

### THE STARS GROUP INC.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### **PURPOSE**

- 1. The Audit Committee (the "Committee") is a standing committee appointed by the board of directors (the "Board") of The Stars Group Inc. (the "Company"). The Committee is established to fulfill applicable public company obligations respecting audit committees and to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to financial reporting including responsibility to, among other things as may be delegated by the Board from time to time, oversee:
  - (a) the integrity of the Company's financial statements and financial reporting process, including the audit process and the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, disclosure controls and procedures, and compliance with other related legal and regulatory requirements;
  - (b) the qualifications and independence of the external auditors;
  - (c) the work of the Company's financial management, internal auditors and external auditors;
  - (d) enterprise risk management, privacy and data security and to monitor the same; and
  - (e) the auditing, accounting and financial reporting process generally.
- 2. In addition, the Committee shall prepare, if required, an audit committee report for inclusion in the Company's annual management information circular, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.
- 3. The function of the Committee is oversight. It is <u>not</u> the duty or responsibility of the Committee or its members to: (a) plan or conduct audits; (b) determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; or (c) conduct other types of auditing or accounting reviews or similar procedures or investigations. The Committee, its Chair and its audit committee financial expert are members of the Board, appointed to the Committee to provide broad oversight of the financial, risk and control related activities

- of the Company, and are specifically not accountable or responsible for the day-to-day operation or performance of such activities.
- 4. Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Company's financial statements. Management is also responsible for maintaining appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies and systems of risk assessment and internal controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and transactions are properly authorized, recorded and reported and to assure the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, the reliability of financial reporting and compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Management is also responsible for monitoring and reporting on the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. The external auditors are responsible for planning and carrying out an audit of the Company's annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards to provide reasonable assurance that, among other things, such financial statements are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

## PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1. *Number of Members* The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. The Committee will be composed of not less than three (3) Board members.
- 2. Independence The Committee shall be constituted at all times of "independent directors" who either meet or exceed the independence requirements of the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") and who are "independent" within the meaning of National Instrument 58-101 Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices ("NI 58-101"). The Board will consider all relevant facts and circumstances in making a determination of independence for each director and, as appropriate, impose independence requirements more stringent than those provided for by NASDAQ and/or NI 58-101 to the extent required by Canadian or U.S. securities laws, including rules and policies promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). In particular, each member shall be "independent" in accordance with National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees ("NI 52-110") and Rule 10A-3(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").
- 3. Financial Literacy and Other -Related Experience Each member shall be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, in accordance with NASDAQ audit committee requirements, and shall otherwise be "financially literate" within the meaning of other applicable requirements or guidelines for audit committee service under securities laws or the rules of any applicable stock exchange, including NI 52-110. At least one member will have past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or other comparable experience or background, including a current or past position as a principal financial officer or other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities and will otherwise qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by applicable rules of the SEC. Further, each member should have reasonably sufficient experience in such other economic, financial, investment or business matters as the Board may deem appropriate.

- 4. Appointment and Replacement of Committee Members Any member of the Committee may be removed or replaced at any time by the Board and shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committee upon ceasing to be a director. The Board shall fill any vacancy if the membership of the Committee is less than three directors. Whenever there is a vacancy on the Committee, the remaining members may exercise all its power as long as a quorum remains in office. Subject to the foregoing, the members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board annually and each member of the Committee shall remain on the Committee until the next annual meeting of shareholders after his or her appointment or until his or her successor shall be duly appointed and qualified.
- 5. Committee Chair Unless a Committee Chair is designated by the full Board, the members of the Committee may designate a Chair by majority vote of the full Committee. The Committee Chair shall be responsible for leadership of the Committee assignments and reporting to the Board. If the Committee Chair is not present at any meeting of the Committee, one of the other members of the Committee who is present shall be chosen by the Committee to preside at the meeting. The Committee will report through the Committee Chair to the Board following meetings of the Committee on matters considered by the Committee, its activities and compliance with this Charter.
- 6. Conflicts of Interest If a Committee member faces a potential or actual conflict of interest relating to a matter before the Committee, other than matters relating to the compensation, indemnification or liability insurance of directors, that member shall be responsible for alerting the Committee Chair. If the Committee Chair faces a potential or actual conflict of interest, the Committee Chair shall advise the Chair of the Board. If the Committee Chair, or the Chair of the Board, as the case may be, concurs that a potential or actual conflict of interest exists, the member faced with such conflict shall disclose to the Committee the member's interest and shall not participate in consideration of the matter and shall not vote on the matter.
- 7. *Meetings* The Committee shall meet regularly and as often as it deems necessary to perform the duties and discharge its responsibilities described herein in a timely manner, but not less than four (4) times a year and any time the Company proposes to issue a press release with its quarterly or annual earnings information or any other previously undisclosed material financial information of the Company. The Committee Chair will approve the agenda for such meetings and any member may suggest items for consideration. Briefing materials will be provided to the Committee as far in advance of meetings as practicable. The Committee shall maintain written minutes of its meetings, which will be filed with the meeting minutes of the Board.
- 8. Separate Executive Meetings The Committee shall meet periodically, but no less than quarterly, with the Chief Financial Officer, the head of the internal audit function and the external auditors in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or any of these groups believes should be discussed privately and such persons shall have access to the Committee to bring forward matters requiring its attention.
- 9. *In-Camera Sessions* The Committee shall hold unscheduled or regular scheduled meetings, or portions of meetings, at which management is not present.

