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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM F-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

YAMANA GOLD INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Not Applicable

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: **From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.**

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.C. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.C. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed maximum aggregate price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate Offering Price	Amount of registration fee (1)
Common Shares	0	100% US\$	0	US\$ 0

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(1) Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act, the prospectus contained herein relates to an aggregate of 93,428,284 unsold common shares that were previously registered under the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-10 (File No. 333-202140), initially filed on February 17, 2015. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act, no filing fee is payable in connection herewith.

If as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions, the number of securities purported to be registered on this registration statement changes, the provisions of Rule 416 shall apply to this registration statement.

Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the prospectus contained in this Registration Statement relates to Registration Statement number 333-202140.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS

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YAMANA GOLD INC.

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

Yamana Gold Inc. (Yamana , the Corporation , we or us) established a dividend reinvestment plan (the Plan) to provide holders of our common shares (Common Shares) with a simple and convenient method to purchase additional Common Shares of the Corporation by reinvesting cash dividends (less any applicable withholding tax).

A Plan participant may obtain additional Common Shares by automatically reinvesting all or any portion of the cash dividends paid on Common Shares held by the Plan participant without paying any brokerage commissions, administrative costs or other service charges. Our dividends have historically been paid quarterly in respect of periods ended March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 on such dates as are determined by the Corporation's board of directors (the Board).

The Common Shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the TSX) under the symbol YRI and on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol AUY . On March 27, 2017, the closing price of the Common Shares on the TSX and the NYSE was \$3.86 and US\$2.88, respectively.

The Common Shares acquired by the Plan agent (the Agent) under the Plan (defined herein as Plan Shares See The Plan) will, at the sole option of the Corporation, either be Common Shares issued from the treasury of the Corporation (the Treasury Purchase Shares) or be Common Shares acquired on the open market (the Market Purchase Shares) through the facilities of the TSX, the NYSE, or any other stock exchange on which the Common Shares are then listed (each, a Listing Market), as applicable. The purchase price of Treasury Purchase Shares and Market Purchase Shares purchased by the Agent, on behalf of Plan participants, will be the volume weighted average price of the Common Shares traded on a Listing Market on the five (5) trading days preceding the Dividend Payment Date (as defined herein) (the Average Market Price), in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

We cannot estimate anticipated proceeds from sales of Common Shares pursuant to the Plan, which will depend upon the extent of shareholder participation in the Plan, the market price of the Common Shares as of any Dividend Payment Date, and other factors. The Common Shares to which this prospectus relates will be sold directly by the Corporation to the Plan Agent, other than in respect of Market Purchase Shares that will be purchased by the Agent on the open market. We will not pay underwriting commissions in connection with the Plan but will incur costs of approximately US\$60,000 in connection with this offering.

This prospectus contains references to United States dollars and Canadian dollars. All dollar amounts referenced, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in Canadian dollars. United States dollars are referred to as United States dollars or US\$.

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On February 17, 2015, we filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including a prospectus relating to 93,774,384 Common Shares issuable pursuant to the Plan. This prospectus relates to 93,428,284 of such Common Shares that remain available for issuance pursuant to the Plan as of the date hereof.

We urge you to carefully read the Risk Factors section beginning on page 5, where we describe risks associated with the Plan and our business and operations, before you make your investment decision.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence.

The date of this prospectus is March 28, 2017.

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RISK FACTORS

Before you decide to participate in the Plan and invest in the Common Shares, you should be aware of the following material risks in making such an investment. You should consider carefully these risk factors together with all risk factors and information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including the risk factors beginning on page 19 of our annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2016 (the AIF), included in our Annual Report on Form 40-F filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), before you decide to participate in the Plan and purchase Common Shares. In addition, you should consult your own financial and legal advisors before making an investment.

Risks Related to the Plan

You will not know the price of the Common Shares you are purchasing under the Plan at the time you authorize the investment or elect to have your dividends reinvested.

The price of the Common Shares may fluctuate between the time you decide to purchase Common Shares under the Plan and the time of actual purchase. In addition, during this time period, you may become aware of additional information that might affect your investment decision. You may realize a loss in connection with the purchase of Common Shares. We may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we also file reports with and furnish other information to the SEC. Under the multi-jurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States, these reports and other information (including financial information) may be prepared, in part, in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Canada, which differ from those in the United States. Any document we file with the SEC can be read and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or contact them at www.sec.gov for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Rooms. Our filings are also available electronically from the SEC's Electronic Document Gathering and Retrieval System (EDGAR) at www.sec.gov. You may also want to visit our website at yamana.com for further information. Information on or connected to our website, even if referred to herein or in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, do not constitute part of this prospectus.

We have filed under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) a registration statement on Form F-3 relating to our Plan. This prospectus forms a part of the registration statement. This prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement, certain portions of which have been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about us and the Common Shares you are encouraged to refer to the registration statement and the exhibits that are incorporated by reference into it. Statements contained in this prospectus describing provisions of the Plan are not necessarily complete, and in each instance reference is made to the copy of the Plan which is included as an exhibit to the registration statement, and each such statement in this prospectus is qualified in all respects by such reference.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the following documents filed under the Exchange Act with the SEC:

Our Annual Report on Form 40-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, dated March 28, 2017 (the Annual Report on Form 40-F).

In addition, all subsequent annual reports on Form 40-F, Form 20-F, or Form 10-K, and all subsequent filings on Form 10-Q or Form 8-K, that we file pursuant to the Exchange Act prior to the termination of this offering, are hereby deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Also, we may incorporate by

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reference our future reports on Form 6-K subsequent to the date of this prospectus by stating in those Forms 6-K that they are being incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or therein or in any other later filed document which also is incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any such statement so modified shall not be deemed, except as so modified, to constitute a part of this prospectus. Any such statement so superseded shall be deemed not to constitute a part of this prospectus.

Any Person to whom a prospectus is delivered, including any beneficial owner, may obtain without charge, upon written or oral request, a copy of the Plan or of any of the documents incorporated by reference herein, except for the exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents. Requests should be directed to: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Corporation at 200 Bay Street, Royal Bank Plaza, North Tower, Suite 2200, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2J3, telephone (416) 815-0220, and are also available electronically at www.sec.gov.

ENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL LIABILITIES

The Corporation is continued under the laws of Canada and certain of our directors and officers, as well as certain of the experts named in this prospectus, are residents of jurisdictions other than the United States, and a substantial portion of our and their respective assets are located outside the United States. Accordingly, it may be difficult for United States holders of the Common Shares to effect service within the United States upon directors, officers and experts who are not residents of the United States or to realize in the United States upon judgments of courts of the United States predicated upon civil liability under U.S. federal or state securities laws or other laws of the United States. The Corporation has been advised by its Canadian counsel, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, that there is doubt as to the enforceability in Canada against us or against our directors, officers and experts who are not residents of the United States, in original actions or in actions for enforcement of judgments of courts of the United States, of liabilities predicated solely upon U.S. federal or state securities laws.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and forward-looking information under applicable Canadian securities legislation. Except for statements of historical fact relating to the Corporation, information contained or incorporated by reference herein constitutes forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, any information as to the Corporation's strategy, plans or future financial or operating performance. Forward-looking statements are characterized by words such as plan, expect, budget, target, project, intend, believe, anticipate, es, other similar words, or statements that certain events or conditions may or will occur. In particular, forward looking information included in this prospectus includes, without limitation, statements with respect to:

- the Corporation's expectations in connection with the production and exploration, development and expansion plans at the Corporation's projects discussed herein being met;

- the Corporation's plans to continue building on its base of significant gold production, gold development stage properties, exploration properties and land positions in Canada, Brazil, Chile, and Argentina through existing operating mine expansions, throughput increases, development of new mines, advancement of its exploration properties and by targeting other gold consolidation opportunities with a primary focus in the Americas;
- the Corporation's expectations regarding the timing of construction, development and production at the Cerro Moro Project;
- the impact of proposed optimizations at the Corporation's projects;

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- the effect of government regulations (or changes thereto) with respect to the restrictions on production, export controls, income taxes, expropriation of property, repatriation of profits, environmental legislation, land use, water use, land claims of local people, mine safety and receipt of necessary permits;
- the impact of the proposed new mining law in Brazil and the Chilean tax reform package;
- the Corporation's expectations relating to the performance of the Canadian Malartic Mine;
- the Corporation's evaluation of various monetization opportunities for its Brio Gold Inc. holding from time to time;
- the Corporation's investments and development of infrastructure improvements to enhance community relations in the locations where it operates and the further development of the Corporation's social responsibility programs;
- the payment of any future dividends;
- the outcome of any current or pending litigation against the Corporation; and
- the outcome of any current or pending tax assessments involving the Corporation.

Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions, assumptions and estimates of management considered reasonable at the date the statements are made, and are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other known and unknown factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. These factors include the impact of general domestic and foreign business, economic and political conditions, global liquidity and credit availability on the timing of cash flows and the values of assets and liabilities based on projected future conditions, fluctuating metal prices (such as gold, copper, silver and zinc), currency exchange rates (such as the Brazilian real, the Chilean peso, the Argentine peso, and the Canadian dollar versus the United States dollar), interest rates, possible variations in ore grade or recovery rates, changes in the Corporation's hedging program, changes in accounting policies, changes in Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (each as defined below), and risks related to acquisitions and/or dispositions, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, changes in project development, construction, production and commissioning time frames, risks related to joint venture operations, the possibility of project cost overruns or unanticipated costs and expenses, potential impairment charges, higher prices for fuel, steel, power, labor and other consumables contributing to higher costs and general risks of the mining industry, including but not limited to, failure of plant, equipment or processes to operate as anticipated, unexpected changes in mine life, final pricing for concentrate sales, unanticipated results of future studies, seasonality and unanticipated weather changes, costs and timing of the development of

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new deposits, success of exploration activities, permitting timelines, environmental and government regulation and the risk of government expropriation or nationalization of mining operations, risks related to relying on local advisors and consultants in foreign jurisdictions, environmental risks, unanticipated reclamation expenses, title disputes or claims, limitations on insurance coverage and timing and possible outcome of pending and outstanding litigation and labor disputes, risks related to enforcing legal rights in foreign jurisdictions, vulnerability of information systems, as well as those risk factors discussed or referred to in the AIF and the Corporation's management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2016 included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 40-F filed with the SEC. Although the Corporation has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. The Corporation undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements if circumstances or management's estimates, assumptions or opinions should change, except as required by applicable law. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The forward-looking information contained or incorporated by reference herein is presented for the purpose of assisting investors in understanding the Corporation's expected

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financial and operational performance and results as at and for the periods ended on the dates presented in the Corporation's plans and objectives and may not be appropriate for other purposes.

