

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND MANAGEMENT PROXY CIRCULAR

2023 ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD JUNE 27, 2023



# NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### To the shareholders of Forza Petroleum Limited ("Forza Petroleum" or the "Corporation"):

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual and special meeting of the shareholders of Forza Petroleum (the "**Meeting**") will be held at the offices of Forza Petroleum Services SA at Route de Pré-Bois 14, 1216 Cointrin, Switzerland on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) for the following purposes, which are described in more detail in the Management Proxy Circular for the Meeting (the "**Circular**"), namely:

- 1. to receive the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, together with the Report of the Auditor thereon;
- 2. to elect the directors of Forza Petroleum to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected or appointed;
- 3. to appoint the auditor of the Corporation for the ensuing year at such remuneration as may be approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation;
- 4. to consider and, if thought advisable, pass, with or without variation, a special resolution, the full text of which is provided under the section titled *Reduction of Stated Capital* in the Circular, to approve a reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the common shares of the Corporation to \$25,000,000, as more fully described in the Circular; and
- 5. to transact such further and other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2023 will be entitled to notice of and to attend and vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

As a shareholder, it is important that you vote. Shareholders are encouraged to return their proxy or voting instruction form as soon as possible. As an alternative, shareholders may choose to vote by telephone or the Internet as provided for on the proxy or voting instruction form. Proxies must be received prior to 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) or 4:00 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) on Friday, June 23, 2023 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, prior to 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) or 4:00 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) two business days prior to the date on which the Meeting is reconvened. For more information on voting please see the section titled *Voting Information* in the Circular.

#### All shareholders are strongly encouraged to vote prior to the Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors

"Kevin McPhee"

Kevin McPhee General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Geneva, Switzerland May 15, 2023

# MANAGEMENT PROXY CIRCULAR

This Management Proxy Circular (the "**Circular**") is provided in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Forza Petroleum Limited ("**Forza Petroleum**" or the "**Corporation**") for use at the annual and special meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the shareholders of the Corporation (the "**Shareholders**") to be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at the time and place and for the purposes set out in the Notice of 2023 Annual and Special Meeting of Shareholders (the "**Notice**") accompanying this Circular, and at any adjournment thereof.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this Circular to dollar amounts are to U.S. dollars and all information in this Circular is as of April 28, 2023.

The Board of Directors of Forza Petroleum (the "Board") has approved the content and sending of this Circular.

*"Kevin McPhee"* Kevin McPhee General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Geneva, Switzerland May 15, 2023

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# **Solicitation of Proxies**

Each Shareholder will receive a proxy or voting instruction form. The solicitation of proxies is intended to be made primarily by mail but proxies may also be solicited by telephone, facsimile or other electronic means of communication or in person by the directors, officers and other employees of the Corporation. The entire cost of the solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Corporation.

# Beneficial (or Non-Registered) Owners

The voting process is different depending on whether you are a registered Shareholder, Non-Objecting Beneficial Owner or Objecting Beneficial Owner.

If you have shares registered in your own name, you are a registered Shareholder. If you do not hold shares in your own name, you are a beneficial or non-registered owner. If your shares are listed in an account statement provided to you by a broker, then it is likely that those shares will not be registered in your name, but under the broker's name or under the name of an agent of the broker such as CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc., the nominee for many Canadian brokerage firms, or its nominee.

There are two kinds of beneficial owners: (i) Objecting Beneficial Owners or OBOs – those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of shares which they own, and (ii) Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners or NOBOs – those who do not object to their name being made known to the issuers of the shares which they own.

Securities regulation requires brokers or agents to seek voting instruction from Objecting Beneficial Owners and Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners in advance of the Meeting. Beneficial owners should be aware that brokers or agents can only vote shares if instructed to do so by the beneficial owner. Your broker or agent (or their agent Broadridge) will have provided you with a voting instruction form or form of proxy for the purpose of obtaining your voting instructions. Every broker has its own mailing procedures and provides instructions for voting. You must follow those instructions carefully to ensure your shares are voted at the Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner receiving a voting instruction form or proxy from a broker or agent, you cannot use that proxy to vote at the Meeting. To vote your shares at the Meeting, the voting instruction form or proxy must be returned to the broker well in advance of the Meeting. If you wish to attend and vote your shares at the Meeting, follow the instructions for doing so provided by your broker or agent.

### **Shareholder Proxy Materials**

In accordance with an exemption granted by the Director appointed under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, the Corporation has elected to rely on notice-and-access provisions under National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* and National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* (together, the "**Notice-and-Access Provisions**") in respect to delivery of certain security holder materials for the Meeting to Shareholders.

The Notice-and-Access Provisions are rules developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators that reduce the volume of materials that must be physically mailed to shareholders by allowing a reporting issuer to post a proxy circular in respect of a meeting of its shareholders and related materials online. The Corporation believes this environmentally friendly process will provide Shareholders with a convenient way to access the Meeting materials, while allowing the Corporation to lower the costs associated with printing and distributing the Meeting materials.

Pursuant to the Notice-and-Access Provisions, Shareholders will receive a notification containing details of the date, location and business of the Meeting, as well as information on how they can access Meeting materials electronically. The Corporation has arranged for its registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada ("**Computershare**"), to send this notification to registered Shareholders. The Corporation will bear the cost of intermediaries delivering this notification to beneficial owners. Enclosed with the notification will be a voting instruction form or proxy form.

# **Appointment and Revocation of Proxies**

The persons named in the proxy are Shane Cloninger, who is Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, and Kevin McPhee, who is General Counsel of the Corporation.

For a vote by proxy or voting instruction form to be counted, it should be received prior to 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) or 4:00 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) on Friday, June 23, 2023. The Corporation reserves the right to accept late

proxies and to waive or extend the proxy cut-off with or without notice but is under no obligation to accept or reject any particular late proxy. For your vote to be counted, you may vote by proxy or voting instruction form via mail, the Internet or telephone. If you are a registered Shareholder, you may attend the Meeting and submit your completed proxy or vote at that time.

Completion of a proxy gives discretionary authority to the proxyholder to vote as he or she sees fit in respect of amendments to matters identified in the Notice, and other matters that may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, whether or not the amendment or other matter that comes before the Meeting is or is not routine, and whether or not the amendment or other matter the Meeting is contested.

Management of the Corporation is not aware of any amendments or other matters to be presented for action at the Meeting.

If you appoint Mr. Cloninger and/or Mr. McPhee as your proxyholder, they will vote, or withhold from voting, in accordance with your directions. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, they will vote **FOR**:

- the election of the directors named in this Circular;
- the appointment of Deloitte S.A. as auditor; and
- the special resolution to approve a reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the common shares of the Corporation (each, a "**Common Share**").

They will vote in accordance with their best judgment if any other matters are properly brought before the Meeting.

You may appoint any other person (who need not be a Shareholder) to represent you at the Meeting by inserting that person's name in the space provided on the accompanying proxy. That person is your proxyholder and must attend and vote at the Meeting in order for your vote to count.

You may revoke your proxy by providing new voting instructions in a new proxy or voting instruction form with a later date, or at a later time if you are voting on the Internet or by telephone. Any new voting instructions, however, will only take effect if received prior to 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) or 4:00 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) on Friday, June 23, 2023 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) or 4:00 p.m. (Central European Summer Time) two business days prior to the date on which the Meeting is reconvened. You may also revoke your proxy without providing new voting instructions by giving written notification addressed to Mr. Kevin McPhee, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Forza Petroleum, Route de Pré-Bois 14, 1216 Cointrin, Switzerland, not later than the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof or with the chair of the Meeting and vote thereat and, if they do so, any voting instructions previously given by such persons for such shares will be revoked.

### **Voting Securities and Principal Holders of Voting Securities**

Each Common Share entitles the holder thereof to one vote on all matters to come before the Meeting. Only holders of record of Common Shares as of the close of business on May 1, 2023 (the "**Record Date**") are entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. As of the Record Date, there were 600,306,357 Common Shares outstanding. A Shareholder of record on the Record Date will be entitled to vote the Common Shares shown opposite the Shareholder's name on the Corporation's register of Shareholders at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof, even if the Shareholder disposes of the Common Shares after that time. No person becoming a Shareholder after the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

To the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Corporation, the only persons who, or corporations which, beneficially own, or control or direct, directly or indirectly, securities carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to all outstanding Common Shares are:

Shareholder	Shareholding	Percentage
Zeg Oil and Gas Ltd	500,152,674	83.3%

# **Voting Results**

Following the Meeting, a report on the voting results will be filed with securities regulators on the Corporation's profile on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

The following business will be addressed at the Meeting.

# **Receipt of Financial Statements**

The audited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the Independent Auditor's Report thereon will be placed before the Meeting. Copies of the audited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2022 may be obtained from the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation upon request and will be available at the Meeting. The audited condensed consolidated financial statements are also available on the Corporation's website (www.forzapetroleum.com) and on the Corporation's profile on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

# **Election of Directors**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to elect a Board of four members. See the section titled *Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors* for more information regarding the individual nominees.

The Board recommends that you vote **FOR** the election of each of the following persons who have been proposed by the Board for election as directors:

Brad Camp

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- Peter Janele
- Peter Newman Vance Querio

Directors elected at the Meeting will serve until the end of the next annual shareholder meeting, or until their resignation, if earlier. Management does not contemplate that any of the management nominees will be unable to serve as a director.

The form of proxy or voting instruction form permits Shareholders to vote FOR or AGAINST each director nominee. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, the persons named as proxyholders in the form of proxy or voting instruction form sent to Shareholders intend to cast the votes represented by proxy at the Meeting <u>FOR</u> the election as directors of the individuals nominated in this Circular.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

Management of the Corporation has nominated Deloitte S.A., Chartered Accountants, to serve as auditor of the Corporation until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, at such remuneration as may be approved by the Board. Deloitte S.A. was first appointed auditor of the Corporation on January 11, 2013. The Audit Committee pre-approves all audit services and all permitted non-audit services. Fees paid to Deloitte S.A. in each of 2021 and 2022 are disclosed in Forza Petroleum's Annual Information Form dated March 23, 2023, which is available on the Corporation's website (www.forzapetroleum.com) and on the Corporation's profile on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

The Board recommends that you vote **FOR** the appointment of Deloitte S.A., Chartered Accountants, to serve as auditor of the Corporation until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, at such remuneration as may be approved by the Board.

The form of proxy or voting instruction form permits Shareholders to vote **FOR** or to **WITHHOLD** their vote for the appointment of Deloitte S.A. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, the persons named as proxyholders in the form of proxy or voting instruction form sent to Shareholders intend to cast the votes represented by proxy at the Meeting <u>FOR</u> the appointment of Deloitte S.A. as auditor, at such remuneration as may be approved by the Board.

# **Reduction of Stated Capital**

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, pass, with or without variation, a special resolution to approve a reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the Common Shares to \$25,000,000. See the section titled *Reduction of Stated Capital* for more information regarding the proposed reduction of stated capital.

The Board recommends that you vote **FOR** the special resolution to approve a reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the Common Shares to \$25,000,000.

The enclosed form of proxy or voting instruction form permits Shareholders to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the special resolution to approve a reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the Common Shares. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, the persons named as proxyholders in the enclosed form of proxy or voting instruction form intend to cast the votes represented by proxy at the Meeting <u>FOR</u> the resolution to approve a reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the Common Shares.

# **Other Business**

As of the date of this Circular, the directors of the Corporation know of no other matters to come before the Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named as proxyholders in the form of proxy or voting instruction form sent to Shareholders to vote the same in accordance with their best judgment of such matters.

# NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following pages include a profile of each nominated director with an explanation of his experience, qualifications, participation on the Board and its committees, ownership of Common Shares, as well as participation on the boards of other public companies.

The total value of Common Shares is determined by multiplying the number of Common Shares held by each nominee as of April 28, 2023 by the closing price of the Common Shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange as of the close of business on April 28, 2023, being CAD 0.18 (\$0.1326 based on the Bank of Canada daily average exchange rate for April 28, 2023, being 0.7365).

Total shareholdings of nominated directors	
Common Shares	9,551,506
Value (\$)	1,266,530

#### **BRAD CAMP**

Director

Age: 51 Erbil, Iraq

Director since June 2016

#### **Current Activities:**

Mr. Camp is the Managing Director of Darb Global Inc., a consulting firm that provides advisory services to persons investing in emerging markets, including in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

#### **Past Activities:**

Some of Mr. Camp's recent projects include the development of an integrated upstream/midstream/ downstream petroleum project and the first major refinery in the Kurdistan Region. Mr. Camp served as a strategic advisor for the developer of the crude oil export pipeline in the Kurdistan Region and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the joint venture pipeline operating company.

Prior to entering the private sector, Mr. Camp held various Foreign Service Officer positions for his country, including two years assigned to the Kurdistan Region and an additional tour in Baghdad. He served as a Director in the Office for Iraq and Afghanistan at the National Security Council at the White House.

Mr. Camp has a Masters in Management from New York University and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

#### **Other Public Board Directorships:**

None

#### **Ownership and Total Value of Equity:**

Common Shares	139,476
Value (\$)	18,495

Independent

#### PETER JANELE



#### Director

Age: 65 British Columbia, Canada

Director since June 2018

#### **Current Activities:**

Dr. Janele is the founder and owner of Janele Technology and Research Corporation, a Canadianbased consulting organization that focuses on the development and application of solutions for the energy industry. He is recognized for developing practical solutions to real-world technical challenges that make business sense.

