members, shall determine the schedule and frequency of meetings of the Committee. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at such times and places as the Chair may determine. To the extent possible, advance notice of each meeting will be given to each Member unless all Members are present and waive notice, or if those absent waive notice before or after a meeting. Members may attend all meetings of the Committee either in person or by telephone, video or other electronic means. Powers of the Committee may also be exercised by written resolutions signed by all Members.

At the request of the external auditors of the Company, the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Financial Officer of the Company or any Member, the Chair shall convene a meeting of the Committee. Any such request shall set out in reasonable detail the business proposed to be conducted at the meeting so requested. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

The Committee will periodically meet in camera with each of the external auditors, the Vice President of Internal Audit and Compliance and, if desired, senior executives of the Company, at any meeting of the Committee.

### Agenda and Reporting

To the extent possible, in advance of every regular meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall prepare and distribute, or cause to be prepared and distributed, to the Members and others as deemed appropriate by the Chair, an agenda of matters to be addressed at the meeting together with appropriate briefing materials. The Committee may require senior executives and other employees of the Company to produce such information and reports as the Committee may deem appropriate in order for it to fulfill its duties.

The Chair shall report to the Board on the Committee's activities since the last Board meeting. However, the Chair may report orally to the Board on any matter in his or her view requiring the immediate attention of the Board. Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be circulated to the directors following approval of the minutes by the Members.

## Secretary and Minutes

The secretary of the Company may act as secretary of the Committee unless an alternative secretary is appointed by the Committee. The secretary of the Committee shall keep regular minutes of Committee proceedings.

# **Quorum and Procedure**

A quorum for any meeting of the Committee will be a simple majority. The procedure at meetings will be determined by the Committee. The powers of the Committee may be exercised at a meeting where a quorum is present or by resolution in writing signed by all Members. In the absence of the Chair, the Committee may appoint one of its other Members to act as chair of any meeting.

### Exercise of Power between Meetings

Between meetings, the Chair, or any Member designated for such purpose by the Committee, may, if required in the circumstance, exercise any power delegated by the Committee on an interim basis. The Chair or other designated Member will promptly report to the other Members in any case in which this interim power is exercised.

## Section 4 Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee is responsible for performing the duties set out below and any other duties that may be assigned to it by the Board as well as any other functions that may be necessary or appropriate for the performance of its duties.

## Financial Reporting and Disclosure

Review and recommend to the Board for approval the audited annual financial statements, including the auditors' report thereon, the quarterly financial statements, management discussion and analysis, financial reports, earnings press releases and other applicable financial disclosure, prior to the public disclosure of such information.

Discuss with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the applicable auditing standards adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (the "PCAOB") and approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") from time to time, including any critical audit matters.

Review and recommend to the Board for approval, where appropriate, financial information contained in any prospectuses, annual information forms, annual reports to shareholders, management proxy circulars, material change disclosures of a financial nature and similar disclosure documents prior to the public disclosure of such documents or information.

Review with senior executives of the Company, and with external auditors, all critical accounting policies and practices to be used by the Company and alternative treatments under International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**"), with a view to gaining reasonable assurance that financial statements are accurate, complete and present fairly the Company's financial position and the results of its operations in accordance with IFRS, as applicable.

Review periodically the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures (if any), on the financial statements of the Company.

Discuss with the external auditor its evaluation of the Company's identification of, accounting for and disclosure of its relationships with related parties as set forth under the standards of the PCAOB.

Seek to ensure that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Company's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Company's financial statements, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for consideration.

### Internal Controls and Internal Audit

Review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal control and information systems through discussions with senior executives of the Company and the external auditor relating to the maintenance of: (i) necessary books, records and accounts in sufficient detail to accurately and fairly reflect the Company's transactions; (ii) effective internal control over financial reporting; and (iii) adequate processes for assessing the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements and for detecting control weaknesses or fraud. From time to time the Committee shall assess any requirements or changes with respect to the establishment or operations of the internal audit function having regard to the size and stage of development of the Company at such time.

Satisfy itself, through discussions with the Vice President of Internal Audit and Compliance, and any other senior executives of the Company as desired, that the adequacy of internal controls, systems and procedures has been periodically assessed in accordance with regulatory requirements and recommendations.

Review and discuss the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the use of any financial derivatives and hedging activities.

Review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the adequacy of the Company's risk assessment and management policies and procedures with regard to identification of the Company's principal risks and implementation of appropriate systems and controls to manage such risks including information technology systems and an assessment of the adequacy of insurance coverage maintained by the Company.

Periodically review the Company's policies and procedures for reviewing and approving or ratifying relatedparty transactions. Review all material related party transactions other than those delegated to a special committee or independent committee of the Board against applicable legal and regulatory requirements, discuss with management the business rationale for the transactions, review applicable disclosures and report to the Board on all such transactions, if any, each quarter.

Review and approve the appointment of the Vice President Internal Audit function and the responsibilities of the department, including budget and staffing requirements. Annually review and approve the internal audit plan. Review on a quarterly basis the report of the Vice President Internal Audit.

#### External Audit

To the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, be solely and directly responsible for the compensation, retention, oversight and, when necessary, termination of any auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company (including the resolution of disagreements between management and such firm regarding financial reporting). Recommend to the Board and shareholders the appointment of the external auditor.

Ensure the external auditors report directly to the Committee on a regular basis.

Review, at least annually, the qualifications, performance and the independence of the external auditors.