- 10. Reliance Absent actual knowledge to the contrary (which shall be promptly reported to the Board), each member of the Committee shall be entitled to rely on: (a) the integrity of those persons or organizations within and outside the Company from which it receives information; (b) the accuracy of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by such persons or organizations; and (c) representations made by management and the external auditors as to any permissible non-audit services provided by the external auditors to the Company and its subsidiaries.
- 11. *Self-Evaluation* The Committee shall conduct a self-evaluation at least annually to determine whether it and its members are functioning effectively, and report its conclusion to the Board.

#### AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

# **Selection and Oversight of the External Auditors**

- 1. The external auditors are ultimately accountable to the Committee and the Board as the representatives of the shareholders of the Company and shall report directly to the Committee and the Committee shall so instruct the external auditors. The Committee shall evaluate the performance of the external auditors and make recommendations to the Board on the reappointment or appointment of the external auditors of the Company to be proposed in the Company's management information circular for shareholder approval and shall have authority to terminate the external auditors. If a change in external auditors is proposed, the Committee shall review the reasons for the change and any other significant issues related to the change, including the response of the incumbent auditors, and enquire on the qualifications of the proposed auditors before making its recommendation to the Board.
- 2. The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of any registered public accounting firm engaged (including resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purposes of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services of the Company, and each such registered public accounting firm must report directly to the Committee.
- 3. The Committee will approve policies and procedures for the pre-approval of services to be rendered by the external auditors, which policies and procedures shall include reasonable detail with respect to the services covered. All permissible non-audit services to be provided to the Company or any of its affiliates by the external auditors or any of their affiliates that are not covered by pre-approval policies and procedures approved by the Committee shall be subject to pre-approval by the Committee. The Committee shall have the sole discretion regarding the prohibition of the external auditor providing certain non-audit services to the Company and its affiliates. The Committee shall also review and approve disclosures with respect to permissible non-audit services.
- 4. The Committee shall review the independence of the external auditors and shall make recommendations to the Board on appropriate actions to be taken that the Committee deems necessary to protect and enhance the independence of the external auditors. In connection with such review, the Committee shall:

- (a) actively engage in a dialogue with the external auditors about all relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the external auditors:
- (b) require that the external auditors submit to it on a periodic basis, and at least annually, a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the Company and its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and the external auditors and their affiliates on the other hand and to the extent there are relationships, monitor and investigate them;
- (c) ensure the rotation of the lead (and concurring) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit as required by applicable law;
- (d) consider whether there should be a regular rotation of the external audit firm itself; and
- (e) consider the auditor independence standards promulgated by applicable auditing regulatory and professional bodies.
- 5. The Committee shall establish and monitor clear policies for the hiring by the Company of employees or former employees of the external auditors.
- 6. The Committee shall require the external auditors to provide to the Committee, and the Committee shall review and discuss with the external auditors, all reports which the external auditors are required to provide to the Committee or the Board under rules, policies or practices of professional or regulatory bodies applicable to the external auditors, and any other reports which the Committee may require. Such reports shall include:
  - (a) a description of the external auditors' internal quality-control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, or Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) review, of the external auditors, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the external auditors and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and
  - (b) a report describing: (i) the proposed audit scope, approach and independence of all critical accounting policies and practices to be used in the annual audit; (ii) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles related to material items that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the external auditors; and (iii) other material written communication between the external auditors and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.
- 7. The Committee shall (i) annually review the experience and qualifications of the independent audit team and review the performance of the independent auditors,

including assessing their professional skepticism, effectiveness and quality of service, and (ii) every five (5) years perform a comprehensive review of the performance of the independent auditors over multiple years to provide further insight on the audit firm, its independence and application of professional standards.