#### Past Activities:

Dr. Janele has extensive international experience in upstream oil and gas production and exploration. He was employed at Chevron Corporation for 38 years and held assignments in Canada, Indonesia, Kuwait and the United States. During his corporate career, he gained expertise in upstream oilfield operations including Production and Reservoir Engineering, Subsurface Reservoir Characterization, Flow and Recovery Modeling, Field Asset Management, Business Planning and Applied Statistical Analysis. In his last assignment, Dr. Janele was part of an elite exploration review team that was responsible for resource volumetric estimation and risk quantification for Chevron's global exploration portfolio. He has extensive experience in both conventional and non-conventional resources and has won numerous awards for his technical acumen and business leadership.

Dr. Janele holds a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of British Columbia (Canada), a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Southern California (USA) and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alberta (Canada).

**Other Public Board Directorships:** 

None

#### **Ownership and Total Value of Equity:**

Common Shares	0
Value (\$)	0

Independent



PETER NEWMAN

#### **Current Activities:**

Mr. Newman is a corporate director and currently serves as an independent non-executive director of The Addax and Oryx Group and chairman of its audit committee. Mr. Newman is a director of Motor Fuel Group, a large private equity backed independent road fuels and convenience store retailer in the United Kingdom. Mr. Newman is also non-executive interim chairman at Barryroe Offshore Energy plc (formerly Providence Resources plc), an Irish exploration company listed on the AIM in London and Euronext Dublin.

Director

# Past Activities:

Age: 68 Surrey, United Kingdom

Director since December 2012

Mr. Newman was a partner at Deloitte LLP in London where he led the firm's oil and gas sector practice globally from 2002 until his retirement in 2009. Prior to that, Mr. Newman worked at Arthur Andersen LLP in London where he became a partner in 1989 and led the firm's oil sector practice across Europe, the Middle East, India and Africa. Mr. Newman also worked with Mobil Corporation from 1980 to 1984 in several countries across Europe, Africa and the Far East.

Mr. Newman studied geography at the University of Oxford before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in England.

#### **Other Public Board Directorships:**

Barryroe Offshore Energy plc

#### Ownership and Total Value of Equity:

Common Shares	368,722
Value (\$)	48,893

#### **VANCE QUERIO**



Chair of the Board

Age: 67 Geneva, Switzerland

Director since March 2023

#### **Current Activities:**

Mr. Querio has been the non-executive Chair of Forza Petroleum since March 2023.

#### **Past Activities:**

Mr. Querio joined Forza Petroleum in March 2012 and served as West Africa Regional Manager until being appointed Chief Operating Officer in April 2015. He was promoted to Chief Executive Officer in March 2016. On March 1, 2023, Mr. Querio shifted into the role of Director and non-executive Chair.

Prior to joining Forza Petroleum, Mr. Querio worked with Addax Petroleum, where he was Chairman and Managing Director for its Nigeria Business Unit, leading its operations as the largest independent oil company in Nigeria with peak production capacity of 120,000 barrels per day. He previously provided executive management and professional engineering services for several oil industry companies and worked with Chevron for 20 years, in various positions and involved with projects in the Middle East, West Africa, North and South America, and South East Asia.

Mr. Querio is a member of the Swiss section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Mr. Querio holds a degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University in the United States.

#### **Other Public Board Directorships:**

None

#### Ownership and Total Value of Equity:

Common Shares	9,043,308
Value (\$)	1,199,143

### **Certain Proceedings**

To the knowledge of the Corporation, no proposed director of the Corporation (nor any personal holding company of a proposed director) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been, within 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Corporation) that: (i) was subject to a cease trade order (including a management cease trade order), an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, in each case that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (collectively, an "**Order**"), that was issued while the proposed director was acting in the capacity as director ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

On July 7, 2020, OP Congo SA, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation, declared suspension of payments and requested implementation of liquidation in accordance with the OHADA Uniform Act Organizing Collective Proceedings for Clearing of Debts. By judgment dated March 24, 2021, the Commercial Court, Pointe-Noire Republic of the Congo pronounced the commencement of the liquidation of the entity. Vance Querio was Administrateur Général of OP Congo SA at the time the liquidation process commenced. Other than the foregoing, to the knowledge of the Corporation, no proposed director of the Corporation (nor any personal holding company of a proposed director): (i) is, as at the date of this Circular, or has been, within the 10 years before the date of this Circular, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement, or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the proposed director.

Shareholders are being asked to consider and, if thought advisable, pass, with or without variation, a special resolution (the ("**Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution**") to approve a reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the Common Shares to \$25,000,000.

# Background

Under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, a corporation is prohibited from taking certain actions, including purchasing its own shares and declaring or paying dividends on its shares if, among other things, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the realizable value of the corporation's assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and stated capital of all classes of shares. A corporation may also be restricted in the way it may complete certain business combinations.

The *Canada Business Corporations Act* provides that a corporation may, by special resolution, reduce its stated capital for any purpose. A corporation is prohibited from reducing its stated capital if there are reasonable grounds for believing that (a) the corporation is, or would after the reduction be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or (b) the realizable value of the corporation's assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities. The Board has concluded that no such reasonable grounds exist.

The stated capital account is comprised of the aggregate amount of the consideration for which all of the issued shares of a class have historically been issued. As at December 31, 2022, the Common Shares have a stated capital of \$1,838,092,608, reflecting the significant investment made in the business since its establishment in 2010. Assuming the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution is approved by Shareholders and implemented, the stated capital of the Common Shares will be reduced by \$1,813,092,608 to \$25,000,000. The reduction of stated capital will not impact the number of Common Shares issued and outstanding.

The purpose of reducing the stated capital of the Common Shares is to ensure that (a) the realizable value of the Corporation's assets exceeds (b) the aggregate of the Corporation's liabilities and the stated capital of all classes of the Corporation's shares, thereby providing the Corporation with additional flexibility under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* to be able to complete certain corporate actions, if, as and when the Board determines it appropriate and in the best interests of Shareholders to do so.

The proposed reduction of stated capital would have no impact on the day-to-day operations of the Corporation and will not, on its own, alter the financial condition of the Corporation. The Corporation does not currently intend to declare or pay dividends on its Common Shares and dividends for any future period will be declared at the discretion of the Board and no assumption can be made that dividends will be declared or paid at all.

Subject to the discretion of the Board to revoke the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution, as described therein, and to determine not to proceed with the reduction of the stated capital of the Common Shares, in the event the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution is approved by Shareholders at the Meeting, the reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the Common Shares is expected to be effected on or about June 30, 2023.

### **Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following is a summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations related to the proposed reduction of stated capital that are generally applicable to holders of Common Shares. This summary is based on the current provisions of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "**Tax Act**"), the regulations to the Tax Act, all amendments to the Tax Act proposed by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance prior to the date hereof and the current administrative practices and assessing policies published by the Canada Revenue Agency. This summary assumes that any proposed amendments to the Tax Act will be enacted in the form currently proposed.

This summary is not exhaustive of all Canadian federal income tax considerations related to the proposed reduction of stated capital, nor does it consider any provincial or territorial tax laws of Canada or any tax laws of any jurisdiction outside of Canada. This summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be, and should not be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any Shareholder. Each Shareholder should consult with his, her or its own independent tax advisors with respect to his, her or its tax position, as such consequences can vary depending upon the circumstances of each Shareholder.

The reduction in the stated capital account maintained in respect of the Common Shares will result in a reduction of the "paid up capital" of the Common Shares under the Tax Act. However, since no amount is being paid to the Shareholders in connection with the reduction of stated capital, the reduction will not result in a deemed dividend being received by the Shareholders or in a reduction of the adjusted cost base of the Common Shares for the Shareholders. Furthermore, the reduction in the stated capital account of the Common Shares will not result in a disposition of the Common Shares under the Tax Act. Accordingly, the reduction in the stated capital account does not give rise to immediate tax consequences under the Tax Act for Shareholders, and provided that the Corporation restores the amount of the reduction to stated capital in the future prior to implementing certain transactions involving a repurchase, cancellation, or exchange of the Common Shares, it will not result in an increased tax liability on such possible future restructurings of the share capital of the Corporation, if any.

### Vote Required and Recommendation of Board

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, pass, with or without variation, the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution. The text of the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution is as follows:

- BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:
- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this resolution, the stated capital account maintained in respect of the common shares of the Corporation be and is hereby reduced in accordance with subsection 38(1) of the Canada Business Corporations Act to \$25,000,000, without any payment or distribution to the shareholders of the Corporation;
- (b) the Board of Directors of the Corporation be and is hereby authorized to give effect to such reduction of stated capital as it may determine at any time;
- (c) notwithstanding that this special resolution has been duly passed by the shareholders of the Corporation, the Board of Directors of the Corporation may, in its sole discretion and without further approval of the shareholders of the Corporation, revoke this special resolution at any time until the next annual meeting of shareholders prior to effecting such reduction of stated capital and elect not to act on or carry out this special resolution; and
- (d) any director or officer of the Corporation is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute and deliver all documents and do all other things as in the opinion of such director or officer may be necessary or desirable to implement this special resolution and matters authorized hereby, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such documents and the taking of any such action.

As a special resolution, for the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution to be passed, it must be approved by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by Shareholders in respect of the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution who vote in person or by proxy at the Meeting. Even if the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution is approved by the Shareholders at the Meeting, the Board will have the discretion not to proceed with the proposed reduction of stated capital. The Board has determined that the passing of the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution is in the best interests of the Corporation and recommends that Shareholders vote **FOR** the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution.

The enclosed form of proxy or voting instruction form permits Shareholders to vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution. If you do not specify how you want your shares voted, the persons named as proxyholders in the enclosed form of proxy or voting instruction form intend to cast the votes represented by proxy at the Meeting <u>FOR</u> the Reduction of Stated Capital Resolution.

# STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following discussion describes the significant elements of the Corporation's executive compensation program, with particular emphasis on the process for determining compensation payable to the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**"), Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**") and each of the three most highly compensated executive officers of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, or the three most highly compensated individuals acting in a similar capacity, other than the CEO and CFO, at the end of the most recently completed financial year, whose total compensation was, individually, more than CAD 150,000 for that financial year (collectively, the "**Named Executive Officers**" or "**NEOs**").

The NEOs for the year ended December 31, 2022 were:

- Vance Querio, CEO
- Kevin McPhee, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
- · Lindsey Rosebush, Finance Director, acting in the capacity of CFO

# **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

#### **Executive Compensation Philosophy**

The Corporation's executive compensation program is a comprehensive program designed to attract, retain and motivate senior executives and to encourage and reward superior performance while aligning the interests of senior executives and shareholders.

The Corporation strives to achieve these goals by:

- providing total compensation that is competitive with compensation received by executives employed by comparable companies in the U.K., Continental Europe, the U.S. and Canada; and
- including equity-based incentive plans as an element of executive compensation.

The Corporation's compensation philosophy is intended to provide higher levels of incentive compensation when the Corporation and the executive achieve higher performance relative to peers. Conversely, when the Corporation and the executive underperform, lower levels of incentive compensation are granted.

The Corporation periodically reviews the companies which comprise its peer group and, based on such review, the composition of the peer group may change from time to time. The Corporation's peer group for determining executive compensation policy, most recently updated in March 2023, is comprised of the following small to medium sized publicly listed exploration and production companies in the U.K., Continental Europe, the U.S. and Canada:

FAR Limited	Hemisphere Energy	Saturn Oil & Gas Inc.	Vaalco Energy Inc.
Genel Energy PLC	New Stratus Energy Inc.	ShaMaran Petroleum Corp.	Valeura Energy Inc.
Gran Tierra Energy Inc.	PetroTal Corp.	Surge Energy Inc.	
Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd.	Pharos Energy PLC	Tethys Oil AB	

The Corporation's NEOs are based in Geneva, Switzerland. Due to the very limited representation of upstream oil and gas industry peers in Switzerland, the Nomination and Compensation Committee considers European oil and gas exploration and production market data, driven by the London, U.K. market, as a comparator for the NEO and director compensation packages. The Nomination and Compensation Committee treats London, U.K. as a primary comparator as it has a sizeable upstream industry and is a reasonable comparator to Geneva in regard to cost of living. The Nomination and Compensation Committee also considers data supplied for the North American market, although it is considered less relevant for cash compensation.

#### Independent Compensation Consultants

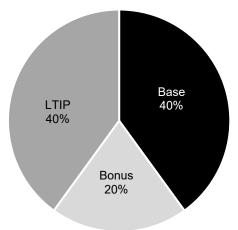
The Corporation has not retained any compensation consultant or advisor to assist in determining compensation for any of the Corporation's directors or executive officers in the last two financial years. However, in February 2022, the Corporation engaged a human resource professional on a consultancy basis to undertake a complete review of the Corporation's Human Resource Management including workforce planning, compensation, performance management, and development and organizational change, among other things. In connection with the consultant's work, certain base salaries for NEOs were adjusted in 2022.

#### **Executive Compensation Components**

Executive compensation consists of three main elements: base salary (paid in cash), an annual bonus (paid in cash) and an award of Common Shares under the Long Term Incentive Plan ("**LTIP**"), which vest over time in accordance with the provisions of the LTIP. Executive compensation is weighted towards the at-risk elements of compensation, being the annual bonus and LTIP award. This "pay for performance" approach rewards executives for the achievement of corporate performance goals and provides a link between total compensation and the performance of both the executive and the business.

#### Relative Weighting of Compensation

The relative weighting of the fixed and at-risk components of compensation for the NEOs at target levels during 2022 are illustrated in the below chart.



#### **Target Compensation for NEOs**

#### Pension Plan

All of the NEOs are employed under contracts governed by Swiss law and carry out some or all of their work in Switzerland. As such, unless already eligible for retirement benefits, they are required to participate in the mandatory Swiss pension system, as described in the section titled *Pension Plan Benefits* below.

#### Other Benefits

In addition to the elements set out above, the NEOs are entitled to certain benefits on termination of employment, as described in the section titled *Termination and Change of Control Benefits* below.

