

# **Spectra7 Microsystems Inc.**

## **DIRECTORS' MANDATE**

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**(the “Corporation”)**

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#### **Directors’ Responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for the stewardship of the Corporation. To discharge this obligation, the Directors, directly and through the applicable committees of the Board of Directors, should assume responsibility in the following areas:

#### **Strategic Planning Process**

- Provide input to management on emerging trends and issues.
- Adopt, review and approve, if appropriate, management’s strategic plans on an annual basis.
- Review and approve the Corporation’s financial objectives, plans and actions, including significant capital allocations and expenditures.

#### **Monitoring Tactical Progress**

- Monitor corporate performance against the strategic and business plans, including assessing operating results to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed.

#### **Risk Assessment**

- Identify the principal risks of the Corporation’s businesses and ensure that appropriate systems are in place to manage these risks.

#### **Senior Level Staffing**

- Select, monitor and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer and approve the appointment of other senior executives, and ensure the adoption of a management succession plan.
- Approve a position description for the Chief Executive Officer including limits to management’s responsibilities and corporate objectives which the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for meeting, all upon recommendation from the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.
- Satisfy itself as to the integrity of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers.
- Satisfy itself that the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers create, maintain and foster a culture of integrity throughout the Corporation.
- Engage in succession planning including, identifying, training and monitoring future senior management.

### **Integrity**

- Ensure the integrity of the Corporation's internal control and management information systems.
- Ensure ethical behaviour and compliance with laws and regulations, audit and accounting principles, and the Corporation's own governing documents.
- Satisfy itself as to the integrity of the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers and that the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers create a culture of integrity throughout the organization.

### **Material Transactions**

- Review and approve material transactions not in the ordinary course of business, including without limitation, stock issuances, acquisitions, loans and leases.

### **Monitoring Directors' Effectiveness**

- Assess their own effectiveness in fulfilling the above and Directors' responsibilities, including monitoring the effectiveness of individual Directors.

### **Disclosure Policy and Code of Business Conduct**

- Adopt, monitor and periodically review the effectiveness of a corporate disclosure policy and a code of business conduct.
- Make determinations with respect to waiving compliance with the code of business conduct by Directors and executive officers.
- The Board may delegate responsibility for making determinations with respect to waiving compliance with the code of business conduct to a committee of the Board.

### **Feedback from Shareholders**

- Develop measures for the receipt, by Directors, of feedback from shareholders.

### **Expectations of Directors**

- Directors are expected to attend all meetings.
- The specific dates of Board meetings to approve interim and annual financial results shall be scheduled at the commencement of each fiscal year.
- Additional meetings of the Board shall be called on an as-required basis.
- Directors are expected to review materials to be presented at Board meetings prior to such meetings. Such materials are to be circulated with sufficient advanced notice to allow Board members adequate review time. However, for unscheduled meetings, shorter notice may be necessary.

### **Corporate Governance**

- Develop the Corporation's approach to corporate governance, including developing a set of corporate governance principles and guidelines that are specifically applicable to the Corporation.
- The Board may delegate this responsibility to a committee of the directors, which committee shall have a majority of "Independent" directors (as such term is defined in National Policy 58-201 – *Corporate Governance Guidelines*) and the remaining members of which, if any, shall be "non-management" directors.

### **Other**

- Perform such other functions as prescribed by law or assigned to the Directors in the Corporation's constating documents, policies and guidelines.

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