## ANNEX I

#### **BOARD MANDATE**

#### CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### MANDATE

The Board of Directors is responsible for the stewardship of the Corporation, ensuring that long-term value is being created for its shareholders.

#### **BOARD COMPOSITION**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation is currently comprised of fifteen Directors and is comprised of a majority of independent Directors.

The number of Directors may be set from time to time by the Board within the minimum and maximum numbers approved by the shareholders.

The Directors shall be elected by the shareholders, except as permitted by the Ontario Business Corporations Act. Where a vacancy arises the Compensation, Nominating and Human Resources ("CNHR") Committee will recommend an appropriate person to fill such vacancy, at the Board's discretion, or the Board may decide to reduce the size of the Board. The Board will appoint a Chairman and a Corporate Secretary. The Chairman shall be designated from among the members of the Board. A lead Director will be chosen each year to act as Chairman in instances when the Board meets without the Chairman being present.

#### MEETINGS AND BOARD PROCESS

The Board shall meet at least five times per year, once after each quarter, and once when the drafts of the Annual Information Circular, Annual Report, and Proxy have been prepared. The Board will meet more frequently if circumstances dictate.

Board meetings will allow for input from all Board members. Any Director may request that the lead Director co-ordinate a meeting of the non-management members of the Board. Board and Board Committee liaison with the Corporation will be principally through the President. The Board may, from time to time, assign specific duties and tasks to individuals or committees.

Audit and CNHR Committees have been established. Each of the Committees shall operate under a written Mandate document approved by the Board. The two standing Committees of the Board shall be comprised entirely of non-management Directors. The Board receives regular reports from the Committees.

Periodically, the Board will evaluate the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and ensure that appropriate succession plans are in place. This may include: Reviewing the process for nominating, orienting, and remunerating Board members, determining the committees required, and changing the mandates for the committees.

The Board has the authority to conduct any investigation appropriate to fulfilling its responsibilities, and has direct access to the books, records, facilities and personnel of the organization. The Board has the ability to retain, at the Corporation's expense, special legal, accounting or other consultants or experts it deems necessary in the performance of its duties.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board members shall ensure that:

- All Board members understand the business of the Corporation;
- Processes are in place to effectively plan, monitor and manage the long-term viability of the Corporation;
- There is a balance between long and short-term goals and risks;
- Management's performance is adequate and that an adequate management succession plan is in place;
- Communication with shareholders and other stakeholders is timely and effective;
- Business is conducted ethically and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- All matters requiring shareholder approval are referred to them.

# **OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

In the process of executing its responsibilities the Board will:

- Review corporate performance on a quarterly basis;
- Periodically adjust hurdle rates used to assess acquisitions;
- Review and approve all business acquisitions over certain thresholds (the Board of Directors may change the threshold requiring approval);
- Review and approve divestitures;
- Review and approve dividend payments;
- Ensure that management compensation is appropriate;
- Review and approve company banking and borrowing resolutions;
- Review and approve any changes in the issued shares;
- Review accounting policies, internal control and audit procedures;
- Review and approve the annual information circular and proxy for the annual meeting of shareholders;
- Review and approve the annual financial statements and the interim consolidated quarterly results;
- Recommend to the shareholders the appointment of auditors and their remuneration; and
- Provide advice to management.