CAUTIONARY NOTE TO UNITED STATES INVESTORS CONCERNING ESTIMATES OF MINERAL RESERVES AND MINERAL RESOURCES

The documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ in certain material respects from the disclosure requirements of United States securities laws. The terms Mineral Reserve, Proven Mineral Reserve and Probable Mineral Reserve are Canadian mining terms as defined in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (NI 43-101) and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (the CIM) - CIM Definition Standards on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, adopted by the CIM Council, as amended (the CIM Standards). These definitions differ significantly from the definitions in the disclosure requirements promulgated by the SEC and contained in Industry Guide 7 (Industry Guide 7) under the Securities Act. In particular, under Industry Guide 7 standards, a final or bankable feasibility study is required to report Mineral Reserves, the three-year historical average price is used in any Mineral Reserve or cash flow analysis to designate Mineral Reserves and the primary environmental analysis or report must be filed with the appropriate governmental authority. In addition, Industry Guide 7 applies different standards in order to classify mineralization as a mineral reserve. As a result, the definitions of Proven Mineral Reserves (as defined herein) and Probable Mineral Reserves (as defined herein) used in NI 43-101 differ from the definitions used in Industry Guide 7. Under SEC standards, mineralization may not be classified as a mineral reserve unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the mineral reserve determination is made. Among other things, all necessary permits would be required to be in hand or the issuance must be imminent in order to classify mineralized material as mineral reserves under the SEC's standards. Accordingly, Mineral Reserve estimates contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus may not qualify as mineral reserves under SEC standards.

In addition, the terms Mineral Resource, Measured Mineral Resource, Indicated Mineral Resource and Inferred Mineral Resource are defined in and required to be disclosed by NI 43-101. However, the SEC does not recognize Mineral Resources and United States companies are generally not permitted to disclose Mineral Resources of any category in documents they file with the SEC. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of the mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into Mineral Reserves as defined in NI 43-101 or Industry Guide 7. Further, Inferred Mineral Resources have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence, and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. Under Canadian rules, estimates of Inferred Mineral Resources may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an Inferred Mineral Resource exists or is economically or legally mineable, or that all or any part of Measured Mineral Resources, Indicated Mineral Resources, or Inferred Mineral Resources will ever be upgraded to a higher category. In addition, disclosure of contained ounces in a Mineral Resource is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations. In contrast, the SEC only permits United States companies to report mineralization that does not constitute Mineral Reserves by SEC standards as in place tonnage and grade, without reference to unit measures. Investors are cautioned that information contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus may not be comparable to similar information made public by United States companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements under the United States federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder.

YAMANA GOLD INC.

The Corporation is a Canadian-based gold producer with significant gold production, gold development stage properties, exploration properties and land positions in Canada, Brazil, Chile, and Argentina. The Corporation plans to continue to build on this base through existing operating mine expansions, throughput increases, development of new mines, advancement of its exploration properties and by targeting other gold consolidation opportunities with a primary focus in the Americas.

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The Corporation's portfolio includes six operating gold mines, one development stage project currently under construction and various advanced and near development stage projects and exploration properties in Canada, Brazil, Chile, and Argentina. The Corporation operates its mines and projects in two divisions under common corporate oversight: (i) Northern Operations, which includes, among other earlier stage projects, Canadian Malartic (gold/silver), Jacobina (gold) and Chapada (copper/gold), and (ii) Southern Operations, which includes, among other earlier stage projects, El Peñón (gold/silver), Minera Florida (gold/silver/zinc) and Gualcamayo (gold). In addition, for investment purposes, the Corporation holds a majority interest in Brio Gold Inc., a public company which holds the Pilar mine (gold), the Fazenda Brasileiro mine (gold), the Riachos dos Machados mine (gold), the Santa Luz project (gold), and some related exploration concessions. Within this structure, Chapada, El Peñón and Canadian Malartic are the Corporation's material producing mines and the largest contributors to cash flow.

Our principal executive and registered office is located at 200 Bay Street, Royal Bank Plaza, North Tower, Suite 2200, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2J3, Canada.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We cannot estimate anticipated proceeds from the sale of Common Shares pursuant to the Plan, which will depend upon the extent of shareholder participation in the Plan, the market price of the Common Shares as of any Dividend Payment Date, and other factors. Accordingly, we have no basis for estimating precisely either the number of Common Shares that may be sold under the Plan or the prices at which such shares may be sold. Any proceeds received from the sale of the Common Shares under the Plan will be principally used for general corporate purposes.

THE PLAN

The following is a summary of the material attributes of the Plan. The summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, reference to the complete Plan which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The Common Shares offered by this prospectus, if, as and when distributed, will be distributed pursuant to the Plan, which is dated as of February 17, 2015. Capitalized terms used in this summary and not defined elsewhere shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Plan.

Purpose of the Plan

The Plan permits holders of the Common Shares to automatically reinvest all or any portion of the cash dividends paid on their Common Shares in additional Common Shares. Common Shares distributed under the Plan will, at the option of the Corporation, be acquired by the Agent appointed to administer the Plan from the treasury of the Corporation or in the open market on a Listed Market, or a combination of both and, in each case, in the manner specified in the Plan.

Notice to Non-registered Beneficial Shareholders

Non-registered beneficial shareholders of the Common Shares (i.e. shareholders who hold their Common Shares through a Nominee (defined below)) should consult with that Nominee to determine the procedures for participation in the Plan. The administrative practices of such Nominees may vary and accordingly the various dates by which actions must be taken and documentary requirements set out in the Plan may not be the same as those required by the Nominee. There may be a fee charged by some Nominees to non-registered beneficial shareholders in respect of matters related to the Plan, which will not be covered by the Corporation or the Agent. Where a beneficial owner of Common Shares wishes to enroll in the Plan through a CDS (as defined below) participant in respect of Common Shares registered through CDS, appropriate instructions must be received by CDS from the CDS participant not later than such deadline as may be established by CDS from time to time, in order for the instructions to take effect on the Dividend Payment Date to which that dividend record date relates. Instructions received by CDS after their internal deadline will not take effect until the next following Dividend Payment Date. CDS participants holding Common Shares on behalf of beneficial owners of Common Shares registered through CDS must arrange for CDS to enroll such Common Shares in the Plan on behalf of such beneficial owners in respect of each Dividend Payment Date.

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Plan participants that are non-registered shareholders may voluntarily terminate their participation in the Plan as of a particular record date for a Dividend Payment Date by notifying their Nominee sufficiently in advance of that record date. Plan participants should contact their Nominee for appropriate procedures. Beginning on the first Dividend Payment Date after such termination is effective, dividends to such non-registered shareholders will be made in cash. Any expenses associated with the preparation and delivery of a termination notice will be for the account of the Plan participant exercising its right to terminate participation in the Plan.

With respect to Plan participants that are non-registered shareholders, Common Shares purchased under the Plan from treasury or the open market will be credited by the Agent to CDS and CDS shall in turn, on a pro rata basis based on such Plan participants' respective entitlement to the dividends used to purchase Common Shares under the Plan, credit such Common Shares to the account of the applicable Nominee through whom such Plan participants hold Common Shares.

The crediting of fractional Common Shares in favor of non-registered shareholders who participate in the Plan through a Nominee will depend on the policies of that Nominee. A Plan participant that is a non-registered shareholder will receive, from his, her or its Nominee for tax reporting purposes, confirmations of the number of Common Shares issued to such Plan participant under the Plan in accordance with the Nominee's usual practice.

Participation in the Plan

Eligibility

All registered and beneficial owners of Common Shares who are resident in Canada or the United States are eligible to participate in the Plan. The Common Shares are registered under the Securities Act and are offered for sale in both Canada and the United States. Shareholders that are resident in jurisdictions other than Canada or the United States can also participate in the Plan, subject to any restrictions of laws in such shareholder's jurisdiction of residence. Cash dividends to be reinvested for shareholders resident outside of Canada will be reduced by the amount of any applicable Canadian withholding taxes, as determined by the Corporation in its sole discretion.

Enrollment - Registered Shareholders

Registered shareholders (other than Clearing and Depository Services, Inc. (CDS) or The Depository Trust Company (DTC) may enroll all or any portion of their Common Shares in the Plan by completing a duly completed and executed enrollment form in the form provided by the Corporation and the Agent for this purpose (the Enrollment Form), and sending it to the Agent at the address noted on the Enrollment Form. Enrollment Forms may be obtained from the Agent at any time by following the instructions on the Corporation's website at www.yamana.com.

A duly and properly completed Enrollment Form must be received by the Agent not less than five (5) business days before the record date applicable to on any date fixed by the Board upon which a dividend is paid by the Corporation (such date, the Dividend Payment Date). If the Enrollment Form is received by the Agent from a registered shareholder after that time, the Enrollment Form will not take effect on such Dividend Payment Date and will only take effect on the next occurring Dividend Payment Date. Instructions from CDS must be received by the

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Agent in accordance with the customary practices of CDS and as agreed by the Agent and the Corporation.

