



SKYLINE CLEAN ENERGY FUND

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETING OF UNITHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual & special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the holders (the “**Unitholders**”) of units of Skyline Clean Energy Fund (the “**Fund**”) will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, solely as a virtual (online) meeting by way of live audio webcast. The Meeting of Unitholders will be held at 2:30 p.m. (Toronto time) at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022), for the following purposes:

1. to receive the annual report to Unitholders (the “**Annual Report**”), including the audited consolidated financial statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2021, together with the report of the auditor thereon;
2. to elect the Trustees;
3. to re-appoint RLB LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Fund and to authorize the Trustees to fix its remuneration;
4. to consider and, if thought advisable, to pass, with or without variation, resolutions approving certain amendments to the declaration of trust of the Fund, as more fully described in the accompanying management information circular; and
5. to transact such further or other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

The record date for determination of those Unitholders entitled to the Notice of Annual & Special Meeting and to vote at the Meeting is the close of business on May 6, 2022.

Accompanying this Notice of Annual & Special Meeting is a management information circular dated May 6, 2022, a form of proxy and the Annual Report of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The Meeting will be held virtually via the Internet. Unitholders will not be able to attend the Meeting in person. Unitholders who choose to attend the Meeting will do so by accessing a live audio webcast of the Meeting via the Internet.

To attend the Meeting, Unitholders will need to visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022) and check-in using the control number included on your proxy form. The Meeting platform is fully supported across browsers and devices running the most updated version of applicable software plugins. You should ensure you have a strong, preferably high-speed, internet connection wherever you intend to participate in the Meeting. The Meeting will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. (Toronto time) on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Online check-in will begin starting 15 minutes prior, at 2:15 p.m. (Toronto time). You should allow ample time for online check-in procedures.

At [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022), Unitholders will be able to listen to the Meeting live, submit questions and submit their vote while the Meeting is being held. We believe that hosting the Meeting virtually enables increased Unitholder attendance, encouraging more active Unitholder engagement and participation at the Meeting.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting or if you wish to vote in advance of the Meeting, please carefully follow the instructions on the proxy. In order to be effective, proxies must be received by not later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on June 10, 2022 or, if the Meeting is adjourned or postponed, not less than 48 hours before any adjournment or

postponement of the Meeting. If you are attending the Meeting, please log-on to the virtual meeting in advance to ensure that your vote will be counted.

As Unitholders of Skyline Clean Energy Fund it is very important that you read the management proxy circular dated May 6, 2022 and other Meeting materials carefully. Even if you intend to attend the Meeting, it is recommended that you vote in advance by telephone or Internet to ensure that your vote is received before the Meeting. To cast your vote by telephone or Internet, please have your proxy form in hand and carefully follow the instructions contained therein. Your telephone or Internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your units in the same manner as if you mark, sign and return your proxy card. If you vote by telephone or Internet, your vote must be received before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on June 10, 2022.

DATED at Guelph, Ontario as of this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SKYLINE  
CLEAN ENERGY FUND**

(Signed) JASON CASTELLAN  
Chief Executive Officer



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**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

**MAY 6, 2022**

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**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

**RELATING TO THE ANNUAL & SPECIAL MEETING OF UNITHOLDERS  
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**SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

This management information circular (the “**Circular**”) is furnished in connection with the solicitation by and on behalf of the board of trustees (the “**Board**”) of Skyline Clean Energy Funds (the “**Fund**”) of proxies to be used at the annual & special meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of the holders (the “**Unitholders**”) of units of the Fund (the “**Units**”) to be held on the 14th day of June, 2022, at the time and place for the purposes set forth in the notice of meeting (the “**Notice of Meeting**”) accompanying this Circular and at any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. The Meeting will be held virtually conducted via live audio webcast. Unitholders can access the meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022). If you plan to vote at the meeting, it is important that you are connected to the Internet at all times during the Meeting in order to vote when balloting commences. It is your responsibility to ensure Internet connectivity for the duration of the Meeting. You should allow ample time to log in to the Meeting online and complete the check-in procedures.

However, even if you plan to attend the Meeting, the Fund recommends that you vote your Units in advance, so that the vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Meeting.

It is expected that the solicitation will be primarily by mail or electronic means. The costs of the solicitation will be borne by the Fund. All information in this Circular is given as of May 6, 2022 unless otherwise indicated.

**APPOINTMENT AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES**

A form of proxy or voting instruction form is enclosed and, if it is not your intention to be present in person at the Meeting, you are asked to submit your proxy by mail, over the internet or by telephone in accordance with the instructions provided below. The proxy must be executed by the Unitholder or the attorney of such Unitholder, duly authorized in writing or, if the Unitholder is a corporation, by an officer, director or attorney thereof duly authorized. Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be deposited to Broadridge Investor Communications Corporation at the Data Processing Centre, P.O. Box 3700, Stn. Industrial Park, Markham ON, L3R 9Z9, not later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on June 10, 2022 or, if the Meeting is adjourned, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for any reconvened meeting at which the proxy is to be used.

The persons designated in the enclosed form of proxy or voting instruction form are officers and/or trustees of the Fund (“**Trustees**”).

Each Unitholder has the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Unitholder) to attend and act for him on his or her behalf at the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof other than the persons specified in the enclosed form of proxy. Such right may be exercised by following the instructions on either your form of proxy or voting instruction form, as applicable. A person appointed as a proxy holder must be present at the Meeting to vote.

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a proxy may be revoked at any time, by voting again on the Internet or by phone, or by instrument in writing executed by the Unitholder or by his or her attorney authorized in writing or, if the Unitholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney

thereof duly authorized, and deposited with Broadridge Investor Communications Corporation as described above, so it is received by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on June 10, 2022, or if the Meeting is adjourned, not less than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the time set for any reconvened meeting at which the proxy is to be used, and upon such deposits the proxy is revoked.

### NON-REGISTERED HOLDERS

Only registered Unitholders, or the persons they appoint as their proxies, are entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting. In some cases, Units that are beneficially owned by a person (a “**Non-Registered Unitholder**”) are registered in the name of an intermediary (an “**Intermediary**”) that the Non-Registered Unitholder deals with in respect of the Units (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of RRSPs, RRIFs and similar plans). The Fund has distributed copies of the Notice of Meeting, this Circular and the form of proxy (collectively, the “**Meeting Materials**”) to the Intermediaries for onward distribution to Non-Registered Unitholders.

Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting Materials to Non-Registered Unitholders unless a Non-Registered Unitholder has waived the right to receive them. Generally, Non-Registered Unitholders who have not waived the right to receive Meeting Materials will:

- a) have received a form of proxy **which has already been signed by the Intermediary** (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature), which is restricted as to the number of Units beneficially owned by the Non-Registered Unitholder but which is otherwise not completed. Because the Intermediary has already signed the form of proxy, this form of proxy is not required to be signed by the Non-Registered Unitholder when submitting the proxy. In this case, the Non-Registered Unitholder who wishes to submit a proxy should otherwise properly complete the form of proxy and **deliver it to Broadridge Investor Communications Corporation** as provided above; or
- b) more typically, have received as part of the Meeting Materials, a form of proxy **which is not signed by the Intermediary**. In this case, the Non-Registered Unitholder should properly complete and sign the proxy in accordance with the directions on the proxy form and **deliver it Broadridge Investor Communications Corporation** as provided above.

In either case, the purpose of these procedures is to permit Non-Registered Unitholders to direct the voting of the Units which they beneficially own. Should a Non-Registered Unitholder wish to vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person attend and vote on behalf of the Non-Registered Unitholder), the Non-Registered Unitholder should strike out the names of the persons named in the proxy and insert the Non-Registered Unitholder’s (or such other person’s) name in the blank space provided. **Non-Registered Unitholders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary.**

### VOTING – REGISTERED AND BENEFICIAL UNITHOLDERS

**Voting at the Meeting.** Only registered Unitholders or duly appointed proxyholders (including Non-Registered Unitholders who have appointed themselves as proxyholder) may vote at a Meeting. Non-Registered Unitholders who wish to vote at a Meeting should appoint themselves as proxyholder by following the instructions found on his or her voting instruction form. Registered Unitholders and duly appointed proxyholders can vote at a Meeting by logging into the Meeting at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SKYCEF2022) at least 15 minutes before the Meeting commences and entering the Unitholder or Proxyholder/Appointee section, as applicable. Registered Unitholders should follow the instructions on the screen using their 16-digit control number (located on his or her proxy form) and duly appointed proxyholders should follow the instructions on the screen and enter the exact name and eight character appointee identification number as provided by the Unitholder to access the applicable Meeting and vote when prompted. Registered Unitholders and duly appointed proxyholders should note that voting at a Meeting will revoke any previously submitted proxy.

**Voting by Mail.** A Unitholder may submit his or her proxy by mail by completing, dating and signing the enclosed form of proxy or voting instruction form, as applicable, and returning it to Broadridge Investor Communication

Solutions at the Data Processing Centre, P.O. Box 3700, Stn. Industrial Park, Markham ON, L3R 9Z9. To be valid, forms of proxy or voting instruction forms, as applicable, must be received before 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on June 10, 2022, or not later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) prior to the commencement of any adjournment or postponement of a Meeting, or must be deposited with the chairman of the Meeting prior to commencement of such Meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof) . If you are mailing your form of proxy or voting instruction form, be sure to allow enough time for the envelope to be delivered.

**Voting by Internet.** A Unitholder may submit his or her proxy at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) by following the instructions provided on the screen, prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on June 10, 2022, or not later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) prior to the commencement of any adjournment or postponement of a Meeting

**Voting by Telephone (Canada and U.S. only).** A Unitholder may submit his or her voting instructions by telephone by calling 1-800-474-7493 (for service in English) or 1-800-474-7501 (for service in French) and following the instructions provided.

### **EXERCISE OF DISCRETION BY PROXIES**

The persons named in the accompanying form of proxy will vote, or withhold from voting, the Units in respect of which they are appointed in accordance with the direction of the Unitholder appointing them. **In the absence of such direction, the Units will be voted in favour of (“for”) each of the matters set out in the Notice of Meeting.**

**The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority upon the persons named therein with respect to amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and with respect to matters not specifically mentioned in the Notice of Meeting but which may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.** As at May 6, 2022, the Trustees know of no such amendments, variations or other matters to come before the Meeting other than the matters referred to in the Notice of Meeting. **However, if any such amendment, variation or other matter should properly come before the Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy to vote on such other business in accordance with their judgment.**

### **AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, VOTING UNITS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF**

The authorized capital of the Fund consists of an unlimited number of Units of any class. As at May 6, 2022, 9,866,773 Units (“Units”) were issued and outstanding, each carrying the right to one vote per Unit, which may be given in person or by proxy. The record date for the determination of Unitholders entitled to receive notice of the Meeting has been fixed as the close of business on May 6, 2022 (the “Record Date”). The Fund will prepare a list of Unitholders as of such Record Date. Each Unitholder named in the list will be entitled to one vote per Unit shown opposite his or her name on the said list, even though he or she has since that date disposed of his or her Units, and no Unitholder becoming such after that date shall be entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

To the knowledge of the Trustees and officers of the Fund, as at May 6, 2022, no person beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, voting securities of the Fund carrying 10% or more of the voting rights attached to the Units.

### **QUORUM**

The quorum at the Meeting or any adjournment thereof shall consist of at least two individuals present in person, each of whom is a Unitholder or a proxyholder representing a Unitholder, and who hold or represent by proxy not less than 10% of the total number of outstanding Units.

## MATTERS REQUIRING UNITHOLDER APPROVAL

### 1. Election of the Trustee

The amended and restated declaration of trust of the Fund dated June 1, 2018 (the “**Declaration of Trust**”) provides for a flexible number of Trustees, subject to a minimum of three. As Skyline Clean Energy Fund has reached one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000.00) in Total Assets of the Fund, at least one independent Trustee must be elected. Unitholders have authorized the Trustees to increase or decrease, from time to time, the number of Trustees within the limits prescribed by the Declaration of Trust.

The number of Trustees is currently fixed at four. Skyline Clean Energy GP Inc. is entitled to appoint a majority of the Trustees. Skyline Clean Energy GP Inc. has appointed Jason Castellan, Wayne Byrd and Michael Bonneveld as Trustees of the Fund under the foregoing power of appointment. The fourth Trustee is to be elected by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at an annual meeting of Unitholders.

**In the absence of direction to the contrary from the Unitholders appointing them, proxies in favour of the Board’s nominee will be voted in favour of (“for”) the election of the person whose name is set forth below.**

Management does not contemplate that the proposed nominee will be unable to serve as a Trustee, but if that should occur for any reason prior to the Meeting, it is intended that discretionary authority shall be exercised to vote the Units represented by such proxies for the election of such other person as Trustee nominated in accordance with the Declaration of Trust and the best judgment of the management nominee. The Fund has been informed by the nominee that she is willing to stand for election and to serve as a Trustee.

The current term of office of the Trustee of the Fund will expire immediately prior to the election of the Trustee at the Meeting. It is proposed that the person whose name appears below be elected as a Trustee of the Fund to serve until the close of the next annual meeting of Unitholders, or until her successor is elected or appointed.

#### *Independent Trustee Nominee*

The following table sets forth the name and residence of the nominee to be the independent Trustee, their principal occupation, and the year they became a Trustee.

Name and Municipality of Residence	Trustee Since	Principal Occupation
Deborah Whale, Wellington County	2019	Vice President, Clovermead Farms Inc.

#### *Experience of Independent Trustee Nominee*

The nature and extent of the experience of the nominee for election as Trustee, and her principal occupation during the last five years, are as follows.

**Deborah Whale** is a seasoned ambassador of Ontario’s clean energy and agriculture sectors, having served on the Boards of Directors of the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), as well as on the Finance Committees of Farm Credit Canada, IESO and the Grand River Agricultural Society. Her clean energy expertise extends to the installation of biodigesters and solar net metering systems for farm and residential use. Inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2016, Deborah has also been designated an Honourary Professional Agrologist (2011) by the Ontario Institute of Agrology, and an Honourary Doctor of Laws (2017) by the University of Guelph.



## **2. Appointment of Auditor**

The Trustees propose to nominate RLB LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, the present auditor of the Fund, as the auditor of the Fund to hold office until the close of the next annual meeting of the Unitholders and to authorize the Trustees to fix the remuneration of the auditor. An affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Meeting is sufficient for the appointment of auditor. RLB LLP was most recently appointed as auditor of the Fund effective June 22, 2021.

**Proxies in favour of the Board's nominees will be voted FOR the appointment of RLB LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of the Fund until the next annual meeting of Unitholders and authorizing the Trustees to fix the remuneration of the auditor.**

## **3. Amendments to the Declaration of Trust**

Unitholders will be asked to consider and, if thought advisable, to pass a resolution approving amendments to the Declaration of Trust. The proposed amendments are proposed to address the following matters:

### **Loans to/Borrowing from Related Parties**

- To expressly include the power for the Trustees to (i) borrow money from or incur indebtedness to a Related Party; and (ii) lend money or other Trust Property, whether secured or unsecured, to a Related Party. The approval of the majority of the Trustees and not less than a majority of the Independent Trustees who have no interest in the matter will be required with respect to any decision to permit the Fund or the LP to lend money to, or borrow money from, a Related Party;
- To amend the Trust's investment guidelines to permit an investment in the form of: (i) a loan to a Related Party in respect of real property which would otherwise be a permitted investment under the investment guidelines set out in the Declaration of Trust; or (ii) a vendor take-back mortgage in relation to real property being disposed of by the LP; provided that the aggregate value of investments in Debt Instruments will not exceed 15% of Adjusted Unitholders' Equity;
- To provide that, subject to the approval of a majority of the Trustees, including not less than a majority of the Independent Trustees, the Trustees may delegate to management the authority to:
  - make short terms loans from time to time of ninety (90) days or less to a Related Party, provided that the aggregate value of such loans outstanding at any time does not exceed five percent (5%) of Adjusted Unitholders' Equity;
  - borrow money from a Related Party from time to time for terms of ninety (90) days or less, provided that the aggregate value of such indebtedness outstanding at any time does not exceed five percent (5%) of Adjusted Unitholders' Equity; and

The foregoing amendments are consistent with amendments approved by unitholders of Skyline Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust, Skyline Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust and Skyline Retail Real Estate Investment Trust in September 2020.

### **Location of Project Acquisitions or Investments**

- To amend the Trust's investment guidelines to remove the restriction requiring acquisition of or investment in clean energy projects only in North America to provide greater flexibility to the Trustees

to take advantage of opportunities to acquire or invest in income-producing projects wherever located in the best interests of the Unitholders.

**Designations**

- To remove language mandating specific designations under the Income Tax Act relating to the tax treatment of distributions to unitholders to provide greater flexibility to the Trustees to make appropriate designations in the applicable circumstances.

**Notice Provision**

- To update the notice provision to formalize the ability of the Fund to give notices by electronic mail.

The above is a summary of the material changes being proposed by the amendments. The amendments also include certain clean-up related changes of a housekeeping nature. A consolidated blackline of the amended and restated Declaration of Trust showing the proposed amendments and the housekeeping amendments is attached as Schedule “C” to this Circular. All capitalized terms which are used and are not otherwise defined have the meanings which are attributed to them in the attached blacklined Declaration of Trust. Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the foregoing proposed amendments require the approval by the vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast by Unitholders present in person or represented by proxy at the Meeting. Accordingly, Unitholders will be asked to pass the resolution, the full text of which is attached as Schedule “B” to this Circular, to authorize and approve the foregoing proposed amendments to the Declaration of Trust.

The Board recommends that Unitholders approve the amendments to the Declaration of Trust by voting in favour of the resolution to be submitted to the Meeting.

**In the absence of direction to the contrary from the Unitholders appointing them, proxies in favour of management’s nominees will be voted FOR the approval of the amendments to the Declaration of Trust.**

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

**1. Board of Trustees**

The Board is currently comprised of four (4) Trustees, one (1) of whom is considered to be independent. An Independent Trustee is one who has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Fund which could, in the view of the Board, reasonably interfere with a Trustee's independent judgment. The name of each Trustee, whether or not the Trustee is independent, the date of appointment and any additional positions held with the Fund are set out below. Additional background information regarding the Independent Trustee nominee is set out above under “Election of the Trustee”.