## **Appointment and Oversight of Internal Auditors**

- 8. The appointment, terms of engagement, compensation, replacement or dismissal of the internal auditors shall be subject to prior review and approval by the Committee. When the internal audit function is performed by employees of the Company, the Committee may delegate responsibility for approving the employment, term of employment, compensation and termination of employees engaged in such function (other than with respect to the head of the Company's internal audit function).
- 9. The Committee shall obtain from the internal auditors, and shall review, summaries of the significant reports to management prepared by the internal auditors, or the actual reports if requested by the Committee, and management's responses to such reports.
- 10. The Committee shall, as it deems necessary or appropriate, communicate with the internal auditors with respect to their reports and recommendations, the extent to which prior recommendations have been implemented and any other matters that the internal auditor brings to the attention of the Committee. The head of the internal audit function shall have unrestricted access to the Committee.
- 11. The Committee shall, annually or more frequently as it deems necessary or appropriate, evaluate the internal auditors, including their activities, organizational structure, independence, objectivity, qualifications and effectiveness.

### **Oversight and Monitoring of Audits**

- 12. The Committee shall review with the external auditors, the internal auditors and management the audit function generally, the objectives, staffing, locations, coordination (reduction of redundant efforts) and effective use of audit resources, reliance upon management and internal audit and general audit approach and scope of proposed audits of the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, the overall audit plans, the responsibilities of management, the internal auditors and the external auditors, the audit procedures to be used and the timing and estimated budgets and staffing of the audits.
- 13. The Committee shall meet periodically with the internal auditors to discuss the progress of their activities, any significant findings stemming from internal audits, any changes required in the planned scope of their audit plan and any difficulties or disputes that arise with management in the course of their audits, including any restrictions on the scope of their work or access to required information, and the adequacy of management's responses in correcting audit-related deficiencies.
- 14. The Committee shall review with management the results of internal and external audits.

15. The Committee shall provide an open avenue of communication between the external auditors, the internal auditors, the Board and management and take such other reasonable steps as it may deem necessary to satisfy itself that the audit was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable legal requirements and auditing standards of applicable professional or regulatory bodies.

# Oversight and Review of Accounting Principles and Practices

- 16. The Committee shall, as it deems necessary or appropriate, oversee, review and discuss with management, the external auditors and the internal auditors (together and separately as it deems necessary), among other items and matters:
  - (a) the quality, appropriateness and acceptability of the Company's accounting principles, practices and policies used in its financial reporting, its consistency from period to period, changes in the Company's accounting principles or practices and the application of particular accounting principles and disclosure practices by management to new or unusual transactions or events;
  - (b) all significant financial reporting issues, estimations and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including the effects of alternative methods within generally accepted accounting principles on the financial statements and any "second opinions" sought by management from an independent auditor with respect to the accounting treatment of a particular item;
  - (c) any material change to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as recommended by management, the external auditors or the internal auditors or which may result from proposed changes to applicable generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (d) the extent to which any changes or improvements in accounting or financial practices, as approved by the Committee, have been implemented; and
  - (e) the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives on the Company's financial statements and other financial disclosures.
- 17. The Committee will review and resolve disagreements between management and the external auditors regarding financial reporting or the application of any accounting principles or practices.

