



CHARTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

This charter governs the operations of the *audit committee* of Patheon Inc. (the “Corporation”).

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Definitions of certain terms used in this charter are set out in Schedule A. Such terms are indicated in this charter in italics.

2. AUDIT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Relationship with External Auditor

The external auditor must report directly to the *audit committee*.

2.2 Audit Committee Responsibilities

(1) The *audit committee* is responsible for recommending to the board of directors:

- (a) the external auditor to be nominated for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation; and
- (b) the compensation of the external auditor.

(2) The *audit committee* is directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting.

(3) The *audit committee* must pre-approve all *non-audit services* to be provided to the Corporation or its subsidiary entities by the Corporation's external auditor.

(4) The *audit committee* must review the Corporation's financial statements, *MD&A* and annual and interim earnings press releases before the Corporation publicly discloses this information.

(5) The *audit committee* must be satisfied that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements, other than the public disclosure referred to in subsection (4), and must periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures.

(6) The *audit committee* must establish procedures for:

- (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and
- (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

(7) The *audit committee* must review and approve the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Corporation.

(8) The *audit committee* must monitor the adequacy of the Corporation's internal accounting controls and related management information systems.

2.3 *De Minimis* Non-Audit Services

The *audit committee* may satisfy the pre-approval requirement in subsection 2.2(3) if:

- (a) the aggregate amount of all the *non-audit services* that were not pre-approved is reasonably expected to constitute no more than five per cent of the total amount of fees paid by the Corporation and its subsidiary entities to the Corporation's external auditor during the fiscal year in which the services are provided;
- (b) the Corporation or the *subsidiary entity* of the Corporation, as the case may be, did not recognize the services as *non-audit services* at the time of the engagement; and
- (c) the services are promptly brought to the attention of the *audit committee* of the Corporation and approved, prior to the completion of the audit, by the *audit committee* or by one or more of its members to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the *audit committee*.

2.4 Delegation of Pre-Approval Function

(1) The *audit committee* may delegate to one or more independent members the authority to pre-approve *non-audit services* in satisfaction of the requirement in subsection 2.2(3).

(2) The pre-approval of *non-audit services* by any member to whom authority has been delegated pursuant to subsection (1) must be presented to the *audit committee* at its first scheduled meeting following such pre-approval.

2.5 Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The *audit committee* may satisfy the pre-approval requirement in subsection 2.2(3) if it adopts specific policies and procedures for the engagement of the *non-audit services*, if:

- (a) the pre-approval policies and procedures are detailed as to the particular service;
- (b) the *audit committee* is informed of each non-audit service; and
- (c) the procedures do not include delegation of the *audit committee's* responsibilities to management.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

3.1 Composition

(1) The *audit committee* must be composed of a minimum of three members.

(2) Every *audit committee* member must be a director of the Corporation.

(3) Subject to sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5, every *audit committee* member must be *independent*.

(4) Subject to sections 3.4 and 3.7, every *audit committee* member must be *financially literate*.

3.2 Controlled Companies

(1) An *audit committee* member that sits on the board of directors of an *affiliated entity* is exempt from the requirement in subsection 3.1(3) if the member, except for being a director (or member of a board committee) of the Corporation and the *affiliated entity*, is otherwise *independent* of the Corporation and the *affiliated entity*.

(2) Subject to section 3.6, an *audit committee* member is exempt from the requirement in subsection 3.1(3) if:

- (a) the member would be *independent* of the Corporation but for the relationship described in paragraph 1.4(1)(b) of Schedule A or as a result of subsection 1.3(7) of Schedule A;
- (b) the member is not an *executive officer*, general partner or managing member of a person or company that
 - (i) is an *affiliated entity* of the Corporation, and
 - (ii) has its securities trading on a *marketplace*;
- (c) the member is not an *immediate family member* of an *executive officer*, general partner or managing member referred to in paragraph (b), above;
- (d) the member does not act as the chair of the *audit committee*; and
- (e) the board of directors determines in its reasonable judgement that
 - (i) the member is able to exercise the impartial judgement necessary for the member to fulfill his or her responsibilities as an *audit committee* member, and
 - (ii) the appointment of the member is required by the best interests of the Corporation and its shareholders.

3.3 Events Outside Control of Member

Subject to section 3.8, if an *audit committee* member ceases to be *independent* for reasons outside that member's reasonable control, the member is exempt from the requirement in subsection 3.1(3) for a period ending on the later of:

- (a) the next annual meeting of the Corporation, and
- (b) the date that is six months from the occurrence of the event which caused the member to not be *independent*.