Enrollment Beneficial Owners of Common Shares

CDS or any other Nominee (as defined below) will provide separate instructions to the Agent regarding the extent of its participation in the Plan on behalf of beneficial owners of Common Shares. DTC has indicated that effective March 31, 2014, it will no longer be participating in dividend reinvestment plans for Canadian issuers. As a result, DTC participants will be required to withdraw their securities from DTC and deposit them with CDS or have them registered in customer name in order to participate in the Plan. A CDS participant must, on behalf of the non-registered beneficial shareholder, advise CDS of such shareholder's participation in the Plan by no later than a record date for a particular Dividend Payment Date. CDS will, in turn, notify the Agent no later than 2:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the business day immediately following the record date of such shareholder's participation in the Plan.

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Beneficial owners of Common Shares registered in the name of an intermediary such as a financial institution, broker, or other nominee who holds Common Shares on behalf of a beneficial owner of Common Shares and who supports dividend reinvestment plans for Canadian issuers, including CDS (a Nominee), may not directly enroll in the Plan in respect of those Common Shares, but must instead either (i) transfer the Common Shares into their own name and then enroll such Common Shares in the Plan directly as a registered shareholder, or (ii) make appropriate arrangements with the Nominee who holds their Common Shares to enroll in the Plan on their behalf.

Where a beneficial owner of Common Shares wishes to enroll in the Plan through a CDS participant in respect of Common Shares registered through CDS, appropriate instructions must be received by CDS from the CDS participant not later than such deadline as may be established by CDS from time to time, in order for the instructions to take effect on the Dividend Payment Date to which that dividend record date relates.

Instructions received by CDS after their internal deadline will not take effect until the next following Dividend Payment Date. CDS participants holding Common Shares on behalf of beneficial owners of Common Shares registered through CDS must arrange for CDS to enroll such Common Shares in the Plan on behalf of such beneficial owners in respect of each Dividend Payment Date.

Beneficial owners of Common Shares should contact the Nominee who holds their Common Shares to provide instructions regarding their participation in the Plan and to inquire about any applicable deadlines that the Nominee may impose or be subject to.

In its Enrollment Form or instructions from CDS, as applicable, participants will direct (or be deemed to direct, as applicable) the Corporation to credit the Agent with all cash dividends payable in respect of Common Shares registered in the name of the participant that are enrolled in the Plan or held under the Plan for its account and will direct (or be deemed to direct, as applicable) the Agent to reinvest such cash dividends (less any applicable withholding taxes) on such Common Shares registered in such participant's name or for such participant's account in Common Shares, in accordance with the Plan.

Continued Enrollment

Common Shares enrolled by a participant (other than CDS) in the Plan will remain enrolled in and will automatically continue to be enrolled in the Plan until such time as the Plan is terminated in accordance with the Plan. The Common Shares acquired under the Plan for the account of the participant who has enrolled all of its Common Shares in the Plan will automatically be enrolled in the Plan.

CDS or other Nominee will provide instructions to the Agent regarding the extent of its participation in the Plan, on behalf of beneficial owners of Common Shares, in respect of every Dividend Payment Date on which cash dividends otherwise payable to CDS as shareholder of record, are to be reinvested under the Plan.

Common Shares purchased by a participant outside of the Plan may not be automatically enrolled in the Plan. Participants are advised to contact the Agent to ensure such additional Common Shares are enrolled in the Plan.

Restrictions

Subject to applicable law and regulatory policy, the Corporation reserves the right to determine, from time to time, a minimum number of Common Shares that a participant must hold in order to be eligible to participate in, or continue to participate in, the Plan. As of the date of the adoption of the Plan, the minimum holdings is one Common Share. The Corporation may also limit the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued under the Plan. If issuing Common Shares under the Plan would result in the Corporation exceeding the limit and the Corporation determines not to issue Common Shares in respect of a particular Dividend Payment Date, participants will receive from the Agent cash dividends for the dividends that are not reinvested in Common Shares (without interest or deduction thereon, except for any applicable withholding taxes). The Corporation will be under no obligation to issue Common Shares to any participants under the Plan where the Corporation exceeds the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued under the Plan. The Corporation will be under no obligation to issue

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Common Shares on a pro rata basis to participants under the Plan where the Corporation exceeds the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued under the Plan. The Corporation is not required to facilitate market purchases of Common Shares for any dividends not reinvested due to a limit on the number of Common Shares issuable under the Plan.

Fees

There is no brokerage commission payable by participants with respect to Common Share purchases under the Plan and all administrative costs of the Agent will be borne by the Corporation. A participant will be responsible for brokerage commissions and fees on a sale of Common Shares effected by the Agent. Participants who enroll through Nominee or CDS may be subject to costs and charges by the Nominee or CDS.

The Agent

Administration of the Plan

CST Trust Company has been appointed to administer the Plan on behalf of the Corporation and the participants pursuant to the Plan and an agreement between the Corporation and the Agent. If CST Trust Company ceases to act as Agent for any reason, another successor agent will be appointed by the Corporation to act as Agent.

All funds received by the Agent under the Plan (which consist of cash dividends received from the Corporation, less any applicable withholding taxes) will be applied to purchase Common Shares for Plan participants.

Dealing in Corporation Securities

The Corporation will not exercise any direct or indirect control over the price paid for Market Purchase Shares purchased under the Plan. The Corporation will determine which Listing Market will be used by the Agent for the purposes of purchasing Market Purchase Shares. The determination of the Average Market Price of the shares in respect of a Treasury Purchase and Market Purchase (each as defined below) will be made by the Corporation pursuant to the terms of the Plan and the Corporation will advise the Agent.

Adherence to Regulation

The Agent is required to comply with applicable laws, orders or regulations of any governmental authority which impose on the Agent a duty to take or refrain from taking any action under the Plan and to permit any properly authorized person to have access to and to examine and make

copies of any records relating to the Plan.

Resignation of Agent

The Agent may resign as Agent under the Plan in accordance with the agreement between the Corporation and the Agent, in which case the Corporation will appoint another agent as the Agent. No resignation of the resigning Agent shall become effective until the successor Agent has executed an agreement accepting appointment as Agent.

Purchase of Common Shares under the Plan

Aggregation of Dividends

On each Dividend Payment Date, the Corporation will pay all cash dividends payable on Common Shares enrolled in the Plan to the Agent. Those cash dividends, after deduction of any applicable withholding tax, will be aggregated and automatically used by the Agent to purchase Common Shares (including fractional Common Shares, calculated to three (3) decimal places) (the Plan Shares) by way of a Treasury Purchase or a Market Purchase as determined by the Corporation in its sole discretion, in each case in the manner specified in the Plan, on behalf of participants.

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Fractional Shares

Full reinvestment is possible under the Plan as the Agent will credit to the account of each participant, on each reinvestment made under the Plan, fractional Common Shares, calculated to three (3) decimal places, for any amount that cannot be reinvested in whole Common Shares. The rounding of any fractional interest is determined by the Agent in its sole discretion. The crediting of fractional Common Shares in favor of beneficial owners who participate in the Plan through a Nominee will depend on the policies of that Nominee.

In certain events described in the Plan, a participant or its legal representative will be entitled to receive a cash payment of the value (less any applicable taxes) of any fractional Common Shares remaining in the participant's account. Upon such payment being sent to the participant or its legal representative, the participant's fractional Common Shares will be deemed to be cancelled.

Purchase Date

With respect to a Market Purchase, the Agent will acquire the applicable aggregate number of Market Purchase Shares, as soon as practicable after a Dividend Payment Date and in any event within three (3) trading days after the Dividend Payment Date unless otherwise directed by the Corporation.

With respect to a Treasury Purchase, the Agent will purchase Treasury Purchase Shares from the Corporation's treasury during the Dividend Investment Period (as defined below).

Crediting of Accounts

On the date of each Treasury Purchase or Market Purchase, the Plan Shares acquired by the Agent on such date will be credited to the accounts of the participants (or, in the case of CDS or other Nominee, credited by the Agent to CDS or such other Nominee which will each in turn credit the accounts of the applicable participants). The number of Treasury Purchase Shares or Market Purchase Shares or combination thereof comprising the Plan Shares acquired by the Agent on each date of acquisition, credited to each participant's account on each such date, shall be the number of Common Shares, including fractions computed to three (3) decimal places, which is equal to the cash dividends (less any applicable withholding taxes) reinvested on behalf of such participant divided by the purchase price for the Common Shares.

Source of Plan Shares

The Plan Shares acquired by the Agent under the Plan will, at the sole option of the Corporation, either be Common Shares issued from the treasury of the Corporation (a Treasury Purchase) or be Common Shares acquired on the open market through the facilities of a Listing Market (in each instance, a Market Purchase).

Price of Market Purchase Shares

The Corporation does not control the price of Common Shares acquired under the Plan. The Average Market Price, in the case of a Market Purchase, will be the average price paid (excluding brokerage commissions, fees and all transaction costs) per Common Share (denominated in the currency in which the Common Shares trade on the applicable stock exchange) purchased by the Agent on behalf of participants on a Listing Market for all Common Shares purchased in respect of a Dividend Payment Date under the Plan. The determination of which Listing Market to be used for purposes of Market Purchases will be made by the Corporation.

Price of Treasury Purchase Shares

The Average Market Price, in the case of a Treasury Purchase, at which the Agent will purchase new Common Shares will be the volume weighted average price of the Common Shares traded on a Listing Market on the five (5) trading days preceding the Dividend Payment Date.

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Withdrawal and Disposition of Plan Shares

Withdrawal of Plan Shares

Registered shareholder participants who require a Common Share certificate but who do not wish to terminate participation in the Plan, may obtain a certificate for any number of whole Common Shares held in their account by duly completing the withdrawal portion of the statement of account and delivering it to the Agent at least five (5) business days before a record date for a Dividend Payment Date. If notice is not received by the Agent at least five (5) business days before such record date, settlement of the registered shareholder participant's account will not commence until after the reinvestment has been completed. No certificate will be issued for a fraction of a Common Share. A certificate will generally be issued within three (3) weeks of receipt by the Agent of a participant's written request. A beneficial shareholder participant who holds Common Shares indirectly through a Nominee, should contact its Nominee where it requires a Common Share certificate.