# Oversight and Monitoring of Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

- 18. The Committee shall, as it deems necessary or appropriate, exercise oversight of, review and discuss with management, the external auditors and the internal auditors (together and separately, as it deems necessary):
  - (a) the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

- (b) any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting or disclosure controls and procedures;
- (c) the risk of management's ability to override the Company's internal controls;
- (d) any fraud, of any amount or type, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the internal controls over financial reporting;
- (e) the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any related significant findings and recommendations of the external auditor and internal auditors together with management's responses thereto; and
- (f) management's compliance with the Company's processes, procedures and internal controls.
- 19. The Committee shall establish procedures for: (a) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters; and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

## Oversight and Monitoring of the Company's Financial Reporting and Disclosures

## 20. The Committee shall:

- (a) review with the external auditors and management and recommend to the Board for approval the audited financial statements and the notes and management's discussion and analysis accompanying such financial statements, the Company's annual report and any financial information of the Company contained in any registration statement, prospectus, information circular or any other disclosure document or regulatory filing of the Company;
- (b) review with the external auditors and management and recommend to the Board for approval each set of interim financial statements and the notes and Managements' Discussion and Analysis accompanying such financial statements and any other disclosure documents or regulatory filings of the Company containing or accompanying financial information of the Company; and
- (c) review the disclosure regarding the Committee required to be included in any publicly filed or available document by applicable securities laws or regulations or stock exchange rules or requirements.

Such reviews shall be conducted prior to the release of any summary of the financial results or the filing of such reports with applicable regulators.

21. Prior to their distribution or public disclosure, the Committee shall discuss earnings press releases, as well as financial information and earnings guidance, it being understood that such discussions may, in the discretion of the Committee, be done generally (i.e., by discussing the types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made).

- 22. The Committee shall oversee compliance with the requirements of the SEC and other applicable securities laws or rules for disclosure of auditors' services, engagements and independence of external auditors and audit committee member qualifications and activities.
- 23. The Committee shall receive and review the financial statements and other financial information of material subsidiaries of the Company and any auditor recommendations concerning such subsidiaries.
- 24. The Committee shall meet with management to review the process and systems in place for ensuring the reliability of public disclosure documents that contain audited and unaudited financial information and their effectiveness.

## **Oversight of Finance Matters**

### 25. The Committee shall:

- (a) review periodically the capital structure of the Company, and, when necessary, recommend to the Board transactions or alterations to the Company's capital structure:
- (b) review and make recommendations to the Board concerning the financial structure, condition and strategy of the Company and its subsidiaries as reported or otherwise presented by management, including with respect to annual budgets, long-term financial plans, corporate borrowings, investments, capital expenditures, long-term commitments and the issuance and/or repurchase of securities;
- (c) review and discuss with management, and ultimately approve and oversee, as applicable, the Company's investment and asset allocation policies and guidelines, as well as reports from management regarding the Company's compliance with any such investment and asset allocation policies and guidelines, including past and expected future performance, both in the context of financial returns (i.e., capital appreciation or preservation) and risk mitigation;
- (d) periodically review matters pertaining to the Company's material policies and practices respecting cash management and material financing strategies or policies or proposed financing arrangements and objectives of the Company;
- (e) periodically review the Company's major financial risk exposures (including foreign exchange and interest rate) as reported or otherwise presented by management and management's initiatives to control such exposures, including the use of financial derivatives and hedging activities;
- (f) review and approve special transactions or expenditures as specifically delegated by the Board to a committee thereof or to one or more Company directors, officers or other employees;

- (g) review and discuss with management all material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), leases and other relationships of the Company with unconsolidated entities, other persons, or related parties (subject to subsection 33 below), that may have a material current or future effect on financial condition, changes in financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital resources, capital reserves, or significant components of revenues or expenses;
- (h) review and discuss with management any proposed equity investments, acquisitions and divestitures that may have a material current or future effect on financial condition, changes in financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital resources, capital reserves, or significant components of revenues or expenses;
- (i) review and discuss policies, procedures and practices with respect to risk identification, assessment and management, including appropriate guidelines and policies to govern the process, as well as the Company's major enterprise risk exposures and the steps management has undertaken to control them;
- (j) review and discuss with management the Company's effective tax rate, adequacy of tax reserves, tax payments and reporting of any pending tax audits or assessments, and material tax policies and tax planning initiatives; and
- (k) review the Company's pension or similar retirement arrangements, management and obligations, as applicable.

