



Audit Committee Whistle-Blower Procedure

1. PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING COMPLAINTS

Employees with concerns or complaints regarding matters covered by the Audit Committee Whistle-Blower Procedure may report such concerns or complaints through the Company's Ethics Hotline, email, fax or regular mail. Concerns and complaints received through these means shall be forwarded to the Internal Auditor.

- Hotline: 1-866-The West (843-9378)
- Email: whistleblower@westernfg.ca
- Fax: 403-652-2661
- Regular mail: Western Financial Group
Attention: Internal Auditor
1010 -24 Street SE
High River, AB T1V 2A7

The General Counsel shall notify the Internal Auditor of any report submitted to him or her by a Company attorney pursuant to the SEC rules of attorney conduct that includes evidence of a material violation of provincial or federal securities laws, a material breach of fiduciary duty or similar material violation of any federal or provincial law ("Attorney Reports").

2. SCOPE OF MATTERS COVERED BY THESE PROCDFEDURES

- i) Fraud or deliberate error in the preparation, evaluation, review or audit of any financial statement of the Company;
- ii) Fraud or deliberate error in the recording and maintaining of financial records of the Company;
- iii) Deficiencies in noncompliance with Company's internal accounting controls;
- iv) Misrepresentation or false statement to or by a senior officer or accountant regarding a matter contained in the financial records, financial reports or audit reports of the Company;
- v) Deviation from full and fair reporting of the Company's financial condition;
- vi) Mail fraud wire fraud, bank fraud, securities fraud, violation of any SEC rule or regulation or violation of any federal law relating to fraud against shareholders; and,

- vii) Attorney reports.

3. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS

i) Receipt of a Complaint

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Internal Auditor will forward a copy of the complaint to the Chairman of the Audit committee and when possible, acknowledge receipt of the complaint to the sender. (Considering that most complaints will be anonymous, it is understood that such acknowledgement may not be possible in most cases.) The Chairman of the Audit Committee will verify that the complaint actually pertains to a matter covered by these procedures and will develop a recommended strategy for the investigation of the complaint.

ii) Audit Committee Oversight

The Internal Auditor will promptly report all complaints relating to material matters covered by these procedures and the recommended strategy for investigating the complaint to the Chairman of the Audit Committee (Chairman). The Chairman will provide direction and oversight to the Internal Auditor, General Council or such other person as the Chairman deems appropriate to conduct the investigation.

iii) Confidentiality

Confidentiality will be maintained to the fullest extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate review.

iv) Corrective Action

Prompt and appropriate corrective action will be taken as warranted in the judgment of the Audit Committee.

v) Procedure Prohibiting Retaliation

In compliance with Multi-National Instrument 52-110, the Company will not discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass or in any manner discriminate against any employee in the terms and conditions of his/her employment based upon the lawful action of any such employee with respect to good faith reporting of a matter covered by these procedures.

4. REPORTING AND RETENTION OF COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Internal Auditor will maintain records of all complaints covered by these procedures, tracking their receipt, investigation and resolution and will prepare a periodic report to the Audit Committee until the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of the Audit Committee. Copies of all complaints and investigation records will be maintained in accordance with the Company's document retention policy.