Plan accounts are maintained in the names in which the registered shareholder participants enrolled in the Plan. Certificates for whole Common Shares withdrawn from the Plan will be registered in exactly the same manner when issued.

Any subsequent dividends paid in respect of the new certificated Common Shares will be subject to reinvestment under the Plan pursuant to the current election of the participant, so long as the participant remains the owner of such Common Shares. The Common Shares remaining in a participant's account will continue to have cash dividends reinvested pursuant to the Plan.

Disposition of Plan Shares

Plan Shares may not be sold, pledged, hypothecated, assigned or otherwise disposed of or transferred. Participants who wish to sell, transfer, pledge, hypothecate, assign, or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of their Plan Shares must withdraw such shares from the Plan in the manner specified in the Plan prior to such sale, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, disposal or transfer.

Plan Shares Remaining in the Plan

If a participant withdraws less than all of their Plan Shares, the participation of the participant in the Plan will continue in respect of the Common Shares remaining in the Plan.

Termination of Enrollment

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The following provisions apply in respect of registered shareholder participants. Beneficial shareholders who are participants should contact their Nominee to determine the procedures for terminating their participation.

Termination by Participant

Participation in the Plan may be terminated by completing the termination portion of a participant's statement of account and delivering it to the Agent, signed by the registered shareholder participant, at least five (5) business days before the record date for a Dividend Payment Date. If a participant wishes to sell Common Shares enrolled in the Plan, a participant must first withdraw the Common Shares from the Plan. A participant may request the sale of all of the Common Shares held for his or her account pursuant to the Plan by providing a termination notice and request for sale and delivering it to the Agent. In this event, the Agent will sell such Common Shares through a broker-dealer designated by the Agent. The participant will be charged a commission or fees by the broker-dealer for the sale of the Common Shares, which commission or fees will be deducted from the cash proceeds of the sale to be paid to the participant. Commissions or fees charged on such sales will be charged at the customary rates charged from time to time by the broker-dealer. The proceeds of such sale, less brokerage commissions, fees, transfer taxes and withholding taxes, if any, will be paid to the terminating participant by the Agent.

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If a request for termination is received less than five (5) business days before a record date for a Dividend Payment Date, or between a record date and a Dividend Payment Date, the request will be processed within three (3) weeks after the applicable Dividend Payment Date. No terminations will be processed between a record date for a Dividend Payment Date and the completion of the period after the Dividend Payment Date in which the Agent purchases Common Shares under the Plan (the Dividend Investment Period).

Death of a Participant

Participation in the Plan will be terminated upon receipt by the Agent of satisfactory evidence of the death of the participant from such participant's duly appointed legal representative.

Termination by the Corporation

The Corporation reserves the right to terminate participation in the Plan if the participant does not satisfy the minimum holding requirement set forth in the Plan.

Administration

Registration of Plan Shares and Issuance of Certificates

Common Shares issued pursuant to the Plan will be registered in the name of the Agent or its successors as agent for the registered shareholder participants. Upon termination, a participant (or the estate of a deceased participant) will receive a certificate for the whole Common Shares held in the participant's account. The Agent does not provide cash in lieu of any whole Common Share held for participants. Requests for the issuance of a certificate to the estate of a deceased participant must be accompanied by appropriate documentation as determined by the Corporation. Participants wishing to obtain a Common Share certificate but who do not wish to terminate participation in the Plan, may obtain a certificate by duly completing the withdrawal portion of the statement of account and delivering it to the Agent in accordance with the provisions of the Plan as set forth above in Withdrawal and Disposition of Plan Shares.

Statements of Account

The Agent will maintain an account only for registered shareholder participants. Where a beneficial shareholder holds Common Shares indirectly through a Nominee, the Nominee will be responsible for providing a beneficial shareholder participant with confirmation of the purchase of Common Shares under the Plan.

A statement of account will be mailed by the Agent to each registered shareholder participant after each Dividend Payment Date. The statement will set out the amount of the cash dividends paid on the registered shareholder participant's Common Shares for the relevant period, the number of new Common Shares distributed through the Plan for the period, the dates of these purchases or issuances, the applicable purchase price per Common Share and the updated total number of Common Shares being held for the registered shareholder participant. **These statements are a registered shareholder participant's continuing record of the cost of purchases and should be kept for tax purposes as the registered shareholder participant is solely responsible for retaining such statements.** In addition, each registered shareholder participant will receive the appropriate information annually for reporting dividends for tax purposes.

Liabilities of the Corporation and Agent

Neither the Corporation nor the Agent shall have any duties, responsibilities or liabilities except as are expressly set forth in the Plan, including, without limitation, any claims:

- (i) with respect to any failure by a Nominee to enroll or not enroll in the Plan any holder of Common Shares (or, as applicable, any Common Shares held on such holder's behalf) in accordance with the holder's instructions or to not otherwise act upon a shareholder's instructions;

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- (ii) with respect to the continued enrollment in the Plan of any holder of Common Shares (or, as applicable, any Common Shares held on such holder's behalf) until receipt of all necessary documentation as provided herein required to terminate participation in the Plan;
- (iii) arising out of the failure to terminate a participant's account upon such participant's death prior to receipt of notice in writing of such death, including all necessary documentation;
- (iv) with respect to the prices and times at which Common Shares are purchased or sold on the open market for the account of or on behalf of a participant and with respect to the selection of the Listing Market for the purposes of such purchases or sales;
- (v) with respect to any decision to amend, suspend, replace or terminate the Plan in accordance with the terms hereof;
- (vi) with respect to any determination made by the Corporation or the Agent regarding a shareholder's eligibility to participate in the Plan or any component thereof, including the cancellation of a shareholder's participation for failure to satisfy eligibility requirements; or
- (vii) with respect to any taxes or other liabilities payable by a shareholder in connection with its Common Shares or its participation in the Plan.

Right to Deny Participation

The Corporation may deny the right to participate in the Plan to any person or terminate the participation of any participant in the Plan if the Corporation deems it advisable under any laws or regulations. The Corporation reserves the right to deny participation in the Plan, and to not accept an Enrollment Form from, any person or agent of such person who appears to be, or who the Corporation has reason to believe is, subject to the laws of any jurisdictions which does not permit participation in the Plan in the manner sought by or on behalf of such person. Shareholders should be aware that certain Nominees may not allow participation in the Plan and the Corporation is not responsible for monitoring or advising which Nominees allow participation.

Miscellaneous

Voting of Plan Shares

Whole Common Shares held under the Plan by the Agent for a participant's account under the Plan are voted in the same manner as Common Shares held in certificated form. Participants will be provided with meeting materials in respect of Common Shares held for the participant's account in accordance with the requirements of securities laws applicable to the Corporation. Common Shares for which voting instructions are not received will not be voted. No voting rights will attach to any fractional Common Shares held for a participant's account under the Plan.

Common Share Dividends, Share Splits and Consolidations

Any Common Share dividend (i.e. a dividend paid by the Corporation in the form of Common Shares) and any Common Shares resulting from a share split will be credited to the participant's account based on the whole and fractional Common Shares being held for the participant in the Plan. In the event of a consolidation of the Common Shares, the number of Common Shares credited to a registered shareholder participant's account will be adjusted to account for the effect of such consolidation on the Common Shares. Certificates for Common Shares resulting from a Common Share dividend or share split or a replacement of certificates for Common Shares as a result of a consolidation of Common Shares, on any Common Shares held in certificated form by a participant, will be delivered to the participant in the same manner as to holders of Common Shares who are not participating in the Plan.

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Amendment, Suspension or Termination of the Plan

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time, in its sole discretion, but such action shall have no retroactive effect that would prejudice the interests of the participants. All amendments to the Plan will be subject to the prior approval of a Listing Market. All participants will be (i) sent written notice or (ii) informed by way of news release or posting to the website of the Corporation of any such amendment, suspension or termination. In the event of a termination of the Plan by the Corporation, certificates for whole Common Shares and payments for fractional Common Shares will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Plan previously described in *Withdrawal and Disposition of Plan Shares* and *Termination of Enrollment*. In the event of suspension of the Plan by the Corporation, no investment will be made by the Agent during the Dividend Investment Period immediately following the effective date of such suspension. Any dividends on the Common Shares subject to the Plan and paid after the effective date of such suspension will be remitted by the Agent to the participants (without interest or deduction thereon except applicable withholding taxes, if any).

Assignment

A holder of Common Shares may not assign the holder's right to participate in the Plan.

Rules

The Corporation may make rules and regulations from time to time to facilitate the administration of the Plan and reserves the right to regulate and interpret the Plan text as the Corporation deems necessary or desirable to ensure the efficient and equitable operation of the Plan.

Governing Law

The Plan will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

Notices and Correspondence

All notices or other documents required to be given to participants under the Plan, including certificates for Common Shares and checks, shall be mailed to participants who are registered holders of Common Shares at their addresses as shown in the register of shareholders maintained by the registrar and transfer agent of the Corporation.

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Notices or inquiries to the Agent shall be sent, in the manner directed by the Plan or otherwise, as applicable, to:

BY PHONE:	Toll-free North America: 1-800-387-0825 Toronto: 416-682-3860
BY FAX:	1-888-249-6189
BY EMAIL:	inquiries@canstockta.com
WEBSITE:	www.canstockta.com
BY MAIL:	CST Trust Company P.O. Box 700 Station B Montreal, Quebec H3B 3K3

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INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO THE PLAN

The following summary of tax consequences is of a general nature only and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any particular Plan participant. It is the responsibility of Plan participants to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of participating in the Plan, including those tax considerations applicable in their country of residence.

Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following is a general summary, as of date of this Registration Statement, of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the Tax Act) and the Income Tax Regulations (the Regulations) generally applicable to a Participant (a Specified Participant) who acquires Common Shares pursuant to the Plan and that, at all relevant times, for purposes of the Tax Act, (i) deals at arm's length with and is not affiliated with the Corporation and (ii) holds all Common Shares, and will hold any Common Shares issued pursuant to the Plan, as capital property.

