**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT made with effect as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_**

**B E T W E E N:**

**[Organization Name]**

**("[Organization Name]")**

**-and-**

**[INSERT NAME]**

(the "**Contractor**")

**Engagement and Authority**

1. Subject to the terms and conditions herein, [Organization Name] hereby engages the Contractor and the Contractor hereby accepts such engagement as a non-exclusive Independent Contractor.
2. The Contractor will provide [Organization Name] with the services described below in regard to the project at [**project address(es)]**:
* [**insert description**]
1. Neither party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other party in any manner whatsoever and the Contractor shall have no authority to assume or create any obligation whatsoever in the name of [Organization Name] The Contractor hereby undertakes and agrees that the Contractor will not furnish to any client of [Organization Name] or any other persons carrying on business with [Organization Name], any representations, warranties, undertakings or guarantees of any nature whatsoever which may tend to involve the responsibility, obligation, or liability of [Organization Name] without [Organization Name]'s prior written approval and authorization.

**Nature of the Relationship**

1. The Contractor shall at any and all times and for any and all purposes be considered and treated as an Independent Contractor of [Organization Name]
2. This Agreement shall not be construed as employer-employee, agency, partnership, joint venture or similar relationship between the Contractor and [Organization Name] [Organization Name] shall in no way be held liable or accountable for any action, inaction or obligation of the Contractor whatsoever.

**Term**

1. This Agreement shall be effective as of [**insert date**] and shall continue in full force and effect until the completion of the project, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the Termination section below.

**Termination**

1. This agreement is terminable:
	1. by [Organization Name] without notice if there is a breach by the Contractor of any of its duties, responsibilities, obligations or covenants contained herein; or
	2. by [Organization Name] without cause at any time in the event that the client does not approve of the Contractor.
2. If [Organization Name] terminates this Agreement for cause or without cause under this Section, [Organization Name] shall have no further obligation to the Contractor.
3. [Organization Name] reserves the right to cancel this Agreement, without notice, if there is a breach by the Contractor of any of its duties, responsibilities, obligations or covenants contained herein.

**Compensation**

1. [Organization Name] agrees to pay the Contractor [**insert fee details**].
2. The Contractor shall submit an invoice in respect of the agreed upon fees, which shall confirm the Contractor’s SIN.
3. Subject to [Organization Name] confirming satisfactory completion of the Contractor’s services at the project, the agreed upon fees shall be paid as follows: <Insert Terms>
4. [**Optional]** In the event that [Organization Name] is unable to collect any amounts owing to it from its client in regard to any services rendered by the Contractor, the Contractor will no longer be entitled to any fees in regard to those services. To that end, and without limiting [Organization Name]'s rights in any manner, the Contractor agrees that [Organization Name] can deduct from any amount owing to it any amount that is owed by the Contractor to [Organization Name]
5. The Contractor shall not be entitled to participate in any of [Organization Name]'s benefit plans or other compensation packages provided to its employees.

**Materials, Etc.**

1. The Contractor is responsible for providing all materials or equipment necessary to perform the services hereunder, and for all expenses incurred in providing the services.
2. The Contractor is also responsible for obtaining and maintaining general liability insurance coverage for no less than $1,000,000.00. The Contractor also agrees, upon request, to provide the Company with evidence of the Contractor’s general liability insurance coverage.
3. The Contractor is also responsible for obtaining and maintaining WCB coverage. The Contractor also agrees, upon request, to provide the Company with evidence of the Contractor’s WCB coverage by way of a Clearance Certificate.

**Statutory Requirements**

1. The Contractor agrees that it is responsible for making all required statutory remittances.
2. The Contractor and the Contractor’s principal, [**insert name**], agree to save harmless and indemnify [Organization Name] from and against all claims, charges, taxes, penalties or demands which may be made by or related to the Minister of National Revenue requiring [Organization Name] to pay income tax, charges, or penalties under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or the *Excise Tax Act* in respect of the Contractor and/or the Contractor’s principal.

**Other Activities**

1. The Contractor is free to engage in other business activities, provided that the Contractor does not engage in any such activities which are inconsistent with or in conflict with any provisions of this Agreement or that so occupy the Contractor's attention so as to interfere with the proper and efficient performance of the Contractor's services hereunder.

**Assignment**

1. The Contractor is required to have the Contractor’s owner at the project when the Contractor is performing work, unless [Organization Name] agrees otherwise.
2. The Contractor is free to use any of its servants, agents, employees, directors, or principals that it wishes in order to render its services under this Agreement. For its own due diligence, the Contractor must inform [Organization Name] in writing of the individual(s) it intends to use in rendering its services. This notice must include confirmation of the individual’s qualifications, experience, and (where applicable) criminal record check.
3. [Organization Name] reserves the right to reasonably require that the Contractor not use certain person(s) to render services under this Agreement.
4. The Contractor may not subcontract the work under this Agreement to another business, unless [Organization Name] agrees otherwise.