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Independence</b>	<b>Date First Appointed</b>	<b>Position with the Fund (Aside from being a Trustee)</b>
Jason Castellan	Non-Independent	2018	Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer
Wayne Byrd	Non-Independent	2018	Chief Financial Officer
Michael Bonneveld	Non-Independent	2018	N/A
Deborah Whale	Independent	2019	N/A

**2. Board Member Skills**

The members of the Board have demonstrated skills in one or more of the following areas: clean energy, accounting, governance, risk management and business leadership.

All Trustees are considered financially literate, defined by the Canadian securities regulators as having the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting

issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Fund's financial statements.

### **3. Other Directorships**

Jason Castellan is a trustee of Skyline Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust, Skyline Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust and Skyline Retail Real Estate Investment Trust. Wayne Byrd is a trustee of Skyline Retail Real Estate Investment Trust. Skyline Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust, Skyline Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust and Skyline Retail Real Estate Investment Trust are all issuers related to the Fund. None of the Trustees are directors or trustees of a public company.

### **4. Meetings**

The Board of Trustees holds regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year: four quarterly meetings; a meeting in March to review the draft annual financial statements; the annual general meeting; and a budget meeting in November. In addition, whenever required, the Trustees communicate by telephone or email or hold additional meetings.

During 2021, the Board of Trustees met seven (7) times. See Schedule "A" for the attendance records of individual Trustees.

### **5. Board Mandate**

The Trustees have responsibility for the overall stewardship of the Fund, establishing, reviewing and monitoring the overall policies and standards of the Fund in the operation of its business and reviewing and approving its strategic plans. The Trustees approve, where material, acquisitions and dispositions of assets, financings and issuances of Units of the Fund.

The Fund's Declaration of Trust confers on the Trustees full, absolute and exclusive power, control and authority over the assets and the affairs of the Fund; and requires that the Trustees exercise their powers and carry out their duties honestly, in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Fund and the Unitholders.

The responsibilities of the Trustees include:

- a. developing and adopting the Trust's strategic planning process;
- b. identifying the principal risks associated with the business of the Trust and the implementing of appropriate systems to manage these risks;
- c. ensuring the integrity of the Trust's internal controls and management information systems;
- d. implementing structures and procedures that ensure the Board can function independently of management;
- e. implementing a process for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and the contribution of individual Trustees;
- f. reviewing the adequacy and form of compensation of Trustees and ensuring that it realistically reflects the responsibilities and risks involved in being a Trustee; and
- g. assessing its responsibilities and performance under its mandate.

### **6. Position Descriptions**

Jason Castellan is the Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, Martin Castellan is the Chief Administrative Officer, Roy (Jason) Ashdown is the Chief Sustainability Officer, Wayne Byrd is the Chief Financial Officer and Robert Stein is the President of the Fund.

## **7. Orientation**

### *New Trustees*

The Board oversees an orientation program for a new Trustee to ensure that new Trustee has a general understanding of both the business of the Trust and the roles and responsibilities of the Board.

A Trustee candidate, before being presented for election to the Board, is interviewed by members of the Board and by Management. During these interviews, the Trustee candidate is given a description of the organization and the Board and their functions. The Trustee candidate is given an opportunity to ask questions on the role of the Board.

After being nominated to the Board, a new Trustee is encouraged to sit in on the Board meetings to gain an understanding of the materials presented and discussed. This provides the new Trustee with insights into the role and dynamics of the Board and the Trustees.

Once elected to the Board, Management supplies new Trustees with a “Trustee Orientation Binder” to provide a comprehensive understanding of both the underlying principles governing the Trust’s operations as well as the role of the Board. The binder includes documents such as the Trust’s latest Annual Report, the Declaration of Trust, any Committee Charters and the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

## **8. Continuing Education**

Various activities are performed by the Fund to ensure that Trustees maintain the knowledge necessary to meet their obligations as a Trustee. This includes:

- a. At each Board meeting, members of the Fund’s management make a presentation to the Board providing a comprehensive explanation of the Fund’s financial performance, anticipated future financial results and market trends;
- b. At each Board meeting, members of the Fund’s management make presentations to the Board on operational strategy and initiatives, including a review of the competitive environment for acquisitions, dispositions and development activity, local market trends, risks and the Fund’s performance relative to its peers;
- c. The Board has a standing agenda for each regularly scheduled meeting. The agenda includes ongoing education on topics affecting the Fund including changes to accounting standards, the insurance landscape and environmental regulations; and
- d. Included as standing agenda items of the Board are comprehensive reviews of best practices in governance and current and anticipated trends in governance disclosure, regulatory reporting and requirements.

In addition, the Trustees are encouraged to attend and participate in seminars and conferences relevant to the business of the Fund, such as clean energy, finance, capital markets, corporate governance, accounting, and human resources; and offerings of the Institute of Corporate Directors. The Fund reimburses each independent Trustee up to \$3,000 per year towards the cost of attending such seminars and conferences.

## **9. Ethical Business Conduct**

The Fund believes that employees are the foundation on which corporate culture is built and therefore are expected to demonstrate the highest standard of behavior and do “what is right”.

The Board has in place a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the “**Code**”), which it reviews annually. The Code provides a framework of principles for conducting business and dealing with tenants, investors, colleagues and

other stakeholders which are: to act with integrity and professionalism; to be scrupulous in the proper use of Skyline's information, funds, equipment, facilities and other assets; to exercise fairness, equity, courtesy, and sensitivity in dealing with tenants, investors, employees and other stakeholders; and to avoid conflicts of interests (real or apparent). All employees are expected to be aware of, and comply with, the Code and its related policies.

## **10. Conflict of Interest**

Trustees are governed by the conflict of interest provisions in the Fund's Declaration of Trust when considering material contracts or transactions, or proposed material contracts or transactions in which he or she has a material interest.

## **11. Remuneration of Trustees and Executive Officers**

Independent Trustees receive remuneration from the Fund in the amount of \$30,000 per year and a meeting fee of \$1,000 per meeting of the Board.

The non-independent Trustees and Executive Officers do not receive compensation directly from the Fund. Rather, they are beneficial owners and receive compensation from asset management, operations and maintenance and exempt market dealer companies that provide services to, and receive fees from, the Fund. In addition, companies of which the non-independent Trustees and Executive Officers are beneficial owners receive distributions from Skyline Clean Energy Limited Partnership (the "LP"). See "Interest of Informed Persons in Material Transactions" below.

A summary of compensation received by each Trustee from the Fund in respect of Board meetings during 2021 can be found at Schedule "A" to this Circular.

## **12. Nomination of Trustees**

The Chair of the Board develops a list of potential candidates for review by the Board. Given that the various members of the Board have, in aggregate, a wide network of contacts, all members of the Board are encouraged to submit names of potential candidates who would make significant contributions to the Trust.

The Board is responsible for identifying suitable candidates to be recommended for election to the Board of Trustees by the Unitholders. One of the objectives of the Board is to maintain the composition of the Trustees in a way that provides the best mix of skills and experience to guide the long-term strategy and ongoing business operations of the Trust.

## **INDEMNIFICATION OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

The Fund indemnifies the Trustees and officers against certain losses arising from claims against them for their acts, errors or omissions acting as such. The Fund maintains liability insurance for its Trustees and officers. The policy provides insurance for Trustees and officers of the Fund in respect of certain losses arising from claims against them for their acts, errors or omissions in their capacity as Trustees or officers. The Fund is also insured against any loss arising out of any payment that it may be required or permitted by law to make to Trustees or officers in respect of such claims. The policy does not distinguish between the liability insurance for its Trustees and officers, the coverage being the same in each case.

## **INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS**

For the year ended December 31, 2021, fees were paid by the Fund to companies of which Jason Castellan, Martin Castellan, Roy (Jason) Ashdown, Wayne Byrd, Michael Bonneveld and Robert Stein are beneficial owners under agreements with the Fund as follows: (i) to Skyline Clean Energy Asset Management Inc., asset management fees of approximately \$305,000 (excluding HST) (based on 2% of adjusted gross revenues), property management fees of approximately \$114,000 (excluding HST) (which varies from \$2 per kW DC to \$5 per kW DC, plus an annual flat fee of \$1,000 to \$3,000) and acquisition fees of approximately \$486,000 (excluding HST) (based on 1% of the asset value acquired); (ii) to Skyline Wealth Management Inc., trailer fees of approximately \$351,000 (including

HST), payable monthly, equal to 1/12 of 0.3% of Skyline Clean Energy Fund's equity under management (calculated as the product of the outstanding Units multiplied by the then market value of one Unit), subscription fees of approximately \$715,000 (including HST) equal to a maximum of 2.0% on the capital raised in offerings of Units, subject to adjustment, for exempt market dealer services, (iii) to Skyline Asset Management, legal services management fees of approximately \$588,000 (excluding HST) in consideration for legal management services; and (iv) to Anvil Crawler Development Corp., operations and maintenance fees of approximately \$892,000 (excluding HST).

In accordance with the terms of the limited partnership agreement governing the LP, Skyline Clean Energy GP Inc. (the "GP"), a company of which Jason Castellan, Martin Castellan, Roy (Jason) Ashdown, Wayne Byrd, Michael Bonneveld and Robert Stein were beneficial owners during the year ended December 31, 2021 is entitled to a special distribution when the Fund's net income, excluding depreciation and unrealized gain or loss, for a fiscal year is greater than 7.5% of the weighted average retained earnings for such fiscal year. As at December 31, 2021, a special distribution of \$1.1 million was payable to the GP.

#### **INFORMATION ON THE FUND'S AUDITOR**

RLB LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, has been the Fund's auditor since the creation of the Fund on May 3, 2018. For the year ended December 31, 2021, RLB LLP has advised that they are independent with respect to the Fund within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

#### **GENERAL**

The financial statements of the Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, are enclosed for Unitholders' review. The financial statements were received and approved on behalf of the Unitholders by the Board of Trustees by resolution on March 23, 2022.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Financial information is provided in the Fund's audited annual financial statements for its most recently completed financial year. Additional information relating to the Fund is available through the Fund's head office at 5 Douglas Street, Suite 301, Guelph, Ontario N1H 2S8. Unitholders may contact the Secretary of the Fund at (519) 826-0439 to request copies of the Fund's financial statements.

#### **APPROVAL OF TRUSTEES**

The contents and the sending of this Circular have been approved by the Trustees of the Fund.

**DATED** at Guelph as of May 6, 2022.

On behalf of the Trustees of SKYLINE CLEAN ENERGY  
FUND

(Signed) JASON CASTELLAN  
Chief Executive Officer

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**TRUSTEE MEETINGS, COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR 2021**

Name of Trustee	Board Meetings	Committee Meetings	Meeting Fees	Annual Fees	Total Compensation
JASON CASTELLAN	7 of 7	6 of 6	\$0	\$0	\$0
MARTIN CASTELLAN	7 of 7	6 of 6	\$0	\$0	\$0
R. JASON ASHDOWN	7 of 7	6 of 6	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEBORAH WHALE	7 of 7	6 of 6	\$7,000	\$30,000	\$37,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$37,000</b>

**SCHEDULE “B”**  
***RESOLUTION CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE DECLARATION OF TRUST***

**RESOLVED THAT:**

1. the amendments to the amended and restated declaration of trust (the “**Declaration of Trust**”) and the amendment and restatement of the Declaration of Trust of Skyline Clean Energy Fund (the “**Fund**”), substantially as described in the management information circular of the Fund dated May 6, 2022 (the “**Circular**”) and as reflected in the blackline of the Declaration of Trust included therein, and any additional or alternative amendments to the Declaration of Trust that the trustees of the Fund (the “**Trustees**”) determine to be necessary or desirable from time to time in order to effect the substance of the changes described in the Circular, be and are hereby authorized and approved;
2. the Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Declaration of Trust reflecting the foregoing changes and amendments;
3. notwithstanding that the present resolution has been adopted by Unitholders of the Fund, the Fund and the Trustees shall not be obligated to proceed with the amendments to the Declaration of Trust set forth in paragraph 1 of this resolution and are hereby authorized and empowered, without further notice to or approval of the Unitholders of the Fund, to abandon, at any time and in the sole discretion of the Trustees, any of the amendments to the Declaration of Trust contemplated therein; and
4. any Trustee or officer of the Fund is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of the Fund to do and perform all acts and things, including the execution of documents, necessary or desirable to give effect to the foregoing resolution.



**SCHEDULE "C"**  
***BLACKLINE OF DECLARATION OF TRUST***

AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST

of

OF

SKYLINE CLEAN ENERGY FUND

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AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST

Made as of June ~~1, 2018~~

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**SKYLINE CLEAN ENERGY FUND  
AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST**

**THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF TRUST** is made as of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, ~~2018~~2022.

**WHEREAS** the Trust was established for the principal purpose of providing persons who may become the holders of units of the Trust with an opportunity to participate in investments in entities engaged primarily in income-producing clean energy projects in Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** the Trust was formed pursuant to a declaration of trust dated May 3, 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** the declaration of trust dated May 3, 2018 was amended and restated as of June 1, 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 11.2 of the declaration of trust provides that certain amendments to the declaration of trust require the vote of at least a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for such purpose;

**AND WHEREAS** the Unitholders of the Trust have approved the amendment and restatement of the declaration of trust in the manner provided herein by a vote of at least two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an annual and special meeting of Unitholders called and held on June 14, 2022 for such purposes;

**AND WHEREAS** the Trustees wish to amend and restate the declaration of trust in the manner provided herein with such changes taking effect as of the date hereof; ~~and the sole Unitholder has by written resolution approved such amendment and restatement;~~

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Trustees hereby confirm and declare that the Trustees hold in trust as trustees any and all other property, real, personal or otherwise, tangible or intangible, which has been at the date hereof or is hereafter transferred, conveyed or paid to or otherwise received by them as such Trustees or to which the Trust is otherwise entitled and all rents, income, profits and gains therefrom for the benefit of the Unitholders hereunder in accordance with and subject to the express provisions of this Declaration of Trust effective as of the date hereof to wit:

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**ARTICLE 1  
THE TRUST AND DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1.1 Definitions**

For the purposes of this Declaration of Trust, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set out below:

**"Accountants"** means the firm of chartered accountants appointed as the accountants of the Trust from time to time in accordance with Section 14.4 and, initially means RLB LLP;

**"affiliate"** means a Person considered to be an affiliated entity of another Person within the meaning of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*;

**"Adjusted Unitholders' Equity"** means, at any time, the aggregate of: (i) the amount of Unitholders' equity; and (ii) the amount of accumulated depreciation and amortization recorded on the books and records of each of the Trust and its Subsidiaries in respect of their properties, in each case calculated in accordance with IFRS;

**"annuitant"** means the annuitant or beneficiary of a Deferred Income Plan, or of any plan of which a Unitholder acts as a trustee or a carrier;

**"Asset Management Agreement"** means the asset management agreement dated as of May 3, 2018 between the LP and Skyline Clean Energy Asset Management Inc., a corporation incorporated pursuant to the laws of Ontario, as the same may be amended from time to time;

**"Asset Transfer Agreement"** means the asset transfer agreement to be entered into between the LP and Skyline Private Opportunities Corp., whereby Skyline Private Opportunities Corp. will sell certain assets to the Limited Partnership or as it may direct;

**"associate"** has the meaning given thereto in the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as amended from time to time;

**"Board"** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a) hereof;

**"Business Day"** means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which Schedule I Chartered banks are open for business in Toronto, Ontario;

**"Chair", "Vice-Chair", "President", "Chief Executive Officer", "Chief Administrative Officer", "Chief Financial Officer", "Chief Operating Officer", "Chief Sustainability Officer", "Executive Vice President",**

**“Senior Vice President”, “Vice President” and “Secretary”** mean the Person(s) holding those respective offices from time to time if so appointed by the Trustees;

**“Commencement Date”** means the date upon which the Trust was established, being May 3, 2018;

**“Declaration of Trust”** means this amended and restated declaration of trust as may be further amended, supplemented and/or restated from time to time;

**“Deferred Income Plan”** means any trust governed by a registered retirement savings plan, a registered retirement income fund, a registered education savings plan or a deferred profit sharing plan, each as defined in the Tax Act;

**“Dissenting Offeree”** means, where a Take-over Bid is made for all of the Units other than those held by the Offeror; a holder of Units who does not accept the Take-over Bid and includes a subsequent holder of those Units who acquires them from the first mentioned holder;

**“Distribution Date”** means, with respect to a distribution by the Trust, a Business Day determined by the Trustees for any calendar month to be on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month;

**“Distributions”** has the meaning set forth in Section 9.1 hereof;

**“Exchange Agreement”** means the exchange agreement entered into by the holders of LP Class B Units, the Trust and the LP;

**“Exempt Market Dealer Agreement”** means the exempt market dealer agreement dated as of the Commencement Date between the Trust and Skyline Wealth Management Inc., a corporation incorporated pursuant to the laws of Ontario, as exempt market dealer, as same may be amended from time to time;

**“Finance Committee”** has the meaning given to that term in Section 8.2;

**“Focus Activities”** has the meaning given to that term in Section 4.1(a);

**“General Partner”** means Skyline Clean Energy GP Inc., the general partner of the LP, or any successor general partner of the LP;

**“IFRS”** means International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and as adopted by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, as amended from time to time;

**“income of the Trust”** for any taxation year of the Trust means the net income for the year determined pursuant to the provisions of the Tax Act having regard to the provisions thereof which relate to the calculation of taxable income of a trust, without reference to paragraph 82(1)(b) (dividend gross up) and subsection 104(6) (deduction for payments out of the Trust) of the Tax Act (including any income realized by the Trust on the redemption of Units *in specie*) and taking into account such other adjustments as may be determined in the discretion of the Trustees, provided, however, that capital gains and capital losses shall be excluded from the computation of net income;

**“Independent Trustee”** means a Trustee who is independent within the meaning of National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees and, for the purposes of Sections 3.8(a), 3.8(b), 3.8(c), 3.8(d), 3.8(e), 3.8(h) and 3.9, means a Trustee who is independent as set out above and who alone, or together with his or her affiliates or associates, has no direct or indirect interest in the subject Related Party or in a transaction with the subject Related Party;

