

CHARTER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MDS INC.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of MDS Inc. (the “Corporation”) is elected by the Corporation’s shareholders. The Board is responsible for overseeing the management of the Corporation’s business and affairs.

APPROVAL OF CHARTER

The Board shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter on an annual basis and at such other times as it considers appropriate.

STATUTORY DUTIES

MDS is a Canadian, federally chartered, company and accordingly, the statutory duties and responsibilities of its Board are outlined in the provisions of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the “Act”).

STANDARD OF CARE

In discharging his or her duties, each Director shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation; and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances (s.122 (1) of the Act). In determining the best interests of the Corporation, a Director shall have regard to the interest of all Shareholders. In determining whether Directors have fulfilled their duties, both procedural and substantive aspects of their conduct are relevant. The procedural aspect requires Directors to make reasonable inquiry into all relevant information available to them (informed decisions) and from a substantive aspect requires the decision to have been made honestly, prudently, in good faith and on reasonable grounds (business judgment rule).

DELEGATION

The Board is entitled to appoint a Committee of Directors and delegate to the Committee any of the Board’s power, with certain exceptions outlined in the Act. These exceptions include approval of the annual financial statements, the management proxy circular or any take-over bid circular; any issue of securities or declaration of dividends; appointment of additional Directors; the purchase, redemption or acquisition of issued shares of the Corporation or the adoption, amendment or repeal of by-laws (s.115 (1) and (3) of the Act).

The Board has delegated certain of its responsibilities to certain standing Committees of Directors including Audit, Environment, Health & Safety, Human Resources & Compensation and Corporate Governance & Nominating with specific charters. The Board has the duty to approve the charters and any amendments thereto.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN MATERIAL CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION

Directors are required to disclose to the Corporation, in writing or by requesting to have it entered into the Minutes of meetings of the Board or Committee, the nature and extent of any personal interest in any material contract or transaction made or proposed with the Corporation. In the event the Board

determines that a conflict of interest exists, then the Director with such conflict shall refrain from voting on any resolution related to such contract or transaction.

CODE OF ETHICS AND BUSINESS CONDUCT

The Board shall approve the terms of the Corporation's Global Business Practice Standards, and each Director shall confirm his or her responsibility to abide by the terms by signing the Director Pledge contained in such Standards.

GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES

The Board shall approve the terms of the Corporation's Governance Guidelines and Practices and any amendments thereto.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In adopting this Charter and in order to carry out its statutory responsibilities within the defined duty of care, the Board shall, assume the following principal duties and responsibilities:

- contribute to the formulation of, approve and oversee the implementation of the strategic and business operating plans of the Corporation;
- oversee the identification by Management of the principal risks of the Corporation's businesses as well as the implementation, by Management, of appropriate processes and systems to manage such risks;
- appoint the CEO and approve the appointment of the other Senior Executives of the Corporation and review their performance and compensation and plan for their succession upon recommendation of the Human Resources & Compensation Committee;
- review and approve Management's recommendations regarding major decisions and actions, including acquisitions, divestitures, financings and capital expenditures;
- review and approve key policies developed by Management on various issues such as ethics, compliance, communications and public disclosures and review, approve and monitor compliance with policies adopted by the Board;
- oversee the Corporation's public communication policies and their implementation, including disclosure of material information on a timely and non-elective basis, investor relations and shareholder communications;
- oversee, with the Audit Committee, financial reporting and disclosure of the Corporation to obtain reasonable assurance that
 - the Corporation complies with all applicable laws and regulations of governments, regulatory agencies and stock exchanges relating to financial reporting and disclosure, and
 - the accounting policies and practices, significant judgments and disclosures which underlie or are incorporated in the Corporation's financial statements are appropriate having regard to the Corporation's businesses; and

- review and approve the annual financial statements, annual management discussion and analysis, management proxy circular and annual information form and disclosure thereof to the relevant parties and review and obtain reasonable assurance as to the integrity of the Corporation's internal controls and management systems.

The essence of the Board's responsibility is one of reviewing, overseeing and monitoring to gain reasonable assurance (but not to ensure) that the business and affairs of the Corporation are being conducted properly and effectively.

BOARD STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

Membership Criteria

The Board shall consist of such members that, from time to time, have the best mix of skills, experience and personal qualities to guide the long-term strategy and ongoing business operations of the Corporation.

Number of Members

The Board shall consist of such number of Directors as the Board may determine from time to time based upon a recommendation of the Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee, provided that such number shall be within the minimum and maximum number of Directors (3 to 20) set out in the Corporation's Articles.

Director Independence

The Board shall be comprised of a majority of Directors that are independent of the Corporation as determined in accordance with applicable law and regulatory guidelines or standards.

Chairman

The Board shall, upon recommendation of the Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee, appoint the Chair from among the independent members of the Board. The Chair shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time by the Board.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Quorum

A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of its Members.

Number of Board Meetings

The Board shall meet as often as may be required to carry out its duties.

Board Meeting Agenda and Information for Board Meetings

The Chair and the CEO, in consultation with the Corporate Secretary, develop the agenda for each Board meeting.

Notice of the principal matters to be addressed at all Board meetings shall be distributed to Directors well in advance of each meeting. In addition, the Directors shall be provided with sufficient materials in order to appropriately consider such matters.

Management and Others at Board Meetings

The Board may request any officer or employee of the Corporation or other outside advisors to attend meetings of the Board or to meet or provide consultations to the Board or any member thereof.

Members of the Executive Management Team of the Corporation shall normally attend meetings of the Board, other than Executive Sessions.

Executive Sessions of Independent Directors

The independent Directors of the Board shall meet at the end of each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and at such other times as determined by the Chair, without Management present.

Resolutions

Resolutions of the Board passed at a meeting shall require approval by a simple majority of members voting on such resolution.

Any decision or determination of the Board reduced to writing and signed by all of the members of the Board shall be fully as effective as if it had been made at a meeting duly called and held.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all members of standing Committees of the Board shall be independent in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, standards and listing requirements to which the Corporation is subject.

Each Committee Chair shall report to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following each Committee meeting unless in the Committee Chair's discretion, earlier reporting is warranted.

BOARD CONFIDENTIALITY

Directors shall maintain the absolute confidentiality of the deliberations and decisions of the Board and information received in respect thereof, except as may be specified by the Chair or if the information is otherwise publicly disclosed by the Corporation.

OTHER ADVISORS

The Board or designated Committee thereof shall have the authority to consider and, if appropriate, approve the engagement of outside advisors by any Director, or Committee Member, at the Corporation's expense.