3.4 Death, Disability or Resignation of Member

Subject to section 3.8, if the death, disability or resignation of an *audit committee* member has resulted in a vacancy on the *audit committee* that the board of directors is required to fill, an *audit committee* member appointed to fill such vacancy is exempt from the requirements in subsections 3.1(3) and (4) for a period ending on the later of:

- (a) the next annual meeting of the Corporation, and
- (b) the date that is six months from the day the vacancy was created.

3.5 Temporary Exemption for Limited and Exceptional Circumstances

Subject to section 3.6, an *audit committee* member is exempt from the requirement in subsection 3.1(3) if:

- (a) the member is not an individual described in subsection 1.4(1) of Schedule A;
- (b) the member is not an employee or officer of the Corporation, or an *immediate family member* of an employee or officer of the Corporation;
- (c) the board of directors, under exceptional and limited circumstances, determines in its reasonable judgement that
 - (i) the member is able to exercise the impartial judgement necessary for the member to fulfill his or her responsibilities as an *audit committee* member, and
 - (ii) the appointment of the member is required by the best interests of the Corporation and its shareholders;
- (d) the member does not act as chair of the *audit committee*; and
- (e) the member does not rely upon this exemption for a period of more than two years.

3.6 Majority Independent

The exemptions in subsection 3.2(2) and section 3.5 are not available to a member unless a majority of the *audit committee* members would be *independent*.

3.7 Acquisition of Financial Literacy

Subject to section 3.8, an *audit committee* member who is not *financially literate* may be appointed to the *audit committee* provided that the member becomes *financially literate* within a reasonable period of time following his or her appointment.

3.8 Restriction on Use of Certain Exemptions

The exemptions in sections 3.3, 3.4 and 3.7 are not available to a member unless the Corporation's board of directors has determined that the reliance on the exemption

will not materially adversely affect the ability of the *audit committee* to act independently and to satisfy the other requirements of this charter.

4. AUTHORITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

4.1 Authority

The *audit committee* has the authority

- (a) to engage independent counsel and other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties,
- (b) to set and pay the compensation for any advisors employed by the *audit committee*, and
- (c) to communicate directly with the internal and external auditors.

5. GENERAL

5.1 Subject to by-laws, etc.

The provisions of this charter are subject to the provisions of the by-laws of the Corporation and to the applicable provisions of the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and any other applicable legislation.

5.2 Annual Review of Charter

On an annual basis, the board of directors will review the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Committee with respect to this charter. The board of directors will approve those changes to this charter that it determines are appropriate.

Approved by the Board of Directors
Patheon Inc.
February 22, 2008

SCHEDULE A

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

"audit committee" means the committee established by and among the board of directors of the Corporation for the purpose of overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Corporation and audits of the financial statements of the Corporation, and, if no such committee exists, the entire board of directors of the Corporation;

"audit services" means the professional services rendered by the Corporation's external auditor for the audit and review of the Corporation's financial statements or services that are normally provided by the external auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements;

"executive officer" of an entity means an individual who is:

- (a) a chair of the entity;
- (b) a vice-chair of the entity;
- (c) the president of the entity;
- (d) a vice-president of the entity in charge of a principal business unit, division or function including sales, finance or production;
- (e) an officer of the entity or any of its subsidiary entities who performs a policy-making function in respect of the entity; or
- (f) any other individual who performs a policy-making function in respect of the entity;

"immediate family member" means an individual's spouse, common-law partner, parent, child, sibling, mother or father-in-law, son or daughter-in-law, brother or sister-in-law, and anyone (other than an employee of either the individual or the individual's immediate family member) who shares the individual's home;

"marketplace" means

- (a) an exchange,
- (b) a quotation and trade reporting system,
- (c) a person or company not included in paragraph (a) or (b) that

- (i) constitutes, maintains or provides a market or facility for bringing together buyers and sellers of securities,
 - (ii) brings together the orders for securities of multiple buyers and sellers, and
 - (iii) uses established, non-discretionary methods under which the orders interact with each other, and the buyers and sellers entering the orders agree to the terms of a trade, or
- (d) a dealer that executes a trade of an exchange-traded security outside of a marketplace, but does not include an inter-dealer bond broker;

"MD&A" has the meaning ascribed to it in National Instrument 51-102;

"National Instrument 51-102" means National Instrument 51-102 *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*; and

"non-audit services" means services other than audit services.

1.2 Meaning of Affiliated Entity, Subsidiary Entity and Control

(1) For the purposes of this charter, a person or company is considered to be an affiliated entity of another person or company if

- (a) one of them controls or is controlled by the other or if both persons or companies are controlled by the same person or company, or
- (b) the person is an individual who is
 - (i) both a director and an employee of an affiliated entity, or
 - (ii) an executive officer, general partner or managing member of an affiliated entity.