The Common Shares will generally constitute capital property to a Specified Participant unless such Common Shares are held in the course of carrying on a business of buying and selling securities or were acquired in a transaction considered to be an adventure or concern in the nature of trade. Certain Specified Participants who are residents of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act and whose Common Shares might not otherwise qualify as capital property may, in certain circumstances, be entitled to make an irrevocable election in accordance with subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act to have their Common Shares and every Canadian security (as defined in the Tax Act) owned by such Specified Participant in the taxation year of the election and in all subsequent taxation years be deemed to be capital property. Such Specified Participants should consult their own tax advisors for advice with respect to whether an election under subsection 39(4) of the Tax Act is available or advisable in their particular circumstances.

This summary is not applicable to a Specified Participant: (i) that is a financial institution for the purposes of the mark-to-market rules in the Tax Act; (ii) that is a specified financial institution as defined in the Tax Act; (iii) who has acquired any of his or her Common Shares upon the exercise of an employee stock option; (iv) an interest in which is a tax shelter investment as defined under the Tax Act, (v) that has elected to report its Canadian tax results in a functional currency other than Canadian currency, as each of those terms is defined in the Tax Act; or (vii) that has entered or will enter into a derivative forward agreement as defined in the Tax Act, with respect to the Common Shares. Such Specified Participants should consult their own tax advisors.

Additional considerations, not discussed herein, may be applicable to a Specified Participant that is a corporation resident in Canada and is, or becomes, controlled by a non-resident corporation for purposes of the foreign affiliate dumping rules in Section 212.3 of the Tax Act. Such Specified Participants should consult their own tax advisors.

This summary is based upon the current provisions of the Tax Act and the Regulations, specific proposals to amend the Tax Act and the Regulations that have been publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof (the Tax Proposals), and the current published administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency (the CRA). This summary assumes that the Tax Proposals will be enacted in the form proposed and does not otherwise take into account or anticipate any changes in law or administrative practices, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial decision or action, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or

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foreign tax considerations, which may differ from the Canadian federal income tax considerations discussed herein. No assurance can be given that the Tax Proposals will be enacted as proposed or at all, or that legislative, judicial or administrative changes will not modify or change the statements expressed herein.

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This summary is of a general nature only and is not, and is not intended to be, legal or tax advice to any particular Participant under the Plan. This summary is not exhaustive of all Canadian federal income tax considerations that may be applicable to Participants. Accordingly, Participants should consult their own tax advisers with respect to the tax consequences applicable to them having regard to their own particular circumstances.

Subject to certain exceptions that are not discussed in this summary, for the purposes of the Tax Act, all amounts must be determined in Canadian dollars based on the single rate quoted by the Bank of Canada for the applicable day or such other rate of exchange that is acceptable to the CRA.

Residents of Canada

This portion of the summary is generally applicable to a Specified Participant who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the Tax Act, is resident in Canada, or is deemed to be resident in Canada (a Canadian Participant).

Dividends

The reinvestment of dividends under the terms of the Plan will not relieve a Canadian Participant from any liability for income taxes that may otherwise be payable on such amounts. In this regard, a Canadian Participant who participates in the Plan will be treated for tax purposes as having received, on each Dividend Payment Date, a taxable dividend equal to the amount of the dividend payable on such date, which dividend will be subject to the same tax treatment accorded to taxable dividends received by the Canadian Participant from a taxable Canadian corporation. For example, in the case of a Canadian Participant who is an individual (including certain trusts), such dividends will be subject to the normal gross-up and dividend tax credit rules applicable to taxable dividends received by an individual from taxable Canadian corporations, including the enhanced gross-up and dividend tax credit for eligible dividends properly designated as such by the Corporation. The fact that cash dividends are reinvested pursuant to the Plan will not affect the status of any dividend as an eligible dividend for purposes of the Act.

In the case of a Canadian Participant that is a corporation, such dividends will be included in computing the corporation's income and generally will be deductible in computing its taxable income. In certain circumstances, subsection 55(2) of the Tax Act will treat a taxable dividend received by a Canadian Participant that is a corporation as proceeds of disposition or a capital gain. Canadian Participants that are corporations should consult their own tax advisors having regard for their own circumstances.

A private corporation or a subject corporation (as each term is defined in the Tax Act) may be liable to pay a refundable tax under Part IV of the Tax Act on such dividends to the extent such dividends are deductible in computing the corporation's taxable income.

Canadian Participants who receive dividends on Common Shares held in their Plan account will be subject to the same tax treatment in respect of such dividends as discussed above.

Dispositions of Common Shares

A Canadian Participant who disposes of or is deemed to have disposed of Common Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan (including on the disposition of a fraction of a Common Share in consideration for cash upon termination of participation in the Plan or upon termination of the Plan) will generally realize a capital gain (or incur a capital loss) equal to the amount by which the proceeds of disposition of such Common Shares exceed (or are exceeded by) the aggregate of the adjusted cost base of such Common Shares immediately before the disposition or deemed disposition and any reasonable expenses associated with the disposition or deemed disposition. For purposes of determining the amount of any capital gain (or loss) which may result from the disposition of such Common Shares, the adjusted cost base of Common Shares owned by a Canadian Participant will be the average cost of all Common Shares owned and acquired by the Canadian Participant, whether acquired through reinvesting dividends pursuant to the Plan or otherwise acquired outside the Plan. The cost of a Common Share credited to a Canadian Participant s

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account pursuant to the Plan will be equal to the Average Market Price of such Common Share, calculated in accordance with Section 8.0 of the Plan.

Capital Gains and Capital Losses

Generally, one-half of any capital gain (a taxable capital gain) realized by a Canadian Participant on a disposition of Common Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan in a taxation year will be included in the such Canadian Participant s income for the year and one-half of any capital loss (an allowable capital loss) realized by a Canadian Participant on a disposition of Common Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan in a taxation year must be deducted against taxable capital gains realized in the year to the extent and in the circumstances specified in the Tax Act. Allowable capital losses in excess of taxable capital gains realized in a taxation year may be carried back up to three taxation years or carried forward indefinitely and deducted against net taxable capital gains in those other years, to the extent and in the circumstances specified in the Tax Act.

If the Canadian Participant is a corporation, the amount of any capital loss arising from a disposition or deemed disposition of a Common Share may be reduced by the amount of certain dividends received or deemed to be received by the corporation on the share to the extent and under circumstances specified by the Tax Act. Similar rules may apply where a corporation is a member of a partnership or a beneficiary of a trust that owns Common Shares, or where a corporation, partnership or trust is a member of a partnership or a beneficiary of a trust that owns Common Shares. Canadian Participants to whom these rules may be relevant should consult their own tax advisors.

Additional Refundable Tax on Corporations

A Canadian Participant that is a Canadian-controlled private corporation (as defined in the Tax Act) may be liable to pay an additional refundable tax on its aggregate investment income (as defined in the Tax Act) for the year, which includes net taxable capital gains.

Minimum Tax on Individuals

Capital gains realized and dividends received or deemed to be received by individuals and certain trusts may give rise to minimum tax under the Tax Act.

Termination of Participation

When a Canadian Participant s participation in the Plan is terminated by the Canadian Participant or the Corporation or when the Plan is terminated by the Corporation, the Canadian Participant may receive a cash payment in respect of any fractional Common Shares remaining in the Canadian Participant s account. A deemed dividend may arise if the cash payment for a fractional Common Share exceeds the paid-up capital (within the meaning of the Tax Act) in respect of such fractional Common Share and a capital gain (or loss) may also be realized in certain

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circumstances. Any deemed dividend would be treated in the manner described above under the heading *Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations Residents of Canada Dividends* and any capital gain (or capital loss) would be treated in the manner described above under the heading *Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations Residents of Canada Capital Gains and Capital Losses* .

Non-Residents of Canada

This portion of the summary is generally applicable to a Specified Participant who, at all relevant times, for the purposes of the Tax Act, (i) is not and is not deemed to be resident in Canada; and (ii) does not use or hold and is not deemed to use or hold Common Shares in a business carried on in Canada (a Non-Resident Participant). Special rules, which are not discussed in this summary, may apply to a Non-Resident Participant that is an insurer that carries on an insurance business in Canada and elsewhere or an authorized foreign bank as defined in the Tax Act.

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Dividends

The reinvestment of dividends under the terms of the Plan will not relieve a Non-Resident Participant from any liability for income taxes that may otherwise be payable on such amounts. In this regard, a Non-Resident Participant who participates in the Plan will be treated for tax purposes as having received, on each Dividend Payment Date, a taxable dividend equal to the amount of the dividend payable on such date, which dividend will be subject to a non-resident withholding tax for Canadian income tax purposes at the rate of 25%. This rate may be subject to reduction under the provisions of any income tax treaty between Canada and the country in which the Non-Resident Participant is resident. For example, in the case of a beneficial owner of dividends who is a resident of the United States for purposes of the *Canada-United States Tax Convention, 1980* (the Treaty) and who is entitled to the benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, the rate of withholding tax on dividends will generally be reduced to 15%. The amount to be reinvested under the Plan in Common Shares on behalf of a Non-Resident Participant will be reduced by any such applicable Canadian withholding tax.

Non-Resident Participants who receive dividends on Common Shares held in their Plan account will be subject to the same tax treatment in respect of such dividends as discussed above.