#### **Determination of Executive Compensation Components**

The Board has responsibility for overseeing the Corporation's compensation program. The Board has delegated certain oversight responsibilities to the Nomination and Compensation Committee but retains final authority over certain elements of the compensation process, including the adoption of new compensation plans and review and approval of the Nomination and Compensation Committee's recommendations regarding executive compensation. The Nomination and Compensation Committee in turn draws upon the expertise of the chair of the Nomination and Compensation Committee and the CEO, as well as the other officers of the Corporation, as necessary.

Members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee have acted as directors and/or executive officers for a variety of publicly listed companies, have experience in top leadership roles, strong knowledge of the energy industry and a mix of functional experience and competency in operations and strategy. See the section titled *Corporate Governance Practices* for information regarding the members and mandate of the Nomination and Compensation Committee.

The Corporation feels that the directors' experience in this regard is relevant to their responsibilities in determining executive compensation and enables the Nomination and Compensation Committee to make decisions on the suitability of the Corporation's compensation policies and practices. This background provides the Nomination and Compensation Committee with the collective experience, skills and qualities needed to effectively support the Board in carrying out its mandate.

The Board has not undertaken a formal analysis of the implications of the risks associated with the Corporation's compensation policies and practices. However, the charter of the Corporate Governance Committee requires that the chair of that committee pre-approve any trading by officers, and oversee any trading by directors, in securities of the Corporation. Further, the Corporation maintains a policy restricting directors and executive officers from purchasing financial instruments, or entering into agreements or other transactions, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities of the Corporation granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by directors and officers.

The Corporation's Human Resources department provides the Nomination and Compensation Committee with internal and external reports on the structure and competitiveness of the Corporation's overall compensation program, including executive compensation. Periodically, the Nomination and Compensation Committee is provided a detailed review of the estimated and actual results of performance measures.

The Nomination and Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultants, when retained, provide market data and analytical support for the Nomination and Compensation Committee's compensation review.

To ensure that the Corporation appropriately assesses and compensates its NEOs, executive compensation is determined and reviewed as set out below.

#### Base Salary

Base salaries, a fixed element of executive compensation, are based on the executive's responsibility, performance assessment and career experience. This element of executive compensation is typically set at or slightly above median levels of the peer group. Performance-related discretionary elements (annual bonus and awards under the LTIP) are intended to take total remuneration equal to or above the upper quartile for superior performance.

The Nomination and Compensation Committee periodically reviews and determines the base salary of the CEO, for consideration and approval by the Board. The CEO is responsible for the determination of the base salaries of the other NEOs, but typically obtains feedback from the Nomination and Compensation Committee.

#### Annual Bonus

Through the award of an annual bonus, the Corporation aims to enhance the link between pay and performance by aligning the financial and operational interests and motivations of employees, including the NEOs, with the annual financial returns of the Corporation and motivating the NEOs to work towards common annual performance objectives. It places a meaningful proportion of total cash compensation at risk, thereby aligning the pay of NEOs with the Corporation's financial and operational performance.

The following table sets out the bonus range, as a percentage of base salary, for each NEO during 2022.

Name	Minimum	Target	Maximum
Vance Querio	0%	50%	100%
Kevin McPhee	0%	50%	100%
Lindsey Rosebush	0%	50%	100%

In each fiscal year, actual bonuses depend on the executive's target percentage of base salary and will reflect actual performance based on annual corporate performance measures as approved by the Board. If target performance levels are attained, the target award level will typically be payable. If target performance levels are surpassed, then an award of up to two times the NEO's target percentage of base salary may be recommended. Where performance is significantly below target, the NEO may receive no bonus. Bonuses in respect of a fiscal year, if any, are paid the following year after annual corporate performance measures for the fiscal year have been determined.

#### Setting Performance Measures

The Board and the Corporation's senior executives establish the Corporation's key performance indicators ("**KPIs**") each year. KPIs may include, among others, the following:

- · safety, health and environmental performance;
- production targets;
- · exploration success;
- · reserves and resources additions;
- strategic project delivery;
- · new ventures strategic portfolio acquisition; and
- the Corporation's financial performance.

In determining the total annual bonus pool applicable to all employees, including the NEOs, the Nomination and Compensation Committee reviews business results for the prior year against the approved KPIs. The Nomination and Compensation Committee may also consider other relevant factors, including individual performance and the state of the Corporation's finances. While at-risk compensation awards are generally tied to performance against quantitative objectives as described above, an individual's contribution to the organization may also be considered. The discretionary feature of this compensation element is consistent with the Corporation's stated philosophy to pay for exceptional performance.

#### Long Term Incentive Plan

Under the Corporation's Long Term Incentive Plan (or LTIP), Common Shares may be issued to directors, officers and employees of, and other service providers to, the Corporation, including the NEOs, in such numbers and with such vesting provisions as the Nomination and Compensation Committee may determine. Amendments to the LTIP were last approved by Shareholders on May 13, 2015.

The LTIP is designed to:

- (a) retain and attract qualified directors, officers, employees and consultants;
- (b) promote a proprietary interest in the Corporation by such directors, officers, employees and consultants and to encourage those persons to remain in the employ of the Corporation and its affiliates and put forth maximum efforts for the success of the Corporation; and
- (c) focus management of the Corporation and its affiliates on operating and financial performance and total long-term shareholder return.

Each year the Nomination and Compensation Committee reviews and considers the Corporation's performance in terms of total shareholder return, including share price performance and shareholder return relative to the Corporation's performance comparator peer group and the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index. See the section titled *Performance Comparator Peer Group* below. This review has historically been undertaken in the second quarter of the year, with the assessment period running from April 1 to March 31.

In the normal course, the awards of Common Shares under the LTIP vest in three tranches, on the date the award is made (the "Award Date") and on each of the first and second anniversaries of the Award Date, which is targeted for September each year. Previous grants are not taken into account when considering new grants.

Participants have a target grant size commensurate with their salary grade level, expressed as a percentage of base salary. The target grant sizes for the NEOs in 2022, expressed as a percentage of base salary, are illustrated in the following table.

Name	Minimum	Target	Maximum
Vance Querio	0%	100%	200%
Kevin McPhee	0%	100%	200%
Lindsey Rosebush	0%	100%	200%

Awards for the NEOs would not typically exceed two times the target. However, in return for exceptional performance, the Nomination and Compensation Committee has the discretion to increase the aggregate value of the LTIP awards to the NEOs.

Section 613(a) of the Toronto Stock Exchange ("**TSX**") Company Manual provides that every three years after institution, all unallocated options, rights or other entitlements under a security based compensation arrangement which does not have a fixed maximum aggregate of securities issuable must be approved by a majority of the issuer's directors and by the issuer's security holders.

As the Corporation's LTIP is a security based compensation arrangement and the LTIP provides that the number of Common Shares reserved for issuance from treasury under the LTIP will not exceed 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time, the above approvals must be obtained at least every three years. The Corporation's directors and shareholders last approved the grant of unallocated awards under the LTIP on May 17, 2021 and June 29, 2021, respectively.

See the section titled Incentive Plan Awards below for more information.

#### Performance Comparator Peer Group

In March 2023, the Nomination and Compensation Committee revisited the peer group of companies that would be used for assessing the Corporation's relative performance for purposes of annual bonuses and LTIP awards. The peer group was

developed in collaboration with the executive management team and is a subset of the peer group described above, limited to the oil and gas companies that:

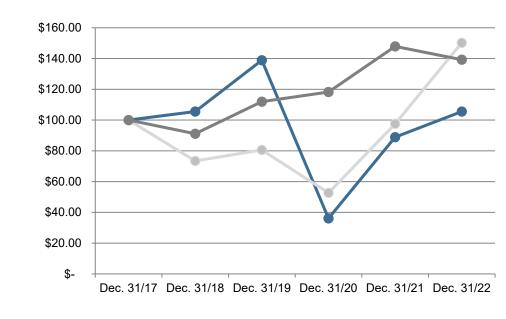
- · have a similar market capitalization to the Corporation;
- · operate in politically risky countries in Africa and the Middle East; and
- have equity listed on Canadian, European or U.S. stock exchanges.

The Corporation's peer group used for assessing the Corporation's relative performance for purposes of annual bonuses and LTIP awards is currently comprised of the following companies:

Genel Energy PLC	New Stratus Energy Inc.	Tethys Oil AB
Gran Tierra Energy Inc.	Pharos Energy PLC	
Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd.	ShaMaran Petroleum Corp.	

# **Performance Graph**

The following performance graph compares the Corporation's cumulative total shareholder return (assuming an initial investment of CAD 100) for Common Shares for the five most recently completed financial years with that of the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Index during the same period. The index returns presented below include dividends.



<b>Cumulative Total</b>	Return on CAD	100 Investment -	– December 3 <sup>°</sup>	1, 2017 to Dec	ember 31, 2022
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		Dec. 31/17	Dec. 31/18	Dec. 31/19	Dec. 31/20	Dec. 31/21	Dec. 31/22
-	Forza Petroleum	\$100.00	\$105.56	\$138.89	\$36.11	\$88.89	\$105.56
	S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	\$100.00	\$73.43	\$80.59	\$52.67	\$97.53	\$150.22
	S&P/TSX Composite Index	\$100.00	\$91.11	\$111.96	\$118.23	\$147.89	\$139.25

#### **Discussion of Trends**

Expectations that capital would be required to fund development of the Hawler license area and for exploration in certain of the Corporation's other assets, and uncertainty regarding the dilution that could result from raising such capital, weighed on the trading price of the Common Shares in 2018 and 2019. However, this downward pressure was offset by improving oil and gas industry sentiment and positive operational and financial results from the Corporation, resulting in share price appreciation that surpassed gains by the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Index during 2018 and 2019.

The significant fall in the price of oil in March 2020, market sentiment resulting from the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and uncertainty regarding the future of the Corporation because of restructuring activity, delayed receipts for oil sales, a decision to restrict capital expenditure and shutting-in a significant portion of oil production for three months, led the

share price down in 2020, consistent with trends in the global oil industry. While the oil industry started to rebound towards the end of 2020 with increasing oil prices, the trading price of Common Shares lagged the recovery enjoyed by many of the Corporation's peers. The fall in share price during 2020 that exceeded the fall in the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index and the lagging recovery may be attributed to limited trading liquidity and restrained market appetite for companies operating in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, which has been limited due to perceived political risk and export logistics uncertainties.

During 2021 and 2022, with strengthening oil price and successful execution of the Corporation's work program, the Common Shares made good progress towards restoring the pre-pandemic share price. Although shareholder returns tracked that of the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index during 2021, there was an increasing adverse deviation between returns during 2022 which may be attributed to ongoing risks specific to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

The evolution of total compensation paid to NEOs the last five years has been impacted primarily by restructuring activity and the departure of certain executives. Except for the base salary of the CEO which has been unchanged since 2013, base salaries for the NEOs who remained have slowly increased over the last five years as an improving financial situation has provided the ability to better align the base salaries with executive responsibilities. Notwithstanding, NEO (other than the CEO) base salaries remain below historical highs prevailing between 2013 and 2015. The award of discretionary compensation has, consistent with the applicable plans, largely tracked corporate performance as demonstrated by the applicable metrics in each case and subject to minor adjustments where warranted and discussed elsewhere in this Circular and earlier meeting circulars. Increases to the compensation of individual NEOs can also be attributed to internal promotions and the results of a Corporation wide salary review completed during 2022.

See the section titled 2022 Executive Compensation Decisions for more information regarding developments in executive compensation.

# **2022 Executive Compensation Decisions**

#### **Base Salary**

As a junior oil and gas producer, the Corporation continues to devote significant attention to constraining costs. No changes were made to NEO base salaries in 2022, except an increase to the base salary of Ms. Rosebush to better align her salary with responsibilities taken on in July 2020 when she was promoted to 'Head of Finance' (subsequently updated to 'Finance Director').

#### **Annual Bonus**

The annual bonus is linked to the achievement of a balanced set of objectives that contribute to the Corporation's long-term financial growth and profitability. The Board ensures that performance goals and conditions are directly aligned with the achievement of the Corporation's corporate objectives.

To assess the Corporation's performance in 2022, the following key performance indicators, or KPIs, were adopted by the Board:

Metric	Weight	0%	100%	200%
Safety, Health, Security, and Environment (" <b>HSE</b> "), and Corporate Social Responsibility (" <b>CSR</b> ")				
Total recordable incidents	2%	7	3	N/A
Lost time injuries	2%	3	1	N/A
<ul> <li>Revised master Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") completed and approved by government</li> </ul>	3%	No	Yes	N/A
Complete key CSR projects	3%	0	3	N/A
Achievement of work program				
<ul> <li>Ratio of (i) addition to proved oil reserves from reservoirs drilled, to (ii) annual oil production</li> </ul>	10%	0.5	1	2
Wells drilled, side-tracked or completed	20%	6	11	15
West Hawler Gathering System commissioned	5%	No	Yes	N/A
South Hawler Gathering System commissioned	5%	No	Yes	N/A
2022 gross oil production (million barrels)	35%	4.5	5.6	8.5

Cost management				
<ul> <li>Operating expenditure per barrel lower than threshold (\$ million)</li> <li>Total general and administrative expenditure lower than threshold (\$ million)</li> </ul>	10% 5%	6.11 17.0	4.89 14.0	3.67 10.0

The following table compares the 2022 KPIs with the actual results achieved in 2022.