Review and evaluate, on a periodic basis, the need for rotation of the external auditors.

Review the audit plan of the external auditors prior to the commencement of any audit. Establish and maintain a direct line of communication with the Company's external auditors.

Approve all auditing services and non-audit services (other than "prohibited non-audit services" as defined in SEC rules) to be provided to the Company by its independent external auditor. The Committee may delegate authority to one or more independent members to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services; provided that any such pre-approvals will be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Review the results of the external audit and the external auditor's report thereon, including discussions with the external auditors as to the quality of accounting principles used and any alternative treatments of financial information that have been discussed with senior executives of the Company and any other matters.

Review any material written communications between senior executives of the Company and the external auditors and any significant disagreements between the senior executives and the external auditors.

Discuss with the external auditors their perception of the Company's financial and accounting personnel, records and systems, key audit matters, the cooperation which the external auditors received during their course of their review and availability of records, data and other requested information and any recommendations with respect thereto.

Discuss with the external auditors their perception of the Company's identification and management of risks, including the adequacy or effectiveness of policies and procedures implemented to mitigate such risks.

Review the reasons for any proposed change in the external auditors which is not initiated by the Committee or Board and any other significant issues related to the change, including the response of the incumbent auditors, and enquire as to the qualifications of the proposed auditors before making its recommendations to the Board.

Review annually a report from the external auditors in respect of their internal quality-control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review of the external auditors, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the external auditors, and any steps taken to address any such issues.

## Associated Responsibilities

Establish, monitor and periodically review the Whistleblower Policy of the Company and associated procedures for:

- the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters;
- the confidential, anonymous submission by directors, officers and employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters; and
- if applicable, any violations of applicable law, rules or regulations that relate to corporate reporting and disclosure, or violations of the Company's Code of Ethics.

Human resources related complaints received by the Company under the Whistleblower Policy will be subject to the oversight of the NGC Committee.

Review and approve the Company's hiring policies regarding employees and partners, and former employees and partners, of the present and former external auditors of the Company.

### Other Duties

Direct and supervise the investigation into any matter brought to its attention within the scope of the Committee's duties. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Board from time to time or as may be required by applicable law.

### Section 5 The Committee Chair

In addition to the responsibilities of the Chair described above, the Chair has the primary responsibility for overseeing and reporting on the evaluations to be conducted by the Committee, as well as monitoring developments with respect to accounting and auditing matters in general and reporting to the Committee on any related significant developments.

### Section 6 Committee Evaluation

Annually evaluate the composition and effectiveness of the Committee. The self-assessment of the Committee shall be reported to the Board as part of its regular evaluation of the Board committees.

### Section 7 Access to Information and Authority to Retain Independent Advisors

The Committee shall be granted unrestricted access to all information regarding the Company that is necessary or desirable to fulfill its duties and all directors of the Company, officers and employees will be directed to cooperate as requested by Members. The Committee has the authority to retain, at the Company's expense, independent legal, financial, and other counsel, advisors, consultants and experts to assist the Committee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities, including sole authority to retain and to approve their fees. The Committee shall select such counsel, advisors, consultants and experts after taking into consideration factors relevant to their independence from management and other relevant considerations.

The Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of compensation to the independent registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company and any advisors that the Committee chooses to engage, as well as funding for the payment of ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

The Committee shall discharge its responsibilities, and shall assess the information provided by the Company's management and the external advisers, in accordance with its business judgment. Members are entitled to rely, absent knowledge to the contrary, on the integrity of the persons and organizations from whom they receive information, and on the accuracy and completeness of the information provided. Nothing in this Charter is intended or may be construed as imposing on any member of the Committee or the Board a standard of care or diligence that is in any way more onerous or extensive than the standard to which the directors are subject under applicable law.

The Committee also has the authority to communicate directly with internal and external auditors. While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate or comply with IFRS and other applicable requirements. These are the responsibilities of the senior executives of the Company responsible for such matters and the external auditors. The Committee, the Chair and any Members identified as having accounting or related financial expertise are members of the Board, appointed to the Committee to provide broad oversight of the financial, risk and control related activities of the Company, and are specifically not accountable or responsible for the day to day operation or performance of such activities. Although the designation of a Member as having accounting or related financial expertise for disclosure purposes is based on that individual's education and experience, which that individual will bring to bear in carrying out his or her duties on the Committee, such designation does not impose on such person any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than the duties, obligations and liability imposed on such person as a member of the Committee and Board in the absence of such designation. Rather, the role of a Member who is identified as having accounting or related financial expertise, like the role of all Members, is to oversee the process, not to certify or guarantee the internal or external audit of the Company's financial information or public disclosure. This Charter is not intended to change or interpret the constating documents of the Company or applicable laws or stock exchange rules to which the Company is subject, and this Charter should be interpreted in a manner consistent with all such applicable laws and rules.

The Board may, from time to time, permit departures from the terms of this Charter, either prospectively or retrospectively to the extent permitted under applicable law and listing standards. This Charter is not intended to give rise to civil liability on the part of the Company or its directors or officers to shareholders, security holders, customers, suppliers, competitors, employees or other persons, or to any other liability whatsoever on their part.

#### Section 8 Code of Ethics

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the Company's Code of Ethics at least annually and will recommend any necessary or appropriate changes to the Board for consideration.

#### Section 9 Review of Charter

The Committee shall periodically review and assess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for consideration.

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Approved by: Audit Committee

Board of Directors of the Company