

## **Audit Committee Charter – Section 3.14 of the Company’s By-Laws**

3.14 Audit Committee. There shall be an Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The purposes of the Committee are: (1) to assist the Board of Directors in overseeing (a) the quality and integrity of the corporation’s financial statements, (b) the qualifications and independence of the corporation’s independent auditor, (c) the performance of the corporation’s internal audit function and independent auditor, (d) the corporation’s risk assessment and risk management processes and programs in light of the corporation’s risk tolerances, and (e) the corporation’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and with its Code of Conduct; (2) to prepare the disclosure of the Committee required to be included in the corporation’s annual proxy statement under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (3) to perform the duties and responsibilities set forth below. The provisions of this Section 3.14 shall constitute the Charter of the Audit Committee.

### **Membership**

1. The Committee shall have at least three (3) members. Each member of the Committee shall satisfy the independence requirements relating to directors and audit committee members (a) of the New York Stock Exchange and (b) under Section 10A(m) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and any related rules and exemptions promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
2. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, which shall recommend for Committee membership such directors as it believes are qualified. Members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and for such term or terms as the Board of Directors may determine.
3. No director may serve as a member of the Committee if such director serves on the audit committee of more than two other public companies, unless the Board of Directors determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such director to effectively serve on the Committee.
4. Each member of the Committee shall be financially literate, as such qualification is interpreted by the Board of Directors in its business judgment, or must become financially literate within a reasonable period of time after appointment to the Committee. At least one member of the Committee shall qualify as a financial expert, as such term is defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Item 401 of Regulation S-K.

### **Structure and Operations**

5. One of the members of the Committee will be designated by the Board of Directors to serve as the Committee chairperson. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee is necessary for the adoption of any

resolution. The Committee may create one or more subcommittees and may delegate, in its discretion, all or a portion of its duties and responsibilities to such subcommittees. The Committee may delegate to one or more designated members of the Committee the authority to grant pre-approvals of audit and non-audit services pursuant to Section 10A(i)(3) of the Exchange Act and any related rules promulgated thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which pre-approvals shall be presented to the full Committee at the next scheduled meeting.

6. The Committee shall have a regularly scheduled meeting at least once every fiscal quarter, at such times and places as shall be determined by the Committee chairperson, and may have such additional meetings as the Committee chairperson or any two (2) of the Committee's members deem necessary or desirable. The Committee may request (a) any officer or employee of the corporation, (b) the corporation's outside counsel or (c) the corporation's independent auditor to attend any meeting (or portions thereof) of the Committee, or to meet with any members of or consultants to the Committee, and to provide such information as the Committee deems necessary or desirable.
7. The Committee shall meet separately, periodically, with management, with the corporation's internal auditors (or other personnel responsible for the corporation's internal audit function) and with the independent auditor.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Committee's duties and responsibilities shall include all of the following items, and such other matters as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by the Board of Directors:

### **Reports to the Board of Directors; Review of Committee Performance and Charter**

8. The Committee shall report regularly to the Board of Directors and review with the Board of Directors any issues that arise with respect to: (i) the quality or integrity of the corporation's financial statements; (ii) the performance and independence of the corporation's independent auditor; (iii) the performance of the corporation's internal audit function; (iv) the corporation's risk assessment and risk management processes and programs; and (v) the corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and with its Code of Conduct.
9. The Committee shall undertake and review with the Board of Directors an annual performance evaluation of the Committee, which shall compare the performance of the Committee with the requirements of this Charter and set forth the goals and objectives of the Committee for the upcoming year. The performance evaluation by the Committee shall be conducted in such manner as the Committee deems appropriate. The report to the Board of Directors may take the form of an oral report by the chairperson of the Committee or any other member of the Committee designated by the Committee to make this report.

10. The Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this charter at least annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board of Directors for approval.

### **The Corporation's Relationship With the Independent Auditor**

11. The Committee shall have the sole and direct responsibility and authority for the appointment, compensation, retention, and oversight of the work of each independent auditor engaged by the corporation for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work or performing other audit, review or attest services for the corporation, and each such independent auditor shall report directly to the Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for resolving disagreements between management and each such independent auditor regarding financial reporting.
12. The Committee shall have the responsibility and authority to approve, in advance of the provision thereof, all audit services and, subject to the de minimus exception of Section 10A(i) of the Exchange Act and the Securities and Exchange Commission rules promulgated thereunder, all permitted non-audit services to be provided to the corporation by any such independent auditor. The Committee shall have the sole authority to approve any compensation payable by the corporation for any approved audit or non-audit services to any such independent auditor, including the fees, terms and conditions for the performance of such services.
13. The Committee shall review the independent auditors' audit plan, including its scope, staffing, locations, reliance upon management, and internal audit and general audit approach.
14. The Committee shall, at least annually: (i) obtain a written report by the independent auditor describing, to the extent permitted under applicable auditing standards: (a) the independent auditor's internal quality-control procedures; (b) any material issues raised by the most recent quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent auditor, 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 independent auditor, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (c) all relationships between the independent auditor and the corporation; and (ii) review the foregoing report and the independent auditor's work throughout the year and evaluate the independent auditor's qualifications, performance and independence, including a review and evaluation of the lead partner on the independent auditor's engagement with the corporation, and present its conclusions to the Board of Directors and, if so determined by the Committee, recommend that the Board of Directors take additional action to satisfy itself of the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditor.