Metric	2022 Results	Performance vs. Target	Weight	Contribution to Corporate Performance Factor
Safety, HSE and CSR				
Total recordable incidents	1	100%	2%	2
Lost time injuries	0	100%	2%	2
Complete revised master EIA	Yes	100%	3%	3
Complete key CSR projects	3	100%	3%	3
Achievement of work program				
<ul> <li>Ratio of (i) addition to proved oil reserves from reservoirs drilled, to (ii) annual oil production</li> </ul>	1.57	157%	10%	15.7
Wells drilled, side-tracked or completed	9	60%	20%	12
West Hawler Gathering System commissioned	No	0%	5%	0
South Hawler Gathering System commissioned	No	0%	5%	0
2022 gross oil production (million barrels)	5.3	72%	35%	25.3
Cost management				
• Operating expenditure lower than threshold (\$ million)	5.77	28%	10%	2.8
<ul> <li>Total general and administrative expenditure lower than threshold (\$ million)</li> </ul>	15.3	57%	5%	2.9
2022 Performance Factor				68.7

With a continued focus on safety, the Corporation was successful in conducting operations in 2022 with only a single recordable incident and no lost time injuries. The required revised master environmental impact assessment for the Hawler license area was submitted and approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources. CSR projects completed during the year included construction of the Tulaband-Kulabor-Wardak road and schools in Tarash Village and Ali Mala Dawood Village.

Activity during the year, including drilling and ongoing production, provided a basis for the addition of 5.3 million barrels to *proved* (working interest) oil reserves at year-end, representing 157% of the 3.4 million barrels of (working interest) oil produced during the year.

The Corporation executed an aggressive work program in 2022. Nine wells were drilled, sidetracked or recompleted during 2022, including three in the Zey Gawra field, four in the Demir Dagh field and one in the Ain al Safra field, together with conversion of a previously drilled Zey Gawra well for water disposal. Although construction advanced on the West Hawler Gathering System during the year, neither the West Hawler nor the South Hawler Gathering Systems were commissioned in 2022. Delay in this facilities work was primarily attributable to procurement issues.

Although successful in executing a significant work program in 2022, activity fell short of the budget approved in November 2021 and execution was subject to some delays. In addition, certain existing and new wells underperformed risked production targets contemplated in the budget and underpinning the above KPIs. Annual gross (100%) oil production increased from 4.5 million barrels achieved in 2021 to 5.3 million barrels but fell short of the 100% threshold of 5.6 million barrels set for the gross oil production KPI.

While operating expenditure on an absolute basis increased with activity in 2022, the 100% threshold for the related KPI contemplated an improvement in such expenditure on a per barrel basis compared to 2021. The KPIs also contemplated a modest increase in total general and administrative expenditure versus 2021. General and administrative expenditure was down in 2021, benefiting from restructuring activity implemented in 2020. Target (i.e., 100%) performance thresholds for these metrics were aligned with the 2022 budget approved by the Board in November 2021. In the end, higher than expected operating expenditure and lower production resulted in operating expenditure per barrel closer to the 0%

performance threshold. General and administrative expenditure for 2022 was approximately \$1.3 million higher than target, attributed primarily to increased consultant and travel costs.

Overall, the Corporation achieved a measured corporate performance factor of 68.7 in 2022. However, given current business uncertainty, the award of an annual bonus to NEOs (payable in 2023) has been deferred.

#### LTIP

In May 2022, the Nomination and Compensation Committee reviewed total shareholder return achieved during the assessment period running from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. The Corporation's total shareholder return was compared to the total shareholder return achieved by the Corporation's performance comparator peer group and the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index during the same period on a currency adjusted basis. The data demonstrated positive returns for Shareholders (196%) compared to the Corporation's performance comparator peer group (44%) and the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index (98%).

Notwithstanding the significant positive relative returns to Shareholders during the assessment period, the Committee was sensitive to the dilution that could result from a significant award and also considered that awards in recent years were based in part on a view that shares were undervalued. Share price appreciation in the current assessment period can, at least partially, be attributed to better alignment with fair value. As a result, members of the Committee were hesitant to reward employees for the full amount of the positive relative return.

The Nomination and Compensation Committee considered the following additional ancillary factors: (i) LTIP awards could be used to boost morale and encourage a greater sense of ownership during a time when uninterrupted outperformance continued to be expected from the team, (ii) the increased importance of retention objectives given the small core team essential to the future of the business, and (iii) limited buying interest, long blackout periods and tax effects limited the ability of employees to fully realize the LTIP component of compensation.

Given the above, the Nomination and Compensation Committee recommended, and the Board approved, that the LTIP for employees, including the NEOs, in 2022 be determined with a corporate performance multiplier of 1.0. This resulted in grants set at 100% for Messrs. Querio and McPhee and Ms. Rosebush, in each case expressed as a percentage of the NEO's base salary.

### **Compensation of Named Executive Officers**

#### Summary Compensation Table – NEOs

The following table sets forth, for each NEO, a summary of the compensation paid by the Corporation to the NEO for each of the Corporation's three most recently completed financial years.

Name and principal position	Year	Salary <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Share-based awards <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (annual bonus) <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Pension value <sup>(1)(3)</sup> (\$)	All other compensation <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Total compensation (\$)
Vance Querio	2022	628,272	630,650	314,136	88,174	6,767	1,667,999
CEO	2021	656,168	259,545	390,420	92,363	8,032	1,406,528
	2020	639,046	464,396	67,100	112,733	7,823	1,291,098
Kevin McPhee	2022	297,513	300,084	146,597	34,628	6,766	785,589
General Counsel	2021	306,212	121,121	107,174	35,456	6,282	576,245
	2020	298,221	144,479	44,733	34,358	4,625	526,416
Lindsey Rosebush <sup>(5)</sup>	2022	252,827	261,299	115,183	30,653	6,766	666,729
Finance Director	2021	209,097	95,166	49,278	29,248	5,715	388,504
	2020	203,640	85,139	14,152	25,603	4,019	332,553

#### Notes

- (1) NEOs receive their salary and annual bonus payments in Swiss francs. For the purposes of the amounts stated under "Salary", "Non-equity incentive plan compensation (annual bonus)" and "Pension value" in the table above, Swiss francs have been converted to United States dollars based on the US Federal Reserve average annual exchange rate (i) for 2020 where one CHF, expressed in USD, was 1.0651 [0.9389], (ii) for 2021 where one CHF, expressed in USD, was 1.0936 [0.9144], and (iii) for 2022 where one CHF, expressed in USD, was 1.0471 [0.9550], as applicable.
- (2) The grant date fair value of LTIP awards, which is utilized for compensation purposes, has been calculated based on Fair Market Value (as defined in the LTIP) determined prior to the approval of the Nomination and Compensation Committee to grant such awards. The Fair Market Value amount has been used to calculate the above amounts under "Share-based awards" as it reflects the cash equivalent

value of the Common Shares granted to the NEO at the time that the Nomination and Compensation Committee made its determination and, as such, it is seen as more indicative of what the Nomination and Compensation Committee and the Board intended the NEO to be paid. This is typically different from the accounting fair value, which is recorded in the Corporation's financial statements and based on the volume weighted average price ("**VWAP**") for the five day period ending on the business day immediately before the date of award. The following table sets out the difference in values for the LTIP awards granted in the three most recently completed financial years.

LTIP	2020	2021	2022
Grant Date Fair Value Price (CAD/Common Share)	0.09	0.08	0.21
Accounting Fair Value Price (CAD/Common Share)	0.06	0.11	0.19

For the purposes of the amounts stated under "Share-based awards" in the table above, the Grant Date Fair Value Price has been converted to United States dollars based on the average Bank of Canada daily average exchange rate over the Fair Market Value calculation period where (i) for 2020, one CAD, expressed in USD, was 0.7122, (ii) for 2021, one CAD, expressed in USD, was 0.7891, and (iii) for 2022, one CAD, expressed in USD, was 0.7891.

- (3) A portion of such contributions fund risk insurance, administration costs and a security fund and, accordingly, do not accrue to the retirement capital in the pension.
- (4) Consists of premiums paid for accident insurance, complementary accident insurance and limited loss of salary insurance. Perquisites, property and other personal benefits that, in aggregate, are worth less than \$50,000 or 10% of the total annual base salary of a named executive officer for the financial year are not included.
- (5) Ms. Rosebush was promoted to the role Finance Director (formerly Head of Finance), acting in the capacity of CFO, effective July 1, 2020.

#### **Share Ownership Requirement**

The Corporation has adopted share ownership guidelines for executive officers requiring each executive officer, within five years after becoming an executive officer of the Corporation, to hold a minimum number of Common Shares equivalent to at least three times his or her annual base compensation.

Below is the share ownership status for the NEOs as of April 28, 2023.

Name and principal position	Salary <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Shareholding Requirement (\$)	Common Shares Owned (#)	Total Value <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Percentage of 5- Year Target Achieved (%)	Target Date to Meet Requirements
Vance Querio CEO	673,325	2,019,975	9,043,308	1,199,143	59	Expired
Kevin McPhee General Counsel	320,391	961,172	5,520,551	732,025	76	Expired
Lindsey Rosebush Head of Finance	278,981	836,943	3,305,150	230,235	30	June 30, 2025

#### Notes

(1) For the purposes of the amounts stated under "Salary" in the table above, Swiss francs have been converted to United States dollars based on the US Federal Reserve exchange rate for April 28, 2023, where one CHF, expressed in USD, was 1.1222 [0.8911].

(2) "Total Value" in the table above is determined by multiplying the number of Common Shares held by each NEO as of April 28, 2023 by the closing price of the Common Shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange as of the close of business on such date, being CAD 0.18 (\$0.1326 based on the Bank of Canada daily average exchange rate for April 28, 2023, being 0.7365).

Notwithstanding the generally uninterrupted accumulation of shares by each NEO in recent years, decreasing share price in certain years has undermined reasonable efforts by executives to accumulate ownership. As a result, and given the current environment, the Board does not expect to take any action to enforce the share ownership guidelines at this time. As the share price rebounds, together with the oil and gas industry generally, the Board expects greater alignment between the objectives of the shareholder ownership requirement and market realities.

# **Stock Options**

The Corporation has not granted any options or Common Share allocations and does not intend to grant any options in the future.

### **Employment Agreements**

NEOs are employed through the Corporation's wholly-owned subsidiary Forza Petroleum Services SA. Each employment agreement is for an indefinite period subject to termination by either party on advance notice. In the case of Mr. Querio's employment contract, which concluded on February 28, 2023, nine months' notice of termination was contemplated. In the case of Mr. McPhee and Ms. Rosebush, three months' notice is required, consistent with the requirements of the employment laws of Switzerland. The employment agreements also provide for accident insurance, as well as providing for

discretionary annual bonuses. See the section titled *Statement of Executive Compensation – Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Determination of Executive Compensation Components.* 

### **Incentive Plan Awards**

#### Incentive Plan Awards – Value Not Vested

The following table sets forth, for each NEO, information regarding all awards that are outstanding as at December 31, 2022.

The market value of these awards has been calculated based on the closing price of the Common Shares on December 31, 2022 on the Toronto Stock Exchange of CAD 0.19, and the Bank of Canada daily average exchange rate for the same day, where one CAD, expressed in USD, was 0.7383, with a resulting share price of \$0.1403.

	Share-based Awards					
Name	Number of Common Shares that have not vested (#)	Market value of Common Shares that have not yet vested (\$)	Market value of vested Common Shares not paid out or distributed (\$)			
Vance Querio	3,785,388	531,090	0			
Kevin McPhee	1,789,305	251,039	0			
Lindsey Rosebush	1,506,481	211,359	0			

#### Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table indicates, for each NEO, the value of shares vested under the LTIP in 2022 as well as annual bonus payments earned during 2022. The value of shares vested under the LTIP in 2022 has been calculated based on the market value of the underlying shares on September 1, 2022, the date the vested awards were eligible for issuance.

Name	Share-based awards – Value vested during the year <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)
Vance Querio	1,032,824	0
Kevin McPhee	380,278	0
Lindsey Rosebush	265,474	0

#### Notes

- (1) Share-based awards that vested in 2022 include the third tranche of the LTIP awards granted in 2020, the second tranche of the LTIP awards granted in 2021 and the first tranche of the LTIP awards granted in 2022. The value of shares vested during 2022 in the table above is determined by multiplying the number of Common Shares that vested on September 1, 2022, the date the vested awards were eligible for issuance, by the VWAP for the five-day period ending on the business day immediately before such date, being CAD 0.1908 (\$0.1449 based on the Bank of Canada daily average exchange rate for September 1, 2022, being 0.7595).
- (2) Annual award of bonus payments is discretionary. Because of current business uncertainty, consideration of bonuses relating to 2022 performance have been deferred.

#### Narrative Discussion of LTIP

The Corporation has adopted the LTIP for the purposes of aligning the interests of the executive officers, employees and other persons who provide on-going services to the Corporation in the growth and development of the Corporation by providing such individuals with the opportunity to acquire an increased proprietary interest in the Corporation. The LTIP is also intended to aid in attracting as well as retaining and encouraging the continued involvement of such persons with the Corporation. Under the LTIP, Common Shares may be issued to any person, firm or company who is an employee, director or officer of, or consultant to, the Corporation or any affiliate (an "**Eligible Person**"), in such numbers and with such vesting provisions as the Nomination and Compensation Committee may determine.

The number of Common Shares reserved for issuance from treasury under the LTIP will not exceed 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time.

Under the LTIP (i) the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to awards granted to any one participant may not exceed 2% of the outstanding Common Shares calculated on a non-diluted basis; (ii) the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the LTIP and other security based compensation arrangements granted to "insiders" (as defined in the Toronto Stock Exchange Company Manual) may not exceed 7% of the

outstanding Common Shares calculated on a non-diluted basis; (iii) the issuance of Common Shares to "insiders" pursuant to the LTIP and other security based compensation arrangements within a one year period may not exceed 7% of the outstanding Common Shares calculated on a non-diluted basis; (iv) the issuance of Common Shares to any one "insider" and such insider's associates pursuant to the LTIP and other security based compensation arrangements within a one year period may not exceed 5% of the outstanding Common Shares calculated on a non-diluted basis; and (v) the aggregate number of Common Shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the LTIP to a director of the Corporation who is not an officer or employee of the Corporation or affiliate may not exceed 1% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares calculated on a non-diluted basis.