**“Initial Unit”** has the meaning given to that term in Section 5.25;

**“LP”** means Skyline Clean Energy Limited Partnership, a limited partnership governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario;

**“LP Agreement”** means the limited partnership agreement of the LP dated as of the Commencement Date, as it may be amended, supplemented and/or restated from time to time;

**“LP Class B Unit”** means a Class B Unit of the LP;

**“LP Partnership Unit”** means a Class A Unit of the LP;

**“Market Value”** has the meaning given thereto in Section 5.22(j);

**“MI 61-101”** means Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions*, as amended from time to time (including any successor rule or policy thereto);

**“Monthly Limit”** has the meaning given thereto in Section 5.22(e);

**“net realized capital gains of the Trust”** for any year means the amount, if any, by which the aggregate amount of the realized capital gains of the Trust for the year, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act, exceeds the aggregate of: (i) the aggregate amount of any realized capital losses of the Trust for the year, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Tax Act; (ii) any capital gains which are realized by the Trust in the

year (including any capital gains realized by the Trust on the disposition of LP Partnership Units and Notes held by the Trust and any other Trust Property) designated as having been paid to the redeeming Unitholders pursuant to Section 5.22, (iii) the amount determined by the Trustees in respect of any net capital losses of the Trust (as defined in the Tax Act) carried forward from prior taxation years to the extent not previously deducted from realized capital gains of the Trust; and (iv) any amount in respect of which the Trust is entitled to a capital gains refund under the Tax Act, as determined by the Trustees; provided that at the discretion of the Trustees, the net realized capital gains of the Trust for a year may be calculated without subtracting the full amount of the net capital losses of the Trust for the year and/or without subtracting the full amount of the net capital losses of the Trust carried forward from prior years and/or without considering the Trust's entitlement to a capital gains refund;

**"Notes"** means the promissory notes, bonds, debentures, debt securities or similar evidence of indebtedness issued by a Person;

**"OBCA"** means the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario), as amended, including the regulations promulgated thereunder;

**"Offeree"** means a Person to whom a Take-over Bid is made;

**"Offeror"** means a Person, or two or more persons acting jointly or in concert, that makes a Take-over Bid;

**"Operation and Maintenance Agreements"** means operation and maintenance agreements, which may be entered into from time to time between the LP and/or any Subsidiaries of the LP and Anvil Crawler Development ~~Corporation~~Corp., as such agreements may be amended or assigned from time to time, whereby Anvil Crawler Development ~~Corporation~~Corp. will provide operation and maintenance services in respect of certain clean energy assets to the LP and/or such Subsidiaries;

**"Person"** means an individual, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, unlimited liability company, trust, unincorporated organization, association, government, or any department or agency thereof and the successors and assigns thereof or the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of an individual, or any other entity recognized by law;

**"Prime Rate"** has the meaning set out in Section 5.22(g);

**"Redemption Amount"** has the meaning set out in Section 5.22(j);

**"Redemption Date"** has the meaning set out in Section 5.22(b);

**"Redemption Price"** has the meaning set out in Section 5.22(c);

**"Register"** has the meaning set out in Section 5.14;

**"Related Party"** means, with respect to a Person, (i) a Person who is a "related party" (as such term is defined in MI 61-101); (ii) a partner, director, trustee or officer of any such Person; (iii) an associate or affiliate of any Person described in (i) or (ii) above; and (iv) in respect of the Trust includes: (a) Skyline Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust; (b) Skyline Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust; (c) Skyline Retail Real Estate Investment Trust; (d) ~~Skyline Mortgage Investment Trust~~ Skydev Grove Barrie Limited Partnership; (e) Skydev Fuller Meaford Limited Partnership; (f) Skydev Queensway Simcoe Limited Partnership; (g) Skydev Bayshore Owen Sound Limited Partnership; (h) Jason Castellan; (fi) Martin Castellan; (ej) Wayne Byrd; (hk) Roy Jason Ashdown; (i) ~~Michael Bonneveld~~; (jl) Robert Stein; (m) any partner, associate or affiliate of a Person described in (a) to (eg); (k) any associate or affiliate of a partner described in (j); ~~(lm)~~; (n) any trust in which any individual described in (eh) to (il) is a trustee or beneficiary; ~~(mo)~~ any partner, associate or affiliate of a trust described in (l); ~~(n)~~; (p) any partner, associate or affiliate of any individual described in (eh) to (il); and (oq) any Person for which any individual described in (eh) to (il) acts as an officer or director;

**"resident Canadian"** means a Person who is resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act and, in the case of a Person that is a partnership, a partnership each member of which is a Person resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act;

**"SCEF Unit"** means a unit of beneficial interest in the Trust (other than a Special Voting Unit and the Initial Unit) authorized and issued hereunder as such and for the time being outstanding and includes a fraction of a unit and any other classes of units authorized by the Trustees as such;

**"Skyline Appointee"** has the meaning set out in Section 2.2;

**"Special Voting Unit"** means a unit of interest in the Trust that is authorized and issued pursuant to Section 5.1;

**"STFI"** means Skyline Transfer Funds Inc., a corporation incorporated pursuant to the laws of Ontario;

**"Subsidiary"** means, with respect to any Person (other than an individual), any other Person (other than an individual) the financial results of which would be required to be consolidated with those of the first Person's in the

preparation of the first Person's consolidated financial statements if prepared in accordance with IFRS;

**"Take-over Bid"** has the meaning given to such term in the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as amended from time to time;

**"Tax Act"** means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the regulations thereunder, as amended from time to time;

**"Threshold Meeting"** has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.1(b);

**"Total Assets"** means, at any time, the book value of the assets of the Trust, as shown on its then most recent balance sheet;

**"Trust"** means the trust constituted hereunder but, for greater certainty, unless otherwise expressly provided, does not include any Subsidiaries or affiliates thereof;

**"Trust Property"** means, at any particular time, any and all assets of the Trust, including, without limitation, all proceeds therefrom;

**"Trustees"** means, as of any particular time, all of the trustees holding office under and in accordance with this Declaration of Trust, in their capacity as trustees hereunder and **"Trustee"** means any one of them;

**"Trustees' Regulations"** means the regulations adopted by the Trustees pursuant to Section 3.3 or Section 6.8 from time to time;

**"Unit"** means a unit of beneficial interest in the Trust authorized and issued hereunder as such and for the time being outstanding and includes a fraction of a unit and any other classes of units authorized by the Trustees as such; and

**"Unitholder"** or **"Holder"** means a Person whose name appears on the Register as a holder of one or more Units.

## **Section 1.2 Construction**

In this Declaration of Trust, unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires:

- (a) references to "herein", "hereby", "hereunder", "hereof" and similar expressions are references to this Declaration of Trust and not to any particular Article or Section of this Declaration of Trust;
- (b) references to an "Article" or "Section" are references to an Article or Section of this Declaration of Trust;

- (c) words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and words importing gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter genders;
- (d) the use of headings is for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof;
- (e) the words “includes” and “including”, when following any general term or statement, are not to be construed as limiting the general term or statement to the specific items or matters set forth or to similar items or matters, but rather as referring to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of the general term or statement; and
- (f) for greater certainty, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, where any reference is made in this Declaration of Trust or in any resolution of the Unitholders or Trustees to the Trust as a party to any agreement or as an owner of property, or to an act to be performed by or a covenant given by the Trust, such reference shall be construed and applied for all purposes as if it referred to the Trustees, in their capacity as trustees of the Trust under this Declaration of Trust.

### **Section 1.3 Name**

The name of the Trust is “**Skyline Clean Energy Fund**” in its English form and “Fonds énergie propre Skyline” in its French form. As far as practicable and except as otherwise provided in this Declaration of Trust, the Trustees shall conduct the affairs of the Trust, hold property, execute all documents and take all legal proceedings under that name, in either its English or French form.

### **Section 1.4 Use of Name**

Should the Trustees determine that the use of the name Skyline Clean Energy Fund in its English form or in its French form is not practicable, legal or convenient, they may use such other designation, or they may adopt such other name for the Trust, as they deem appropriate, and the Trust may hold property and conduct its activities under such other designation or name.

### **Section 1.5 Office**

The principal office and centre of administration of the Trust shall be at 5 Douglas Street, Suite 301, Guelph, Ontario N1H 2S8 or at such other address in Canada as may be determined by the Trustees in their discretion. The Trust may have such other offices or places for the conduct of its affairs as the Trustees or management of the Trust or any of its Subsidiaries may from time to time determine to be necessary or desirable.



### **Section 1.6 Establishment of Trust**

The Trustees hereby declare and agree to hold Trust Property in trust for the use and benefit of the Unitholders, their successors, permitted assigns and personal representatives, and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter declared and set forth, such trust to constitute the Trust hereunder.

### **Section 1.7 Nature of the Trust**

The Trust is a limited purpose, unincorporated, open-ended investment trust. The Trust shall be governed by the general law of trusts, except as such general law of trusts has been or is from time to time modified, altered or abridged for the Trust by:

- (a) applicable laws and regulations or other requirements imposed by applicable securities or other regulatory authorities; and
- (b) the terms, conditions and trusts set forth in this Declaration of Trust.

The beneficial interest and rights generally of a Unitholder in the Trust shall be limited to the right to participate pro rata in distributions when and as declared by the Trustees as contemplated by Article 9 and distributions upon the termination of the Trust as contemplated in Article 12. The Trust is not, is not intended to be, shall not be deemed to be, and shall not be treated as, a general partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, association, joint venture, company, corporation or joint stock company nor shall the Trustees or the Unitholders or any of them for any purpose be, or be deemed to be treated in any way whatsoever to be, liable or responsible hereunder as partners or joint venturers. The Trustees shall not be, or be deemed to be, agents of the Unitholders. The relationship of the Unitholders to the Trustees, to the Trust and to the Trust Property shall be solely that of beneficiaries in accordance with this Declaration of Trust.

### **Section 1.8 Purpose of the Trust**

The purpose of the Trust is to establish and carry on activities in order to produce income for the exclusive benefit of the Unitholders and to distribute the Trust Property upon termination of those activities by the Trust in accordance with Article 12.

### **Section 1.9 Accounting Principles**

Where the character or amount of any asset or liability or item of revenue or expense is required to be determined, or any consolidation or other accounting computation is required to be made for the purpose of this Agreement, such determination or calculation shall, to the extent applicable and except as otherwise specified herein or as otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, be made in accordance with IFRS applied on a consistent basis.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

**Section 2.1 Number and Composition**

- (a) Initially the board of Trustees (the “**Board**”) shall be composed of three Trustees, all of whom shall be Skyline Appointees. Subject to Sections 2.1(c) and (d), the Trustees may by resolution increase or decrease the size of the Board by a majority vote of the Trustees at a meeting called for such purpose, provided that at all times there shall be no fewer than three Trustees.
- (b) Until the first annual meeting of the Unitholders which occurs following the date upon which the Total Assets of the Trust first reached one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) (the “**Threshold Meeting**”), all Trustees will be Skyline Appointees.
- (c) At all times following the Threshold Meeting, the Trust must have at least one Independent Trustee. All Independent Trustees will be elected by the Unitholders and, for greater certainty, at least one Independent Trustee shall be elected by the Unitholders at the Threshold Meeting.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything else in this Declaration of Trust, but subject to the residency requirements in Section 2.4 hereof, from and after the Threshold Meeting, the General Partner has the right, but not the obligation, to appoint such number of Skyline Appointees such that Skyline Appointees form a majority of the Board. For greater certainty, where, at any time for any reason Skyline Appointees do not make up a majority of the Board, the General Partner may appoint such number of Skyline Appointees such that, following such appointment, Skyline Appointees make up a majority of the Board.
- (e) A vacancy occurring among the Trustees (other than a vacancy resulting from the resignation or removal of a Skyline Appointee) may be filled by resolution of the remaining Trustees, so long as they constitute a quorum, or by the Unitholders at a meeting of the Unitholders called for such purpose. If a vacancy would result in the Board having no Independent Trustees (as required by Section 2.1(c)), such vacancy must be filled by an individual who qualifies as an Independent Trustee. A vacancy occurring among the Trustees resulting from the resignation or removal of a Skyline Appointee may only be filled in accordance with Section 2.2.

## **Section 2.2 Skyline Appointees**

The General Partner has the right to appoint Trustees to serve on the Board (each, a “**Skyline Appointee**”) in accordance with Section 2.1. Subject to the Canadian residency requirements in Section 2.4, any Skyline Appointee may be removed or changed by the General Partner at any time. Any appointment or removal of a Skyline Appointee by the General Partner pursuant to this Section 2.2 shall be made by the delivery to the Trust of a written instrument executed by the General Partner and the appointment or removal, as the case may be, of such Trustee shall take effect upon the later of: (i) date of receipt by the Trust of such written instrument; or (ii) the date of appointment or removal, as the case may be, described in the written instrument. For the purposes of this Declaration of Trust, the initial Skyline Appointees are Jason Castellan, Wayne Byrd and Michael Bonneveld.

## **Section 2.3 Term of Office**

The Trustees, other than the Skyline Appointee(s), shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Unitholders by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting of the Unitholders for a term expiring at the conclusion of the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed or as otherwise determined by such Unitholders and shall be eligible for re-election. The Unitholders may, by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders, elect Trustees (other than the Skyline Appointee(s)), for such other term(s) as they see fit, it being understood that it is not necessary that the terms of all Trustees be co-terminous. Trustees may be elected for staggered terms, as determined by the Unitholders by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders. Trustees appointed by the Trustees between meetings of the Unitholders or to fill a vacancy, in each case in accordance with Section 2.1, shall be appointed for a term expiring at the conclusion of the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed and shall be eligible for election or re-election.

## **Section 2.4 Qualifications of Trustees**

A Trustee shall be an individual at least 18 years of age who has not been found to be of unsound mind by a court in Canada or elsewhere, and who does not have the status of a bankrupt. Trustees are not required to hold Units. A majority of Trustees shall be at all times resident Canadians. If at any time a majority of Trustees are not resident Canadians because of the death, resignation, bankruptcy, adjudicated incompetence, removal or change in circumstance of any Trustee who was a resident Canadian Trustee, the remaining Trustees, whether or not they constitute a quorum, shall appoint a sufficient number of resident Canadian Trustees to comply with this requirement.

### **Section 2.5 Election of Trustees**

The election of the Trustees (other than the Skyline Appointee(s)) shall be by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders. The appointment or election of any Trustee (other than an individual who is serving as a Trustee immediately prior to such appointment or election) shall not become effective unless and until such individual shall have in writing accepted his appointment or election and agreed to be bound by the terms of this Declaration of Trust, whereupon such appointment shall be deemed effective as of the date of such appointment.

### **Section 2.6 Resignations, Removal and Death of Trustees**

A Trustee may resign at any time by an instrument in writing signed by him or her and delivered or mailed to the Chair or, if there is no Chair, the President or Chief Executive Officer. Such resignation shall take effect on the date such notice is given or at any later time specified in the notice. A Trustee, other than a Skyline Appointee, may be removed at any time with or without cause by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for that purpose or by the written consent of the Unitholders holding in the aggregate not less than a majority of the outstanding Units entitled to vote thereon or with cause by a resolution passed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the other Trustees. Any removal of a Trustee shall take effect immediately following the aforesaid vote or resolution, and any Trustee so removed shall be so notified by the Chair or another officer of the Trust forthwith following such removal. Upon the resignation or removal of any Trustee, or his otherwise ceasing to be a Trustee, he shall: (i) cease to have the rights, privileges and powers of a Trustee hereunder; (ii) execute and deliver such documents as the remaining Trustees shall reasonably require for the conveyance of any Trust property held in his name; (iii) account to the remaining Trustees as they may require for all property which he holds as Trustee; and (iv) resign from all representative or other positions held by him on behalf of the Trust, including as a director or officer of any entity in which the Trust or any Subsidiary or any Related Party owns any securities (directly or indirectly); upon which he shall be discharged from his obligations as Trustee. Upon the incapacity or death of any Trustee, his legal representative shall execute and deliver on his behalf such documents as the remaining Trustees may require as provided in this Section. In the event that a Trustee or his legal representative, as applicable, is unable or unwilling to execute and deliver such required documents, each of the remaining Trustees is hereby appointed as the attorney of such Trustee for the purpose of executing and delivering such required documents.

### **Section 2.7 Vacancies**

The term of office of a Trustee shall terminate and a vacancy shall occur in the event of the death, resignation, bankruptcy, adjudicated incompetence or other incapacity to exercise the duties of the office or upon the removal of such Trustee. No such vacancy shall operate to annul this Declaration of Trust or affect the

continuity of the Trust. Until vacancies are filled, the remaining Trustee or Trustees (even if less than a quorum) may exercise the powers of the Trustees hereunder.

**Section 2.8 Successor and Additional Trustees**

The right, title and interest of the Trustees in and to the Trust Property shall vest automatically in all individuals who may hereafter become Trustees upon their due election or appointment and qualification without any further act, and they shall thereupon have all the rights, privileges, powers, obligations and immunities of Trustees hereunder. Such right, title and interest shall vest in the Trustees whether or not conveyancing documents have been executed and delivered pursuant to Section 2.6 or otherwise.

**Section 2.9 Compensation and Other Remuneration**

The Trustees shall be paid such compensation for their services as the Trustees may from time to time unanimously determine. Each of the Trustees, either directly or indirectly, shall also be entitled to receive remuneration for services rendered to the Trust in any other capacity. Such services may include legal, accounting or other professional services or services as a broker, transfer agent or underwriter, whether performed by a Trustee or any Person affiliated with a Trustee. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, Trustees who are employees of and who receive a salary from the Trust or any of its Subsidiaries shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration for their services as Trustees but shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Trust of their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in acting as a Trustee.

**Section 2.10 Officers**

The Trust may have a Chairman, a Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Administrative Officer, a Chief Financial Officer, a Chief Operating Officer, a Chief Sustainability Officer, a President, one or more Executive Vice-Presidents, one or more Senior Vice-Presidents, one or more Vice-Presidents and a Secretary and such other officers as the Trustees may appoint from time to time. One person may hold two or more offices. Any officer of the Trust may, but need not, be a Trustee. Officers of the Trust shall be appointed and discharged and their remuneration determined by the Trustees (which may be delegated by the Trustees in their discretion). Any Chairman must also be a Trustee.