Dispositions of Common Shares

A Non-Resident Participant will not be subject to tax under the Tax Act in respect of any capital gain realized by such Non-Resident Participant on a disposition of Common Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan (including upon the disposition of a fractional Common Share), unless such Common Shares are taxable Canadian property (as defined in the Tax Act) of the Non-Resident Participant at the time of disposition and the gain is not exempt from tax pursuant to the terms of an applicable tax treaty. Generally, a Common Share owned by a Non-Resident Participant will not be taxable Canadian property of the Non-Resident Participant at a particular time provided that the Common Shares are listed on a designated stock exchange (as defined in the Tax Act) (which currently includes the TSX and NYSE) at that time unless at any time during the 60 month period preceding such time the following two conditions have been met concurrently: (i) the Non-Resident Participant, persons with whom the Non-Resident Participant does not deal at arm's length, partnerships in which the Non-Resident Participant or a person with whom the Non-Resident Participant does not deal at arm's length hold a membership interest directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships, or the Non-Resident Participant together with all such persons, owned 25% or more of the shares of any class or series of the Corporation, and (ii) more than 50% of the fair market value of such Common Shares was derived directly or indirectly from one or any combination of real or immovable property situated in Canada, Canadian resource properties, timber resource properties (each as defined in the Tax Act), or an option in respect of, or interests in, or for civil law rights in, any such properties, whether or not such property exists. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in certain circumstances set out in the Tax Act, a Common Share could be deemed to be taxable Canadian property of the Non-Resident Participant. Non-Resident Participants who hold, or may hold, Common Shares as taxable Canadian property should consult their own tax advisors.

Even if the Common Shares are taxable Canadian property to a Non-Resident Participant at a particular time, such Participant may be exempt from tax on any capital gain realized on the disposition of such shares by virtue of an applicable income tax treaty or convention to which Canada is a signatory. In the case of a Non-Resident Participant that is a resident of the United States for purposes of the Treaty and that is entitled to benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, any gain realized by the Non-Resident Participant on a disposition of Common Shares acquired pursuant to the Plan that would otherwise be subject to tax under the Tax Act will generally be exempt pursuant to the Treaty provided that the value of such shares is not derived principally from real property situated in Canada at the time of disposition.

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In circumstances where a Common Share acquired pursuant to the Plan constitutes or is deemed to constitute taxable Canadian property of the Non-Resident Participant, any capital gain that would be realized on the disposition of such Common Share that is not exempt from tax under the Tax Act pursuant to an applicable income tax treaty generally will be subject to the same Canadian tax consequences discussed above for a Canadian-Resident Participant under the headings *Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations*, *Residents of Canada*, *Capital Gains and Capital Losses*.

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Termination of Participation

When a Non-Resident Participant's participation in the Plan is terminated by the Non-Resident Participant or the Corporation or when the Plan is terminated by the Corporation, the Non-Resident Participant may receive a cash payment in respect of any fractional Common Shares remaining in the Non-Resident Participant's account. A deemed dividend may arise if the cash payment for a fractional Common Share exceeds the paid-up capital (within the meaning of the Tax Act) in respect of such fractional Common Share and a capital gain (or loss) may also be realized in certain circumstances. Any deemed dividend would be subject to Canadian withholding tax as described above under the heading *Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations - Non-Residents of Canada - Dividends* and any capital gain would be treated in the manner described above under the heading *Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations - Non-Residents of Canada - Dispositions of Common Share*.

Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following summary describes material U.S. federal income tax consequences which may be applicable to a U.S. Holder (as defined below) of Common Shares that participates in the Plan (as used in this section, a "U.S. Participant"). As used in this section, the term "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a Common Share that is (i) a citizen or individual resident of the United States as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes; (ii) a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia; (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or (iv) a trust (1) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one (1) or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) that has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person. If a pass-through entity, including a partnership or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is a beneficial owner of Common Shares, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of an owner or partner generally will depend upon the status of such owner or partner and upon the activities of the pass-through entity. Any owner or partner of a pass-through entity holding Common Shares is urged to consult its own tax advisor.

This discussion is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions, existing and proposed U.S. Treasury regulations, the *Canada-United States Tax Convention, 1980* (the "Canada-US Treaty") and interpretations of the foregoing, all as of the date hereof. All of the foregoing authorities are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect), and any such change may result in U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Participant that are materially different from those described below. No rulings from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") have been or will be sought with respect to the matters described below, and consequently, the IRS may not take a similar view of the consequences described below.

This summary does not purport to be a full description of all U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a U.S. Holder in light of such U.S. Holder's particular circumstances and only addresses U.S. Holders that hold Common Shares as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code.

Furthermore, this summary does not address the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to U.S. Holders subject to special rules, such as (i) certain financial institutions, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies or insurance companies; (ii) tax-exempt organizations, qualified retirement plans, individual retirement accounts, or other tax-deferred accounts; (iii) traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting; (iv) dealers in securities or currencies; (v) persons holding Common Shares in connection with a hedging transaction, straddle, conversion transaction or other integrated transaction; (vi) persons that own directly, indirectly or constructively 10% or more, by voting power, of the outstanding equity interests of the Corporation; (vii) persons that acquired the Common Shares in

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connection with the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation for services; (viii) persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar; (ix) persons subject to the alternative minimum tax; and (x) U.S. expatriates. In addition, this discussion does not include any description of any estate and gift tax consequences, or the tax laws of any state, local, non-U.S. or other government that may be applicable.

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The following discussion is for general information only and is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any holder or prospective holder of Common Shares. Holders of Common Shares are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal, state and local tax consequences, the non-U.S. tax consequences and the non-tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Common Shares.

Acquisition of Common Shares Pursuant to the Plan

The following discussion is subject to the rules described below under the heading *Passive Foreign Investment Company Status*.

If a U.S. Participant acquires Common Shares through a Treasury Acquisition, such U.S. Participant will be treated, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as receiving a distribution in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the fair market value of Common Shares so acquired and (ii) the U.S. dollar amount of any Canadian taxes withheld with respect to the distribution. A U.S. Participant's tax basis for Common Shares so acquired generally will equal the fair market value of such Common Shares on the Dividend Payment Date, and such U.S. Participant's holding period for the Common Shares will begin on the day after the Dividend Payment Date.

If a U.S. Participant acquires Common Shares through a Market Purchase, such U.S. Participant will be treated, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as receiving a distribution for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to sum of (i) the cash dividend paid by the Corporation (without reduction for any Canadian tax withheld from such dividend) and (ii) any brokerage commissions or other related charges paid by the Corporation that are allocable to the Agent's purchase of Common Shares on behalf of such U.S. Participant. The amount of such distribution to a U.S. Participant (reduced by any Canadian tax withheld from such distribution) will be such U.S. Participant's tax basis in the Common Shares purchased. A U.S. Participant's holding period for these Common Shares will begin on the day following the date of purchase.

A U.S. Holder that does not participate in the Plan, and that continues to receive cash dividends, will be treated as receiving a distribution equal to the sum of (i) the amount of cash received, and (ii) the U.S. dollar amount of any Canadian taxes withheld with respect to the distribution.

The distribution received or deemed received pursuant to the Plan will be includible in income by a U.S. Participant as dividend income to the extent such distribution is paid out of the current or accumulated earnings and profits of the Corporation as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Dividends will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to a U.S. corporation on dividends received from a domestic corporation. Any portion of the distribution in excess of the Corporation's current and accumulated earnings and profits will first be treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of a U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Common Shares and will be applied against and reduce such basis on a dollar-for-dollar basis (thereby increasing the amount of gain and decreasing the amount of loss recognized on a subsequent disposition of Common Shares). To the extent that such distribution exceeds the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis, the distribution will be treated as capital gain, which will be treated as long-term capital gain if such U.S. Holder's holding period in its Common Shares exceeds one (1) year as of the date of the distribution and otherwise will be short-term capital gain. The Corporation does not intend to maintain calculations of earnings and profits in a manner necessary to enable U.S. Holders to determine the extent to which a distribution would be treated as a dividend. Each U.S. Holder should therefore assume that any distribution by the Corporation with respect to the Common Shares will constitute dividend income.

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If, as expected, Common Shares are readily tradable on an established U.S. securities market within the meaning of the Code or (if Common Shares are not so tradable) if the Corporation is eligible for benefits under the Treaty, and if certain holding period and other requirements (including a requirement that the Corporation is not a PFIC in the year of the dividend or the preceding year) are met, dividends received by non-corporate U.S. Holders will be qualified dividend income to such U.S. Holders. Qualified dividend income received by a non-corporate U.S. Holder (including an individual) from the Corporation will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at preferential rates (currently at a maximum rate of 20% plus an additional 3.8% tax discussed below in [Additional Tax on Passive Income](#)).

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Withdrawal, Termination and Disposition of Common Shares

A U.S. Participant will not realize any taxable income upon withdrawal from or termination of the Plan for the whole Common Shares credited to the U.S. Participant's account. A U.S. Participant will generally recognize gain or loss upon the sale or exchange of Common Shares and upon receipt of cash payments for fractional shares credited to such U.S. Participant's account upon withdrawal from or termination of the Plan. The amount of such gain or loss will be equal to the difference (if any) between (i) the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized for Common Shares or fraction thereof and (ii) the U.S. Participant's adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares. Subject to the PFIC rules described below in *Passive Foreign Investment Company Status*, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Participant's holding period for the Common Shares is more than one year at the time of the sale or exchange. Capital gains of non-corporate taxpayers on assets held for more than one year are generally subject to preferential rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. Any gain or loss recognized by a U.S. Participant will generally be treated as U.S. source gain or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Status

If the Corporation were to constitute a Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC) for any year during a U.S. Holder's holding period, then certain adverse rules would affect the U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Holder resulting from the ownership and disposition of the Common Shares. Based on the nature of its income, assets and activities, the Corporation does not believe that it was a PFIC for the taxable year ended December 31, 2016 and does not expect that it will be a PFIC for the current taxable year. The determination of whether the Corporation is a PFIC is based on the application of complex U.S. federal income tax rules, which are subject to differing interpretations, and will depend on the composition of the relevant corporation's income, expenses and assets from time to time and the nature of its activities. PFIC classification is factual in nature, and generally cannot be determined until the close of the taxable year in question. Consequently, there can be no assurances regarding the PFIC status of the Corporation for its current or any future taxable year. If it is determined that the Corporation was a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Participant held stock of the Corporation, the Corporation generally will be treated as a PFIC with respect to such U.S. Participant for that taxable year and all subsequent taxable years, regardless of whether the Corporation meets the income test or the asset test (each discussed below) for such years. In addition, in any year in which the Corporation is classified as a PFIC, a U.S. Participant is generally required to file an annual report with the IRS containing such information as Treasury Regulations and/or other IRS guidance may require. U.S. Participants should consult their own tax advisors regarding the requirements of filing such information returns under these rules, including the requirement to file an IRS Form 8621.