Once an LTIP award is granted, the Common Shares to be issued under the LTIP award are typically subject to the following vesting conditions:

- (a) Up to one third of the aggregate number of Common Shares awarded vest immediately on the date of the award (the "Award Date");
- (b) Up to two thirds of the aggregate number of Common Shares awarded, less the number of Common Shares vested under paragraph (a) above, vest on the first anniversary of the Award Date; and
- (c) The balance of the aggregate number of Common Shares awarded (after taking into account the number of Common Shares vested under (a) and (b)) vest on the second anniversary of the Award Date.

In determining to whom and the number of awards to be granted, the Nomination and Compensation Committee may take into account corporate performance and individual factors, and such other factors as the Nomination and Compensation Committee may determine from time to time. The total aggregate amount of awards in any fiscal year shall be based on the value being returned to shareholders, as determined by the Nomination and Compensation Committee, with the advice and input of the CEO, based on a balance of factors. Each year the Nomination and Compensation Committee will review and will consider the Corporation's performance in terms of total shareholder return, including share price performance and shareholder return relative to the Corporation's peer group and the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index. This review is generally undertaken in the second quarter of the year, with the assessment period running from April 1 to March 31.

The number of Common Shares to be issued pursuant to any award to an Eligible Person out of the total aggregate amount of awards for such fiscal year shall be based on such Eligible Person's individual performance, as determined by the Nomination and Compensation Committee, with the advice and input of the CEO, based on a balance of factors. The Nomination and Compensation Committee has set share grant size targets under the LTIP, which are commensurate with an individual's salary grade level, expressed as a percentage of base salary. In the past, awards for the NEOs have not typically exceeded two times the target. However, in return for exceptional performance, the Nomination and Compensation Committee has gregate value of the LTIP awards to the NEOs. Subject to vesting, each award entitles the holder thereof to one Common Share.

During the two-week period in advance of a vesting date, participants are asked to confirm whether they accept the Common Shares that are then vesting. When accepted, the Common Shares are settled in treasury shares on or about the vesting date. LTIP recipients resident in Switzerland are subject to Swiss income tax on the value of the shares received under the LTIP. The value of the Common Shares is measured on the vesting date for Swiss income tax purposes.

Other than if a participant ceases to be an Eligible Person as a result of the participant's death, the right to receive Common Shares pursuant to awards granted to an Eligible Person may only be exercised by the Eligible Person personally. Except as otherwise provided in the LTIP, no assignment, sale, transfer, pledge or charge of an award, whether voluntary, involuntary, by operation of law or otherwise, vests any interest or right in the awards whatsoever in any assignee or transferee and, immediately upon any purported assignment, sale, transfer, pledge or charge or attempt to assign, sell, transfer, pledge or charge, the awards will terminate and be of no further force or effect.

The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the LTIP, or any portion thereof or any award, at any time, and may do so without Shareholder approval, subject to those provisions of applicable law, if any, that require the approval of Shareholders or any governmental or regulatory body (including without limitation the Toronto Stock Exchange).

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may make the following types of amendments to the LTIP without seeking Shareholder approval (any amendment to the LTIP will take effect only with respect to awards granted after the effective date of the amendment, provided that it may apply to any outstanding awards with the mutual consent of the Corporation and the Eligible Persons to whom the awards have been made):

- (a) amendments of a "housekeeping" nature, including curing ambiguities, errors or omission in the LTIP or to correct or supplement any provision of the LTIP that is inconsistent with any other provisions of the LTIP;
- (b) amendments necessary to comply with the provisions of applicable law;
- (c) amendments respecting administration of the LTIP;
- (d) any amendment to the vesting provisions;
- (e) any amendment to the termination provisions which does not entail an extension beyond the original issue date; and

(f) any other amendment, whether fundamental or otherwise, not requiring Shareholder approval under applicable law.

See the section titled Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Determination of Executive Compensation Components – Long Term Incentive Plan for more information.

#### Annual Burn Rate under the LTIP

The following table sets forth information in respect of the number of awards granted under the LTIP in the applicable fiscal year relative to the weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding in such year.

Fiscal Year	Number of awards granted during the applicable fiscal year	Weighted average number of Common Shares outstanding for the applicable fiscal year	Burn Rate (%)
2022	14,975,634	590,058,253	2.5
2021	14,667,828	580,444,498	2.5
2020	16,716,008	563,455,609	3.0

### **Pension Plan Benefits**

All of the NEOs are employed under contracts governed by Swiss law and carry out some or all of their work in Switzerland. As such, they are all required to participate in the mandatory Swiss pension system, which includes an occupational pension scheme which is mandatory for individuals who earn in excess of CHF 21,510 per annum in 2022. For disability and death risks, the obligation to be insured starts on January 1 of the year following an individual's 17th birthday and, as of January 1 of the year following an individual's 24th birthday, an individual is also required to contribute to the old age pension benefits.

The occupational pension for the Corporation includes a compulsory element covering contributions on incomes (base salary only) between CHF 21,510 and CHF 86,040 as well as additional non-compulsory coverage for the remainder of an employee's income over the compulsory maximum. In 2022, non-compulsory coverage was capped at CHF 860,400 under the Corporation's plan. The Corporation's pension plan (the "**Pension Plan**") is a partially insured plan, in accordance with and under Swiss law. For IFRS purposes, the Pension Plan is treated as a defined benefit pension plan because, as a standard plan under Swiss law the Corporation retains a constructive obligation to pay all future employee benefits in the event that the pension administrator does not pay future employee benefits. The pension fund is managed and insured by AXA Winterthur/AXA Life LTD ("**AXA Winterthur**"). The pension obligation estimate under the Pension Plan is subject to the risk that the actual results realized differ from the underlying assumptions used by the pension fund provider including the expected rate of return, market conditions and measurement uncertainty used in the actuarial valuation process.

Under the terms of the Pension Plan, and as required by Swiss law, participants are eligible for retirement benefits on the first day of the month following the participant's 65th birthday (for men) or 64th birthday (for women). The Pension Plan permits a participant to maintain the Pension Plan beyond retirement age until the age of 70.

Retirement benefits (comprised of annual contributions, assets brought to the fund such as vested benefits or purchases of additional benefits, and interest) earn interest at a minimum interest rate. Interest on the compulsory element is fixed annually by the Swiss government. In 2022, the minimum interest rate on the compulsory element was fixed at 1%. The assets accrued by the insured within the pension fund are paid out at retirement age in the form of an annual retirement pension that is calculated using a conversion rate for compulsory coverage, which in 2022 was 6.8% of accrued retirement capital, and a conversion rate on the non-compulsory element, which in 2022 was 5.5% of accrued retirement capital. Early payment of retirement pension is allowed from a statutory minimum of age 58, at a reduced conversion rate. Participants are entitled to withdraw the balance of the accrued retirement benefits as a lump sum upon reaching retirement age however a corresponding declaration must be submitted to AXA Winterthur before the retirement age.

Annual contributions are determined on the basis of an individual's age and are set out in the table below.

Age (Women)	Age (Men)	Rate in % of Annual Base Salary
25-34	25-34	9
35-44	35-44	11
45-54	45-54	15
55-64	55-65	15

Contributions to the Pension Plan are based on an individual's base salary only. The Corporation pays the full amount of the annual contributions. In the event the Pension Plan is maintained beyond retirement age, the Corporation continues to make contributions at a rate equal to 15% of base salary.

Pension Plan participants are entitled to purchase additional years of service if they have not been insured under a Swiss pension fund since age 24. The Corporation does not grant extra years of credited service. Pension Plan participants are also entitled to purchase additional benefits where a difference may have developed between actual benefits and maximum potential benefits as a result of salary increases or time off of work.

Any individual previously employed by another Swiss company must transfer his or her accrued retirement assets accumulated with his or her past employer into the pension fund of his or her new Swiss employer. Therefore, accrued retirement benefits always include benefits accrued with previous employers and additional years of service purchased.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Pension Plan as of December 31, 2022 for each NEO. The actual benefits payable upon retirement will be determined by each participant's accrued retirement capital.

Name and principal position	Credited service with the Corporation	At year end (\$)	Annual benefits <sup>(1)(2)</sup> At retirement (\$)	Opening present value of defined benefit obligation <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (\$)	Compensatory change <sup>(2)(4)</sup> (\$)	Non- compensatory change <sup>(2)(5)</sup> (\$)	Closing present value of defined benefit obligation <sup>(2)(3)</sup> (\$)
Vance Querio <sup>(6)</sup> CEO	11.0 years	88,435	95,821	1,360,287	86,779	13,603	1,460,668
Kevin McPhee General Counsel	9.4 years	26,437	86,864	221,493	30,893	2,215	254,601
Lindsey Rosebush Finance Director	9.8 years	22,131	82,270	95,253	26,659	952	122,865

#### Notes

- (1) Annual benefits are calculated based on projected retirement assets. Annual benefits (Except for Mr. Querio, at retirement age 65 for men; 64 for women) are calculated by AXA Winterthur. Annual benefits (At year end) are calculated by the Corporation as (i) annual benefits payable at the presumed retirement age, multiplied by (ii) the years of credited service at year end divided by the years of credited service at the presumed retirement age.
- (2) For the purposes of the amounts stated in the table above, Swiss francs have been converted to United States dollars on the basis of the US Federal Reserve average annual exchange rate for 2022 where one CHF, expressed in USD, was 1.0471 [0.9550].
- (3) Represents accrued retirement assets in the Corporation's Swiss pension fund including any additional years or pension benefits purchased by an individual and, in respect of any individual previously employed by a Swiss company, all accrued retirement assets accumulated with his or her past employer. Retirement assets accumulated by the NEOs with past employers in Switzerland are CHF 105,759 and CHF 16,883 for Mr. Querio and Ms. Rosebush, respectively.
- (4) Compensatory change is comprised of employer contributions during the year. Forza Petroleum contributes the full amount of the annual contributions.
- (5) Non-compensatory change is comprised of interest on contributions, distributions of surplus premiums based on differences between assumed cost for the risk component of the pension and actual costs incurred in the year, and purchases by the employee of additional years of service.
- (6) Mr. Querio became eligible for retirement benefits under the Pension Plan on December 1, 2020. After this date, and in connection with his continued employment, the Corporation continued to make contributions during 2022 in respect of Mr. Querio, which increased the annual benefits disclosed for him in the table above. Mr. Querio may elect to begin receiving benefits under the Pension Plan on December 1, any year, after which point the Corporation will not make any further contributions. If Mr. Querio elects to start receiving benefits on December 1, 2023, the annual benefits received will equal the amounts disclosed for him in the table above.

# **Termination and Change of Control Benefits**

#### LTIP

The LTIP provides that if a recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person due to disability or death, any unvested portion of relevant awards shall vest in full. If a recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person due to retirement, any unvested portion of relevant awards shall continue to be outstanding and shall vest in accordance with the original terms of the applicable awards. If a recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person prior to an Award Date (as defined under the LTIP) due to death, the Nomination and Compensation Committee shall determine in its absolute discretion, the number of additional Common Shares, if any, to be transferred to such recipient. If a recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person as a result of termination or resignation, all outstanding awards will be terminated and the recipient will forfeit all rights to receive Common Shares issuable under such awards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a recipient ceases to be an Eligible Person as a result of being terminated other than for cause, or voluntarily ceases to be an Eligible Person and is deemed to be a "Good Leaver" by the Nomination and Compensation Committee (in its absolute discretion), such recipient shall retain its right to receive Common Shares issuable under any awards which vest on the vesting date under the original terms or the applicable awards immediately following such termination or resignation and the recipient will forfeit all rights to receive Common Shares issuable under any LTIP awards after such vesting date. In addition, if a participant ceases to be an Eligible Person in a situation that represents exceptional circumstances of any nature, the Nomination and Compensation Committee may determine (in its absolute discretion), on the recommendation of the CEO, that the participant shall (i) be entitled to a number of LTIP awards having regard to the standards of performance reached in respect of each of the performance conditions set out in the LTIP from the start of the relevant fiscal year to the date that the participant ceased to be an Eligible Person, and/or (ii) retain its right to some or all of the Common Shares issuable under any outstanding LTIP awards and the terms for the issue of such Common Shares, having regard to the standards of performance reached in respect of each of the performance conditions set out in the LTIP.

In the event of a Change of Control of the Corporation on or after an Award Date, any unvested portion of relevant LTIP awards shall vest in full. In addition, if a Change of Control of the Corporation occurs prior to the occurrence of an Award Date in the Corporation's current fiscal year, the Nomination and Compensation Committee has the discretion to grant awards to each recipient, having regard to the standards of performance reached in respect of each of the performance conditions referred to in the LTIP from the start of the relevant fiscal year to the date of the Change of Control. For the purposes of the LTIP, a "Change of Control" means:

- (a) any sale, reorganization, amalgamation, merger, plan of arrangement or other transaction as a result of which an entity or group of entities acting jointly or in concert (whether by means of a shareholder agreement or otherwise) or entities associated or affiliated with any such entity or group, becomes the owner, legal or beneficial, directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding or exercises control or direction over 50% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding (other than solely involving the Corporation and one or more of its affiliates and other than any entity or group holding, legally or beneficially, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the Common Shares as at the effective date of the LTIP); or
- (b) a formal takeover bid or tender offer for the voting securities of the Corporation (other than by the Corporation or one or more of its affiliates) as a result of which the offeror and its affiliates legally or beneficially own, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding or exercises control or direction over 50% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding; or
- (c) a sale, lease or other disposition (including through a reorganization, amalgamation, merger or plan of arrangement) of all or substantially all of the property or assets of the Corporation other than to an affiliate; or
- (d) a change in the composition of the Board which occurs at a single meeting of the shareholders or upon the execution of a shareholder's resolution, such that individuals who are members of the Board immediately prior to such meeting or resolution cease to constitute a majority of the Board, without the Board, as constituted immediately prior to such meeting or resolution, having approved of such change.

