

Challenger Energy Limited

Audit and Risk Charter

General scope and authority

The Audit and Risk Committee is a committee of the Board and is established in accordance with the authority provided in the constitution. The Board has resolved to establish this committee and to adopt these terms of reference to govern the proceedings and meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The primary role of the Audit and Risk Committee is to monitor and review the effectiveness of the Company's control environment in the areas of operational risk, legal and regulatory compliance and financial reporting. The Audit and Risk Committee also has the responsibility for the review of the Company's corporate governance policy. The Committee will advise and assist the Board in the discharge of its responsibility to exercise due care, diligence and skill in relation to:

- reporting of financial information to users of financial reports, in particular the quality and reliability of such information;
- assessing the consistency of disclosures in the financial statements with other disclosures made by the Company to the financial markets, governmental and other public bodies;
- review and application of accounting policies;
- financial management;
- review of internal and external audit reports to ensure that where weaknesses in controls or procedures have been identified, appropriate and prompt remedial action is taken by management;
- evaluation of the Company's compliance and risk management structure and procedures, internal controls and ethical standards;
- review of business policies and practices;
- conduct of any investigation relating to financial matters, records or accounts, and reporting those matters to the Board;
- protection of the Company's assets;
- compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines; and
- review of the Company's corporate governance policy.

1. Composition

The Audit and Risk Committee consists of a minimum of 2 directors of the Board, all of which should be non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors. All members (including the chairman) of the Audit and Risk Committee are appointed by the Board. The chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee will be a non-executive director who is not the Chairman of the Board. All members of the Audit and Risk Committee are to be financially

literate. The Chairman of the Board is an ex-officio member of the Committee. An appointment to the Audit and Risk Committee will automatically terminate on that member ceasing to be a director of the Company.

The initial Audit and Risk Committee comprises:

- **William Bloking** Independent Chairman
- **Michael Fry** Independent member
- **Robert Willes** Chief Executive Officer

The secretary of the Audit and Risk Committee will be the Company Secretary.

2. Meetings

The Audit and Risk Committee will meet as frequently as required but not less than **twice per annum**. The Audit and Risk Committee may also meet at other times during the year to address specific issues referred by the Board and to review financial reports prior to presentation to the Board.

Any member of the Audit and Risk Committee may call a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee.

A notice of meeting confirming the date, time, venue and agenda will be forwarded to each member of the Audit and Risk Committee in the week prior to the date of the meeting. The notice of meeting will include relevant supporting papers for the agenda items to be discussed.

The quorum for a meeting is 2 members or any greater number determined by the Audit and Risk Committee from time to time.

Other directors, executives and other parties may attend Audit and Risk Committee meetings but only at the invitation of the chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The Audit and Risk Committee may conduct meetings without all members being in the physical presence of one another provided that all Audit and Risk Committee members involved in the meeting are able to participate in discussion.

The chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee, or his or her delegate, will report to the Board following each meeting.

If the chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee is absent from a meeting and no acting chairman has been appointed, the members of the Audit and Risk Committee present at the meeting have authority to choose 1 of their number to be chairman for that particular meeting.

Minutes of proceedings and resolutions of the Audit and Risk Committee meetings shall be kept by the secretary. Minutes will be distributed to all Audit and Risk Committee members after preliminary approval has been given by the Audit and Risk Committee chairman.

At the end of the Company's reporting period, the number of times the Audit and Risk Committee met through the period and the individual attendances of the members of the Audit and Risk Committee will be included in the "Corporate Governance" section of the Company's annual report.

3. Authority

The Audit and Risk Committee has the authority to seek any information it requires to carry out its duties from any officer or employee of the Company or related parties and such officers or employees shall be instructed by the Board to cooperate fully in the provision of such information.

The Audit and Risk Committee shall maintain free and open communications with the Company's external auditors, internal auditors and management. The Audit and Risk Committee will periodically meet with the external auditors without representatives of management present to discuss the adequacy of the Company's disclosures and policies, and to satisfy itself regarding the external auditors' independence.

The Audit and Risk Committee also has the authority to consult any independent professional adviser it considers appropriate to assist it in meeting its responsibilities.

The Audit and Risk Committee discharges its responsibilities by making recommendations to the Board, however it does not have any executive powers to commit the Board or management to their implementation. The Audit and Risk Committee is not responsible for supervising the performance of executives and is not involved in day-to-day operations, management functions or decision making.

4. Duties and responsibilities

The Audit and Risk Committee's main responsibilities are as follows:

(a) External Reporting

- Consider the appropriateness of the Company's accounting policies and principles and any changes, as well as the methods of applying them, ensuring that they are in accordance with the stated financial reporting framework.
- Assess significant estimates and judgements in financial reports by making inquiries of management about the process used in making material estimates and judgments and then making inquiries of the internal and external auditors as to the basis of their conclusions and the reasonableness of management's estimates.
- Review management's processes for ensuring compliance with laws, regulations and other requirements (including the Australian Accounting Standards, the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules and the ASX Market Rules) relating to the external reporting of financial and non-financial information.
- Ensure that a comprehensive process is established by management to capture issues for the purposes of continuous reporting to ASX.
- Assess information from internal and external auditors that affects the quality of financial reports (eg actual and potential material audit adjustments, financial report disclosures, non-compliance with the laws and regulations, internal control issues).
- Ask the external auditor for an independent judgement about the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the clarity of the financial disclosure practices used or proposed to be used as put forward by management.
- Review documents and reports to regulators and make recommendations to the Board on their approval or amendment.
- Assess the management of non-financial information in documents (both public and internal) to ensure the information does not conflict inappropriately with the financial statements and other documents and assess internal control systems covering information releases that have the potential to adversely reflect on the Company's conduct.