**ARTICLE 3  
TRUSTEES' POWERS AND DUTIES**

**Section 3.1 General Powers**

The Trustees, subject only to the specific limitations contained in this Declaration of Trust, shall have, without further or other authorization and free from any control or direction on the part of the Unitholders, full, absolute and exclusive

power, control and authority over the assets and the affairs of the Trust to the same extent as if the Trustees were the sole owners of such assets in their own right, to do all such acts and things as in their sole judgment and discretion are necessary or incidental to, or desirable for, the carrying out of any of the purposes of the Trust or the conducting of the affairs of the Trust. In construing the provisions of this Declaration of Trust, there shall be a presumption in favour of the power and authority having been granted to the Trustees. The enumeration of any specific power or authority herein shall not be construed as limiting the general powers or authority or any other specified power or authority conferred herein on the Trustees. Except as specifically required by law, the Trustees shall in carrying out investment activities not be in any way restricted by the provisions of the laws of any jurisdiction limiting or purporting to limit investments which may be made by trustees.

### **Section 3.2 Specific Powers and Authorities**

Subject only to the express limitations contained in this Declaration of Trust, and in addition to any powers and authorities conferred by this Declaration of Trust or which the Trustees may have by virtue of any present or future statute or rule of law, the Trustees without any action or consent by the Unitholders shall have and may exercise, on behalf of the Trust, at any time and from time to time the following powers and authorities which may or may not be exercised by them in their sole judgment and discretion and in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may from time to time deem proper:

- (a) to increase the capital of the Trust at any time by the issuance of additional Units or the creation of other classes of units, in all cases for such consideration as they deem appropriate;
- (b) for such consideration as they deem proper, to invest in, purchase or otherwise acquire for cash or other property or through the issuance of Units or through the issuance of Notes, or other obligations or securities of the Trust and hold for investment Notes and units;
- (c) to sell, rent, lease, hire, exchange, release, partition, assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, grant security interests in, encumber, negotiate, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of the Trust Property by deeds, trust deeds, assignments, bills of sale, transfers, leases, mortgages, financing statements, security agreements and other instruments for any of such purposes executed and delivered for and on behalf of the Trust by one or more of the Trustees or by a duly authorized officer, employee, agent or any nominee of the Trust;

- (d) to enter into leases, contracts, obligations and other agreements for a term extending beyond the term of office of the Trustees and beyond the possible termination of the Trust or for a lesser term;
- ~~(e)~~ (e) to borrow money from or incur indebtedness to any Person ~~;~~  
including, subject to the provisions hereof, a Related Party;
- ~~(e)~~ (f) to guarantee, indemnify or act as surety with respect to payment or performance of the obligations of its Subsidiaries; to enter into other obligations on behalf of the Trust; and to assign, convey, transfer, mortgage, subordinate, pledge, grant security interests in, encumber or hypothecate the Trust Property to secure any of the foregoing;
- ~~(f)~~ (g) to lend money or other Trust Property, whether secured or unsecured,  
including, subject to the terms hereof, to a Related Party;
- ~~(g)~~ (h) entering into and performing its obligations under the Exempt Market Dealer Agreement;
- ~~(h)~~ (i) entering into and performing its obligations under the Exchange Agreement;
- ~~(i)~~ (j) to maintain records and provide reports to Unitholders;
- ~~(j)~~ (k) to establish systems to monitor the qualification of the Trust as a “mutual fund trust” pursuant to subsections 132(6) and 132(7) of the Tax Act and to ensure that that the Trust is not subject to tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act and is not a SIFT trust for purposes of the Tax Act;
- ~~(k)~~ (l) to pay all taxes or assessments, of whatever kind or nature, whether within or outside Canada, imposed upon or against the Trustees in connection with the assets of the Trust, the undertaking or taxable income of the Trust, or imposed upon or against the assets of the Trust, the undertaking or taxable income of the Trust, or any part thereof and to settle or compromise disputed tax liabilities and for the foregoing purposes to make such returns, take such deductions, and make such designations, elections and determinations in respect of the income of the Trust or net realized capital gains of the Trust distributed to Unitholders and any other matter as shall be permitted under the Tax Act (provided that to the extent necessary the Trustees will seek the advice of the Trust’s counsel or its accountants), and do all such other acts and things as may be deemed by the Trustees in their sole discretion to be necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with such matters;

- ~~(l)~~(m) to incur and pay out of the Trust Property any charges or expenses and disburse any funds of the Trust, which charges, expenses or disbursements are, in the opinion of the Trustees, necessary or incidental to or desirable for the carrying out of any of the purposes of the Trust or conducting the affairs of the Trust including taxes or other governmental levies, charges and assessments of whatever kind or nature, imposed upon or against the Trustees in connection with the undertaking or taxable income of the Trust or the Trust Property or upon or against the undertaking, taxable income or Trust Property or any part thereof and for any of the purposes herein;
- ~~(m)~~(n) to possess and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges appertaining to the ownership of or interest in all or any mortgages or securities, issued or created by any Person, forming part of the assets of the Trust, to the same extent that an individual might and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to vote or give any consent, request or notice, or waive any notice, either in person or by proxy or power of attorney, with or without power of substitution, to one or more Persons, which proxies and powers of attorney may be for meetings or action;
- ~~(n)~~(o) generally or for any particular meeting or action, to exercise discretionary power;
- ~~(o)~~(p) to exercise any conversion privilege, subscription right, warrant or other right or option available in connection with any Trust Property at any time held by it and to make payments incidental thereto; to consent, or otherwise participate in or dissent from, the reorganization, consolidation, amalgamation, merger or readjustment of the finances of any Person (other than the Trust), any of the securities of which may at any time be held by the Trust or to the sale, mortgage or lease of the property of any such Person; and to do any act with reference thereto, including the delegation of discretionary powers, the exercise of options, the making of agreements or subscriptions and the payment of expenses, assessments or subscriptions which they may consider necessary or advisable in connection therewith;
- ~~(p)~~(q) to elect, appoint, engage or employ officers for the Trust, who may be removed or discharged at the discretion of the Trustees, such officers to have such powers and duties, and to serve such terms as may be prescribed by the Trustees or by the Trustees' Regulations; to engage, appoint, employ or contract with any Persons as agents, representatives, employees or independent contractors or otherwise (including investment advisors, registrars, underwriters, accountants,



lawyers, appraisers, brokers or otherwise) in one or more capacities, and to pay compensation from the Trust for services in as many capacities as such Persons may be so engaged or employed; and, except as prohibited by law, to delegate any of the powers and duties of the Trustees (including the power of delegation) to any one or more Trustees, agents, representatives, officers, employees, independent contractors or other Persons without regard to whether such power, authority or duty is normally granted or delegated by Trustees;

~~(s)~~(r) to collect, sue for and receive sums of money coming due to the Trust, and to engage in, intervene in, prosecute, join, defend, compromise, abandon or adjust, by arbitration or otherwise, any actions, suits, proceedings, disputes, claims, demands or other litigation relating to the Trust, the Trust Property or the Trust's affairs, to enter into agreements therefor whether or not any suit is commenced or claim accrued or asserted and, in advance of any controversy, to enter into agreements regarding the arbitration, adjudication or settlement thereof;

~~(s)~~(s) to renew, modify, release, compromise, extend, consolidate, cancel, postpone or subordinate, in whole or in part, any obligation to or of the Trust;

~~(s)~~(t) to purchase and pay for, out of the Trust Property, insurance contracts and policies insuring the Trust Property against any and all risks and insuring the Trust and/or any or all of the Trustees, the Unitholders, annuitants or officers of the Trust, Subsidiaries, affiliated entities and the directors and officers of such entities against any and all claims and liabilities of any nature asserted by any Person arising by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted by the Trust or by the Trustees, the Unitholders, annuitants or the officers of the Trust;

~~(t)~~(u) to cause legal title to any of the assets of the Trust to be held by and/or in the name of the Trustees, or, except as prohibited by law, by and/or in the name of the Trust or one or more of the Trustees or any other Persons, on such terms, in such manner with such powers in such Person as the Trustees may determine and with or without disclosure that the Trust or Trustees are interested therein, provided, however, that should legal title to any of the assets of the Trust be held by and/or in the name of any Person or Persons other than the Trust, the Trustees shall require such Person or Persons to execute a declaration of trust acknowledging that legal title to such assets is held in trust for the benefit of the Trust;

- ~~(u)~~(v) to determine conclusively the allocation to capital, income or other appropriate accounts for all receipts, expenses, disbursements and Trust Property;
- ~~(v)~~(w) to authorize and, subject to regulatory approvals, issue different classes of Units as the Trustees, in their sole discretion, may determine appropriate for the Trust;
- ~~(w)~~(x) to prepare, sign and file or cause to be prepared, signed and filed any prospectus, offering memorandum or similar document, and any amendment thereto and all agreements contemplated therein or ancillary thereto relating to or resulting from any offering of the Units or other securities issued or held by the Trust and to pay the costs thereof and related thereto out of the Trust Property whether or not such offering is or was of direct benefit to the Trust or those Persons (if any) who were Unitholders immediately prior to such offering;
- ~~(x)~~(y) to determine conclusively the value of any or all of the Trust Property from time to time and, in determining such value, to consider such information and advice as the Trustees, in their sole judgment, may deem material and reliable;
- ~~(y)~~(z) subject to obtaining all required regulatory approvals, to establish one or more distribution reinvestment plans, unit purchase plans, unit option plans, pension plans or any other unit compensation, incentive plan or similar plan with respect to the Units; and
- ~~(z)~~(aa) to do all such other acts and things as are incidental to the foregoing, and to exercise all powers that are necessary or useful to carry on the activities of the Trust, to promote any of the purposes for which the Trust is formed and to carry out the provisions of this Declaration of Trust.

### **Section 3.3 Further Powers of the Trustees; Trustees' Regulations**

The Trustees shall have the power to prescribe any form provided for or contemplated by this Declaration of Trust. The Trustees may make, adopt, amend, or repeal regulations containing provisions relating to the Trust, the conduct of its affairs, the rights or powers of the Trustees and the rights or powers of the Unitholders or officers of the Trust, provided that such regulations shall not be inconsistent with law or with this Declaration of Trust and not, in the opinion of the Trustees, prejudicial to the Unitholders. The Trustees shall also be entitled to make any reasonable decisions, designations or determinations not inconsistent with law or with this Declaration of Trust which they may determine are necessary or desirable in interpreting, applying or administering this Declaration of Trust or in

administering, managing or operating the Trust. To the extent of any inconsistency between this Declaration of Trust and any regulation, decision, designation or determination made by the Trustees, this Declaration of Trust shall prevail and such regulation, decision, designation or determination shall be deemed to be modified to eliminate such inconsistency. Any regulations, decisions, designations or determinations made in accordance with this Section shall be conclusive and binding upon all Persons affected thereby.

Subject to any agreement between the Trust and any Trustee, unless otherwise herein provided, the Trustees may from time to time in their discretion appoint, employ, invest in, contract or deal with any Person including any affiliate of any of them and any Person in which any one or more of them may be directly or indirectly interested and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any Trustee may purchase, hold, sell, invest in or otherwise deal with property of the same class and nature as may be held by the Trustees as Trust Property, whether for the Trustee's own account or for the account of another (in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise), without being liable to account therefor and without being in breach of his duties and responsibilities hereunder.

#### **Section 3.4 Standard of Care**

The exclusive standard of care required of the Trustees in exercising their powers and carrying out their functions hereunder shall be that they exercise their powers and discharge their duties hereunder as Trustees honestly, in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust and the Unitholders and in connection therewith, that they exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent individual would exercise in comparable circumstances. Unless otherwise required by law, no Trustee shall be required to give bond, surety or security in any jurisdiction for the performance of any duties or obligations hereunder. The Trustees in their capacity as Trustees shall not be required to devote their entire time to the affairs of the Trust.

#### **Section 3.5 Reliance Upon Trustees**

Any Person dealing with the Trust in respect of any matters pertaining to the assets of the Trust and any right, title or interest therein or to securities of the Trust shall be entitled to rely on a certificate or statutory declaration (including a certificate or statutory declaration as to the passing of a resolution of the Trustees) executed by any single Trustee or, without limiting the foregoing, such other Persons as may be authorized by the Trustees as to the capacity, power and authority of the Trustees or any such other Persons to act for and on behalf and in the name of the Trust. No Persons dealing with the Trustees shall be bound to see to the application of any funds or property passing into the hands or control of the Trustees. The receipt by or on behalf of the Trustees for monies or other consideration shall be binding upon the Trust.

### **Section 3.6 Determinations of Trustees Binding**

All determinations of the Trustees that are made in good faith with respect to any matters relating to the Trust, including whether any particular investment or disposition meets the requirements of this Declaration of Trust, shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding upon the Trust and all Unitholders (and, where the Unitholder is a Deferred Income Plan or registered pension fund or plan as defined in the Tax Act, or other similar fund or plan registered under the Tax Act, upon plan beneficiaries and plan holders past, present and future) and Units of the Trust shall be issued and sold on the condition and understanding that any and all such determinations shall be binding as aforesaid.

### **Section 3.7 Conflict of Interest**

Except for the Asset Management Agreement, the LP Agreement, the Asset Transfer Agreement, the Exchange Agreement, the Exempt Market Dealer Agreement and any Operation and Maintenance Agreement (provided such Operation and Maintenance Agreement is entered into on market terms), if a Trustee or officer of the Trust: (i) is a party to a material contract or transaction (a “**Material Transaction**”) or proposed Material Transaction with the Trust or any of its Subsidiaries; or (ii) is a director, trustee or officer of, or otherwise has a material interest in, any Person or in any affiliate, Related Party or Subsidiary of any Person who is a party to a Material Transaction or proposed Material Transaction with the Trust or its Subsidiaries, such Trustee or officer shall disclose in writing to the Trustees or request to have entered into the minutes of meetings of the Trustees, the nature and extent of such interest as follows:

- (a) the disclosure required in the case of a Trustee or officer of the Trust shall be made:
  - (i) at the meeting of Trustees at which a proposed Material Transaction is first considered;
  - (ii) if the Trustee was not then interested in a proposed Material Transaction, forthwith after he becomes so interested;
  - (iii) if the Trustee becomes interested after a Material Transaction is entered into, forthwith after he becomes so interested; or
  - (iv) if an individual who is interested in a Material Transaction later becomes a Trustee, forthwith after he becomes a Trustee;
- (b) a Trustee referred to in this Section 3.7 shall not vote on any resolution to approve the Material Transaction unless the Material Transaction is:
  - (i) one relating primarily to his remuneration as a Trustee, officer, employee or agent of the Trust; or

- (ii) one for indemnity under Section 13.1 or the purchase of liability insurance.
- (c) for the purposes hereof, a general notice to the Trustees by a Trustee or an officer of the Trust disclosing that he is a director, trustee or officer of or has a material interest in a Person or in any affiliate, Related Party or Subsidiary of any Person and is to be regarded as interested in any Material Transaction entered into or which may be entered into with that Person, is a sufficient disclosure of interest in relation to any Material Transaction so made or entered into or which may be made or entered into, provided that such general notice is delivered to the principal office and centre of administration of the Trust and to each Trustee personally. In the event that a meeting of the Unitholders is called to confirm or approve a Material Transaction or proposed Material Transaction which is the subject of a general notice to the Trustees, the nature and extent of the interest in the Material Transaction or proposed Material Transaction of the Trustee or officer giving such general notice shall be disclosed in reasonable detail in the notice calling the said meeting of the Unitholders or in any information circular to be provided by this Declaration of Trust or by law;
- (d) where a Material Transaction is entered into between the Trust and a Trustee or an officer of the Trust, or between the Trust and another Person or any affiliate, Related Party or Subsidiary of such other Person in which a Trustee or an officer of the Trust has a material interest:
  - (i) such Trustee or officer of the Trust is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit or gain realized from the Material Transaction; and
  - (ii) the Material Transaction is neither void nor voidable, by reason only of that relationship or by reason only that such Trustee or officer is present at or is counted to determine the presence of a quorum at the meeting of the Trustees or a committee that authorized the Material Transaction, if such Trustee or officer of the Trust disclosed his interest in accordance with this Section 3.7, and the Material Transaction was reasonable and fair to the Trust at the time it was approved;
- (e) notwithstanding anything in this Section, but without limiting the effect of Section 3.7(d), a Trustee or an officer of the Trust, acting honestly and in good faith, is not accountable to the Trust or to the Unitholders for any profit or gain realized from any such Material

Transaction by reason only of his holding such office or position, and the Material Transaction, if it was reasonable and fair to the Trust at the time it was approved, is not by reason only of such Trustee's or officer's interest therein void or voidable, where:

- (i) the Material Transaction is confirmed or approved at a meeting of the Unitholders duly called for that purpose; and
  - (ii) the nature and extent of such Trustee's or officer's interest in the Material Transaction are disclosed in reasonable detail in the notice calling the meeting or in any information circular to be provided by this Declaration of Trust or by law; and
- (f) subject to Section 3.7(d) and Section 3.7(e), where a Trustee or an officer of the Trust fails to disclose his interest in a Material Transaction in accordance with this Declaration of Trust or otherwise fails to comply with this Section 3.7, the Trustees or any Unitholder, in addition to exercising any other rights or remedies in connection with such failure exercisable at law or in equity, may apply to a court for an order setting aside the Material Transaction and directing that such Trustee or officer account to the Trust for any profit or gain realized.