#### **Other Change of Control Benefits**

Other than the consequences of a change of control provided under the LTIP, the Corporation does not provide any benefits or other compensation to NEOs which is directly triggered by a change of control event.

### **Compensation of Directors**

#### **Summary Compensation Table – Directors**

The following table provides details of the compensation provided to directors of the Corporation who served as directors during the financial year ended December 31, 2022.

		All other	Total	Allocation of Total Compensation			
Name	Fees earned (\$)	compensation (\$)	compensation (\$)	Cash (\$)	Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)		
Brad Camp	130,000	0	130,000	130,000	-		
Peter Janele	130,000	0	130,000	130,000	-		
Peter Newman	140,000	0	140,000	140,000	-		
Sami Zouari	220,000	0	220,000	220,000	_		

#### Note

(1) Common Shares are not issuable under the Directors' Compensation Plan.

#### **Narrative Discussion**

Based on the recommendations of the Nomination and Compensation Committee, the Board has implemented remuneration and reimbursement arrangements for its directors that reflect current market practices. Such arrangements are set out in the Directors' Compensation Plan.

#### **Directors' Compensation Plan**

The Directors' Compensation Plan provides remuneration for each director in the amount of \$110,000 per annum, with a further amount equal to the highest of the following amounts applicable to a director: (i) \$20,000 per annum for a director who is the chair of one or more committees, (ii) \$30,000 per annum for a director who is the chair of the Audit Committee, and (iii) \$110,000 per annum for the Chair. Director fees are payable entirely in cash. Directors of the Corporation are also reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket disbursements incurred for the business of the Corporation. Common Shares are not issuable under the Directors' Compensation Plan.

The Directors' Compensation Plan is administered by the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation. The Board may, at any time, suspend or terminate the Directors' Compensation Plan or amend or revise the terms of the Directors' Compensation Plan, including the amount and basis on which compensation is paid to directors, subject to applicable law, regulatory approvals and, if required by any stock exchange or market on which the Common Shares trade, Shareholder approval.

#### Amendments to the Directors' Compensation Plan

There were no amendments to the Directors' Compensation Plan during 2022.

#### Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides the equity securities of the Corporation that are authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2022.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders – Long Term Incentive Plan	14,873,032 <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A <sup>(2)</sup>	45,157,603
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	14,873,032	N/A	45,157,603

#### Notes

(1) This number represents the total number of LTIP awards that have been granted and remain unvested as of December 31, 2022.

(2) The LTIP awards will automatically vest in accordance with the terms of the Corporation's LTIP.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, 15,330,155 Common Shares, representing 2.6% of the 600,306,357 Common Shares outstanding as of December 31, 2022, were issued pursuant to awards granted under the Corporation's LTIP.

Forza Petroleum believes that strong corporate governance is essential to creating shareholder value, maintaining investor and stakeholder confidence, and conducting business effectively. The Corporation has developed comprehensive policies and procedures, and has adopted a strong approach to corporate governance.

# **Board of Directors**

The Board has overall responsibility for the supervision of the management of the Corporation's business and affairs. In exercising this responsibility, the Board acts in accordance with a number of rules and standards, including:

- the Canada Business Corporations Act
- · the Corporation's articles and by-laws
- the written charters of the Board and each of its committees
- the Corporation's Code of Conduct and other internal policies
- laws of general application

The Board is currently comprised of four directors, three of which are independent as defined under National Instrument 58-101 – *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* ("**NI 58-101**"), including Mr. Camp, the Lead Independent Director. For the purposes of NI 58-101, a director is independent if he or she would be independent within the meaning of Section 1.4 of National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**") which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect material relationship with the company. A "material relationship" is defined as a relationship which could, in the view of the Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of such member's independent judgment. Certain relationships are deemed to be material.

The following directors of the Corporation, being the majority, are independent: Messrs. Camp, Janele and Newman. Pursuant to NI 52-110, Mr. Querio is considered to have a material relationship with the Corporation and, therefore, not independent, by virtue of having been an executive officer of the Corporation within the last three years.

The Board has established detailed charters to enable it to function independently of management and to facilitate open and candid discussion among the independent directors.

In 2022, the Board held nine meetings. At every scheduled Board meeting, time is reserved for the directors to meet *in-camera* without management. The Board also holds in-camera independent director meetings as deemed necessary and upon the request of independent directors.

#### **Role of the Board of Directors**

The Board is responsible for the supervision of the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation. In furtherance of its purpose, the Board assumes the duties and responsibilities described in its written charter, which has been approved by the Board and is attached as Schedule A to this Circular. Some of the duties and responsibilities of the Board are first reviewed and recommended by the appropriate committee and then submitted to the full Board for its consideration and approval.

#### Majority Voting for the Election of Directors

Amendments to the *Canada Business Corporations Act* came into force on August 31, 2022 and relate to, among other matters, the election of directors. The amendments supersede the Majority Voting Policy previously adopted by the Board to govern the election of directors. Like the Majority Voting Policy, the amendments to the *Canada Business Corporations Act* provide a mechanism for Shareholders to express their confidence in each director.

The amended *Canada Business Corporations Act* provides that where there is only one candidate nominated for each position available on the Board, Shareholders will be able to vote 'for' or 'against' each nominee director, and each nominee director must receive a majority of 'for' votes to be elected.

Subject to compliance with applicable corporate laws, the Board may: (i) leave a vacancy in the Board unfilled until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, (ii) fill the vacancy by appointing a new director whom the Board considers to merit the confidence of Shareholders, or (iii) call a special meeting of Shareholders to consider new nominees to fill the vacant position. If a nominee director does not receive a majority of 'for' votes, they may not be appointed a director by the Board before the next annual meeting of Shareholders, except if necessary to ensure the Board has the requisite number of resident Canadians or independent directors. If an incumbent director fails to obtain a majority of 'for' votes at a shareholder meeting, that director may be able to continue as a director for a transition period of up to 90 days following the meeting.

#### **Director Term Limits**

The Corporation has not adopted director term limits. While the Corporation has no term limits for its directors, under its mandate, the Nomination and Compensation Committee reviews the terms of individual directors of the Board, the Chair and committee chairs. Board renewal is considered in the context of determining the needs of the Board in the long term, as further described below, and achieving a balance between the need to have representation by significant shareholders and depth of institutional experience from directors on the one hand and the need for renewal and new perspectives on the other hand.

Resulting from the natural evolution of the Corporation, the tenure of the current directors ranges from 0-10 years, with an average tenure of 5.6 years. Accordingly, the Nomination and Compensation Committee is comfortable that Board renewal is being achieved naturally and that a prescriptive policy is not currently required.

### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

There are four standing committees of the Board: the Audit Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee, the Nomination and Compensation Committee, and the Technical and Resources Committee. It is the Corporation's policy and consistent with NI 52-110 that the Audit Committee must be comprised solely of independent directors. The Board has concluded that all the directors who served as members of the Audit Committee during 2022 are independent under NI 58-101 and met the more stringent Audit Committee independence tests under NI 52-110.

The Corporate Governance Committee must be comprised of a majority of independent directors. The Board has concluded that all the directors who served as members of the Corporate Governance Committee during 2022 are independent under NI 58-101.

Committee	Number of meetings held in 2022	Members in 2022	Independent
Audit Committee	4	Camp	Yes
		Janele	Yes
		Newman (Chair)	Yes
Corporate Governance Committee	3	Camp	Yes
		Janele	Yes
		Newman (Chair)	Yes
Nomination and Compensation Committee	4	Camp (Chair)	Yes
		Janele	Yes
		Newman	Yes
Technical and Resources Committee	5	Camp	Yes
		Janele (Chair)	Yes
		Newman	Yes

The following table sets forth the membership of each committee of the Board:

The Audit Committee charter is attached as Schedule B to the Corporation's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2022, which can be accessed on the Corporation's website at www.forzapetroleum.com and on the Corporation's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. The position description of the committee chairs is detailed in the corresponding committee charter.

Summaries of the mandates of the four committees of the Board are set forth below.

#### **Audit Committee**

The mandate of the Audit Committee includes:

- · monitoring the integrity of the Corporation's financial reporting and internal control over financial reporting
- reviewing arrangements for, and scope of, each proposed audit of the accounting records
- reviewing, prior to submission to the Board, all financial information and financial statements of the Corporation, and the auditor's report thereon
- reviewing the financial position and financing activities of the Corporation
- · providing oversight for the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements

- · providing oversight of the external auditor's performance and fees
- reviewing related party transactions

Additional information relating to the Audit Committee is provided in the Corporation's Annual Information Form dated March 23, 2023 in the section titled "Audit Committee".

#### **Corporate Governance Committee**

The mandate of the Corporate Governance Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its obligations relating to corporate governance matters and includes:

- · developing and implementing principles and systems for management of corporate governance
- evaluating the size, composition and operation of the Board, committees of the Board, all individual directors, the Chair and committee chairs
- preparing and receiving reports and making recommendations on matters including evaluation of management, organizational structure, management development and succession
- ensuring the Board has appropriate structures and processes in place so that it can function independently of management

#### **Nomination and Compensation Committee**

The mandate of the Nomination and Compensation Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its obligations relating to compensation matters and identifying qualified candidates for appointment to the Board and includes:

- · identifying new candidates for appointment or nomination to the Board
- reviewing the Corporation's policies on tenure and terms of individual directors of the Board, the Chair and committee chairs
- in consultation with management, establishing the Corporation's general compensation philosophy and overseeing the development and implementation of compensation programs, including incentive compensation plans
- conducting an annual review of management performance

#### **Technical and Resources Committee**

The mandate of the Technical and Resources Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its obligations relating to oil and natural gas reserves and resources evaluation processes and reporting of reserves and resources data and related information, as well as supervision of technical and operational activities undertaken by the Corporation and includes:

- · reviewing and approving the appointment of an independent reserves evaluator
- · managing the valuation review by, and relationship with, the independent reserves evaluator
- overseeing procedures for disclosure of information relating to oil and gas activities and for providing information to the independent reserves evaluator
- reviewing content and filing of statements and other information disclosed in accordance with National Instrument 51-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities

# **Chair of the Board of Directors**

Vance Querio was appointed a director of the Corporation and Chair of the Board effective March 1, 2023. Mr. Querio provides overall leadership to enhance the effectiveness of the Board. He fosters ethical and responsible decision-making by the directors and oversees the Board's direction and administration in fulfilling its responsibilities.

As Mr. Querio is not an independent director, the Board has appointed Mr. Camp as the Lead Independent Director of the Corporation. Mr. Camp is an unrelated and independent director and, in his role as Lead Independent Director, acts in a leadership role facilitating and ensuring the functioning of the Board independently of management, bringing to the attention of the Chair and the CEO any issues of independence and conflict, providing independent leadership to the Board as required, and acting as a contact point for the other independent directors. In the absence of the Chair, or in the event there is a potential conflict between the Chair and the Corporation, the Lead Independent Director will chair the relevant Board meeting and will chair the meetings of the independent directors.

The detailed mandate for each of the Chair and the Lead Independent Director is included in the Charter of the Board of Directors, which can be found in Schedule A to this Circular. On an annual basis, the Corporate Governance Committee establishes and recommends, for approval by the Board, any amendments to the position descriptions for the Chair and the Lead Independent Director.

# **Chief Executive Officer**

The Corporation's CEO has primary responsibility, subject to the authority of the Board, for the general supervision of the business and affairs of Forza Petroleum. As such, the CEO, subject to the Board's approval, develops the Corporation's strategic and operational orientation. In so doing, he provides leadership and vision for the effective overall management, performance and growth of Forza Petroleum, and for increasing shareholder value and ensuring compliance with policies adopted by the Board. The CEO is directly accountable to the Board for all of the Corporation's activities. The Board delineates the role and responsibilities of the CEO through the committee charters and policies approved by the Board from time to time which limit the CEO's authority in managing the Corporation. The CEO is also accountable for the responsibilities previously assigned to a Chief Operating Officer.

# **Composition of the Board of Directors and Nomination of Directors**

In terms of the composition of the Board, the objective is to have a sufficient range of skills, expertise and experience to ensure that the Board can carry out its responsibilities effectively. Directors are chosen for their ability to contribute to the broad range of issues with which the Board routinely deals.

The Board reviews each director's contribution and determines whether the Board's size allows it to function efficiently and effectively.

#### **Competency Matrix**

The Nomination and Compensation Committee, together with the Chair, is responsible for determining the needs of the Board in the long term and identifying new candidates to stand as nominees for election or appointment as directors.

The Chair, in consultation with the Nomination and Compensation Committee, develops a competency matrix based on knowledge areas and types of expertise and identifies any gaps to be addressed in the director nomination process. The Board ensures that the skill set developed by directors, through their business expertise and experience, meets the needs of the Board. This competency matrix is reviewed regularly by the Chair with Board members and is updated as required.

The below table identifies the current skills and expertise considered as part of the competency matrix developed by the Chair and the Nomination and Compensation Committee, and identifies each member of the Board possessing each skill or expertise.

As a guideline, the Board aims to ensure that the skill set represented by the directors, as a group, includes each of the skills and expertise identified in the competency matrix.

