### NIOCORP DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### (Adopted Effective as of March 17, 2023)

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the "*Committee*") is to assist the Board of Directors (the "*Board*") of NioCorp Developments Ltd. (the "*Company*") in fulfilling its responsibility to oversee:

(A) the integrity of the Company's accounting and financial reporting process, including by overseeing the preparation, presentation, and integrity of the financial statements and other financial information provided by the Company to any governmental or regulatory body, the public, or other users thereof, and assessing the appropriateness of the accounting and reporting policies that are used by the Company;

(B) the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's systems of internal accounting and financial controls;

(C) the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;

(D) the independent auditors' qualifications and independence;

(E) the performance of the Company's independent auditors, and, if applicable, its internal audit function;

- (F) the audits of the financial statements of the Company; and
- (G) the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics as established by the Board.

The Committee will also prepare all reports required to be included in the Company's proxy statement, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee shall consist of a minimum of three directors designated by the Board, each of whom shall be an "Independent Director" under the rules of the SEC, under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "*Sarbanes-Oxley Act*"), and the rules and regulations of the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "*TSX*") and NASDAQ Stock Market ("*Nasdaq*") or any other stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed or traded and independent within the meaning of the provisions of National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* and other applicable law. No Committee member shall have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any current subsidiary of the Company at any time during the three years prior to the proposed appointment of such member to the Committee.

All members of the Committee must be familiar with basic finance and accounting practices and be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements. In addition, at least one member shall have accounting or related financial management expertise sufficient to meet the criteria of Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K as an "audit committee financial expert" (as described below and as may be amended and supplemented pursuant to Rule 407(d) of Regulation S-K). The Board shall determine whether a member is financially literate and whether at least one member of the Committee has the requisite accounting or financial expertise to meet the financial expert criteria.

The members of the Committee shall serve until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Any member may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board at any time.

If a Committee member simultaneously serves on the audit committee of more than three public companies (including the Company), the Board must determine that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Committee. The Company will be required to disclose any such determination in its annual proxy statement.

The Board may appoint one member to be the chair of the Committee (the "*Chair*"). If the Board fails to appoint a Chair, the members of the Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote of all members. The Chair will chair all regular sessions of the Committee.

Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K defines an "audit committee financial expert" as a person who has the following attributes:

- An understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial statements;
- The ability to assess the general application of such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and reserves;
- Experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the registrant's financial statements, or experience actively supervising one or more persons engaged in such activities;
- An understanding of internal control over financial reporting; and
- An understanding of audit committee functions.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently as it deems appropriate and as circumstances dictate. Any member of the Committee may call a special meeting of the Committee. Meetings may take place in person or by teleconference, videoconference, or other means of electronic communication that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and hear each other. The Chair shall, in consultation with the other members of the Committee and appropriate officers of the Company, establish the agenda for each Committee meeting. Each Committee member may submit items to be included on the agenda. Committee members may also raise subjects that are not on the agenda at any meeting. The Chair or a majority of the Committee members may call a meeting of the Committee at any time. Except as otherwise provided by law, the presence of a majority of the then-appointed members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and in every case where a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee present shall be the act of the Committee. The Chair shall supervise the conduct of the meetings and shall have other responsibilities, which the Committee may designate from time to time. The Committee may invite management, including management directors, to all or any portion of a meeting of the Committee in its discretion. Minutes of each meeting will be prepared by such person as may be designated by the Chair and will be circulated to the Board.

The Committee shall periodically meet with members of the Company's management, including the Chief Financial Officer, the Controller or Chief Accounting Officer, the Chief Executive Officer, and the independent auditors (including the audit engagement partner) in separate or combined executive sessions (in the discretion of the Committee) and, if applicable, the senior internal audit executive or the third-party firm performing the internal audit function (the "*IA Executive*"), to discuss any matters that the Committee or any of the foregoing believes would be appropriate to discuss privately. In addition, the Committee shall meet with the independent auditors and management quarterly to review the Company's financial statements.

In addition, the Committee may invite to its meetings any director, member of management of the Company, and such other persons as it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities. The Committee may also exclude from its meetings any persons it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities, with the exception of members of the Committee.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee's primary responsibility is one of oversight and it recognizes that the Company's management is responsible for the preparation, presentation, and integrity of the Company's financial statements and for the appropriateness of the accounting and reporting policies that are used by the Company. The independent auditors are responsible for auditing the Company's financial statements, reviewing the Company's interim financial statements, and attesting to the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as applicable. The Committee also recognizes that the Company's management, as well as the independent auditors, have more time, knowledge, and more detailed information on the Company than do Committee members; consequently, in carrying out its oversight responsibilities, the Committee is not providing any expert or special assurance as to the Company's financial statements or any professional certification as to the independent auditor's work. The Committee shall also carry out any other responsibilities assigned to it by the Board from time to time.