15. The Committee shall, at least annually, discuss with the independent auditor, out of the presence of management if deemed appropriate: (i) the matters required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board standards; (ii) the audit process, including, without limitation, any problems or difficulties encountered in the course of the performance of the audit, including any restrictions on the independent auditor's activities or access to requested information imposed by management, and management's response thereto, and any significant disagreements with management; and (iii) the corporation's internal controls and the responsibilities, budget and staffing of the corporation's internal audit function, including any "management" or "internal control" letter issued or proposed to be issued by such auditor to the corporation.
16. The Committee shall establish policies for the corporation's hiring of employees or former employees of the independent auditor.
17. The Committee shall review, and discuss as appropriate with management, the internal auditors and the independent auditor, the report of the independent auditor required by Section 10A(k) of the Exchange Act.

#### **Financial Reporting, Risk Management, and Disclosure Matters**

18. The Committee shall review and discuss with management and the independent auditor:
  - (i) prior to the annual audit, the scope, planning, and staffing of the annual audit;
  - (ii) the corporation's annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements, including the corporation's disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the results of the independent auditor's reviews of the quarterly financial statements;
  - (iii) significant issues regarding accounting and auditing principles and practices and financial statement presentations, including all critical accounting policies and estimates, any significant changes in the corporation's selection or application of accounting principles and any significant issues as to the adequacy of the corporation's internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies;
  - (iv) analyses prepared by management and/or the independent auditor setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including analyses of the effects of alternative GAAP methods on the financial

statements;

- (v) the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the financial statements;
  - (vi) any significant changes to the corporation's auditing and accounting principles and practices suggested by the independent auditor, internal audit personnel or management; and
  - (vii) management's internal control report prepared in accordance with rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
19. The Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors whether the annual audited financial statements should be included in the corporation's Annual Report and Form 10-K.
20. The Committee shall review and discuss with management the corporation's practices regarding earnings press releases and the provision of financial information and earnings guidance by management to analysts and ratings agencies.
21. The Committee shall periodically review and discuss with management the corporation's guidelines and policies with respect to the process by which the corporation undertakes risk assessment and risk management, including discussion of the corporation's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures in light of the corporation's risk tolerances. The Committee shall have primary responsibility for overseeing the executives' risk assessments and implementation of appropriate risk management policies and guidelines generally, including those related to financial reporting and regulatory compliance. The Committee shall undertake these reviews and discussions in a general manner, but it is not required to undertake more specific actions to the extent they are performed by the Compensation and Development Committee (which has primary oversight responsibility to insure that compensation programs and practices do not encourage unreasonable or excessive risk-taking and that any risks are subject to appropriate controls).
22. The Committee shall review and discuss with the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer the procedures undertaken in connection with the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer certifications for Forms 10-K, Forms 10-Q and other reports including their evaluation of the corporation's disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls.
23. The Committee shall annually obtain from the independent auditor assurance that the audit was conducted in a manner consistent with Section 10A of the Exchange

Act and any other applicable rules or regulations.

### **Internal Audit, Capital, Compliance Matters, and Other**

24. The Committee shall review the budget, activities, organizational structure, qualifications and performance of the internal audit department, as needed.
25. The Committee shall review any reports to management covering issues which are material to the company's financial statements prepared by internal audit personnel, and management's responses.
26. The Committee shall establish and maintain procedures for: (i) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints or concerns received by the corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing or other compliance matters; and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the corporation of concerns regarding questionable compliance matters.
27. The Committee shall review and approve the corporation's annual capital budget, long-term financing plans, borrowings, notes and credit facilities, investments and commercial and investment banking relationships.
28. The Committee shall have primary oversight responsibility with respect to Sensient's capital structure (leverage, debt maturities, mix of debt obligations bearing fixed and floating interest rates, etc.), with respect to types and amounts of insurance maintained by the corporation, and with respect to foreign currency management. The Committee shall review and approve the corporation's existing insurance coverages, foreign currency management and Stock Repurchase Program.
29. The Committee shall review and approve, on an annual basis, the corporation's overall hedging strategy and use of swaps and other derivative instruments, including to review and approve, at least annually, the corporation's policies for the use of swaps and the corporation's decisions to enter into swaps in reliance upon the "end-user exceptions" to the mandatory execution and clearing requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and related regulations. The Committee shall take such other action in connection with the corporation's swap activities as it shall deem necessary and appropriate in the exercise of its general oversight responsibilities.
30. The Committee shall review with management and the independent auditor any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any employee complaints or concerns or published reports that raise material issues regarding the corporation's financial statements or accounting policies.
31. On at least an annual basis, the Committee shall review with the corporation's

counsel, any legal matters that could have a significant impact on the corporation's financial statements, the corporation's compliance with applicable laws and regulations and with its Code of Conduct and inquiries received from regulators or governmental agencies.

32. The Committee shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and responsibilities as are required or recommended under New York Stock Exchange rules.
33. The Committee shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and responsibilities as are incidental to the purposes, duties and responsibilities specified herein and as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by the Board of Directors.

### **Authority and Resources**

The Committee may, without further approval by the Board of Directors, obtain such advice and assistance, including, without limitation, the performance of special audits, reviews and other procedures, from outside accounting, legal or other advisors as the Committee determines to be necessary or advisable in connection with the discharge of its duties and responsibilities hereunder. Any accounting, legal or other advisor retained by the Committee may, but need not, be in the case of an outside accountant, the same accounting firm employed by the corporation for the purpose of rendering or issuing an audit report on the corporation's annual financial statements, or in the case of an outside legal or other advisor, otherwise engaged by the corporation for any other purpose.

The corporation shall pay to the independent auditor employed by the corporation for the purpose of rendering or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services and to any outside accounting, legal or other advisor retained by the Committee pursuant to the preceding paragraph such compensation, including, without limitation, usual and customary expenses and charges, as shall be determined by the Committee. In addition, the corporation shall pay ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.