## Risk Oversight, Privacy and Cybersecurity

- 26. The Committee shall annually (or as more frequently as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate):
  - (a) review and discuss with management and as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate, the chairperson or other designated member of the Company's Compliance Committee or such other similar committee, if any (including Board recommendations, as necessary), and monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of: (i) management's program, including policies and guidelines, to identify, assess, manage, and monitor major enterprise risks of the Company, including financial, operational, privacy, security, business continuity, legal and regulatory, and reputational risks, as well as those risks that would threaten the Company's business, current or potential future licenses, future performance, solvency or liquidity; (ii) management's risk management decisions, practices and activities; (iii) reports from management and others, including without limitation, internal audit and the Compliance Committee, regarding compliance with item (i) above; and (iv) the adequacy and appropriateness of management's response to, including the implementation thereof, the matters and findings, if any, in the reports referenced in item (iii) above; and
  - (b) review, discuss with management and as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate, the chairperson or other designated member of the Company's

Technology Committee of the Board, and assess (including Board recommendations, as necessary) the Company's privacy and cybersecurity risk exposures, including, but not limited to: (i) the potential impact of those exposures on the Company's business, operations and reputation; (ii) the steps management has taken to monitor and mitigate such exposures across all functions and Company connections with third parties and the Company's cybersecurity insurance coverage; (iii) the Company's information governance and cybersecurity policies and programs and management's efforts to build a culture of sensitivity to cybersecurity concerns; (iv) security breach incidence reports and incident response protocols, including crisis management and disaster recovery plans; (v) Company disclosures regarding cybersecurity risks, (vi) the Company's cybersecurity strategy, including the allocation of Company resources to management of cybersecurity risks; and (vii) major legislative and regulatory developments that could materially impact the Company's privacy and cybersecurity risk exposure; and

(c) review and discuss with management (including Board recommendations, as necessary) the adequacy of the Company's insurance coverage.

## **Committee Reporting**

- 27. If required by applicable laws or regulations or stock exchange requirements, the Committee shall prepare, review and approve a report to shareholders and others (the "**Report**"). In the Report, the Committee shall state, among other things, whether it has:
  - (a) reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management, the external auditors and the internal auditors;
  - (b) received from the external auditors all reports and disclosures required under legal, listing and regulatory requirements and this Charter and have discussed such reports with the external auditors, including reports with respect to the independence of the external auditors; and
  - (c) based on the reviews and discussions referred to in clauses (a) and (b) above, recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's annual report.
- 28. The Committee shall otherwise report regularly to the Board regarding the execution of the Committee's duties, responsibilities and activities, as well as any issues encountered and related recommendations and recommend to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's applicable annual report.
- 29. The Committee shall also report to the Board annually regarding the oversight and receipt of certifications from applicable management confirming compliance with certain applicable laws, regulations or rules and certain Company policies and practices, in each case as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate.

## **Additional Authority and Responsibilities**

- 30. The Committee shall have the authority to engage independent counsel and other advisers, hire and terminate special legal, accounting, financial or other consultants to advise the Committee at the Company's expense, in each case, as it determines necessary or appropriate to carry out its duties and without consulting with, or obtaining prior approval from, any officer of the Company or the Board. The Committee may ask members of management, including, without limitation, the applicable member of management responsible for enterprise risk management, or others, including, without limitation, Company employees or the chairperson or other designated member of the Company's Compliance Committee or any other committee, to attend meetings or provide information as necessary. The Committee shall also have the authority to ask the Company's independent auditors to attend meetings or provide information as necessary, and the Company's independent auditors will have direct access to the Committee at their own initiative.
- 31. The Committee shall provide for appropriate funding for payment of: (a) compensation to any registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company; (b) compensation to any advisers engaged or employed by the Committee under subsection 30 above; and (c) ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.
- 32. The Committee shall review and/or approve any other matter specifically delegated to the Committee by the Board and undertake on behalf of the Board such other activities as may be necessary or desirable to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to financial reporting and perform such other functions as assigned by law or the Company's constating documents.
- 33. The Committee shall review and approve in advance any proposed related-party transactions and required disclosures of such in accordance with applicable securities laws and regulations and consistent with any related-party transaction policy of the Company, to the extent such policy exists, and report to the Board on any approved transactions.

### THIS CHARTER

The Committee shall review and reassess annually the adequacy of this Charter as required by applicable laws or by the applicable rules of NASDAQ, the TSX or the SEC. This Charter shall be posted on the Company's website.

## DATED January 8, 2020