A non-U.S. entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be a PFIC for any taxable year in which, after taking into account the appropriate portion of the income and assets of the corporation and certain subsidiaries, either (i) at least 75% of its gross income is passive income or (ii) at least 50% of the average value of its assets is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income. For this purpose, passive income generally includes, among other things, interest, dividends, rents, royalties, certain gains from the sale of stock and securities and certain gains from commodities transactions. Active business gains arising from the sale of commodities generally are excluded from passive income if substantially all of a non-U.S. corporation's commodities are stock in trade or inventory, depreciable property used in a trade or business, or supplies regularly used or consumed in the ordinary course of a trade or business.

If the Corporation were classified as a PFIC, for any year during which a U.S. Participant owns Common Shares (regardless of whether the Corporation continues to be a PFIC), the U.S. Participant would be subject to special adverse rules, including taxation at maximum ordinary income rates plus an interest charge on both gains on sale and certain dividends, unless the U.S. Participant makes an election to be taxed under an alternative regime. Certain elections, including a Qualified Electing Fund or QEF election, may be available to a U.S. Holder if the Corporation were classified as a PFIC. The Corporation may or may not make available to U.S. Holders the information necessary for U.S. Holders to make a QEF election with respect to the Corporation.

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Foreign Currency Gains

If taxable dividends with respect to Common Shares are treated as paid in Canadian dollars, such dividends will be included in the gross income of a U.S. Holder as translated into U.S. dollars calculated by reference to the exchange rate prevailing on the date of actual or constructive receipt of the dividend, regardless of whether the Canadian dollars are converted into U.S. dollars at that time. If a U.S. Holder receives Canadian dollars upon the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of Common Shares, the amount realized by such U.S. Holder will generally be based on the U.S. dollar value of the Canadian dollars received on the settlement date of the disposition. If the Canadian dollars received are not converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. Holder will have a basis in the Canadian dollars equal to their U.S. dollar value on the date of receipt. Any U.S. Holder that receives payment in Canadian dollars and engages in a subsequent conversion or other disposition of the Canadian dollars may have a foreign currency exchange gain or loss that will be treated as ordinary income or loss, and generally will be U.S. source income or loss for foreign tax credit purposes.

Foreign Tax Credits

Any Canadian tax withheld with respect to distributions on, or proceeds from disposition of, Common Shares may, subject to a number of complex limitations, be claimed as a foreign tax credit against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability or may be claimed as a deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The limitation on foreign taxes eligible for credit is calculated separately with respect to specific classes of income. For this purpose, dividends distributed with respect to Common Shares will be foreign-source income and will be passive category income or general category income for purposes of computing the foreign tax credit allowable to a U.S. Participant, and gain recognized on the sale of Common Shares will generally be treated as U.S. source for such purposes. Because of the complexity of those limitations, each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor with respect to the amount of foreign taxes that may be claimed as a credit.

Additional Tax on Passive Income

U.S. Holders that are individuals, estates or trusts and whose income exceeds certain thresholds generally will be subject to a 3.8% tax on unearned income, including, among other things, dividends on, and capital gains from the sale or other taxable disposition of, the Common Shares, subject to certain limitations and exceptions.

U.S. Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Under some circumstances, a U.S. Holder may be subject to U.S. information reporting and backup withholding tax on distributions paid on Common Shares or from the disposition of Common Shares. Information reporting and backup withholding will not apply, however, to a U.S. Holder that is a corporation or is otherwise exempt from information reporting and backup withholding and, when required, demonstrates this fact. Backup withholding also will not apply to a U.S. Holder that furnishes a correct taxpayer identification number and certifies on a Form W-9 or successor form, under penalty of perjury, that it is not subject to backup withholding, and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. A U.S. Holder that fails to provide the correct taxpayer identification number on IRS Form W-9 or any successor form may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS. Backup withholding, at a 28% rate, is not an additional tax, and any amount withheld under these rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability if the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON SHARES

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares. As of March 27, 2017, 947,797,596 Common Shares were issued and outstanding. Holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of any meetings of shareholders at which holders of Common Shares are entitled to vote, to attend and to cast one vote per Common Share at all such meetings. Holders of Common Shares do not have cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of directors and, accordingly, holders of a majority of the Common Shares entitled to vote in any election of directors may elect all directors standing for election. Holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive on a pro rata basis such dividends, if any, as and when declared by the Board at its discretion from funds legally

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available therefor and upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation are entitled to receive on a pro rata basis the net assets of the Corporation after payment of debts and other liabilities, in each case subject to the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to any other series or class of shares ranking senior in priority to or on a pro rata basis with the holders of Common Shares with respect to dividends or liquidation. There is currently no other series or class of shares outstanding which ranks senior in priority to the Common Shares. The Common Shares do not carry any pre-emptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights, nor do they contain any sinking or purchase fund provisions.

The following table sets forth the price ranges of the Common Shares on the NYSE and the TSX through March 27, 2017:

	TSX Common Shares		NYSE Common Shares	
	High \$	Low \$	High US\$	Low US\$
2012				
First Quarter 2012	17.86	14.67	17.93	14.55
Second Quarter 2012	16.81	12.60	16.40	12.53
Third Quarter 2012	18.91	13.89	19.39	13.60
Fourth Quarter 2012	20.34	15.86	20.32	16.07
Full Year 2012	20.34	12.60	20.32	12.53
2013				
First Quarter 2013	17.87	13.82	18.00	13.43
Second Quarter 2013	15.50	8.84	15.21	8.48
Third Quarter 2013	12.99	9.16	12.34	8.80
Fourth Quarter 2013	10.75	8.74	10.29	8.20
Full Year 2013	17.87	8.74	18.00	8.20
2014				
First Quarter 2014	11.71	9.23	10.58	8.54
Second Quarter 2014	9.79	7.52	8.89	6.94
Third Quarter 2014	9.77	6.57	8.92	5.86
Fourth Quarter 2014	6.78	3.88	6.09	3.41
Full Year 2014	11.71	3.88	10.58	3.41
2015				
First Quarter 2015	5.72	4.19	4.78	3.29
Second Quarter 2015	4.99	3.56	4.06	2.87
Third Quarter 2015	3.74	1.87	2.97	1.41
Fourth Quarter 2015	3.50	2.12	2.67	1.60
Full Year 2015	5.72	1.87	4.87	1.41
2016				
First Quarter 2016	4.41	1.97	3.30	1.36
Second Quarter 2016	6.92	3.77	5.28	2.88
Third Quarter 2016	7.77	5.18	5.91	3.95
Fourth Quarter 2016	5.66	3.29	4.31	2.46
Full Year 2016	7.77	1.97	5.91	1.36
2017				
January 2017	4.45	3.81	3.38	2.84
February 2017	4.80	3.58	3.65	2.73
March 2017 (through March 27, 2017)	3.90	3.80	2.92	2.84

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Corporate Governance

Objects and Purposes of the Corporation

The Corporation is continued under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* (the "CBCA"). The Corporation's articles place no restrictions on its objects and purposes.

Directors

A director who has an interest in a material contract or material transaction, whether made or proposed, must disclose the nature and extent of such interest to the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the CBCA and our by-laws. Subject to certain exceptions set out in the CBCA, a director shall not vote on any resolution to approve any material contract or material transaction with the Corporation in which such director has an interest.

The remuneration of the directors is from time to time determined by the Board, acting upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "Compensation Committee"). The Compensation Committee is comprised entirely of independent directors.

Redemption Provisions, Sinking Fund Provisions, Liability to Further Capital Calls and Discrimination

There are no redemption provisions or sinking fund provisions attached to the Common Shares. There is no liability with respect to further capital calls attached to the Common Shares. There are no provisions in the articles or by-laws of the Corporation discriminating against any existing or prospective holder of such securities as a result of such shareholder owning a substantial number of shares, attached to any class of shares of the Corporation.

Meetings of Shareholders

Under the CBCA, an annual general meeting ("AGM") of shareholders must be called within 15 months of the previous AGM, but no later than six months after the end of the Corporation's preceding fiscal year. We must give our shareholders written notice of the time and place of an AGM not less than 21 days and not more than 60 days before the date of the AGM. For the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, an AGM, the directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for such determination, but such record date shall not precede by more than 60 days or by less than 21 days the date of the AGM.

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Under the CBCA, our directors may convene a special meeting of shareholders at any time.

Under the CBCA, a shareholder meeting may also be called by one or more shareholders of the Corporation so long as such shareholders own not less than 5% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. After receiving such requisition, our directors must, subject to certain exceptions set out in the CBCA, call a shareholder meeting to transact the business stated in the requisition. If our directors do not call such meeting within 21 days after receiving the requisition, any shareholder who signed the requisition may call the meeting.

Pursuant to our by-laws, the only persons entitled to be present at a meeting of shareholders shall be those entitled to vote thereat, the directors of the Corporation, the auditor of the Corporation and others who, although not entitled to vote, are entitled or required under any provision of the CBCA, our articles or by-laws to be present. Any other person may be admitted only with the consent of the meeting or on the invitation of the chairman of the meeting.

Share Transfers

Our articles and by-laws do not contain any restrictions on transfers of our Common Shares.

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No Limitation on Foreign Ownership

There are no limitations on the rights of non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights associated with our Common Shares.

Change in Control

There are no provisions in our articles or by-laws that would have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Corporation, and that would operate only with respect to a merger, acquisition or corporate restructuring involving the Corporation.