The following responsibilities are set forth as a guide with the understanding that the Committee may diverge as appropriate given the circumstances, provided that at all times the Committee must undertake the responsibilities ascribed to it under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Rule 10A-3(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), and the rules and regulations of the TSX and Nasdaq or any other stock exchange on which the Company's shares are listed or traded. The Committee is authorized to carry out these and such other

responsibilities as may be assigned by the Board from time to time, and take any actions reasonably related to the mandate of this charter of the Committee (this "*Charter*").

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee shall:

# Financial Reporting Process

- 1. Consider and review with the independent auditors and management: (i) the adequacy of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls, including computerized information system disclosure controls and procedures and security; (ii) all changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that could materially affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data; (iii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control over financial reporting; and (iv) the related findings and recommendations of the independent auditors together with management's responses. Without excluding other possibilities, the Committee may wish to review with the independent auditors (i) any accounting adjustments that were noted or proposed by the auditors but were "passed" (as immaterial or otherwise); (ii) any communications between the audit team and the audit firm's national office respecting auditing or accounting issues presented by the engagement; and (iii) any "management" or "internal control" letter issued, or proposed to be issued, by the independent auditors to the Company or any other material written communications between the accounting firm and management, such as any management letter or schedule of "unadjusted differences."
- 2. Consider and review with the independent auditors: (i) significant findings during the year, including the status of previous audit recommendations; (ii) any audit problems or difficulties encountered in the course of audit work including any restrictions on the scope of activities or access to required information; (iii) any changes required in the planned scope of the audit plan; (iv) the audit budget and staffing; and (v) the coordination of audit efforts in order to monitor completeness of coverage, reduction of redundant efforts, and the effective use of audit resources.
- 3. Review periodically the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the financial statements of the Company. Inquire as to independent auditor's view of the accounting treatment related to significant new transactions or other significant matters or events not in the ordinary course of business.
- 4. Review with management and the independent auditors significant financial risks or exposures to the Company's business and assess the steps management has taken to monitor and minimize such risks. Discuss with management and the independent auditors the Company's underlying policies and guidelines with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including with respect to data protection and business continuity.

## Review of Reports and Earnings Press Releases

- 5. Prior to public release, (A) review with management and the independent auditors the Company's annual audited and quarterly financial statements, including (i) the related footnotes, (ii) the Company's disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and (iii) the disclosures regarding internal controls and other matters required to be reported to the Committee by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and any rules promulgated thereunder by the SEC and (B) discuss with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed pursuant to applicable auditing standards.
- 6. With respect to the Company's annual financial statements, make a recommendation that such financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and its annual report to shareholders. With respect to the Company's quarterly financial statements, make a recommendation that such financial statements be included in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The Committee will also review and approve all reports required to be included in the Company's proxy statement, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the SEC, and will review the matters described in such reports.
- 7. As applicable, review and discuss with management and the independent auditors the Company's earnings and other financial press releases (including any use of any "pro forma" or "non-GAAP" information), as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies.

# Internal Controls

8. Review and discuss with the Chief Financial Officer, the Corporate Controller and, if applicable, the IA Executive, and, if and to the extent deemed appropriate by the Committee, members of their respective staffs, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal accounting controls and the Company's financial, auditing, and accounting organizations and personnel, which shall include the disclosures regarding internal controls and matters required to be reported to the Committee by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and any rules promulgated thereunder by the SEC.

## Compliance

- 9. Review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.
- 10. Review the results of management's investigation and follow-up (including disciplinary action) of any serious instances of non-compliance.
- 11. Review any material issues that arise under the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The Committee is to receive reports from Company management of evidence of any violation of securities laws or breaches of fiduciary duties or violation of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics by (a) any officer or director of the Company or any material subsidiary of the Company or (b) any

other employee whose violation or breach is significant, as determined by either Company management or, if applicable, the IA Executive.

- 12. Establish and maintain procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submissions by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters as required by Section 301 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Exchange Act Rule 10A-3(b)(3).
- 13. Discuss with management and the independent auditors any material correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any significant complaints or concerns that are brought to its attention regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.
- 14. Review and approve or disapprove any related party transactions in advance of such transaction. In those instances in which the Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel determines that it is not practicable or desirable for the Company to wait until the next Committee meeting, the related party transaction will be submitted to the Chair, who will possess delegated authority to act between Committee meetings. The Committee or Chair, as applicable, shall review the material facts of all related person transactions. In reviewing any related person transaction, the Committee or Chair, as applicable, will take into account, among other factors that it deems appropriate, whether the related person transaction is on terms no less favorable to the Company than terms generally available in a transaction with an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction.
- 15. Review and discuss with the independent auditors any critical audit matter ("*CAM*") addressed in the audit of the Company's financial statements and the relevant financial statement accounts and disclosures that relate to each CAM.