(2) For the purposes of this charter, a person or company is considered to be a subsidiary entity of another person or company if

- (a) it is controlled by,
 - (i) that other, or
 - (ii) that other and one or more persons or companies each of which is controlled by that other, or

- (iii) two or more persons or companies, each of which is controlled by that other; or
- (b) it is a subsidiary entity of a person or company that is the other's subsidiary entity.

(3) For the purpose of this charter, "control" means the direct or indirect power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person or company, whether through ownership of voting securities or otherwise.

(4) Despite subsection (1), an individual will not be considered to control the Corporation for the purposes of this charter if the individual:

- (a) owns, directly or indirectly, ten per cent or less of any class of voting securities of the Corporation; and
- (b) is not an executive officer of the Corporation.

1.3 Meaning of Independence

(1) An audit committee member is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Corporation.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a "material relationship" is a relationship which could, in the view of the Corporation's board of directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgement.

(3) Despite subsection (2), the following individuals are considered to have a material relationship with the Corporation:

- (a) an individual who is, or has been within the last three years, an employee or executive officer of the Corporation;
- (b) an individual whose immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years, an executive officer of the Corporation;
- (c) an individual who:
 - (i) is a partner of a firm that is the Corporation's internal or external auditor,
 - (ii) is an employee of that firm, or
 - (iii) was within the last three years a partner or employee of that firm and personally worked on the Corporation's audit within that time;

- (d) an individual whose spouse, common-law partner, minor child or stepchild, or child or stepchild who shares a home with the individual:
 - (i) is a partner of a firm that is the Corporation's internal or external auditor,
 - (ii) is an employee of that firm and participates in its audit, assurance or tax compliance (but not tax planning) practice, or
 - (iii) was within the last three years a partner or employee of that firm and personally worked on the Corporation's audit within that time;
- (e) an individual who, or whose immediate family member, is or has been within the last three years, an executive officer of an entity if any of the Corporation 's current executive officers serves or served at that same time on the entity's compensation committee;
- (f) an individual who received, or whose immediate family member who is employed as an executive officer of the Corporation received, more than \$75,000 in direct compensation from the Corporation during any 12 month period within the last three years.

(4) Despite subsection (3), an individual will not be considered to have a material relationship with the Corporation solely because

- (a) he or she had a relationship identified in subsection (3) if that relationship ended before March 30, 2004; or
- (b) he or she had a relationship identified in subsection (3) by virtue of subsection (8) if that relationship ended before June 30, 2005.

(5) For the purposes of clauses (3)(c) and (3)(d), a partner does not include a fixed income partner whose interest in the firm that is the internal or external auditor is limited to the receipt of fixed amounts of compensation (including deferred compensation) for prior service with that firm if the compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service.

(6) For the purposes of clause (3)(f), direct compensation does not include:

- (a) remuneration for acting as a member of the board of directors or of any board committee of the Corporation, and

- (b) the receipt of fixed amounts of compensation under a retirement plan (including deferred compensation) for prior service with the Corporation if the compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service.

(7) Despite subsection (3), an individual will not be considered to have a material relationship with the Corporation solely because the individual or his or her immediate family member

- (a) has previously acted as an interim chief executive officer of the Corporation, or
- (b) acts, or has previously acted, as a chair or vice-chair of the board of directors or of any board committee of the Corporation on a part-time basis.

(8) For the purpose of section 1.3, the word “Corporation” includes a subsidiary entity of the Corporation and a parent of the Corporation.

1.4 Additional Independence Requirements

(1) Despite any determination made under section 1.3, an individual who

- (a) accepts, directly or indirectly, any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from the Corporation or any subsidiary entity of the Corporation, other than as remuneration for acting in his or her capacity as a member of the board of directors or any board committee, or as a part-time chair or vice-chair of the board or any board committee; or
- (b) is an affiliated entity of the Corporation or any of its subsidiary entities,

is considered to have a material relationship with the Corporation.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the indirect acceptance by an individual of any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee includes acceptance of a fee by

- (a) an individual's spouse, common-law partner, minor child or stepchild, or a child or stepchild who shares the individual's home; or
- (b) an entity in which such individual is a partner, member, an officer such as a managing director occupying a comparable position or executive officer, or occupies a similar position (except limited partners, non-managing members and those occupying similar

positions who, in each case, have no active role in providing services to the entity) and which provides accounting, consulting, legal, investment banking or financial advisory services to the Corporation or any subsidiary entity of the Corporation.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), compensatory fees do not include the receipt of fixed amounts of compensation under a retirement plan (including deferred compensation) for prior service with the Corporation if the compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service.

1.5 Meaning of Financial Literacy

For the purposes of this charter, an individual is financially literate if he or she has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Corporation's financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors
Patheon Inc.
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