### **Section 3.8 Independent Trustee Matters and Approvals**

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in addition to requiring the approval of a majority of the Trustees, at any time when there are Independent Trustees, the approval of not less than a majority of the Independent Trustees (given by vote at a meeting of Trustees or by written consent) shall be required with respect to any decision:

- (a) to enter into any material agreement, or to permit the LP to enter into any material agreement (other than the Exempt Market Dealer Agreement, the Asset Transfer Agreement, the LP Agreement, the Asset Management Agreement, the Exchange Agreement and any Operation and Maintenance Agreement (provided such Operation and Maintenance Agreement is entered into on market terms)) or transaction in which any Related Party has a material interest or make a material change to any such agreement or transaction;
- (b) relating to a claim by or against any Related Party;
- (c) relating to a claim in which the interests of a Related Party differ from the interests of the Trust;

- (d) to permit a Subsidiary to acquire any property in which a Related Party has an interest or to sell any interest in any property to a Related Party;
- ~~(e)~~ to permit the LP to lend money to a Related Party; provided that, subject to the approval of a majority of the Trustees, including not less than a majority of the Independent Trustees holding office at such time, the Trustees may delegate to management on such terms and conditions as the Trustees may determine, the authority for the LP to make short term loans from time to time of ninety (90) days or less to a Related Party, provided that the aggregate value of such loans outstanding at any time does not exceed five percent (5%) of Adjusted Unitholder's Equity;
- ~~(f)~~ to permit the Trust or LP to borrow money from a Related Party, provided that, subject to the approval of a majority of the Trustees, including not less than a majority of the Independent Trustees holding office at such time, the Trustees may delegate to management on such terms and conditions as the Trustees may determine, the authority for the Trust or LP to borrow money from a Related Party from time to time for terms of ninety (90) days; provided that the aggregate value of such indebtedness outstanding at any time does not exceed five percent (5%) of Adjusted Unitholders' Equity;
- ~~(e)~~(g) to approve or enforce any agreement entered into by the Trust or any of its Subsidiaries with: (i) a Trustee who is not an Independent Trustee; (ii) an associate of a Trustee who is not an Independent Trustee; (iii) any other Subsidiary; or (iv) any Related Party;
- ~~(f)~~(h) granting Units under any unit incentive or unit compensation plan approved by the Trustees and, if required, by the Unitholders or awarding any right to acquire or other right or interest in the Units or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Units under any plan approved by the Trustees and, if required, by the Unitholders;
- ~~(g)~~(i) recommending to the holders of the Units to increase the number of Trustees serving on the board of Trustees or authorizing the Trustees to change the number of Trustees from time to time; and
- ~~(h)~~(j) determining the compensation of any officer or employee of the Trust.

### Section 3.9 Transactions with Related Parties

The Trustees shall obtain a valuation ~~in~~with respect ~~of~~to any property that the LP or a Subsidiary intends to purchase from, lend money in respect of or sell to a Related Party prepared by a valuator engaged by, and prepared under the

supervision of, all Trustees or a committee of ~~two or more~~ at least two Independent Trustees who have no interest in such transaction, unless there are less than two Independent Trustees who have no interest in such transaction in which case, all Independent Trustees who have no interest in such transaction. In addition, the Trust shall not permit the LP or a Subsidiary to effect a transaction with a Related Party unless the transaction is determined to be on commercially reasonable terms by, and is approved by, a majority of the Trustees and, if at such time there are any Independent Trustees, a majority of the Independent Trustees who have no interest in such transaction in accordance with Section 3.8.

### Section 3.10 Trust Bank Accounts

The Trust shall open and maintain such bank accounts as the Trustees shall determine from time to time.

## ARTICLE 4 INVESTMENT GUIDELINES AND OPERATING POLICIES

### Section 4.1 Investment Guidelines of the Trust

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the assets of the Trust may be invested only, and the Trust shall not permit the assets of any Subsidiary to be invested otherwise than, in accordance with the following investment guidelines:

- (a) the Trust shall focus its activities primarily on making investments in corporations, limited partnerships and trusts that are engaged primarily in the acquisition, development and operation of income-producing clean energy projects and ancillary ventures ("**Focus Activities**" ~~in North America;~~);
- (b) notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, no investment shall be made that would result in:
  - (i) Units of the Trust ~~being disqualified for investment~~ ceasing to be "qualified investments" by registered retirement savings plans, registered retirement income funds, registered education savings plans, deferred profit-sharing plans, registered disability savings plans, or tax-free savings accounts ~~at any time after the date on which the Trust has over 150 Unitholders;~~ or
  - (ii) the Trust ceasing to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Tax Act or becoming a SIFT trust for the purposes of the Tax Act;



- (c) no indebtedness shall be incurred or assumed if, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption thereof of the indebtedness, the total liabilities of the Trust (excluding any puttable financial instruments under IFRS that are convertible into equity) as a percentage of the Total Assets, would be more than 85%;
- (d) unless otherwise permitted in this Section and except for (i) temporary investments held in cash, (ii) deposits with a Canadian or U.S. chartered bank or trust company registered under the laws of a province of Canada, (iii) short-term government debt securities or money market instruments of, or guaranteed by, a Schedule I Canadian chartered bank maturing prior to one year from the date of issue, the Trust, directly or indirectly, may not hold securities other than (I) currency or interest rate futures contracts for hedging purposes to the extent that such hedging activity complies with the National Instrument 81-102 *Investment Funds* or any successor instrument or rule; and (II) securities issued by a corporation or limited partnership interests provided either (A) such securities or interests derive their value, directly or indirectly, principally from clean energy assets, or (B) the principal business of the corporation or limited partnership is the ownership or operation, directly or indirectly, of clean energy assets;
- (e) notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 4.1, the securities of a reporting issuer in Canada may be acquired provided that the activities of the issuer are focused on Focus Activities; and
- (f) notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, investments may be made which do not comply with the provisions of this Section 4.1 provided (i) the aggregate value thereof does not exceed 20% of the Total Assets; and (ii) the making of such investment would not contravene Section 4.1(b).

For the purpose of the foregoing restrictions, the assets, liabilities and transactions of a Person wholly or partially owned by the Trust will be deemed to be those of the Trust on a proportionate consolidated basis.

#### **Section 4.2 Operating Policies of the Trust**

The operations and affairs of the Trust shall be conducted in accordance with the following operating policies and the Trust shall not permit any Subsidiary to conduct its operations and affairs other than in accordance with the following policies:

- (a) the Trust will not directly or indirectly guarantee any indebtedness or liabilities of any Person unless such guarantee is given in connection

with or incidental to an investment that is otherwise permitted under Section 4.1 and/or Section 4.2 hereof, or in circumstances where the guarantee would result in the Trust ceasing to qualify as a mutual fund trust pursuant to the Tax Act; and

- (b) at all times insurance coverage will be obtained and maintained in respect of potential liabilities of the Trust and the accidental loss of value of the assets of the Trust from risks, in amounts and with such insurers, in each case as the Trustees consider appropriate, taking into account all relevant factors including the practices of owners of comparable assets.

For the purpose of the foregoing operating policies, the assets, indebtedness, liabilities and transactions of a corporation, trust, partnership or other entity in which the Trust has an interest, directly or indirectly, will be deemed to be those of the Trust on a proportionate consolidated basis.

#### **Section 4.3 Amendments to Investment Guidelines and Operating Policies**

Subject to Section 4.4 and Section 11.1, any of the investment guidelines set forth in Section 4.1 may be amended only by the vote of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for that purpose. Subject to Section 11.1, the operating policies set forth in Section 4.2 may be amended by the vote of a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for that purpose.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees may amend, or, with respect to any one transaction override, any of the investment guidelines set forth in Section 4.1 (other than those set out in Section 4.1(a) and Section 4.1(b)), provided that they unanimously agree that to do so is in the best interests of the Trust, and provided that the Trustees forthwith notify all Unitholders of the amendment(s).

#### **Section 4.4 Regulatory Matters**

If at any time a government or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Trust or any Trust Property shall enact any law, regulation or requirement which is in conflict with any investment guideline of the Trust then in force, such conflict shall, if the Trustees on the advice of legal counsel to the Trust so resolve, be deemed to have been amended to the extent necessary to resolve any such conflict and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, any such resolution of the Trustees shall not require the prior approval of the Unitholders.

**ARTICLE 5  
UNITS**

**Section 5.1 Units**

The beneficial interests in the Trust, other than the Initial Unit, shall be divided into equal interests of two classes of Units which shall be designated as "SCEF Units" and "Special Voting Units", respectively. The number of Units of any class which the Trust may issue is unlimited. Units shall be issued only as fully paid and non-assessable. Each Unit when issued shall vest indefeasibly in the holder thereof. The issued and outstanding Units may be subdivided or consolidated from time to time by the Trustees with the approval of the majority of the Unitholders, or as otherwise provided in Section 5.4. The Units are not "deposits" within the meaning of the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* and are not insured under the provisions of such act or any other legislation.

**Section 5.2 Ranking of Units**

- (a) Each SCEF Unit shall represent an undivided beneficial interest in the distributions by the Trust, whether of net income, net realized capital gains or other amounts, and, in the event of a liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or other termination of the Trust, in the net assets of the Trust remaining after satisfaction of all liabilities. Save and except as provided in Section 5.22(e), no SCEF Unit shall have preference or priority over any other. The distribution entitlement of each SCEF Unit is intended to and will be derived from the same sources.
- (b) Special Voting Units shall be issued only to vendors in connection with a purchase of assets by a Subsidiary, and shall carry with them the right to receive notice of, to attend and to vote at all meetings of holders of Units. A Special Voting Unit will not be transferable separately from the holder's interest in LP Class B Units in accordance with the Exchange Agreement. Each Special Voting Unit shall entitle the holder of record thereof to a number of votes at all meetings of the Unitholders or in respect of any written resolution of the Unitholders equal to the number of SCEF Units which may be obtained upon the surrender of the holder's interest in LP Class B Units in accordance with the Exchange Agreement. The Special Voting Units shall have no rights or entitlements in respect of distributions or on a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Trust or otherwise.
- (c) Concurrently with the issue of the Special Voting Units to a holder of LP Class B Units, the Trust shall enter into the Exchange Agreement with such holder of LP Class B Units.

- (d) As LP Class B Units are surrendered for SCEF Units in accordance with the Exchange Agreement, the corresponding Special Voting Units, if any, shall automatically be cancelled for no consideration and shall no longer be outstanding.

### **Section 5.3 Consideration for Units**

A Unit shall not be fully paid for until the consideration therefor has been received in full by or on behalf of the Trust. The consideration for any Unit shall be paid in money or in property or in past services received by the Trust, or any Subsidiary or any Related Party for the benefit of the Trust, that is not less in value than the fair equivalent of the money that the Trust would have received if the Unit had been issued for money. In determining whether property or past services are the fair equivalent of consideration paid in money, the Trustees may take into account reasonable charges and expenses of organization and reorganization and payments for property and past services reasonably expected to benefit the Trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Units may be issued and sold on an instalment basis, in which event beneficial ownership of such Units may be represented by instalment receipts, but shall otherwise be non-assessable.

### **Section 5.4 Consolidation of Units and Fractional Units**

- (a) Unless the Trustees determine otherwise, immediately after any pro rata distribution of additional Units to all holders of Units pursuant to Section 9.3(b), the number of the outstanding Units will automatically be consolidated such that each such holder will hold after the consolidation the same number of Units, as such holder held before the distribution of additional Units. In this case, each Unit certificate representing the number of Units prior to the distribution of additional Units is deemed to represent the same number of Units after the non-cash distribution of additional Units and the consolidation.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where tax is required to be withheld from a Unitholder's share of the distribution, the consolidation will result in such Unitholder holding that number of Units equal to (i) the number of Units held by such Unitholder prior to the distribution plus the number of Units received by such Unitholder in connection with the distribution (net of the number of whole and part Units withheld on account of withholding taxes) multiplied by (ii) the fraction obtained by dividing the aggregate number of Units outstanding prior to the distribution by the aggregate number of Units that would be outstanding following the distribution and before the consolidation if no withholding were required in respect of any part of the distribution payable to any Unitholder. Such Unitholder will be required to surrender the Unit certificates, if any, representing such Unitholder's

original Units, in exchange for a Unit certificate representing such Unitholder's post-consolidation Units.

- (c) If as a result of any act of the Trustees hereunder, any Person becomes entitled to a fraction of a Unit, such Person shall not be entitled to receive a certificate therefor. Fractional Units shall not, except to the extent that they may represent in the aggregate one or more whole Units, entitle the holders thereof to notice of or to attend or to vote at meetings of the Unitholders. Subject to the foregoing, such fractional Units shall have attached thereto the rights, restrictions, conditions and limitations attaching to whole Units in the proportion that they bear to a whole Unit.

#### **Section 5.5 Legal Ownership of Assets of the Trust**

The legal ownership of the assets of the Trust and the right to conduct the affairs of the Trust are vested exclusively in the Trustees, and the Unitholders shall have no interest therein other than the beneficial interest in the Trust conferred by the Units issued hereunder as described in Section 1.7. The Unitholders shall have no right to compel any partition, division or distribution of the Trust or any of the assets of the Trust. The Units shall be personal property and shall confer upon the holders thereof only the interest and rights, and impose upon the holders thereof only those liabilities and obligations, specifically set forth in this Declaration of Trust. No Unitholder has or shall be deemed to have any right of ownership in any of the assets of the Trust.

#### **Section 5.6 Allotment and Issue**

The Trustees may allot and issue Units at such time or times and in such manner (including pursuant to any plan from time to time in effect relating to reinvestment by the Unitholders of distributions of the Trust in Units) and to such Person, Persons or class of Persons as the Trustees in their sole discretion shall determine. The price or the value of the consideration for which Units may be issued and the terms and conditions of issuance of the Units shall be determined by the Trustees in their sole discretion, generally (but not necessarily) in consultation with investment dealers or brokers who may act as underwriters in connection with offerings of Units. In the event that Units are issued in whole or in part for a consideration other than money, the resolution of the Trustees allotting and issuing such Units shall express the fair equivalent in money of the other consideration received.

#### **Section 5.7 Rights, Warrants, Options and Other Securities**

The Trust may create and issue rights, warrants or options to subscribe for fully paid Units which rights, warrants or options may be exercisable at such subscription price or prices and at such time or times as the Trustees may determine. The rights, warrants or options so created may be issued for such consideration or

for no consideration, all as the Trustees may determine. A right, warrant or option shall not be a Unit and a holder thereof shall not be a Unitholder. Upon the approval of any unit option plan for the Trustees, officers and/or employees of the Trust or any Subsidiary of the Trust and/or their personal holding companies or family trusts and/or Persons who provide services to the Trust may, upon receiving authority from the Trustees, recommend to the Trustees the granting of options upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in such plan.

Subject to Section 4.1 and Section 4.2, the Trustees may create and issue indebtedness of the Trust in respect of which interest, premium or principal payable thereon may be paid, at the option of the Trust or the holder, in fully paid Units, or which indebtedness, by its terms, may be convertible into Units at such time and for such prices as the Trustees may determine. Any indebtedness so created shall not be a Unit, unless and until fully paid Units are issued in accordance with the terms of such indebtedness.

#### **Section 5.8 Commissions**

The Trustees may provide for the payment of commissions to Persons in consideration of their subscribing or agreeing to subscribe, whether absolutely or conditionally, for Units or of their agreeing to produce subscriptions therefor, whether absolute or conditional.

#### **Section 5.9 Transferability**

Subject to this Section 5.9, Section 5.10 and any applicable securities laws or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Units are then listed, the Units shall be freely transferable, and the Trustees shall not impose any restriction on the transfer of Units. The Special Voting Units shall be transferable only pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no transfer of Units shall be effective as against the Trustees or shall be in any way binding upon the Trustees until the transfer has been recorded on the Register and no transfer of a Unit shall be recognized unless such transfer is of a whole Unit or of all the Units (including fractional Units) of the Unitholder.

#### **Section 5.10 Non-Resident Ownership Constraint**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration of Trust to the contrary, at no time may more than 49% of the Units then outstanding be held by or for the benefit of Persons who are non-residents of Canada for purposes of the Tax Act or Partnerships, other than Canadian Partnerships, for the purposes of the Tax Act ("**Non-Resident Beneficiaries**"). The Trustees may require declarations as to the jurisdictions in which beneficial owners of Units are resident or declarations from holders of Units as to whether such Units are held for the benefit of Non-Resident Beneficiaries. If the Trustees become aware that more than 49% of the Units then outstanding are, or may be, held by or for the benefit of Non-Resident Beneficiaries or that such a situation is imminent, the Trustees may make a public announcement

thereof and shall not accept a subscription for such Units from or issue or register a transfer of such Units to a Person unless the Person provides a declaration that the Person is not a non-resident for the purposes of the Tax Act or is a Canadian Partnership for the purposes of the Tax Act (or, in the discretion of the Trustees, that the Person is not a Non-Resident Beneficiary) and does not hold his Units for a Non-Resident Beneficiary. If, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees determine that more than 49% of the Units then outstanding are held by or for the benefit of Non-Resident Beneficiaries, the Trustees may send a notice to non-resident holders of Units and holders of Units, as the case may be, for Non-Resident Beneficiaries chosen in inverse order to the order of acquisition or registration or in such other manner as the Trustees may consider equitable and practicable, requiring them to sell or redeem their Units or a portion thereof within a specified period of not more than 60 days (unless the Canada Revenue Agency has confirmed in writing that a longer period is acceptable). If the Unitholders receiving such notice have not sold or redeemed the specified number of Units or provided the Trustees with satisfactory evidence that they are not non-residents for the purpose of the Tax Act and do not hold their Units for the benefit of Non-Resident Beneficiaries within such period, the Trustees may sell or redeem such Units on behalf of such Unitholders (and the Trustees shall have the power of attorney of such Unitholders to do so) and, in the interim, the voting and distribution rights, if any, attached to such Units shall be suspended. Upon such sale the affected holders shall cease to be holders of Units and their rights shall be limited to receiving the net proceeds of sale upon surrender of such Units. In any situation where it is unclear whether Units are held for the benefit of Non-Resident Beneficiaries, the Trustees may exercise their discretion in determining whether such Units are or are not so held, and any such exercise by them of their discretion shall be binding for the purposes of this Section 5.10.

#### **Section 5.11 Certificates**

Each Unitholder or his duly authorized agent is entitled to a certificate bearing an identifying serial number in respect of the Units held by him, signed in the manner hereinafter prescribed, but the Trust is not bound to issue more than one certificate in respect of a Unit or Units or held jointly or in common by two or more Persons and delivery of a certificate to any one of them shall be sufficient delivery to all.

#### **Section 5.12 Certificate Fee**

The Trustees may establish a reasonable fee to be charged for every certificate issued evidencing the ownership of Units.

