

## **PEYTO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

### **CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

#### **I. Introduction**

Peyto Exploration & Development Corp. ("Peyto" or the "Corporation") requires the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct from our directors, officers and employees. Our reputation among our shareholders for honesty and integrity is key to the success of our business. No employee will be permitted to achieve results through violations of laws or regulations, or through unscrupulous dealings.

We intend that the Corporation's business practices will be compatible with the economic and social priorities of each location in which we operate. Although customs and standards of ethics may vary in different business environments, honesty and integrity must always characterize our business activity.

This Code reflects our commitment to a culture of honesty, integrity and accountability and outlines the basic principles and policies with which all employees are expected to comply. Please read this Code carefully.

In addition to following this Code in all aspects of your business activities, you are expected to seek guidance in any case where there is a question about compliance with both the letter and spirit of our policies and applicable laws. This Code sets forth general principles and does not supersede the specific policies and procedures that are covered in the specific policies statements, such as the Disclosure, Confidentiality and Trading Policy. References in this Code of Ethics to the Corporation means the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries. Violation of these policies may result in disciplinary actions up to and including discharge from the Corporation.

Your cooperation is necessary to the continued success of our business and the cultivation and maintenance of our reputation as a good corporate citizen.

#### **II. Conflicts of Interest**

A conflict of interest occurs when an individual's private interest interferes, or appears to interfere, in any way with the interests of the Corporation. A conflict situation can arise when an employee takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her work effectively. Conflicts of interest also arise when an employee, officer or director, or a member of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position in the Corporation. Loans to, or guarantees of obligations of, such persons are likely to pose conflicts of interest, as are transactions of any kind between the Corporation and any other organization in which you or any member of your family have an interest.

Activities that could give rise to conflicts of interest are prohibited unless specifically approved in advance by the Board of Directors. It is not always easy to determine whether a conflict of interest exists, so any potential conflicts of interests must be reported immediately to senior management.

### **III. Corporate Opportunities**

Employees, officers and directors are prohibited from taking for themselves personally opportunities that arise through the use of corporate property, information or position and from using corporate property, information or position for personal gain. Employees, officers and directors are also prohibited from competing with the Corporation.

### **IV. Confidentiality**

Employees must maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to them by the Corporation or that otherwise comes into their possession in the course of their employment, except when disclosure is authorized or legally mandated. The obligation to preserve confidential information continues even after you leave the Corporation.

Confidential information includes all non-public information, and information that suppliers and customers have entrusted to us.

### **V. Protection and Proper Use of Corporation Assets**

All employees should endeavour to protect the Corporation's assets and ensure their efficient use. Theft, carelessness and waste have a direct impact on the Corporation's profitability. Any suspected incidents of fraud or theft should be immediately reported for investigation.

Corporation assets, such as funds, products or computers, may only be used for legitimate business purposes or other purposes approved by management. Corporation assets may never be used for illegal purposes.

The obligation to protect Corporation assets includes proprietary and confidential information. Proprietary information includes any information that is not generally known to the public or would be helpful to our competitors. Examples of proprietary information are intellectual property, acquisition and exploration plans and prospects, business and marketing plans and employee information. The obligation to preserve proprietary information continues even after you leave the Corporation.

### **VI. Insider Trading**

Insider trading is unethical and illegal. Directors, officer and employees are not allowed to trade in securities of a company while in possession of material non-public information regarding that company. It is also illegal to "tip" or pass on inside information to any other person who might make an investment decision based on that information or pass the information on further. The Corporation has a Disclosure, Confidentiality and Trading Policy, which sets forth your obligations in respect of trading in the Corporation's securities.

### **VII. Fair Dealing**

Each employee should endeavour to deal fairly with the Corporation's customers, suppliers, competitors and employees. No employee should take unfair advantage of anyone through illegal conduct, manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts or any other unfair-dealing practice.

## **VIII. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations**

Compliance with both the letter and spirit of all laws, rules and regulations applicable to our business is critical to our reputation and continued success. All employees, officers, contractors, consultants and directors must respect and obey the laws of the cities, provinces and countries in which we operate and avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

## **IX. Compliance with Environmental Laws**

The Corporation is sensitive to the environmental, health and safety consequences of its operations. Accordingly, the Corporation is in strict compliance with all applicable Federal and Provincial environmental laws and regulations. If any employee has any doubt as to the applicability or meaning of a particular environmental, health or safety regulation, he or she should discuss the matter with a member of the Corporation's senior management.

## **X. Discrimination and Harassment**

We value the diversity of our employees and are committed to providing equal opportunity in all aspects of employment. Abusive, harassing or offensive conduct is unacceptable, whether verbal, physical or visual. Examples include derogatory comments based on racial or ethnic characteristics and unwelcome sexual advances. Employees are encouraged to speak out when a co-worker's conduct makes them uncomfortable, and to report harassment when it occurs.

