# GLOBAL DIGITAL CREATIONS HOLDINGS LIMITED (the "Company")

### AUDIT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

(As adopted on 1 January 2009 and revised on 22 March 2012, 31 December 2015 and 6 November 2018, respectively)

#### 1. Constitution

1.1 The audit committee (the "Audit Committee") is a committee of the board (the "Board") of directors (the "Director(s)") of the Company.

#### 2. Membership

- 2.1 The Audit Committee members (the "**Member(s**)") shall be appointed by the Board and shall consist of not less than three members.
- 2.2 Membership shall be confined to non-executive Directors, the majority of which must be independent non-executive Directors ("**INED(s)**") and at least one INED with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.
- 2.3 The chairman of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board and must be an INED.
- 2.4 In the event that the Audit Committee comprises a non-executive Director who is a former partner of the Company's existing auditing firm, such non-executive Director shall be prohibited from acting as a Member of the Audit Committee for a period of two years from the later of (a) the date of his/her ceasing to be a partner of the firm; or (b) the date of his/her ceasing to have any financial interest in the firm.

#### 3. Secretary of the Audit Committee

3.1 The company secretary shall be the secretary of the Audit Committee.

#### 4. Attendance and frequency of meetings

- 4.1 The Audit Committee shall meet as least four times each year. The external auditor may request for a meeting if they consider that one is necessary.
- 4.2 Unless otherwise agreed by all the Members, notice of at least 7 days shall be given for a meeting of the Audit Committee.

- 4.3 A quorum shall be 2 Members.
- 4.4 The Chief Financial Officer (if any), the Head of Internal Audit (if any), the Head of Accounts/Finance Department and representatives of the external auditor shall normally attend meetings. Other Directors shall also have the right of attendance.
- 4.5 At least once a year, representatives of the Company's external auditor will meet the Audit Committee without any executive Directors being present, except by invitation of the Audit Committee, to discuss matters relating to its audit fees, any issues arising from the audit and any other matters the auditor may wish to raise.
- 4.6 The Members may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone, electronic or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously.

#### 5. Audit Committee's Resolutions

5.1 A resolution in writing signed by all Members shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Audit Committee duly convened and held and may contained in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the Members. Such resolution may be signed and circulated by fax or e-mail.

#### 6. Authority

- 6.1 The Audit Committee is authorised by the Board to investigate any activity within its terms of reference. It is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee and all employees are directed to co-operate with any request made by the Audit Committee.
- 6.2 The Audit Committee is authorised by the Board to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary.
- 6.3 Where the Board disagrees with the Audit Committee's view on the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of the external auditor, the Company should include in the Corporate Governance Report contained in the Company's annual report a statement from the Audit Committee explaining its recommendation and also the reason(s) why the Board has taken a different view.
- 6.4 The Audit Committee should be provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

#### 7. Duties

7.1 The duties of the Audit Committee shall be:

Relationship with the Company's external auditor

- (a) to be primarily responsible for make recommendations to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor, and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor, and any questions of its resignation or dismissal;
- (b) to review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards. The Audit Committee should discuss with the external auditor the nature and scope of the audit and reporting obligations before the audit commences;
- (c) to develop and implement policy on engaging an external auditor to supply nonaudit services. For this purpose, "external auditor" includes any entity that is under common control, ownership or management with the audit firm or any entity that a reasonable and informed third party knowing all relevant information would reasonably conclude to be part of the audit firm nationally or internationally. The Audit Committee should report to the Board, identifying and making recommendations on any matters where action or improvement is needed;
- (d) to act as the key representative body for overseeing the Company's relations with the external auditor;

#### Review of the Company's financial information

- (e) to monitor integrity of the Company's financial statements and the annual report and accounts, half-year report and quarterly reports, and to review significant financial reporting judgments contained in them. In reviewing these reports before submission to the Board, the Audit Committee should focus particularly on:-
  - (i) any changes in accounting policies and practices;
  - (ii) major judgmental areas;
  - (iii) significant adjustments resulting from the audit;
  - (iv) the going concern assumptions and any qualifications;
  - (v) compliance with accounting standards; and
  - (vi) compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "GEM Listing Rules") and legal requirements in relations to financial reporting;

- (f) Regarding (e) above:-
  - (i) the Audit Committee should liaise with the Board and senior management and must meet, at least twice a year, with the external auditor; and
  - (ii) the Audit Committee should consider any significant or unusual items that are, or may need to be, reflected in the report and accounts, it should give due consideration to any matters that have been raised by the Company's staff responsible for the accounting and financial reporting function, compliance officer or auditors;

## Oversight of the Company's financial reporting system, risk management and internal control systems

- (g) to review the external auditor's management letter, any material queries raised by the auditor to management about accounting records, financial accounts or systems of control and management's response;
- (h) to ensure that the Board will provide a timely response to the issues raised in the external auditor's management letter;
- to review the Company's statement on risk management and internal control systems (where one is included in the Company's annual report) prior to endorsement by the Board;
- (j) to review the Company's financial controls, risk management and internal control systems;
- (k) to discuss the risk management and internal control systems with management to ensure that management has performed its duty to have effective systems. This discussion should include the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Company's accounting and financial reporting function;
- (where an internal audit function exists) to ensure co-ordination between the internal and external auditors, and to ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Company, and to review and monitor its effectiveness;

- (m) to review arrangements employees of the Company can use, in confidence, to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters. The Audit Committee should ensure that proper arrangements are in place for fair and independent investigation of these matters and for appropriate follow-up action;
- (n) to consider major investigation findings on risk management and internal control matters as delegated by the Board or on its own initiative and management's response to these findings;
- (o) to review the group's financial and accounting policies and practices;
- (p) to report to the Board on all matters in these terms of reference;
- (q) to review the Company's compliance with the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules and disclosures in the Company's Corporate Governance Report; and
- (r) to consider other topics, as defined by the Board.

#### 8. Reporting procedures

- 8.1 The secretary shall circulate the minutes of meetings of the Audit Committee to all Members.
- 8.2 The Audit Committee should report to the Board after each meeting.