#### **Section 5.13 Form of Certificate**

The form of certificate representing Units shall be in such forms from time to time authorized by the Trustees. Signatures of Trustees or officers of the Trust required on Unit certificates may be printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced

thereon. If a Unit certificate contains a printed or mechanically reproduced signature of an individual, the Trust may issue the certificate even though the individual has ceased to be a Trustee or an officer of the Trust and such certificate is as valid as if the individual were a Trustee or an officer at the date of its issue.

#### **Section 5.14 Register**

A register (the “**Register**”) shall be kept by, or on behalf and under the direction of, the Trustees, which Register shall contain the names and addresses of the Unitholders, the respective numbers of Units held by them, the certificate numbers of the certificates of such Units and a record of all transfers thereof. The Trustees may appoint one or more chartered banks or trust companies to act as transfer agents and to act as registrars for Units and may provide for the transfer of Units in one or more places within Canada. In the event of such appointment, such transfer agents and registrars shall keep all necessary registers and other books (which may be kept on a computer or similar device) for recording original issues and registering and transferring the Units of the Trust. If the Trustees have appointed a registrar and transfer agent, no certificate for Units shall be valid unless countersigned by or on behalf of a transfer agent and/or registrar. Only the Unitholders whose Units are recorded on the Register shall be entitled to vote or to receive distributions or otherwise exercise or enjoy the rights of the Unitholders.

#### **Section 5.15 Entry on Register**

Subject to Section 5.10, upon any issue of Units, the name of the subscriber shall be promptly entered on the Register as the owner of the number of Units issued to such subscriber, or if the subscriber is already a Unitholder, the Register shall be amended to include his additional Units.

#### **Section 5.16 Successors in Interest to the Unitholders**

Subject to Section 5.10, any Person becoming entitled to any Units as a consequence of the death, bankruptcy or incompetence of any Unitholder or otherwise by operation of law shall be recorded in the Register as the holder of such Units, but until such record is made, the Unitholder of record shall continue to be and shall be deemed to be the holder of such Units for all purposes whether or not the Trust, the Trustees or the transfer agent or registrar of the Trust shall have actual or other notice of such death, bankruptcy, incompetence or other event and the Persons becoming entitled to such Units shall be bound by every notice or other document in respect of the Units which shall have been duly given to the Persons from whom he derives his title to such Units. If such transfer will contravene the limitation set forth in Section 5.10, such Person will be deemed never to have been a Unitholder and such Units shall be deemed to have been tendered for redemption to the Trust on the day immediately preceding the day on which such entitlement arose and the rights of such Person will be limited to the rights of a redeeming Unitholder.



#### **Section 5.17 Units Held Jointly or in Fiduciary Capacity**

The Trust may treat two or more Persons holding any Unit as joint tenants of the entire interest therein unless the ownership is expressly otherwise recorded on the Register, but no entry shall be made in the Register or on any certificate that any Person is in any other manner entitled to any future, limited or contingent interest in any Unit; provided, however, that any Person recorded in the Register or on any certificate as a Unitholder may, subject to the provisions herein contained, be described in the Register or on any certificate as a fiduciary of any kind and any customary words may be added to the description of the holder to identify the nature of such fiduciary relationship.

#### **Section 5.18 Performance of Trusts**

None of the Trustees, the officers of the Trust, the Unitholders or any transfer agent or other agent of the Trust or the Trustees shall have a duty to inquire into any claim that a transfer of a Unit or other security of the Trust was or would be wrongful or that a particular adverse Person is the owner of or has an interest in the Unit or other security or any other adverse claim, or be bound to see to the performance of any trust, express, implied or constructive, or of any charge, pledge or equity to which any of the Units or other securities or any interest therein are or may be subject, or to ascertain or inquire whether any sale or transfer of any such Units or other securities or interest therein by any such Unitholder or holder of such security or his personal representatives is authorized by such trust, charge, pledge or equity, or to recognize any Person as having any interest therein, except for the Persons recorded as the Unitholder or holder of such security.

#### **Section 5.19 Lost Certificates**

In the event that any certificate for Units is lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated, the Trustees or any officer of the Trust may authorize the issuance of a new certificate for the same number of Units in lieu thereof. The Trustees or any officers of the Trust may in their discretion, before the issuance of such new certificate, require the owner of the lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated certificate, or the legal representative of the owner, to make such affidavit or statutory declaration, setting forth such facts as to the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation as the Trustees or any officers of the Trust deem necessary and may require the applicant to supply to the Trust a "lost certificate" or similar bond in such reasonable amount as the Trustees or any officers of the Trust direct indemnifying the Trustees or any officers of the Trust, the transfer agents and registrars for so doing. The Trustees or any officers of the Trust shall have the power to acquire from an insurer or insurers a blanket lost security bond or bonds in respect of the replacement of lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated certificates. The Trust shall pay all premiums and other sums of money payable for such purpose out of the Trust Property with such contribution, if any, by those insured as may be determined by the Trustees or any officers of the Trust. If such blanket lost security bond is acquired, the Trustees or any officers of

the Trust may authorize and direct (upon such terms and conditions as they may from time to time impose) any registrar, transfer agent, trustee, or others to whom the indemnity of such bond extends to take such action to replace such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated certificates without further action or approval by the Trustees or any officers of the Trust.

#### **Section 5.20 Death of a Unitholder**

The death of a Unitholder during the continuance of the Trust shall not terminate the Trust or give the personal representatives or the heirs of the estate of the deceased Unitholder a right to an accounting or to take any action in the courts or otherwise against other Unitholders or the Trustees, officers of the Trust or the Trust Property, but shall only entitle the personal representatives or the heirs of the estate of the deceased Unitholder, subject to Section 5.16, to succeed to all rights of the deceased Unitholder under this Declaration of Trust.

#### **Section 5.21 Unclaimed Payments**

In the event that the Trustees hold any amounts to be paid to a Unitholder under Article 5, Article 9 or Article 12 or otherwise because such amounts are unclaimed or cannot be paid for any reason, neither the Trustees nor any distribution disbursing agent shall be under any obligation to invest or reinvest the same and shall only be obligated to hold the same in a current or other non-interest bearing account with a chartered bank or trust company pending payment to the Person or Persons entitled thereto. The Trustees shall, as and when required by law, and may at any time prior to such required time, pay all or part of such amounts so held to a court in the province where the Trust has its principal office or to the Public Guardian and Trustee of Ontario (or other similar government official or agency in the province where the Trust has its principal office) whose receipt shall be a fulfilment and discharge of the obligations of the Trustees.

#### **Section 5.22 Redemption of SCEF Units**

Each SCEF Unitholder shall be entitled to require the Trust to redeem at any time or from time to time at the demand of the Unitholder all or any part of the SCEF Units registered in the name of the Unitholder at the prices determined and payable in accordance with the following conditions:

- (a) To exercise a Unitholder's right to require redemption under this Section 5.22, a duly completed and properly executed notice requiring the Trust to redeem said SCEF Units, in a form approved by the Trustees, specifying the series of SCEF Units and the number of SCEF Units to be so redeemed, shall be sent to the Trust at the head office of the Trust. No form or manner of completion or execution shall be sufficient unless the same is in all respects satisfactory to the Trustees and is accompanied by any further evidence that the Trustees may

reasonably require with respect to the identity, capacity or authority of the Person giving such notice.

- (b) Upon receipt by the Trust of the notice to redeem SCEF Units, the Unitholder shall thereafter cease to have any rights with respect to the SCEF Units tendered for redemption (other than to receive the redemption payment therefor) including ceasing to have the right to receive any distributions thereon which are declared payable to the Unitholders of record on a date which is subsequent to the day of receipt by the Trust of such notice. SCEF Units shall be considered to be tendered for redemption on the date that the Trust has, to the satisfaction of the Trustees, received the notice and other required documents or evidence as aforesaid (the "**Redemption Date**").
- (c) Upon receipt by the Trust of the notice to redeem SCEF Units in accordance with this Section 5.22, the holder of the SCEF Units tendered for redemption shall be entitled to receive a price per SCEF Unit (the "**Redemption Price**") equal to 100% of the most recent Market Value of the SCEF Units as determined by the Trustees in accordance with Section 5.22(j) prior to the Redemption Date.
- (d) Subject to Section 5.22(e), the Redemption Amount payable in respect of the SCEF Units tendered for redemption during any month shall be paid by cheque, drawn on a Canadian chartered bank or a trust company in lawful money of Canada, payable at par to or to the order of the Unitholder who exercised the right of redemption, on or before the last day of the calendar month following the month in which the Unitholder tendered the SCEF Units for redemption. Payment of the Redemption Amount is conclusively deemed to have been made upon the mailing of a cheque in a postage prepaid envelope addressed to the Person who redeemed the SCEF Units, unless such cheque is dishonoured upon presentment. Upon such payment, the Trust shall be discharged from all liability to the Person who redeemed the SCEF Units in respect of the SCEF Units so redeemed.
- (e) Section 5.22(d) shall not be applicable to SCEF Units tendered for redemption by a Unitholder, if the total amount payable by the Trust pursuant to Section 5.22(c) in respect of such SCEF Units and all other SCEF Units tendered for redemption prior thereto in the same calendar month exceeds \$50,000 (the "**Monthly Limit**"); provided that the Trustees may, in their sole discretion, increase such Monthly Limit in respect of all SCEF Units tendered for redemption in any calendar month.

- (f) If, pursuant to Section 5.22(e), Section 5.22(d) is not applicable to the SCEF Units tendered for redemption by a Unitholder, the Redemption Amount to which the Unitholder would otherwise be entitled shall be paid and satisfied as follows:
- (i) a portion of the Redemption Amount equal to the Monthly Limit divided by the total number of SCEF Units tendered by all Unitholders for redemption in the month times the number of SCEF Units tendered for redemption by a Unitholder shall be paid and satisfied in cash, in accordance with Section 5.22(d) applied *mutatis mutandis*; and
  - (ii) subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, the remainder of the Redemption Amount shall be paid and satisfied by way of the issuance by the Trust of a Note to the Unitholder, in accordance with Section 5.22(g).

Upon such payment in accordance with subsections (i) and (ii), the Trust shall be discharged from all liability to the Unitholder or former Unitholder in respect of the SCEF Units so redeemed.

- (g) If Section 5.22(e) is applicable to some or all of the SCEF Units tendered for redemption by a Unitholder, the Trust shall, subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, issue to the Unitholder a Note having a principal amount equal to the Redemption Amount minus the cash paid or payable to the Unitholder pursuant to Section 5.22(f)(i). The Note issued by the Trust shall, subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, be issued to or to the order of the Unitholder on or before the last day of the calendar month following the month in which the SCEF Units were tendered for redemption. The Note issued by the Trust shall mature and be payable not later than ten (10) years following the date of issue, shall be repayable at any time at the option of the Trust and shall bear interest at the Prime Rate plus 2%. For the purposes of the Notes issued by the Trust, "Prime Rate" means at any time the rate of interest expressed as a rate per annum which the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce establishes from time to time at its head office in Toronto, Ontario as the reference rate of interest in order to determine the interest rate it will charge for loans in Canadian dollars to its Canadian customers and which it refers to as its prime rate.
- (h) All SCEF Units which are redeemed under this Section 5.22 shall be cancelled and such SCEF Units shall no longer be outstanding and shall not be reissued.

- (i) Some or all of the income of the Trust, the net realized capital gains of the Trust and the net capture income of the Trust for a year may, for purposes of computing the net income of the Trust and the net realized capital gains of the Trust under the Tax Act or other tax legislation, be treated as having been paid in the year by the Trust to the Unitholders redeeming SCEF Units in such year and, to the extent of the amount thereof so treated has been designated as taxable capital gains or income to such Unitholders, the holder's redemption proceeds shall be reduced accordingly. Any such amounts shall be determined at the discretion of a majority of the Trustees; however in all cases, a redeeming Unitholder will only be treated as having been paid an amount to which the Unitholders of the SCEF Units redeemed would be entitled to receive.
- (j) For the purposes hereof, "**Market Value**" means the market value of the SCEF Units which shall be determined by the Trustees at least quarterly, or more frequently as the Trustees may determine and "**Redemption Amount**" means the Redemption Price times the number of SCEF Units that a Unitholder tenders for redemption.

#### **Section 5.23 Purchase of SCEF Units**

The Trust shall be entitled to purchase for cancellation at any time the whole or from time to time any part of the outstanding SCEF Units, at a price per Unit and on a basis determined by the Trustees in compliance with all applicable securities laws.

#### **Section 5.24 Right to Acquire**

- (a) If there is a Take-over Bid for all of the outstanding SCEF Units and, within the time limited in a Take-over Bid for its acceptance, or 120 days after the date of such Take-over Bid, whichever period is the shorter, the Take-over Bid is accepted by the holders of not less than 90% of the SCEF Units (including SCEF Units issuable upon the surrender or exchange of any securities for SCEF Units but not including any such securities held at the date of the Take-over Bid by or on behalf of the Offeror or affiliates or associates of the Offeror), other than SCEF Units held at the date of the Take-over Bid by or on behalf of the Offeror or an affiliate or associate of the Offeror, the Offeror is entitled, on complying with this Section 5.24, to acquire the SCEF Units held by the Dissenting Offerees.
- (b) An Offeror may acquire SCEF Units held by a Dissenting Offeree by sending by registered mail within 60 days after the date of termination of the Take-over Bid and in any event within 180 days after the date of

the Take-over Bid, an Offeror's notice to each Dissenting Offeree stating that:

- (i) the Offerees holding more than 90% of the SCEF Units to which the bid relates accepted the Take-over Bid;
- (ii) the Offeror is bound to take up and pay for or has taken up and paid for the SCEF Units of the Offerees who accepted the Take-over Bid;

and thereupon a Dissenting Offeree is required to transfer their SCEF Units to the Offeror on the terms on which the Offeror acquired the SCEF Units of the Offerees who accepted the Take-over Bid.

- (c) A Dissenting Offeree to whom an offeror's notice is sent under Section 5.24(b) shall, within 10 days after receiving that notice, send the certificate(s) representing his SCEF Units to the Trust.
- (d) Within 10 days after the Offeror sends an Offeror's notice under Section 5.24(b), the Offeror shall pay or transfer to the Trust the amount of money or other consideration that the Offeror would have had to pay or transfer to a Dissenting Offeree if the Dissenting Offeree had elected to accept the Take-over Bid.
- (e) The Trust is deemed to hold in trust for the Dissenting Offeree the money or other consideration it receives under Section 5.24(d), and the Trust shall deposit the money in a separate account in a Canadian chartered bank and shall place the other consideration in the custody of a Canadian chartered bank or similar institution.
- (f) Within 30 days after the Offeror sends an Offeror's notice under Section 5.24(b), the Trust shall, if the payment or transfer required by Section 5.24(d) is made:
  - (i) issue to the Offeror a certificate in respect of the SCEF Units that were held by Dissenting Offerees;
  - (ii) give to each Dissenting Offeree who sends or delivers his SCEF Units as required under Section 5.24(c), the money or other consideration to which the Offeree is entitled, disregarding fractional SCEF Units, if any, which may be paid for in money; and

- (iii) send to each Dissenting Offeree who has not sent SCEF Unit certificates as required under Section 5.24(c) a notice stating that:
  - (A) the Dissenting Offeree's SCEF Units have been cancelled,
  - (B) the Trust or some designated Person holds in trust for the Dissenting Offeree the money or other consideration to which the Dissenting Offeree is entitled as payment for or in exchange for the SCEF Units, and
  - (C) the Trust will send that money or other consideration to that Offeree without delay after receiving the SCEF Units.

#### **Section 5.25 Initial Unit**

The Initial Unit of beneficial interest in the Trust (the "Initial Unit") was issued to STFI for \$10.00, which Initial Unit will be automatically redeemed by the Trust for \$10.00 upon the issuance of the first additional Unit.

### **ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS OF THE UNITHOLDERS**

#### **Section 6.1 Annual Meeting**

There shall be an annual meeting of the Unitholders, at such time and place in Canada as the Trustees shall prescribe, for the purpose of electing Trustees (except for the Skyline Appointee(s)), appointing or changing the Accountants of the Trust and the LP and transacting such other business as the Trustees may determine or as may properly be brought before the meeting. The annual meeting of the Unitholders shall be held after delivery to the Unitholders of the information referred to in Section 14.7 and, in any event, within 180 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Trust. The first annual meeting of Unitholders shall be held in 2019.

#### **Section 6.2 Special Meetings**

The Trustees shall have power at any time to call special meetings of the Unitholders at such time and place in Canada as the Trustees may determine. The Unitholders holding in the aggregate not less than 5% of the votes attaching to all outstanding Units (on a fully-diluted basis) may requisition the Trustees in writing to call a special meeting of the Unitholders for the purposes stated in the requisition. The requisition must state in reasonable detail the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting and shall be sent to each of the Trustees and to the principal office of the Trust. The Unitholders have the right to obtain a list of the Unitholders to the same extent and upon the same conditions as those which apply

to shareholders of a corporation governed by the OBCA. Upon receiving the requisition, the Trustees shall call a meeting of the Unitholders to transact the business referred to in the requisition, unless:

- (a) a record date for a meeting of the Unitholders has been fixed and notice thereof has been given to each stock exchange in Canada on which the Units are listed for trading;
- (b) the Trustees have called a meeting of the Unitholders and have given notice thereof pursuant to Section 6.3; or
- (c) in connection with the business as stated in the requisition:
  - (i) it clearly appears to the Trustees that the primary purpose of the matter covered by the requisition ~~is~~ submitted by the Unitholder is to enforce a personal claim or to redress a personal grievance against the Trust, the Trustees, the officers of the Trust or its security holders;
  - (ii) it clearly appears to the Trustees that the matter covered by the requisition does not relate in a significant way to the business or affairs of the Trust;
  - (iii) the Trust, at the Unitholder's request, included a matter covered by a requisition in an information circular relating to a meeting of the Unitholders held within two years preceding the receipt of such request, and the Unitholder failed to present the matter, in person or by proxy, at the meeting;
  - (iv) substantially the same matter covered by the requisition was submitted to the Unitholders in an information circular (including a dissidents information circular) relating to a meeting of the Unitholders held within two years preceding the receipt of the Unitholder's request and the matter covered by the requisition did not receive the prescribed minimum amount of support at the meeting; or
  - (v) the rights conferred by this Section 6.2 are being abused to secure publicity.