	Brad Camp	Peter Janele	Peter Newman	Vance Querio
Management Experience as CEO of a public company or large organization, and/or other senior executive experience, driving strategic direction and leading growth	~			✓
<b>Governance</b> Current and/or former director of a listed public company (other than Forza Petroleum) and/or significant governance role			~	
Upstream Oil & Gas Senior executive experience in the upstream oil and gas industry	~	~		✓
Africa & the Middle East Senior executive experience in an organization with multinational operations in Africa and/or the Middle East	~	~	~	✓
<b>Operations &amp; HSE</b> Senior executive experience in managing significant industrial operations and the related health, safety and environmental policies and standards and other constituents of sound sustainable development practices and reporting and their application to corporate success	~			✓
<b>M&amp;A/Growth Strategy</b> Experience with mergers, acquisitions and business growth strategy involving public companies and ability to effectively fulfil oversight responsibilities relating to corporate strategy	~		~	✓

Accounting & Audit Experience in financial accounting and reporting, audit process, and evaluating			✓	
the robustness of internal financial controls, and ability to assess the application of International Financial Reporting Standards				
Finance				
Experience in senior financial roles and/or financial advisory roles especially with respect to debt and equity markets			$\checkmark$	
Compensation & Human Resources				
Experience overseeing human resources practices, including compensation design, gained through experience as a senior executive of a public company and/or a member of a committee of the board of directors of a public company responsible for overseeing succession planning, talent development, retention and compensation programs, and other human resources matters	~		~	~
Legal & Regulatory				
Legal and regulatory experience including an understanding of different legal systems and the laws and regulations applicable to Forza Petroleum	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	
Public Policy				
Experience in the areas of government and public policy relevant to Forza Petroleum's business and may include experience in or through understanding of communication and media perspectives	~		~	~
Risk Management				
Experience in risk management frameworks, systems, processes, tools and techniques gained through experience as a senior executive of a public company and/or a member of a committee of the board of directors of a public company responsible for overseeing risk management	~	~	~	~

#### **Nomination Process**

The Nomination and Compensation Committee, together with the Chair, is responsible for recommending to the Board the nominees for election at each annual meeting of Shareholders. Typically, in advance of the annual meeting of Shareholders, the Nomination and Compensation Committee will review the composition of the Board and make an assessment, with reference to the competency matrix, as to any potential skill or expertise gaps which may need to be filled through recruitment of one or more additional directors. In making its assessment, the Nomination and Compensation Committee will consider input received from the Board, as well as the CEO, Shareholders, the Nomination and Compensation Committee's independent advisors and other third parties. The Nomination and Compensation Committee is required to balance its obligations with any contractual commitments made by the Corporation to investors in connection with securing their investment. Pursuant to a subscription agreement dated March 1, 2016 between the Corporation and Zeg Oil and Gas Ltd ("**Zeg Oil**"), Zeg Oil currently has the right to nominate one of the four nominees for election as director at the Meeting.

Where the Nomination and Compensation Committee determines that there is a skill or expertise gap which needs to be addressed, it may retain an independent advisor to assist with identifying candidates who possess the required skill or expertise. While the Nomination and Compensation Committee may look to an independent advisor to put forward a list of top candidates based on its independent research, potential candidates may also be recommended by existing directors, members of management, independent advisors, Shareholders or others. Candidate searches will be conducted in a manner which is "blind" to characteristics or attributes unrelated to a candidate's skill or expertise.

#### **Board Diversity**

The Corporation values and welcomes a diversity of views and perspectives on the Board. The Nomination and Compensation Committee aims to recruit candidates who reflect a range of views, perspectives, expertise, experience and backgrounds. In conducting a search for director candidates, the Nomination and Compensation Committee seeks to ensure that the broadest possible range of qualified candidates is considered and that no qualified candidate is excluded based on any personal characteristic or attribute which is unrelated to the individual's ability to effectively carry out his or her duties as a director.

The Corporation has not adopted a written policy for identifying and nominating members of Designated Groups as directors and does not have any targets regarding the number or percentage of members on the Board for each group constituting Designated Groups as set out in the *Employment Equity Act*. The *Employment Equity Act* defines Designated Groups as women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

When a new director nominee is determined to be required, the Nomination and Compensation Committee will consider the diversity of views and perspectives that potential nominees could add to the Board. To select the most qualified candidate

identified among a list of potential nominees, the Board has not fixed targets that would prioritize a candidate based on their inclusion in a Designated Group.

Among the Corporation's directors as at the date of this Circular, which directors also constitute the four director nominees to be considered at the Meeting, there are no persons who identify as a member of any Designated Group.

# **Meeting Attendance**

The table below lists the number of Board and Committee meetings held in 2022 and the number attended by each director.

Director	Board	Audit Committee	Corporate Governance Committee	Nomination and Compensation Committee	Technical and Resources Committee	Total Attendance
Brad Camp	9/9	4/4	3/3	4/4	5/5	25/25
Peter Janele	9/9	4/4	3/3	4/4	5/5	25/25
Peter Newman	9/9	4/4	3/3	4/4	5/5	25/25
Sami Zouari <sup>(1)</sup>	9/9	-	-	-	-	9/9

#### Notes

(1) Mr. Zouari regularly participated in committee meetings as a guest.

# **Orientation and Continuing Education**

Management provides to the Board detailed presentations on all aspects of the Corporation's business and management including regular updates at Board meetings. These detailed briefings are made to new directors who join the Board, so that they can get up to date with the activities of the Corporation.

New directors who join the Board are also given the opportunity to individually meet with members of senior management to aid their understanding of Forza Petroleum's business. The Corporate Governance Committee assists new directors in becoming acquainted with Forza Petroleum and its governance processes and encourages continuing education opportunities for all members of the Board.

All directors have regular access to senior management to discuss Board presentations and other matters of interest. Directors also enhance their understanding of the Corporation's operations and the energy industry through site visits.

### Assessment of the Board, Committees and Directors

The Board undertakes an annual assessment of the effectiveness and contribution of the Board, its committees and individual directors. A questionnaire is circulated with all directors of the Corporation and a summary report is prepared that consolidates questionnaire results and feedback for consideration by the Corporate Governance Committee. Results from the summary report identify areas of focus for the year ahead. The process allows directors of the Corporation to improve their guidance and oversight of management of the Corporation. Further, feedback from the process is used by the Nomination and Compensation Committee when determining director nominees for election at annual meetings of Shareholders.

### **Representation of Designated Groups in Senior Management**

Among the three executive officers of the Corporation as at the date of this Circular, 33% (1 of 3) are women. There are no persons who identify as a member of any other Designated Group. The Board has not appointed an external candidate directly to a senior management role since 2012.

The Board is responsible for the appointment of executive officers. While the Corporation has not adopted a written policy and does not have targets regarding the number or percentage of members of Designated Groups in executive officer appointments, in making any future executive officer appointment, the Board will consider the level of representation of members of Designated Groups in executive officer positions and the positive contributions that increased diversity will bring Forza Petroleum. Relevant considerations will include:

- · diversity that will help the Corporation better understand the needs of its stakeholders;
- diversity that will make the Corporation an employer of choice and help it to recruit, retain, and engage highperforming employees; and
- · evidence that business performance can improve with greater diversity.

Given the small size of the Corporation's executive team, and the reduced scope of activities in the near to medium term, the Board does not believe that targets are appropriate at this time.

# **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board encourages and promotes a culture of ethical business by fostering an environment that emphasizes compliance. To facilitate this objective, the Corporation encourages company personnel to promptly report any problems or concerns to their supervisor or, if that is not possible or does not resolve the matter, up the chain of management. The Corporation has published a Code of Conduct and a Whistleblower Policy to formalize the reporting processes in this regard. To ensure that an ethical business culture is maintained and promoted, directors are encouraged to exercise their independent judgment.

Certain members of the Board are directors or executive officers of, or have significant shareholdings in, other oil and gas companies and oilfield service companies and, to the extent that such other companies may participate in ventures in which the Corporation may participate or provide services to ventures in which the Corporation participates, those directors of the Corporation may have a conflict of interest in negotiating and concluding terms respecting the extent of such participation. If such a conflict involves a particular Board member, such Board member will be required to disclose his or her interest to the Board and refrain from voting at the Board meeting of the Corporation considering such contract or transaction in accordance with applicable law, including the *Canada Business Corporations Act*. In rare instances, if deemed appropriate, the Corporation may establish a special committee of independent directors to review a matter in which several directors, or management, may have a conflict.

#### **Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct applies to everyone who works for, or on behalf of, Forza Petroleum and any of its subsidiaries. All individuals engaged in any capacity by Forza Petroleum including all permanent, temporary, contract and seconded employees, and consultants are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct, which includes the following key principles:

- Act honestly and with integrity;
- · Be respectful to all work colleagues;
- Foster initiative and creativity;
- · Create and increase shareholder value in an ethical and legal manner;
- Avoid conflicts of interest;
- · Maintain suitable confidentiality with regard to all work activities; and
- Never make improper payments to government officials or business partners or their families.

These key principles underpin all of Forza Petroleum's policies and procedures and represent a common standard for Forza Petroleum's work practices and interactions with stakeholders. The Code of Conduct also recognizes the importance of providing a positive and professional working environment in which all people are treated with respect and dignity. Therefore, the Code of Conduct prohibits all forms of workplace harassment, discrimination or mobbing, and outlines a process to report all such incidents.

The Code of Conduct requires Forza Petroleum to carry out its business equitably, transparently and honestly. Forza Petroleum is committed to operating its business in a manner consistent with the laws of the jurisdictions in which its business operates, including those relating to financial reporting, accounting regulations, anti-bribery and anti-corruption. The Code of Conduct sets the required standard regarding prohibited conduct associated with bribery and corruption, insider trading and conflicts of interest.

To ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct, Forza Petroleum has established an Ethics Committee composed of the CEO, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, and Head of Human Resources to receive and examine any reported breaches of the Code of Conduct, to coordinate the necessary response and to regularly advise the Audit Committee of any breaches and any proposed actions.

The Code of Conduct is available on the Corporation's profile on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

#### Whistleblower Policy

The Whistleblower Policy is intended, in line with the Corporation's commitment to the highest possible standards of ethical, moral and legal business conduct, and its general commitment to open communication, to provide an avenue for employees to raise concerns and reassurance that they will be protected from reprisals or victimization for whistleblowing in good faith.

The Ethics Committee is responsible for receiving and examining all complaints made under the Whistleblower Policy, to coordinate the necessary response and to regularly advise the Audit Committee of any complaints and proposed actions.

Employees have several means of communicating reports or complaints under the Whistleblower Policy: individually to one of the members of the Ethics Committee, collectively to all members of the Ethics Committee using an e-mail address that has been setup for that specific purpose, or directly to the chair of the Audit Committee.

# **Interest of Informed Persons in Material Transactions**

Except as disclosed in the Corporation's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the Corporation's Annual Information Form dated March 23, 2023, and other than as discussed elsewhere in this Circular, the Corporation is not aware of any material interests, direct or indirect, of any "informed person" of the Corporation, any proposed director of the Corporation, or any associate or affiliate of any informed person or proposed director, in any transaction since January 1, 2022 or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or would materially affect the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries.

For the purposes of the determination above, "informed person" means:

- (a) a director or executive officer of the Corporation;
- (b) a director or executive officer of a person or company that is itself an informed person or subsidiary of the Corporation;
- (c) any person or company who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Corporation or who exercises control or direction over voting securities of the Corporation or a combination of both carrying more than 10 percent of the voting rights attached to all outstanding voting securities of the Corporation other than voting securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution; and
- (d) the Corporation after it has purchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired any of its securities, for so long as it holds any of its securities.

# Indebtedness of Directors and Executive Officers

As at the date of this Circular, other than in respect of routine indebtedness, there are no directors, executive officers, employees or former directors, executive officers or employees indebted to the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries.

# Additional Information

Additional information relating to the Corporation is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on the Corporation's website at www.forzapetroleum.com. Shareholders may request copies of the Corporation's financial statements, management's discussion and analysis, and any documents incorporated by reference without charge by emailing info@forzapetroleum.com.

Financial information is provided in the Corporation's consolidated annual financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the financial year ended December 31, 2022.

# Shareholder Proposals for the 2024 Annual Meeting

Shareholder proposals for the annual meeting of Shareholders of the Corporation to be held in 2024 must be submitted to the Corporation between 90 and 150 days before the anniversary date of the previous annual meeting. The resulting deadline is March 29, 2024. All proposals should be sent by registered mail to 3400 – 350 7th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3N9.

# Advance Notice of Nominations of Directors

In May 2015, Shareholders confirmed Amended and Restated By-law Number 1 of the Corporation, which includes a framework for advance notice of nominations of persons for election to the Board (the "**Advance Notice Rules**"). The Advance Notice Rules fix a deadline by which Shareholders must submit notice of director nominations to the Corporation prior to any annual or special meeting of Shareholders where directors are to be elected, and sets forth the information a Shareholder must include in the notice for the notice to be valid.

In the case of an annual meeting of Shareholders (including an annual and special meeting), notice to the Corporation pursuant to the Advance Notice Rules must be given not less than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting (i.e., May 28, 2023 in the case of the meeting scheduled for June 27, 2023). In the event that the annual meeting is to be held on a date that is less than 50 days after the date on which the first public announcement of the date of the meeting was made, notice shall be made not later than the close of business on the 10th day following such public announcement. In the case of a special meeting of Shareholders (which is not also an annual meeting), notice to the Corporation pursuant to the Advance Notice Rules must be given not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the meeting was made. The Board may, in its sole discretion, waive any requirement of the Advance Notice Rules. As at the date of this Circular, the Corporation had not received any additional director nominations.

# SCHEDULE A CHARTER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Charter of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Forza Petroleum Limited (the "**Company**") was adopted and approved on 11 January 2013 and amended 4 November 2014, 29 July 2015, 14 March 2017 and 30 July 2019.