**Indemnity**

1. The Contractor shall indemnify and forever save [Organization Name] harmless from and against all liabilities, costs, damages and expenses (including all legal fees, taxes and disbursements) which [Organization Name] may suffer or incur resulting from any omission, negligent act, wrongful act on the part of the Contractor and/or any of the Contractor’s servants, agents, employees, principals, directors, or other persons for those actions the Contractor is responsible.

**Confidential Information**

1. The term "Confidential Information" means information and data not known generally outside [Organization Name] concerning [Organization Name]'s business and technical information, including, without limitation, information relating to Inventions, as defined below, know-how, trade secrets, processes, specifications, reports, manuals, clients, client lists, and confidential information, financial and marketing data and business plans.
2. It is understood that Confidential Information does not include:
	* 1. information which is or becomes generally available to the public or within the industry through no act or omission on the part of the Contractor; or
		2. information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any statute, regulation, order, subpoena or document discovery request, provided that it shall, as soon as practicable, give [Organization Name] prior written notice of such required disclosure in order to afford [Organization Name] an opportunity to seek a protective order (it being agreed that if a protective order is not sought or obtained in such circumstances, the Contractor may disclose such information without liability).
3. The Contractor agrees that all Confidential Information is the property of [Organization Name] and shall remain so and that the disclosure of any Confidential Information would be highly detrimental to the best interests of [Organization Name] and could severely damage the economic interests of [Organization Name] Except as otherwise herein provided, the Contractor agrees that during the Term and thereafter, the Contractor will hold in strictest confidence, and will take all necessary precautions against unauthorized disclosure of, and will not use or disclose to any person, firm or corporation, without the written authorization of [Organization Name], any of the Confidential Information, except as such use or disclosure may be required in connection with the work of the Contractor for [Organization Name] hereunder. The Contractor understands that this Agreement applies to computerized and electronic as well as written information.
4. Upon and following the termination of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees not to take any Confidential Information that is in written, computerized, machine-readable, model, sample, or other form capable of physical delivery, without the prior written consent of [Organization Name] The Contractor also agrees that, upon the termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall deliver promptly and return to [Organization Name] all such materials, along with all other property of [Organization Name], in the Contractor’s possession, custody or control and the Contractor shall make no further use of same. Should any such items be discovered by the Contractor after the termination of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to return them promptly to [Organization Name] without retaining copies of any kind.

**Inventions**

1. During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor may participate in or individually invent intellectual property. As a term of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees that such intellectual property is owned exclusively by [Organization Name] The Contractor also agrees to disclose such property to [Organization Name] immediately upon invention or discovery and to execute such documentation as is required to secure ownership in favour of [Organization Name]

**Non-Solicitation**

1. During the term of this Agreement and for a period of 12 months thereafter, the Contractor shall not, for whatever reason, individually or in partnership or jointly or in conjunction with any person, firm, association, syndicate, company, corporation, joint venture, partnership or entity, as principal, agent, employee, shareholder, director, officer, owner, investor, partner, or any other manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, solicit or induce or attempt to solicit or induce any client(s) of [Organization Name], or solicit or induce or attempt to solicit or induce any employee(s), independent contractor(s) and/or supplier(s) of [Organization Name] to breach or terminate their contract or to ceasing having the same relationship with [Organization Name]

**Enforceability**

1. The Contractor understands and agrees that the Confidential Information, Inventions, and Non-Solicitation provisions above are reasonable, enforceable and independent of one another should any provision be found unenforceable by a court of law. Further, the Contractor understands that a breach of any of these provisions during the term of this Agreement constitutes just cause for termination of the Agreement and that whether during or after the term of this Agreement, such breach causes irreparable harm which may be remedied by injunction and damages.

**Notices**

1. Every notice provided for in this Agreement shall be written and directed to the party at the following address:
2. If to [Organization Name]:

 **[Insert address]**

1. If to the Contractor:

 [**insert address**]

**Governing Law**

1. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia.

**Non-Merger**

1. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of the paragraphs dealing with Confidential Information, Inventions, and Non-Solicitation hereof shall survive termination of this Agreement and shall not merge therewith.

**Waiver of Breach**

1. The failure of either party to require the performance of any term or condition of this Agreement, or the waiver by either party of any breach of this Agreement, shall not prevent a subsequent enforcement of any such term or any other term nor shall it be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach.

**Severability and Modification**

1. Each of the provisions of this Agreement (and each part of each such provision) is severable from every other provision hereof (and every other part thereof). In the event that any provision (or part thereof) contained in this Agreement or the application thereof to any circumstances shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in whole or in part, for any reason whatsoever, in any jurisdiction and to any extent, such provision (or such part thereof) shall be severed from this Agreement and ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability in such jurisdiction and in such circumstances and the remaining provisions of this Agreement (or the remaining parts of such provision, as the case may be) shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

**Entire Agreement**

1. The provisions of this Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions, whether written or oral, between the parties hereto and any of their predecessors. Any amendments or alterations to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

**CONTRACTOR**

**[insert name] Date**

**[Organization Name]**

**Per: Date**

**Authorized Signing Officer**