Subject to the foregoing, if the Trustees do not within 21 days after receiving the requisition call a meeting, any Unitholder who signed the requisition may call the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.3 and the Trustees' Regulations, *mutatis mutandis*. If there shall be no Trustees, the officers of the Trust shall promptly call a special meeting of the Unitholders



for the election of successor Trustees. The phrase “meeting of the Unitholders” wherever it appears in this Declaration of Trust shall mean and include both an annual meeting and any other meeting of the Unitholders.

### **Section 6.3 Notice of Meeting of the Unitholders**

Notice of all meetings of the Unitholders shall be mailed or delivered by the Trustees to each Unitholder at his address appearing in the Register, to each Trustee, and to the Accountants, not less than 21 nor more than 60 days before the meeting. Notice of any meeting of the Unitholders shall state the purposes of the meeting.

### **Section 6.4 Quorum**

A quorum for any meeting of the Unitholders shall be individuals present not being less than two in number and being the Unitholders or representing by proxy the Unitholders who hold in the aggregate not less than 10% of the votes attached to all outstanding Units (on a fully diluted basis), provided that if the Trust has only one Unitholder, the Unitholder present in person or by proxy constitutes a meeting and a quorum for such meeting. In the event of such quorum not being present at the appointed place on the date for which the meeting is called within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the holding of such meeting, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of the Unitholders, shall be dissolved, but in any other case shall stand adjourned to such day being not less than 10 days later and to such place in Canada and time as may be appointed by the Chair of the meeting. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum as above defined is not present, the Unitholders present either personally or by proxy shall form a quorum, and any business may be brought before or dealt with at such an adjourned meeting which might have been brought before or dealt with at the original meeting in accordance with the notice calling the same. The Chair or, if the Chair is not present, the Vice-Chair, or any other Trustee determined by the Trustees, shall be the Chair of any meeting of the Unitholders.

### **Section 6.5 Voting**

~~Holders of Units~~Unitholders may attend and vote at all meetings of the Unitholders either in person or by proxy. Each Unit shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote at all meetings of the Unitholders. Any action to be taken by the Unitholders shall, except as otherwise required by this Declaration of Trust, or by law, be authorized when approved by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders. The chair of any such meeting shall not have a second or casting vote.

### **Section 6.6 Matters on which the Unitholders Shall Vote**

None of the following shall occur unless the same has been duly approved by at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the votes cast by the Unitholders at a meeting duly called and held:

- (a) any amendment to the Declaration of Trust (except as provided in Section 4.3 or Section 11.1);
- (b) the sale of the assets of the Trust as an entirety or substantially as an entirety (other than as a part of an internal reorganization of the assets of the Trust as approved by the Trustees); or
- (c) the termination of the Trust pursuant to Section 12.2.

Nothing in this Section 6.6, however, shall prevent the Trustees from submitting to a vote of the Unitholders any matter which they deem appropriate. Except with respect to the matters specified in this Section 6.6, Section 11.2 or Section 12.2 or matters submitted to a vote of the Unitholders by the Trustees, no vote of the Unitholders shall in any way bind the Trust or Trustees.

#### **Section 6.7 Record Dates**

For the purpose of determining the Unitholders who are entitled to receive notice of and vote at any meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof or for the purpose of any other action, the Trustees may fix a date not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date of any meeting of the Unitholders or other action as a record date for the determination of the Unitholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at such meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof or to be treated as the Unitholders of record for purposes of such other action, and any Unitholder who was a Unitholder at the time so fixed shall be entitled to receive notice of and vote at such meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof, even though he has since that date disposed of his Units, and no Unitholder becoming such after that date shall be entitled to receive notice of and vote at such meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof or to be treated as a Unitholder of record for purposes of such other action. If, in the case of any meeting of the Unitholders, no record date with respect to voting has been fixed by the Trustees, the record date for voting shall be the date of mailing.

#### **Section 6.8 Proxies**

Whenever the vote or consent of the Unitholders is required or permitted under this Declaration of Trust, such vote or consent may be given either directly by the Unitholder or by a proxy in such form as the Trustees may prescribe from time to time or, in the case of a Unitholder that is a body corporate or association, by an individual authorized by the board of directors or governing body of the body corporate or association to represent it at a meeting of the Unitholders. A proxyholder need not be a Unitholder. The Trustees may solicit such proxies from the Unitholders or any of them in any matter requiring or permitting the Unitholders' vote, approval or consent.

In the event that any Person was a Unitholder on the record date referred to in Section 6.7, but prior to the meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof has disposed of his Units, in whole or in part, said Person shall, prior to the date set for the meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof, provide to the transferee of said disposed-of Units (unless said transferee is the Trust) a blank proxy signed by such Person.

The Trustees may adopt, amend or repeal such regulations relating to the appointment of proxyholders, and the solicitation, execution, validity, revocation and deposit of proxies, as they in their discretion from time to time determine.

An instrument of proxy executed in compliance with the foregoing shall be valid unless challenged at the time of or prior to its exercise, and the Persons challenging the instrument shall have the burden of proving, to the satisfaction of the Chair of the meeting at which the instrument is proposed to be used, that the instrument of proxy is invalid. Any decision of the Chair of the meeting in respect of the validity of an instrument of proxy shall be final and binding upon all Persons. An instrument of proxy shall be valid only at the meeting with respect to which it was solicited or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

**Section 6.9 Personal Representatives**

Subject to Section 5.10, if a Unitholder is deceased, his personal representative, upon filing with the secretary of the meeting such proof of his appointment as the secretary considers sufficient, shall be entitled to exercise the same voting rights at any meeting of the Unitholders as the Unitholder would have been entitled to exercise if he were living and for the purpose of the meeting shall be considered to be a Unitholder. Subject to the provisions of the will of a deceased Unitholder, if there is more than one personal representative, the provisions of Section 5.11 relating to joint holders shall apply.

**Section 6.10 Attendance by Others**

Any Trustee, officer of the Trust, representative of the Accountants, representative of the legal counsel of the Trust or other individual approved by the Trustees may attend and speak at any meeting of the Unitholders.

**Section 6.11 Conduct of Meetings**

To the extent that the rules and procedures for the conduct of a meeting of the Unitholders are not prescribed herein or in the Trustees' Regulations, the rules and procedures shall be such reasonable rules and procedures as are determined by the Chair of the meeting and such rules and procedures shall be binding upon all parties participating in the meeting.

**Section 6.12 Binding Effect of Resolutions**

Every resolution passed at a meeting in accordance with the provisions of this Article 6 shall be binding upon all Unitholders, whether present at or absent from the meeting.

**Section 6.13 Resolution in Lieu of Meeting**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration of Trust, a resolution signed in writing by all of the Unitholders entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the Unitholders is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Unitholders.

**Section 6.14 Actions by the Unitholders**

Any action, change, approval, decision or determination required or permitted to be taken or made by the Unitholders hereunder shall be effected by a resolution passed by the Unitholders at a duly constituted meeting (or a resolution signed in writing by all of the Unitholders entitled to vote on that resolution in lieu thereof) in accordance with this Article 6.

**ARTICLE 7  
MEETINGS OF THE TRUSTEES**

**Section 7.1 Trustees May Act Without Meeting**

The Trustees, and any committee thereof, may act with or without a meeting. Any action of the Trustees or any committee of the Trustees may be taken at a meeting by vote of, or without a meeting by written consent signed by all of, the Trustees or the members of the applicable committee, as the case may be. In addition to the foregoing, votes of the Trustees or the members of the applicable committee, as the case may be, may be evidenced by an email from each such Trustee or committee member, provided that such email identifies the Trustee or committee member and is sent by and to all other Trustees or committee members as applicable, and to the Chief Executive Officer of the Trust. All written and email consents and resolutions shall be kept in the Trust's minute book.

**Section 7.2 Notice of Meeting**

Meetings of the Trustees may be held from time to time upon the giving of notice by any two Trustees, or in such other manner as the Trustees may otherwise unanimously agree upon. Regular meetings of the Trustees may be held without call or notice at a time and place in Canada fixed in accordance with the Trustees' Regulations. Notice of the time and place of any other meetings shall be mailed or otherwise given not less than 48 hours before the meeting but may be waived in writing by any Trustee either before or after such meeting. The attendance of a Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where

a Trustee attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting has not been lawfully called or convened. Each committee of Trustees appointed by the Trustees may adopt its own rules or procedures for the calling, conduct, adjournment and regulation of the meetings of such committees as it sees fit and may amend or repeal such rules or procedures from time to time; provided, however, that the Trustees' Regulations and any such rules or procedures shall not be inconsistent with this Declaration of Trust.

### **Section 7.3 Quorum**

A quorum for all meetings of the Trustees or any committee thereof shall be at least three Trustees or three Trustees on such committee, as the case may be, present in person, at least two of whom shall be resident Canadians and,

- (a) if there is only one Independent Trustee, such Independent Trustee must be present in person to form quorum; and
- (b) if there are two or more Independent Trustees, at least two Independent Trustees must be present in person to form quorum,

provided that if there is no quorum at a meeting, the meeting may be adjourned to a Business Day on notice to all of the Trustees or members of such committee, as the case may be, and, at the reconvened meeting, the presence of one resident Canadian Trustee or one resident Canadian member of such committee, as the case may be, is required in order to constitute a quorum. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Trustee is present at a meeting but is not entitled to vote due to a conflict, such Trustee may be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

### **Section 7.4 Voting at Meetings**

- (a) Subject to Section 7.4(b), questions arising at any meeting of the Trustees or of a committee of Trustees shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast. In the case of an equality of votes at any meeting of Trustees or of a committee of Trustees, the Chair of the meeting shall not have a second or casting vote in addition to his original vote, if any. Every meeting of the Trustees or any committee thereof shall take place in Canada.
- (b) To the extent of any inconsistency with Section 7.4(a), where the vote or consent of the Independent Trustees is required pursuant to any provision of this Declaration of Trust, such provision will govern.

### **Section 7.5 Meeting by Telephone**

Any Trustee may participate in a meeting of the Trustees or any committee thereof by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by

means of which all Trustees participating in the meeting can hear each other and a Trustee so participating shall be considered for the purposes of this Declaration of Trust to be present in person at that meeting.

## **ARTICLE 8 DELEGATION OF POWERS**

### **Section 8.1 General**

The Trustees may appoint from among their number a committee of Trustees and may delegate to such committee any of the powers of the Trustees. The Trustees shall have the power to appoint, employ or contract with any Person for any matter relating to the Trust or its assets or affairs. For greater certainty, the Trustees may delegate to any Person (including any one or more officers of the Trust) the power to execute any document or enter into any agreement on behalf of the Trust or exercise any discretion or make any amendment in relation thereto. The Trustees may grant or delegate such authority to an advisor as the Trustees may in their sole discretion deem necessary or desirable without regard to whether such authority is normally granted or delegated by trustees. The Trustees shall have the power to determine the term and compensation of an advisor or any other Persons whom they may employ or with whom they may contract. The Trustees shall have the power to grant powers of attorney as required in connection with any financing or security relating thereto. Each member of a committee shall serve on such committee until he resigns from such committee or otherwise ceases to be a Trustee.

### **Section 8.2 Finance Committee**

From and after the date of the Threshold Meeting, the Trustees shall constitute a finance committee (the "**Finance Committee**"). When constituted, the Finance Committee shall consist of three members who shall meet the following criteria: (i) at any time there is no Independent Trustee who is a resident Canadian, all Trustees who are resident Canadians; (ii) at any time there is only one Independent Trustee who is a resident Canadian, such Independent Trustee and two other Trustees who are resident Canadians; (iii) at any time there are two Independent Trustees who are resident Canadians, both such Independent Trustees and one other Trustee who is a resident Canadian; and (iv) at any time there are three or more Independent Trustees who are resident Canadians, three Independent Trustees who are resident Canadians. The Finance Committee shall choose its Chair from amongst its members; provided that if the Finance Committee has one or more Independent Trustees, the Chair must be an Independent Trustee. The Finance Committee shall: (A) review the Trust's procedures for internal control with the Accountants and Chief Financial Officer of the Trust; (B) review the engagement of the Accountants; (C) review and recommend to the Trustees for their approval annual and quarterly financial statements and management's discussion and analyses of financial condition and results of operation; (D) assess the Trust's

financial and accounting personnel; and (E) review any significant transactions outside the Trust's ordinary activities and all pending litigation involving the Trust. The Accountants are entitled to receive notice of every meeting of the Finance Committee and, at the expense of the Trust, to attend and be heard thereat and, if so requested by a member of the Finance Committee, shall attend any meeting of the Finance Committee held during the term of office of the Accountants. Questions arising at any meeting of the Finance Committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast, which majority must, in the case of Section 8.2(ii), include the Independent Trustee. Decisions may be taken by written consent signed by all of the members of the Finance Committee. The Accountants or a member of the Finance Committee may call a meeting of the Finance Committee on not less than 48 hours' notice.

### **Section 8.3 Investment Committee**

In furtherance of and without limiting their authority to appoint such additional committees pursuant to Section 8.1 and Section 8.4, the Trustees may, as they in their discretion determine necessary or desirable, appoint an investment committee to consider, authorize and approve proposed acquisitions, dispositions, financings, refinancings and other such proposed transactions for and on behalf of the Trust; provided however that in the absence of any such appointment and delegation of authority, subject to Section 3.7, Section 3.8 and Section 3.9, the responsibility for such determinations shall be that of all of the Trustees who together may from time to time, in the exercise of such discretion, and subject always to Article 4, approve an investment plan for the Trust and delegate to any one or more Trustees, officers, employees or agents of the Trust, the authority to consider, authorize and approve proposed acquisitions, dispositions, financings, refinancings and other such proposed transactions for and on behalf of the Trust as they, in their discretion, determine necessary or desirable, within the parameters of such investment plan. In the event that the Trustees approve any investment plan or plans for the Trust, it shall be within their authority and discretion to amend, modify, supplement or revoke such plan or plans from time to time as they, in their discretion, determine necessary or desirable.

### **Section 8.4 Additional Committees**

The Trustees may create such additional committees as they, in their discretion, determine to be necessary or desirable for the purposes of properly governing the affairs of the Trust; provided that the majority of the members of any additional committee must be resident Canadians. Further, the Trustees may not delegate to any such additional committees any powers or authority in respect of which a board of directors of a corporation governed by the OBCA may not delegate.

### **Section 8.5 Management of the Trust**

The Trustees may exercise broad discretion in hiring officers, employees, agents and consultants to administer the Trust's day-to-day operations, all subject to the overriding authority of the Trustees over the management and affairs generally of the Trust.

## **ARTICLE 9 DISTRIBUTIONS**

### **Section 9.1 Distributions**

The Trust may distribute to Unitholders on or about each Distribution Date such amounts ("**Distributions**") as shall be determined by the Trustees in their discretion for each calendar month or other calendar period selected by the Trustees.

### **Section 9.2 Distributions Payable**

On each Distribution Date specified herein or which may be determined by the Trustees, the Distributions determined in accordance with Section 9.1 shall be payable proportionately to Persons who are Unitholders on the record date for distribution selected by the Trustees in respect of such Distributions.

Distributions payable to Unitholders pursuant to this Article 9 shall be deemed to be distributions of income of the Trust (including dividends), net realized taxable capital gains of the Trust, Trust capital or other items in such amounts as the Trustees in their absolute discretion determine, and shall be allocated to the Unitholders in the same proportions as distributions received by the Unitholders, subject to the discretion of the Trustees to adopt an allocation method which the Trustees consider to be more reasonable in the circumstances including in accordance with Section 5.22(i).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, having regard to the present intention of the Trustees to allocate, distribute and make payable to Unitholders, in aggregate, the amount necessary to ensure that the Trust will not be liable to pay income tax under Part I of the Tax Act for any Taxation Year (such amount being known, in respect of any year, as the "**Taxation Distribution Amount**"), the Taxation Distribution Amount shall be deemed to be declared by the Trustees as a Distribution, and to be due and payable, on the earlier of the last Distribution Date in respect of the Taxation Year or December 31 in the year (the "**Tax Distribution Date**"), to persons who are Unitholders on the record date in respect of such Distribution. For greater certainty, it is hereby declared that a Unitholder shall have the legal right to enforce payment of any Taxation Distribution Amount as and from the Tax Distribution Date.



Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Trustees anticipate a cash shortfall and determine that it would be in the best interests of the Trust, they may reduce for any period the Distributions to be distributed to Unitholders.

**Section 9.3 Payment and Method of Distributions**

- (a) Distributions shall be made by cheque payable to or to the order of the Unitholder or by such other manner of payment approved by the Trustees from time to time. The payment, if made by cheque, shall be conclusively deemed to have been made upon hand delivery of a cheque to the Unitholder or to his agent duly authorized in writing or upon the mailing of a cheque by prepaid first-class mail addressed to the Unitholder at his address as it appears on the Register unless the cheque is not paid on presentation, or in any other manner determined by the Trustees in their discretion. In the case of joint registered Unitholders, any cash payment required hereunder to be made to a Unitholder shall be deemed to be required to be made to such Unitholders jointly and shall be paid by cheque or bank draft but may also be paid in such other manner as the joint registered Unitholders or any one of the joint registered Unitholders has designated to the Trustees and the Trustees have accepted. For greater certainty, a Unitholder or any one of the joint Unitholders may designate and the Trustees may accept that any payment required to be made hereunder shall be made by deposit to an account of such Unitholder or to a joint account of such Unitholder and any other person or in the case of joint registered Unitholders to an account of joint registered Unitholders or to an account of any one of the joint registered Unitholders. A cheque or bank draft shall, unless the joint registered Unitholders otherwise direct, be made payable to the order of all of the said joint registered Unitholders, and if more than one address appears on the books of the Trust in respect of such joint unitholding, the cheque or bank draft or payment in other acceptable manner as aforesaid addressed to one of those addresses shall satisfy and discharge all liability of the Trustees or the Trust for the amount so required to be paid unless the cheque or bank draft is not paid at par on presentation at any other place where it is by its terms payable. The receipt by the registered Unitholder in another acceptable manner of any payment not mailed or paid in accordance with this Section 9.3(a) shall be a valid and binding discharge to the Trust and to the Trustees for any payment made in respect of the registered SCEF Units and if several Persons are registered as joint registered Unitholders or, in consequence of the death, bankruptcy or incapacity of a Unitholder, one or several Persons are entitled so to be registered, subject to Section 5.16, in accordance with this Declaration of Trust, respectively, receipt of payment by any

one of them shall be a valid and binding discharge to the Trust and to the Trustees for any such payment. The Trustees may issue a replacement cheque if they are satisfied that the original cheque has not been received or has been lost or destroyed upon being furnished with such evidence of loss, indemnity or other document in connection therewith that they may in their discretion consider necessary. No Holder of a SCEF Unit will be entitled to recover by action or other legal process against the Trust any distribution that is represented by a cheque that has not been duly presented to the Trust's banker for payment or that otherwise remains unclaimed for a period of six years from the date on which such distribution was payable.