## Independent Auditors

- 16. Have the sole authority to and be directly responsible for (a) the appointment, retention, oversight and termination of the independent auditors and (b) the approval of all auditor compensation, including engagement fees, terms, and services. The independent auditor is ultimately accountable to the Board and the Committee as representatives of the Company's shareholders and shall report directly to the Committee. The Committee's responsibility includes the resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting.
- 17. Review and discuss with the independent auditors the plans for, and the scope of, the annual audit and other examinations, including the adequacy of staffing and compensation.

- 18. Review and approve in advance any audit or permitted non-audit services (including the fees and terms thereof) to be provided to the Company by the independent auditors. The Committee may adopt pre-approval procedures that delegate to one or more designated Committee members the authority to grant pre-approvals required by the foregoing sentence. The decisions of any Committee member to whom authority is delegated hereunder shall be presented to the Committee at each of its scheduled meetings. The Committee is to exercise this authority in a manner consistent with Sections 201 and 202 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- 19. At least annually, obtain, review and discuss a report by the independent auditors describing (i) the firm's internal quality-control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, regarding one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii) all relationships between the independent auditors and the Company.
- 20. On an annual basis (i) review a formal written statement from the independent auditor delineating all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company that in the auditor's judgment may reasonably be thought to affect their independence, consistent with applicable ethics and independence rules promulgated by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (as modified or supplemented); (ii) actively engage in a dialogue with the independent auditor with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the independent auditor; and (iii) take appropriate action, or recommend that the Board take appropriate action, in response to the independent auditor's report to satisfy itself of the auditor's independence.
- 21. Review and discuss quarterly with the independent auditors (i) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used; (ii) any significant changes in Company accounting policies; (iii) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with management, ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent auditor; (iv) any accounting and financial reporting proposals that may have a significant impact on the Company's financial reports; (v) other material written communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences; and (vi) the reports of the results of such other examinations outside of the course of the independent auditors' normal audit procedures that the independent auditors may from time to time undertake. The foregoing is to include the reports required by Section 204 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- 22. The Committee is to obtain assurance from the independent auditors that, in the course of conducting the audit, there have been no acts detected or that have otherwise come to the attention of the audit firm that require disclosure to the

Committee under Section 10A(b) of the Exchange Act (relating to an auditor's duty to report illegal acts).

23. Review and evaluate, at least annually, the qualifications, performance, and independence of the independent auditors, including information relating to the non-audit services provided or expected to be provided by the auditors, and report on its conclusions to the Board. In conducting its review and evaluation, the Committee should:

(a) Review and evaluate the lead audit partner (having primary responsibility for the audit) or the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit and determine whether the lead audit partner is required to rotate in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Section 10A of the Exchange Act.

(b) Take into account the opinions of management.

(c) Consider whether, in order to assure continuing auditor independence, there should be a regular rotation of the firm of independent auditors.

- 24. Establish hiring policies for the Company in respect of partners, employees, former partners, and former employees of the independent auditors, which include the restrictions set forth in Section 206 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- 25. Have the sole authority to, and be directly responsible for, appointing, retaining, compensating, overseeing, and terminating, if necessary, any other registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review, or attest services for the Company.

## General

- 26. Review and approve in advance (i) all related-party transactions (as defined by Item 404 of Regulation S-K and relevant SEC and stock exchange rules), other than executive compensation decisions approved by the Compensation Committee or decisions relating to the compensation of directors or Board committee members approved by the Board, and (ii) possible conflicts of interest of members of the Board and management.
- 27. Report regularly to the Board in such manner and at such times as the Committee and the Board deem appropriate, which reports shall include any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the Company's independent auditors or, if applicable, the performance of the internal audit function, and with respect to such other matters as are relevant to the Committee's discharge of its responsibilities. The Committee shall provide such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate. The report to the Board may take the form of an oral report by the Chair or any other member of the Committee designated by the Committee to make such report.

- 28. Conduct an annual self-evaluation of the performance of the Committee, including its effectiveness and compliance with this Charter. In addition, the Committee shall annually review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend to the Board any improvements to this Charter that the Committee considers necessary or valuable.
- 29. Discharge any other duty or responsibility assigned to the Committee by the Board.

Consistent with the listing requirements of the TSX and Nasdaq, or any other stock exchange on which the Company's shares may be listed or traded, this Charter will be included on the Company's website and will be made available to the Company's Corporate Secretary.

### **RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY**

The Board of the Company has constituted and established the Committee with authority, responsibility and specific duties as described in this Charter.

In discharging its oversight role, the Committee is authorized to investigate any matter that the Committee deems appropriate, with access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company. The Committee is to have the resources and authority (including funding from the Company) appropriate to discharge its responsibilities and carry out its duties as required by law and this Charter, including the authority to engage and determine appropriate funding for payment of compensation to the independent auditors for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, and for special audits, reviews and other procedures and to engage and compensate independent counsel and other advisors, experts or consultants, and for ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

### **DELEGATION**

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more members when appropriate, including the authority to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services provided that the decisions of such subcommittee to grant preapprovals shall be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.