## **XI. Safety and Health**

We are all responsible for maintaining a safe workplace by following safety and health rules and practices. The Corporation is committed to keeping its workplaces free from hazards. Please report any accidents, injuries, unsafe equipment, practices or conditions immediately to a supervisor or other designated person. Threats or acts of violence or physical intimidation are prohibited.

In order to protect the safety of all employees, the environment and third parties, employees must report to work free from the influence of any substance that could prevent them from conducting work activities safely and effectively.

## **XII. Accuracy of Corporation Records and Reporting**

Honest and accurate recording and reporting of information is critical to our ability to make responsible business decisions. The Corporation's accounting records are relied upon to produce reports for the Corporation's management, shareholders, creditors, governmental agencies and others. Our financial statements and the books and records on which they are based must accurately reflect all corporate transactions and conform to all legal and accounting requirements and our system of internal controls.

All employees have a responsibility to ensure that the Corporation's accounting records do not contain any false or intentionally misleading entries. We do not permit intentional misclassification of transactions as to accounts, departments or accounting periods. All transactions must be supported by accurate documentation in reasonable detail and recorded in the proper account and in the proper accounting period.

Business records and communications often become public through legal or regulatory investigations or the media. We should avoid exaggeration, derogatory remarks, legal conclusions or inappropriate characterizations of people and companies. This applies to communications of all kinds, including email

and informal notes or interoffice memos. Records should be retained and destroyed in accordance with the Corporation's records retention policy.

### **XIII. Use of E-Mail and Internet Services**

E-Mail systems and Internet services are provided to help us do work. Incidental and occasional personal use is permitted, but never for personal gain or any improper purpose. You may not access, send or download any information that could be insulting or offensive to another person, such as sexually explicit messages, cartoons, jokes, unwelcome propositions, ethnic or racial slurs, or any other message that could be viewed as harassment. Also remember that "flooding" our systems with junk mail and trivia hampers the ability of our systems to handle legitimate company business and is prohibited.

Your messages (including voice mail) and computer information are considered company property and you should not have any expectation of privacy. Unless prohibited by law, the Corporation reserves the right to access your e-mail communication, and disclose this information as necessary for business purposes. Use good judgment, and do not access, send messages or store any information on your work computer that you would not want to be seen or heard by other individuals.

### **XIV. Political Activities and Contributions**

We respect and support the right of our employees to participate in political activities. However, these activities should not be conducted on Corporation time or involve the use of any Corporation resources. Employees will not be reimbursed for personal political contributions.

We may occasionally express our views on local and national issues that affect our operations. In such cases, Corporation funds and resources may be used, but only when permitted by law and by our strict Corporation guidelines. The Corporation may also make limited contributions to political parties or candidates in jurisdictions where it is legal and customary to do so. The Corporation may pay related administrative and solicitation costs for political action committees formed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. No employee may make or commit to political contributions on behalf of the Corporation without the approval of the Chief Executive Officer and Vice President, Finance.

### **XV. Illicit Payments**

Unlawful or unethical behaviour in the Corporation's workforce is not tolerated, including soliciting, accepting, or paying bribes or other illicit payments for any purpose. Situations where judgment might be influenced or appears to be influenced by improper considerations must be avoided. Payment or acceptance of any "kickbacks" from a contractor or other external party is prohibited.

### **XVI. Payments to Officials**

Employees must comply with all laws prohibiting improper payments to officials.

Although certain types of "facilitation" payments may not be illegal, the Corporation's policy is to avoid such payments. If any employee finds that adherence to the Corporation's policy would cause a substantial, adverse effect on operations, that fact should be reported to the Corporation's senior management which will determine whether an exception may lawfully be authorized. If the facilitating payment is made, such payment must be properly entered and identified on the books of the Corporation and all appropriate disclosures made.

**XVII. Reporting of any Illegal or Unethical behaviour**

We have a strong commitment to conduct our business in a lawful and ethical manner. Employees are encouraged to talk to supervisors, managers or other appropriate personnel when in doubt about the best course of action in a particular situation and to report violations of laws, rules, regulations or this Code. We prohibit retaliatory action against any employee who, in good faith, reports a possible violation. It is unacceptable to file a report knowing it to be false.

**XVIII. Directors Role in the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

To the extent that management is unable to make a determination as to whether a breach of this Code has taken place, the Board of Directors will review any alleged breach of the Code to determine if a breach has occurred.

Any waiver of this Code for executive officers or directors will be made only by the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors and conduct by a director or executive officer which constitutes a material departure from this Code may be promptly disclosed if required by law or stock exchange regulation.

**XIX. Compliance Procedures**

This Code cannot, and is not intended to, address all of the situations you may encounter. There will be occasions where you are confronted by circumstances not covered by policy or procedure and where you must make a judgment as to the appropriate course of action. In those circumstances we encourage you to use your common sense, and to contact your supervisor, manager or a member of human resources for guidance.

If you do not feel comfortable discussing the matter with your supervisor, manager or human resources, please call Darren Gee, President & CEO, or Kathy Turgeon, Vice President Finance & CFO. Their numbers are (403) 237-8911 and (403) 263-2950.