Other than provisions relating to any required shareholder approvals and required filings, the CBCA does not contain any provisions that would have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of the Corporation.

Ownership Threshold

There are no provisions in our articles, by-laws or in the CBCA governing the threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed, other than the disclosure requirements included in Form 51-102FS of Notional Instrument 51-102-Continuous Disclosure obligations of the Canadian Securities regulators, which form is referred to in the CBCA regulations.

Changes in the Capital of the Corporation

There are no conditions imposed by our by-laws with respect to changes in the capital of the Corporation which are more stringent than those required by the CBCA.

CONSOLIDATED CAPITALIZATION

There have not been any material changes in the share, loan capital and indebtedness of the Corporation since December 31, 2016, the date of the Corporation's most recently filed financial statements. In the event the aggregate 93,428,284 Common Shares are Treasury Purchase Shares under the Plan, the share capital of the Corporation will increase by an equal number of Common Shares.

EXPENSES*

The expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the Common Shares being offered are as follows:

Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee	US\$	0
Legal Fees and Expenses	US\$	50,000
Blue Sky Fees and Expenses	US\$	0
Stock Exchange Listing Fees	US\$	0
Printing Fees	US\$	10,000
Total	US\$	60,000

*Estimated

INDEMNIFICATION

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Corporation pursuant to the applicable provisions of the CBCA and our by-laws, the Corporation has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Common Shares being offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP. Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP has, in addition, reviewed the statements made herein as to matters of Canadian tax law and as to the enforceability in Canada of liabilities under the federal securities laws of the United States. The statements made in this prospectus as to matters of United States law have been reviewed for us by Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and for each of the years in the two year period ended December 31, 2016 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, each incorporated by reference to this prospectus, have been audited by Deloitte LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports which are incorporated by reference herein. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting.

The following are the technical reports prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 from which certain scientific and technical information relating to the Corporation's material mineral projects incorporated by reference in this prospectus has been derived, and in some instances extracted, as well as certain qualified persons involved in preparing such reports, and details of certain technical information relating to the Corporation's material mineral projects incorporated by reference in this prospectus which have been reviewed and approved by qualified persons.

Chapada Mine Technical Report on the Chapada Mine, Brazil dated July 31, 2014, prepared by or under the supervision of Wayne W. Valliant, P.Geo., and Robert L. Michaud, P. Eng., of Roscoe Postle Associates Inc. (RPA) (the Chapada Qualified Persons), who are qualified persons pursuant to NI 43-101. The technical information set forth under the heading Description of the Business Material Producing Mines Chapada Mine in the AIF, other than the technical information under the heading Mineral Projects Summary of Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Estimates , contained in the Annual Report on Form 40-F incorporated by reference in this prospectus has been reviewed and approved by the Chapada Qualified Persons and William Wulftange, P.Geo, Senior Vice President, Exploration of the Corporation, each of whom is a qualified person pursuant to NI 43-101.

El Peñón Mine Technical Report on the El Peñón Mine, Northern Chile dated December 7, 2010, prepared by or under the supervision of Stuart E. Collins, P.E., and Chester M. Moore, P.Eng., of RPA and Kevin C. Scott, P. Eng., formerly with RPA (the El Peñón Qualified Persons), who are a qualified persons pursuant to NI 43-101. The technical information set forth under the heading Description of the Business Material Producing Mines El Peñón Mine in the AIF, other than the technical information under the heading Mineral Projects Summary of Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Estimates , contained in the Annual Report on Form 40-F incorporated by reference in this prospectus has been reviewed and approved by the El Peñón Qualified Persons and William Wulftange, P.Geo,

Senior Vice President, Exploration of the Corporation, each of whom is a qualified person pursuant to NI 43-101.

Canadian Malartic Mine Technical Report on the Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates for the Canadian Malartic Property dated August 13, 2014 prepared by or under the supervision of Donald Gervais, P. Geo., Christian Roy, Eng., Alain Thibault, Eng., Carl Pednault, Eng. and Daniel Doucet, Eng.. The technical information set forth under the heading Description of the Business Material Producing Mines Canadian Malartic Mine in the AIF contained in the Annual Report on Form 40-F incorporated by reference in this prospectus has been reviewed and approved by Donald Gervais, P. Geo., of Canadian Malartic GP, who is a qualified person pursuant to NI 43-101.

Each of the technical reports noted above are available on EDGAR at www.sec.gov, and a summary of each report is included in the AIF contained in the Annual Report on Form 40-F incorporated by reference in this prospectus under Description of the Business Mineral Projects Material Producing Mines .

The following are the qualified persons responsible for the Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve estimates for each of the Corporation s material mineral projects set out in the AIF contained in the Annual Report

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on Form 40-F incorporated by reference in this prospectus under Description of the Business Mineral Projects Summary of Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource Estimates .

Property	Qualified Persons for Mineral Reserves	Qualified Persons for Mineral Resources
Chapada	Luiz Pignatari, Registered Member of the Chilean Mining Commission	Mauricio Prado, MAIG, Yamana Gold Inc. Felipe Machado de Araújo, Registered Member of the Chilean Mining Commission, Yamana Gold Inc.
El Peñón	Sergio Castro, Registered Member of the Chilean Mining Commission, Yamana Gold Inc.	Marcos Valencia A., FAusIMM and Registered Member of the Chilean Mining Commission, Yamana Gold Inc. Christian Fuentes, Registered Member of the Chilean Mining Commission, Yamana Gold Inc.
Canadian Malartic	Donald Gervais, P. Geo., Canadian Malartic General Partnership Sylvie Lampron, Eng., Canadian Malartic General Partnership	Donald Gervais, P. Geo., Canadian Malartic General Partnership

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PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 8. Indemnification

Under the Canada Business Corporations Act (the "CBCA"), the Registrant may indemnify a present or former director or officer of the Registrant or another individual who acts or acted at the Registrant's request as a director or officer, or an individual acting in a similar capacity, of another entity, against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by the individual in respect of any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other proceeding in which the individual is involved because of that association with the Registrant or other entity. The Registrant may not indemnify an individual unless the individual acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Registrant, or, as the case may be, to the best interests of the other entity for which the individual acted as a director or officer or in a similar capacity at the Registrant's request and in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the individual had reasonable grounds for believing that the conduct was lawful (the "Indemnity Conditions"). The indemnification may be made in connection with a derivative action only with court approval. The aforementioned individuals are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant as a matter of right if they were not judged by the court or other competent authority to have committed any fault or omitted to do anything that the individual ought to have done, and they fulfill the Indemnity Conditions. The Registrant may advance moneys to the individual for the costs, charges and expenses of a proceeding; however, the individual shall repay the moneys if the individual does not fulfill the Indemnity Conditions.

The by-laws of the Registrant provide that, subject to the CBCA, the Registrant shall indemnify a director or officer, a former director or officer, or an individual who acts or acted at the Registrant's request as a director or officer, or an individual acting in a similar capacity, of another entity against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by him or her in respect of any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other proceeding to which he or she was involved because of that association with the Registrant or other entity, if he or she acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Registrant, or, as the case may be, to the best interests of the other entity for which the individual acted as a director or officer or in a similar capacity at the Registrant's request, and in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he or she had reasonable grounds for believing that his or her conduct was lawful.

The by-laws of the Registrant provide that the Registrant may, subject to the CBCA, purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any director, officer, or certain other persons as set out above, against any liability incurred by him or her in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Registrant or an individual acting in a similar capacity of the Registrant or of another body corporate where he or she acts or acted in that capacity at the Registrant's request. The Registrant has purchased third party director and officer liability insurance.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

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(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, That:

(A) Paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement; and

(B) Paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form F-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a

form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(C) *Provided further, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is for an offering of asset-backed securities on Form S-1 or Form S-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment is provided pursuant to Item 1100(c) of Regulation AB.*

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) If the registrant is a foreign private issuer, to file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement to include any financial statements required by Item 8.A of Form 20-F at the start of any delayed offering or throughout a continuous offering. Financial statements and information otherwise required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Act need not be furnished, *provided* that the registrant includes in the prospectus, by means of a post-effective amendment, financial statements required pursuant to this paragraph (a)(4) and other information necessary to ensure that all other information in the prospectus is at least as current as the date of those financial statements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to registration statements on Form F-3, a post-effective amendment need not be filed to include financial statements and information required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Act or Section 210.3-19 of this chapter if such financial statements and information are contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Form F-3.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of 314 securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(ii) If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the

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registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however,* that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities: The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or cause to be delivered with the prospectus, to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Exchange Act; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation

S-X are not set forth in the prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the prospectus to provide such interim financial information.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada, on March 28, 2017.

YAMANA GOLD INC.

By:	/s/ Jason LeBlanc	
	Name:	Jason LeBlanc
	Title:	Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Peter Marrone, Jason LeBlanc or Sofia Tsakos and each of them, any of whom may act without the joinder of the other, the true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent of the undersigned, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This Power of Attorney may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which taken together shall constitute one instrument.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ Peter Marrone Peter Marrone	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 28, 2017
/s/ Jason LeBlanc Jason LeBlanc	Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 28, 2017
/s/ John Begeman John Begeman	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Christiane Bergevin Christiane Bergevin	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Alex J. Davidson Alex J. Davidson	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Richard Graff Richard Graff	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Kimberly Keating Kimberly Keating	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Nigel Lees Nigel Lees	Director	March 28, 2017

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Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ Patrick Mars Patrick Mars	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Carl Renzoni Carl Renzoni	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Jane Sadowsky Jane Sadowsky	Director	March 28, 2017
/s/ Dino Titaro Dino Titaro	Director	March 28, 2017

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 6(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, the Authorized Representative has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, solely in its capacity as the duly authorized representative of Yamana Gold Inc. in the United States, on March 28, 2017.

MERIDIAN GOLD COMPANY

By: /s/ Darcy Marud
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