- Review the completeness and accuracy of the reporting of the Company's main corporate governance practices as required under the ASX Listing Rules of any stock exchange where the securities of the Company are quoted.
- Recommend to the Board whether the financial and non-financial statements should be signed based on the Audit and Risk Committee's assessment of them.
- Require the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer (or each person who performs each of those roles) to provide a declaration in the form of a certification (**Declaration**) that, in their opinion, the financial records of the Company have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively. The Declaration must be given before the Board approve the financial statements for the financial year.

(b) Related party transactions

- Review and monitor the propriety of related-party transactions.

(c) Internal control and risk management

The Audit & Risk Committee will be responsible for reporting to the Board concerning:

- Assessment of the internal processes for determining and managing key risk areas, particularly:
 - monitoring any non-compliance with laws, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines, including environmental and industrial relations laws;
 - important judgements and accounting estimates;
 - contractual risks and indemnities;
 - litigation and claims;
 - insurance program;
 - fraud and theft; and
 - relevant business risk other than those that are dealt with by other specific Board committees.
- Ensure that the Company has an effective risk management system.
- Receive from management reports on all suspected and actual frauds, thefts and breaches of laws.
- Address the effectiveness of the internal control system with management and the internal and external auditors.
- Evaluate the process for assessing and continuously improving internal controls, particularly those related to areas of significant risk.
- Assess whether management has controls in place for unusual types of transactions and/or any potential transactions that may carry more than an acceptable degree of risk.

- Assess the effectiveness of and compliance with the corporate code of ethical conduct.
- Meet periodically with key management, internal and external auditors and compliance staff to understand and discuss the control environment.
- Ensure that the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer each provide a written statement to the Board that the Company's risk management and internal compliance and control system is operating efficiently and effectively in all material respects.

(d) External audit

The Board and management need to ensure that the statutory auditor is both independent and seen to be independent. The purpose of an independent statutory audit is to provide shareholders and investors with reliable and clear financial reports on which to base investment decisions.

The Audit and Risk Committee's external audit responsibilities include:

- making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, remuneration and monitoring of the performance and independence of the external auditor;
- ensuring that any suggestions by management that the auditor needs to be replaced or that the audit needs to be put out to tender are referred to and examined carefully by the Audit and Risk Committee with it reporting to the Board on its examination before any decision is made by the Board;
- reviewing the external auditor's fees and being satisfied that an effective, comprehensive and complete audit can be conducted for the set fee;
- at the start of each audit, agreeing on the terms of the engagement with the external auditor;
- inviting the external auditor to attend Audit and Risk Committee meetings to, at least, review the audit plan, discuss audit results and consider the implications of the external audit findings for the control environment;
- together with the external auditor, reviewing the scope of the external audit (particularly the identified risk areas) and any additional agreed-upon procedures on a regular and timely basis;
- enquiring of the auditor if there have been any significant disagreements with management irrespective of whether or not they have been resolved;
- monitoring and critiquing management's responsiveness to the external auditor's findings and recommendations;
- reviewing all representation letters signed by management and ensuring that the information provided is complete and appropriate;
- providing the opportunity for the Audit and Risk Committee members to meet with the external auditors without management personnel being present at least once a year;
- reviewing the external auditor's independence based on the external auditor's relationships and services with the Company and other organisations that may impair or appear to impair the external auditor's independence.

- request the external auditor to attend the AGM of the Company to answer any audit related questions from shareholders.

(e) Corporate Governance

The Audit and Risk Committee will review the corporate governance procedures of the Company and, on a regular basis, consider:

- external trends and developments in relation to corporate governance issues;
- the position which the Company should take in respect of those issues;
- the adequacy of the Company's corporate governance policies and practices; and
- the Company's communications with respect to corporate governance issues.

5. Fees and expenses

Audit and Risk Committee members are not entitled to receive any additional remuneration for their role as members of the Audit and Risk Committee. Directors' fees are set to include membership of any Board committees.

The reasonable expenses incurred by Audit and Risk Committee members in discharging their obligations and attending Audit and Risk Committee meetings will be reimbursed by the Company, consistent with Company policies which are established from time to time.

6. Review of terms of reference

The Audit and Risk Committee's terms of reference (the Company's risk management framework) are to be reviewed at least annually by the Audit and Risk Committee to ensure they remain consistent with the Audit and Risk Committee's authority, objectives and responsibilities. Any significant changes to the terms of reference are to be recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee to the Board for approval.

7. Distribution of terms of reference

Key features of the Audit and Risk Committee's terms of reference are included in the "Corporate Governance" section of the Company's annual report.