- (b) The payment of Distributions may, at the option of the Trustees, be made in whole or in part by the issuance of additional SCEF Units or fractions of such SCEF Units, as the case may be, having a fair market value as determined by the Trustees equal to the difference between the amount of such distribution and the amount of cash which has been determined by the Trustees to be available for the payment of such distribution in the case of SCEF Units.

#### **Section 9.4 Income Tax Matters**

In reporting income for income tax purposes the Trust shall claim the maximum amount available to it as deductions under the relevant law, unless the Trustees determine otherwise.

#### **Section 9.5 Designations**

In accordance with and to the extent permitted by the Tax Act, the Trustees shall, in each year, make such designations for income tax purposes in respect of amounts paid or payable or deemed to be paid ~~to or payable to or on behalf of~~ the Unitholders for such amounts that the Trustees consider to be reasonable in all the circumstances, including designations relating to taxable dividends received or deemed to be received by the Trust in the year on shares of taxable Canadian corporations, net taxable capital gains of the Trust in the year, and foreign source income of the Trust and foreign taxes in respect of such foreign source income for the year, ~~if any. Where permitted by the Tax Act, the Trustees shall make designations under the Tax Act so that the amount distributed to a Unitholder but not deducted by the Trust would not be included in the Unitholder's income for the purposes of the Tax Act. For greater certainty, it is hereby declared that any distributions of net realized capital gains of the Trust shall include the non-taxable portion of the capital gains of the Trust which are included in such distribution.~~

**Section 9.6 Withholding Taxes**

The Trustees shall deduct or withhold from distributions payable to any Unitholder amounts required by law to be deducted or withheld from such Unitholder's distributions.

**Section 9.7 No Distribution in Respect of Special Voting Units**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, for greater certainty, no amounts will be distributed under this Article 9 to holders of Special Voting Units.

**Section 9.8 Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires, any term in Article 1 and this Article 9 not otherwise defined herein shall have for the purposes of Article 1 and this Article 9 the meaning that it has in the Tax Act.

**ARTICLE 10  
FEES AND EXPENSES**

**Section 10.1 Expenses**

The Trust shall pay out of the Trust Property all expenses incurred in connection with the administration and management of the Trust and its investments, including:

- (a) interest and other costs of borrowed money;
- (b) fees and expenses of lawyers, the Accountants and other agents or consultants employed by or on behalf of the Trust;
- (c) compensation, remuneration and expenses of the Trustees;
- (d) fees and expenses connected with the acquisition, disposition and ownership of Trust Property permitted in this Declaration of Trust;
- (e) insurance, including directors and officers liability insurance, as considered necessary by the Trustees;
- (f) expenses in connection with payments of distributions of Units of the Trust;
- (g) expenses in connection with communications to the Unitholders and the other bookkeeping and clerical work necessary in maintaining relations with the Unitholders;
- (h) expenses of changing or terminating the Trust;

- (i) fees and charges of transfer agents, registrars, indenture trustees and other trustees and custodians; and
- (j) all fees, expenses, taxes and other costs incurred in connection with the issuance, distribution and transfer to the public of Units and other required governmental filings;

provided that the Trust will not incur any expense that would cause the Trust to fail or cease to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" as defined in the Tax Act.

## **ARTICLE 11 AMENDMENTS TO THE DECLARATION OF TRUST**

### **Section 11.1 Amendments by the Trustees**

- (a) A majority of all Trustees and, if at such time there are any Independent Trustees, including a majority of the Independent Trustees may, without the approval of the Unitholders, make certain amendments to this Declaration of Trust, including amendments:
  - (i) for the purpose of ensuring continuing compliance with applicable laws (including the Tax Act), regulations, requirements or policies of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over: (1) the Trustees or over the Trust; (2) the status of the Trust as a "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act; or (3) the distribution of Units;
  - (ii) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, acting reasonably, are necessary to maintain the rights of the Unitholders set out in this Declaration of Trust;
  - (iii) to remove any conflicts or inconsistencies in this Declaration of Trust or to make minor corrections which are, in the opinion of the Trustees, necessary or desirable and not prejudicial to the Unitholders;
  - (iv) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are necessary or desirable as a result of changes in taxation or other laws or the administration or enforcement thereof;
  - (v) for any purpose (except one in respect of which a Unitholder vote is specifically otherwise required) which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are not prejudicial to the Unitholders and are necessary or desirable;

- (vi) deemed necessary or advisable to ensure that the Trust has not been established nor maintained primarily for the benefit of persons who are not resident Canadians; and
  - (vii) to implement any distribution reinvestment plan or any amendments thereto.
- (b) In no event may the Trustees amend this Declaration of Trust if such amendment would (i) amend this Article 11; (ii) amend the Unitholders' voting rights; (iii) cause the Trust to fail or cease to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act or to be subject to tax under Part XII.2 of the Tax Act; or (iv) result in the Trust becoming a "SIFT trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act.

#### **Section 11.2 Amendments by the Unitholders**

Subject to Section 4.3, Section 4.4, Section 11.1, Section 11.3 and Section 11.4, this Declaration of Trust may be amended only by the vote of at least two-thirds of votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for that purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following amendments will require the approval of at least two-thirds of the votes cast by all Unitholders at said meeting:

- (a) an exchange, reclassification or cancellation of all or part of the Units;
- (b) the addition, change or removal of the rights, privileges, restrictions or conditions attached to the Units including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - (i) the removal or change of rights to distributions; or
  - (ii) the addition or removal of or change to conversion privileges, redemption privileges, voting, transfer or pre-emptive rights;
- (c) the creation of new rights or privileges attaching to the Units; and
- (d) any change to the existing constraints on the issue, transfer or ownership of the Units.

#### **Section 11.3 No Amendment to Section 2.2**

For so long as the General Partner is entitled to appoint the Skyline Appointee(s) pursuant to Section 2.2, Section 2.2 and this Section 11.3 may not be amended without the prior written approval of the General Partner.

**Section 11.4 No Termination**

No amendment to or amendment and restatement of this Declaration of Trust, whether pursuant to this Article 11 or otherwise, shall be construed as a termination of the Trust and the settlement or establishment of a new trust.

**ARTICLE 12  
TERMINATION OF TRUST**

**Section 12.1 Duration of the Trust**

Unless the Trust is sooner terminated as otherwise provided herein, the Trust shall continue in full force and effect so long as any Trust Property is held by the Trustees, and the Trustees shall have all the powers and discretions, expressed and implied, conferred upon them by law or by this Declaration of Trust. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trust will terminate on the date which is 21 years after the date of the death of the last survivor of the issue alive at the date of this Declaration of Trust of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**Section 12.2 Termination by the Unitholders**

The Trust may be terminated by the vote of at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the votes cast at a meeting of the Unitholders called for that purpose.

**Section 12.3 Effect of Termination**

Upon the termination of the Trust, the liabilities of the Trust shall be discharged with due speed, the net assets of the Trust shall be liquidated and the proceeds distributed to the Unitholders in accordance with their entitlements as provided herein and in Section 5.2. Such distribution may be made in cash or in kind or partly in each, all as the Trustees in their sole discretion may determine.

**ARTICLE 13  
LIABILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND OTHERS**

**Section 13.1 Liability and Indemnification of the Trustees**

The Trustees shall at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of the Trust Property from and against all liabilities, damages, losses, debts and claims whatsoever, including costs, charges and expenses in connection therewith, sustained, incurred, brought, commenced or prosecuted against them for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done, acquiesced in or omitted in or about or in relation to the execution of their duties as Trustees and also from and against all other liabilities, damages, losses, debts, claims, costs, charges, and expenses (including legal fees and disbursements on a solicitor-and-his-own-client basis) which they sustain or incur in or about or in relation to the affairs of the Trust. Further, the Trustees shall not be liable to the Trust or to any Unitholder or

annuitant for any loss or damages relating to any matter regarding the Trust, including any loss or diminution in the value of the Trust or its assets. The foregoing provisions of this Section 13.1 in favour of any Trustee do not apply unless:

- (a) the Trustee acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Trust and the Unitholders; and
- (b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the Trustee had reasonable grounds for believing his conduct was lawful.

### **Section 13.2 Liability of the Trustees**

The Trustees shall not be liable to the Trust or to any Unitholder, annuitant or any other Person for the acts, omissions, receipts, neglects or defaults of any Person, firm or corporation employed or engaged by them as permitted hereunder, or for joining in any receipt or act of conformity or for any loss, damage or expense caused to the Trust through the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of or belonging to the Trust shall be paid out or invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious act of any Person, firm or corporation with whom or which any monies, securities or Trust Property shall be lodged or deposited, or for any loss occasioned by error in judgment or oversight on the part of the Trustees, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune which may happen in the execution by the Trustees of their duties hereunder, except to the extent the Trustees have not acted in accordance with Section 13.1(a) and Section 13.1(b).

### **Section 13.3 Reliance Upon Advice**

The Trustees may rely and act upon any statement, report or opinion prepared by or any advice received from the Accountants, lawyers or other professional advisors of the Trust and shall not be responsible or held liable for any loss or damage resulting from so relying or acting.

### **Section 13.4 Liability of the Unitholders and Others**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration of Trust, no Unitholder or annuitant shall be held to have any personal liability as such, and no resort shall be had to, nor shall recourse or satisfaction be sought from, the private property of any Unitholder or annuitant for any liability whatsoever in tort, contract or otherwise, to any Person in connection with the Trust property or the affairs of the Trust, including for satisfaction of any obligation or claim arising out of or in connection with any contract or obligation of the Trust or of the Trustees or any obligation which a Unitholder or annuitant would otherwise have to indemnify a Trustee for any personal liability incurred by the Trustee as such ("**Trust Liability**"), but rather the

assets of the Trust only are intended to be liable and subject to levy or execution for satisfaction of such Trust Liability. Each Unitholder and annuitant shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Trust in respect of any payment of such Trust Liability made by such Unitholder or annuitant.

- (b) In addition to the policies set out in Article 4, the Trustees shall cause the operations of the Trust to be conducted, with the advice of counsel, in such a way and in such jurisdictions as to avoid, to the extent which they determine to be practicable and consistent with their fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the Unitholders, any material risk of liability on the Unitholders for claims against the Trust, and shall, to the extent available on terms which they determine to be practicable, including the cost of premiums, cause the insurance carried by the Trust, to the extent applicable, to cover the Unitholders and annuitants as additional insureds. Any potential liability of the Trustees with respect to the foregoing obligations or their failure to perform the same shall be governed by the provisions of Section 13.1, Section 13.2 and Section 13.3.

## ARTICLE 14 GENERAL

### Section 14.1 Execution of Instruments

The Trustees shall have power from time to time to appoint any Trustee or Trustees or any Person or Persons on behalf of the Trust either to sign instruments in writing generally or to sign specific instruments in writing. Provisions respecting the foregoing may be contained in the Trustees' Regulations. Until otherwise determined by the Trustees, instruments may be signed by any one of the following officers alone: the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Administrative Officer, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, ~~or the Chief Operating Sustainability Officer, any Executive Vice President, or any Senior Vice President.~~ or the Chief Operating Sustainability Officer.

### Section 14.2 Manner of Giving Notice

Any notice required or permitted by the provisions of this Declaration of Trust to be given to a Unitholder, a Trustee or the Accountants, shall be deemed conclusively to have been given if given either by personal delivery ~~or (including courier)~~, by prepaid first-class mail or by electronic mail addressed to the Unitholder at his or her address or electronic mail address shown on the Register (provided that if Units are held jointly and/or if more than one address appears on the books of the Trust in respect of such joint unitholding, any notice addressed to one of those addresses shall be sufficient), to ~~the~~ Trustee at the last address or electronic mail address provided by such Trustee to the President or other officer of the Trust, or to



the Accountants at the last address or electronic mail address provided by such Accountants to the President or other officer of the Trust, as the case may be.

**Section 14.3 Failure to Give Notice**

The failure by the Trustees, by accident or omission or otherwise unintentionally, to give any Unitholder, any Trustee or the Accountants any notice provided for herein shall not affect the validity, effect, taking effect or time of taking effect of any action referred to in such notice, and the Trustees shall not be liable to any Unitholder for any such failure.

**Section 14.4 Trust Accountants**

The initial Accountants shall be RLB LLP, unless otherwise determined by the Trustees. The Accountants shall be appointed and removed at each annual meeting by a majority of the votes cast by the Unitholders. If at any time a vacancy occurs in the position of Accountants, the Trustees may appoint a firm of chartered accountants qualified to practise in all provinces of Canada to act as the Accountants until the next annual meeting of the Unitholders. The Accountants shall report to the Trustees and the Unitholders on the annual financial statements of the Trust and shall fulfil such other responsibilities as they may properly be called upon by the Trustees to assume. The Accountants shall have access to all records relating to the affairs of the Trust. The Accountants shall receive such remuneration as may be approved by the Trustees.

**Section 14.5 Change of Accountants**

Subject to applicable laws, the Accountants may at any time be removed and new Accountants appointed by a majority of the Trustees.

**Section 14.6 Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Trust shall end on December 31 in each year.

**Section 14.7 Reports to the Unitholders**

Prior to each annual meeting of the Unitholders, the Trustees shall provide the Unitholders (along with notice of such meeting) unaudited financial statements for the Trust.

**Section 14.8 Trust Property to be Kept Separate**

The Trustees shall maintain the Trust Property separate from all other property in their possession.

**Section 14.9 Trustees May Hold Units**

Any Trustee or associate of a Trustee may be a Unitholder or may be an annuitant.

#### **Section 14.10 Trust Records**

The Trust shall prepare and maintain, at its principal office or at any other place in Canada designated by the Trustees, records containing: (i) the Declaration of Trust; and (ii) minutes of meetings and resolutions of the Unitholders. The Trust shall also prepare and maintain adequate accounting records and records containing minutes of meetings and resolutions of the Trustees and any committee thereof. Such records shall be kept at the principal office of the Trust or at such other place as the Trustees think fit and shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by the Trustees.

#### **Section 14.11 Right to Inspect Documents**

A Unitholder and any agent, consultant or creditor of the Trust shall have the right to examine the Declaration of Trust, the Trustees' Regulations, the minutes of meetings and resolutions of the Unitholders, and any other documents or records which the Trustees determine should be available for inspection by such Person, during normal business hours at the principal office of the Trust. The Trust may provide copies of any of the foregoing to any of such Persons. The Unitholders and creditors of the Trust shall have the right to obtain or make or cause to be made a list of all or any of the registered holders of Units, to the same extent and upon the same conditions as those which apply to shareholders and creditors of a corporation governed by the OBCA.

#### **Section 14.12 Taxation Information**

On or before March 15 in each year, the Trust will provide to Unitholders who received distributions (including amounts treated as having been paid pursuant to Section 5.22(i)) from the Trust in either the prior calendar year or on or before January 15 of such year, such information regarding the Trust required by Canadian law to be submitted to Unitholders for income tax purposes to enable Unitholders to complete their tax returns in respect of the prior calendar year.

#### **Section 14.13 Income Tax Election**

In respect of the first taxation year of the Trust, the Trust shall elect pursuant to subsection 132(6.1) of the Tax Act that the Trust be deemed to be a "mutual fund trust" for the purposes of the Tax Act for the entire year.

#### **Section 14.14 Consolidations**

Any one or more Trustees may prepare consolidated copies of the Declaration of Trust as it may from time to time be amended or amended and restated and may certify the same to be a true consolidated copy of the Declaration of Trust, as amended or amended and restated.

**Section 14.15 Counterparts**

This Declaration of Trust may be executed in several counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument, which shall be sufficiently evidenced by any such original counterpart.

**Section 14.16 Severability**

The provisions of this Declaration of Trust are severable and if any provisions are in conflict with any applicable law, the conflicting provisions shall be deemed never to have constituted a part of the Declaration of Trust and shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions thereof.

**Section 14.17 Governing Law**

This Declaration of Trust shall be interpreted and governed by and take effect exclusively in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable in that province. Any and all disputes arising under this Declaration of Trust, whether as to interpretation, performance or otherwise, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario and each of the Trustees hereby irrevocably attorns, and each Unitholder shall be deemed to hereby irrevocably attorn, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of such province.

**Section 14.18 Limitation of Liability of Trustees**

With respect to (i) any written instrument creating an obligation which is or includes a guarantee by the Trust and/or the granting by the Trust of a mortgage, and (ii) all other written instruments creating a material obligation of the Trust, the Trust will make all reasonable commercial efforts where it is practicable to do so to have such instrument contain limitation language. For the purposes of this Section, “**limitation language**” means an acknowledgement to the effect that the obligation being created is not personally binding upon, and that resort will not be had to, nor will recourse or satisfaction be sought from the private property of any of the Trustees, Unitholders, annuitants or officers, employees or agents of the Trust, but that only Trust Property or a specific portion thereof will be bound.

**Section 14.19 Language**

Les parties aux présentes ont exigés que la présente convention ainsi que tous les documents et avis qui s’y rattachent et/ou qui en découleront soient rédigés en la langue anglaise. The parties hereto have required that this Declaration of Trust and all documents and notices resulting herefrom be drawn up in English.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Trustees appearing below, having been duly authorized to execute and deliver this Declaration of Trust, have caused these presents to be signed and sealed as of the date first above written.

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Witness

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Jason Castellan

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Witness

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Wayne Byrd

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Michael Bonneveld