#### GENERAL

#### 1. MANDATE

The Board has adopted this Charter to assist the Board in fulfilling its obligations to all stakeholders of the Company.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In this Charter:

- (a) "CEO" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Company;
- (b) "Chair" means the chair of the Board;
- (c) "Committees" means all standing committees of the Board and such additional committees formed by the Board from time to time;
- (d) "Director" means a member of the Board;
- (e) "Independent" shall have the meaning ascribed to it under s. 1.4 and s. 1.5 of National Instrument 52-110; and
- (f) "Lead Independent Director" has the meaning set out in paragraph 4.2 below.

#### **COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD**

#### 3. COMPOSITION

The Board shall consist of as many Directors as the Board shall determine from time to time but, in any event, not fewer than three and not more than twenty, a majority of whom shall be Independent.

At least twenty-five per cent of the Directors must be resident Canadians; however, if the Board has fewer than four directors, at least one director must be a resident Canadian.

#### 4. CHAIR

#### 4.1 Board to Appoint Chair

The Board shall designate the Chair of the Board annually at the first meeting of the Board after a meeting of the shareholders at which Directors are elected (the "**Shareholder Meeting**"), provided if the appointment of the Chair of the Board was not so made and further provided that the then serving Chair of the Board was elected as a Director at the Shareholder Meeting, the person then serving as Chair of the Board shall continue as Chair of the Board for a duration of 5 years and thereafter until his or her successor is approved. The Chair will have the competencies and skills determined by the Board. If the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Board, then (i) the Lead Independent Director, if such position exists and is occupied at the time, shall preside as chair of the meeting, or (ii) if there is no Lead Independent Director is not present, the members of the Board may designate an interim chair for the meeting by majority vote of the members present.

#### 4.2 Lead Independent Director

If the Chair is not Independent, then the chair of the Corporate Governance Committee will act as Lead Independent Director, and will facilitate the functioning of the Board independently of management of the Company and provide independent leadership to the Board as required and act as a contact point for the Independent Directors.

#### 4.3 Specific Duties of the Chair

The Chair will:

- (a) Leadership
  - (i) Provide overall leadership to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

(ii) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the responsibility and duties of the Board, as outlined in this Charter, are well understood by the Directors and executed as effectively as possible.

#### (b) Ethics

(i) Foster ethical and responsible decision-making by the Directors.

#### (c) Board Governance

- (i) Provide effective Board leadership, overseeing all aspects of the Board's direction and administration in fulfilling the terms of its Charter.
- (ii) With the Board, oversee the structure, composition, membership and activities delegated to the Board.

#### (d) Board Meetings

- (i) In consultation with the Directors, ensure that the Board meets at least four times in each fiscal year and at least once in each fiscal quarter, and as many additional times as necessary to carry out its duties effectively.
- (ii) With the CEO and the Corporate Secretary establish the dates, location and agenda for each Board meeting.
- (iii) Chair all meetings of the Board, including closed sessions and *in-camera* sessions.
- (iv) Ensure sufficient time during Board meetings to fully discuss agenda items.
- (v) Encourage Directors to ask questions and express viewpoints during meetings.
- (vi) Deal effectively with dissent and work constructively towards arriving at decisions and achieving consensus.
- (vii) Ensure that the Board meets in separate, regularly scheduled, in-camera sessions.

#### (e) Board Reporting

- (i) Ensure that Board materials are available to all Directors in a timely manner.
- (ii) Ensure that all business requiring shareholder approval is brought before a meeting of shareholders.
- (f) Board Management Relationships
  - (i) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that Directors receive necessary training and support to enable them to fulfill the Board Charter.
  - (ii) Facilitate effective communication between Directors and the CEO, both inside and outside of Board meetings.
  - (iii) Have an effective working relationship with the CEO.

#### (g) Evaluations

- (i) Ensure that a performance evaluation of the Board and the Chair is conducted, soliciting input from all Directors.
- (h) Advisors/Resources
  - (i) Ensure that resources and expertise are available to the Board so that it may conduct its work effectively and efficiently.
  - (ii) Coordinate with the Board to retain, oversee, compensate and terminate independent advisors to assist the Board in its activities.

#### (i) Other

- (i) Carry out any other appropriate duties and responsibilities assigned by the Board or delegated by the Board.
- (ii) To honour the spirit and intent of applicable law as it evolves.

#### 4.4 Specific Duties of the Lead Independent Director

If the Chair is not Independent, there will be a Lead Independent Director who will:

#### (a) Independence

Ensure that the Board functions independently of management of the Company and other non-Independent Directors.

#### (b) Board Governance

Be available as a resource to consult with the Chair and other Directors on corporate governance practices and policies, and assume the primary leadership role in addressing issues of this nature if under the circumstances it is inappropriate for the Chair to assume such leadership.

#### (c) Board Meetings

- (i) Bring to the attention of the Chair and the CEO any issues concerning the quality, quantity and timeliness of information provided by management to the Independent Directors.
- (ii) In the absence of the Chair, or in the event there is a potential conflict of interest between the Chair and the Company, chair relevant Board meetings, and in addition, chair any Board meeting at which only Independent Directors are present.
- (d) Board Management Relationships
  - (i) Meet with any or all of the Independent Directors if so requested, and represent such Directors in discussions with management of the Company on corporate governance issues and other matters.
  - (ii) Bring to the attention of the Chair and the CEO any issues of independence and conflict that are or may prevent the Board from being able to properly carry out its responsibilities.

#### (e) Other

- (i) Carry out any other appropriate duties and responsibilities assigned by the Board or delegated by the Board.
- (ii) Honour the spirit and intent of applicable law as it evolves.

#### 5. MEETINGS

#### 5.1 Quorum

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum. Directors may participate in any meeting by means of such telephonic, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate adequately with each other, and a Director participating by any such means shall be deemed to be present at that meeting.

#### 5.2 Secretary

The Corporate Secretary of the Company shall be the secretary of the meetings of the Board, provided that if the Corporate Secretary is not present, the chair of the meeting may appoint a secretary for the meeting with the consent of the Directors who are present.

#### 5.3 Time and Place of Meetings

The Chair, in consultation with the Directors, shall determine the schedule and frequency of the Board meetings provided that the Board shall meet at least four times in each fiscal year and at least once in every fiscal quarter. The Board shall have the authority to convene additional meetings as circumstances require.

#### 5.4 Notice of Meetings

Notice of meetings of the Board shall be given to each Director not less than five business days before the time of the meeting, provided that meetings of the Board may be held without formal notice if all of the Directors are present and do not object to notice not having been given, or if those absent waive notice in any manner before or after the meeting. Notice of meeting may be given verbally or delivered personally, given by mail, facsimile or other electronic means of communication and need not be accompanied by an agenda or any other material. The notice shall however specify the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is being held.

#### 5.5 Minutes

Decisions or recommendations of the Board shall be evidenced by resolutions passed at meetings of the Board and recorded in the minutes of such meetings or by an instrument in writing signed by all Directors entitled to vote on that resolution. A copy of the draft minutes of each meeting of the Board, including any resolutions evidencing decisions or recommendations of the Board, shall be transmitted promptly by the secretary to each Director for confirmation at the next meeting.

#### 5.6 Additional Meetings

The Board may meet separately and periodically with the officers of the Company, external legal counsel and any other person as the Board may deem appropriate or necessary from time to time.

#### 5.7 Right to Vote

Each Director shall have the right to vote on matters that come before the Board.

#### 5.8 Invitees

The Chair may invite officers and employees of the Company or any other person to attend meetings of the Board to assist in the discussion and examination of the matters under consideration by the Board as may be deemed appropriate. The officers of the Company will present to the Board and be present at Board meetings, other than during *in-camera* sessions.

#### 6. RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY OF BOARD

#### 6.1 Retaining and Compensating Advisors

Each Director shall have the authority, subject to the prior approval of the Corporate Governance Committee, to engage outside consultants, independent legal counsel and other advisors and experts as he or she determines necessary to carry out his or her duties. The Company shall reimburse the Director such amounts as may be agreed by the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### 6.2 Committees

The Board will maintain and, in accordance with their respective charters, delegate authority to the following standing committees of the Board: (i) the Audit Committee, (ii) the Corporate Governance Committee, (iii) the Nomination and Compensation Committee, and (iv) the Technical and Resources Committee. In addition, the Board may from time to time form and delegate authority to such additional committees as deemed appropriate by the Board.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD**

#### 7. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Matters which the Board considers suitable for delegation are contained in the charters of the Committees. However the Board retains ultimate responsibility and has a duty to oversee the discharge of all delegated functions, therefore those matters listed below may include matters that are delegated to Committees.

#### 7.1 Strategy and Management

- (a) Responsibility for the overall management of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group").
- (b) Approval of the Group's long-term objectives, strategy and risk management.
- (c) Approval of the annual operating and capital budgets and any material changes to them.
- (d) Review of performance in light of the Group's objectives, strategy, business plans and budgets and ensuring that any necessary corrective action is taken.
- (e) Extension of the Group's activities into new business areas.
- (f) Any decision to cease to operate all or any material part of the Group's business.

#### 7.2 Structure and Capital

- (a) Changes relating to the Group's capital structure.
- (b) Major changes to the Group's corporate structure, management and control structure.

(c) Approval of the issue or transfer of shares, and of share buybacks, in respect of the Company.

#### 7.3 Financial Reporting and Controls

- (a) Approval of the Group's annual and interim financial statements, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.
- (b) Appointment and removal of auditors, and approval of their terms of engagement and remuneration, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.
- (c) Approval of the Company's dividend policy and the declaration of dividends.
- (d) Approval of any significant changes in accounting practices or policies, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

#### 7.4 Internal Controls

- (a) Ensuring a sound system of internal control and risk management is in place, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.
- (b) Reviewing the creation and liquidation of companies within the Group.

#### 7.5 Contracts

- (a) Approval of major capital projects, investments, contracts, guarantees and indemnities that are outside the delegated authority of management.
- (b) Approval of lending or borrowing by the Company that is outside the delegated authority of management.

#### 7.6 Shareholder Communication

- (a) Approval of resolutions and related documentation to be put forward to shareholders at a general meeting.
- (b) Receiving reports on the views of the Company's shareholders.

#### 7.7 Board Membership and Other Appointments

- (a) Approval of employment contracts for the Chair and CEO (whether or not a member of the Board) and any other executive directors, on the recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee.
- (b) Approval of the terms of reference and membership of the Board and its Committees.

#### 7.8 <u>Remuneration</u>

On the recommendation of the Nomination and Compensation Committee, approval of the following:

- (a) remuneration of the Chair, Directors and the CEO, and general overview of overall staff remuneration practices;
- (b) creation of and amendments to employee share schemes or long-term incentive schemes;
- (c) the terms of any proposed termination or severance payments to be made to any former or current officer of the Company.

#### 7.9 Corporate Governance

- (a) Undertaking an annual performance evaluation of the Board and its Committees, on the recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee.
- (b) Determining the independence of directors, on the recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee.
- (c) Setting levels of delegated authority.
- (d) Reviewing the skills and resources of the officers of the Company, and succession planning, on the recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee.

#### 7.10 Other

(a) Approval of the settlement of litigation material to the interests of the Group.

- (b) Any other matters of strategic or reputational importance or likely to have a significant impact on the Group.
- (c) Comply with the Company's By-Laws and all legal requirements, whether statutory or otherwise, which apply to Directors of publicly quoted companies.
- (d) Any other matter not delegated to a Committee.

#### 8. LIMITATION ON THE OVERSIGHT ROLE OF THE BOARD

Each Director shall be entitled, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to rely on the integrity of those persons and organizations within and outside the Company from whom he or she receives financial and other information, and the accuracy of the information provided to the Company by such persons or organizations.

# Appendix A Rolling Agenda

Agenda Item		Feb	Mar	Мау	Aug	Nov
Com	mon items for all meetings:					
1.	Quorum and agenda	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
2.	Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
3.	Matters arising from the minutes	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
4.	<b>Approval</b> of contracts, investments, major capital projects or major litigation settlements exceeding the limit of authority of the CEO.	х	x	x	x	x
5.	Fixing meeting date and record date for annual meeting of shareholders		х			
6.	Setting of the meeting calendar for the following year		Х			
7.	Approval of resolutions and materials for the annual meeting of shareholders		х			
8.	Approval of the composition of Committees				Х	
9.	Approval of the annual budget					Х
10.	Review of budget reforecast			Х		Х
11.	Approval of KPIs for the following year					Х
12.	Corporate finance update		Х	Х	Х	Х
On t	he recommendation of the Audit Committee:					
13.	<b>Approval</b> of the annual audited financial statements and MD&A, and receipt of the report of the external auditor		х			
14.	Approval of the interim financial statements and MD&A			Х	Х	Х
15.	<b>Approval</b> of the appointment or re-appointment of the external auditor for nomination at the annual meeting of shareholders		x			
On t	he recommendation of the Corporate Governance Committee:					
16.	Approval of the charters of the Board and its Committees				Х	
17.	Approval of the levels of delegated authority				Х	
	the recommendation of the Nomination and Compensation					
18.	Approval of the final cash bonuses		Х			
19.	Approval of the terms of, or any amendments to, the LTIP		Х			
20.	<b>Approval</b> of Director nominees to be proposed to the annual meeting of shareholders		х			
21.	Approval of the proposed LTIP awards			Х		
22.	<b>Approval</b> of the general compensation philosophy for all staff for the following year					x
23.	Approval of the remuneration of the Chair and the CEO					Х
24.	Approval of the remuneration of Directors					Х
	he recommendation of the Technical and Resources mittee:					
25.	<b>Approval</b> of the report on reserves data by the Company's Qualified Reserves Evaluator or Auditor	х				
Othe	ər:					
26.	Any other business	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
27.	In-camera session	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

