

**CHARTER FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
BELL MICROPRODUCTS, INC.**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial information which will be provided to the shareholders and others, the systems of internal controls which management and the Board of Directors have established, the performance and selection of independent accountants, and the Company's audit and financial reporting process. The Audit Committee will make such examinations as are necessary to monitor the corporate financial reporting and the internal and external audits of Bell Microproducts, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"), to provide to the Board of Directors the results of its examinations and recommendations derived from such examinations, to outline to the Board improvements made, or to be made, in internal accounting controls, to nominate independent auditors, and to provide to the Board such additional information and materials as it may deem necessary to make the Board aware of significant financial matters that require Board attention. The Committee's function is one of oversight only and shall not relieve the Company's management of its responsibilities for preparing financial statements which accurately and fairly present the Company's financial results and condition, or the responsibilities of the independent accountants relating to the audit or review of financial statements.

In addition, the Audit Committee will undertake those specific duties and responsibilities listed below and such other duties as the Board of Directors from time to time prescribes.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Audit Committee will consist of three independent directors of the Company, as required by Section 10A(m) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"). Each appointed Committee member shall be subject to annual reconfirmation and may be removed by the Board at any time.

All members of the Committee shall be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement. At least one member of the Committee shall be an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties, the Audit Committee shall:

1. Review annually the Audit Committee Charter for adequacy and recommend any changes to the Board.

2. Review the significant accounting principles, policies and practices followed by the Company in accounting for and reporting its financial results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”).

3. Review the financial, investment and risk management policies followed by the Company in operating its business activities.

4. Review the Company’s annual audited financial statements, related disclosures, including the MD&A portion of the Company’s filings, and discuss with the independent accountants the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 61, including (a) the quality as well as acceptability of the accounting principles applied in the financial statements, and (b) new or changed accounting policies; significant estimates, judgments, uncertainties or unusual transactions; and accounting policies relating to significant financial statement items.

5. Review any management letters or internal control reports prepared by the independent accountants or the Company’s internal auditors and responses to prior management letters, and review with the independent accountants the Company’s internal financial controls.

6. Review the effectiveness of the independent audit effort, including approval of the scope of, and fees charged in connection with, the annual audit, quarterly reviews and any non-audit services being provided.

7. Be responsible for the appointment, determination of the funding for and oversight of the work of the independent accountant employed to conduct the audit (including resolution of disagreements between the independent accountants and management regarding financial reporting). The independent accountants shall report directly to the Audit Committee.

8. Pre-approve all services that may be provided to the Company by the independent accountants whether or not related to the audit, and review the hiring policies for any employees or former employees of the independent accountants.

9. Obtain on an annual basis a formal written statement from the independent accountants delineating all relationships between the accountants and the Company consistent with Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, and review and discuss with the accountants all significant relationships the accountants have with the Company which may affect the accountants’ independence.

10. For each of the first three fiscal quarters and at year end, at a Committee meeting review with management the financial results, the proposed earnings press release and formal guidance which the Company may plan to offer and review with the independent accountants the results of the their review of the interim financial information and audit of

the annual financial statements.

11. Review management's analysis of any significant accounting issues, changes, estimates, judgments or unusual items relating to the financial statements and the selection, application and effects of critical accounting policies applied by the Company (including an analysis of the effect of alternative GAAP methods) and review with the independent accountants the reports on such subjects delivered pursuant to Section 10A(k) of the Exchange Act.

12. Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with the independent accountants, the Internal Audit Services department, and management any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit.

13. Engage and determine funding for such independent professional advisers and counsel as the Committee determines are appropriate to carry out its functions hereunder.

14. Report to the Board on a regular basis on the major events covered by the Audit Committee and make recommendations to the Board and management concerning these matters.

15. Perform any other activities consistent with this charter, the Company's Bylaws and governing law as the Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to the Company's legal and regulatory compliance.

16. Approve all transactions between the Company and a Related Party, as defined by applicable SEC and NASD Rules.

17. Establish procedures for:

(a) the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters, and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

MEETINGS:

The Audit Committee will meet at least four times each year, including private meetings with both the Director of Internal Audit and the external auditors prior to releasing earnings. The Audit Committee may establish its own schedule which it will provide to the Board of Directors in advance.

The Audit Committee will meet separately with the Chief Executive Officer and separately with the Chief Financial Officer of the Company at least annually to review the financial

affairs of the Company. The Audit Committee will meet with the independent auditors of the Company, at such times as it deems appropriate, to review the independent auditor's examination and management report. However, the Committee will meet at any time that the independent accountants believe communication to the Committee is required. The Audit Committee will meet separately with the Director of Internal Audit as it deems appropriate to review any significant issues.

At all Audit Committee meetings a majority of the total number of members shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the members of the Committee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Committee. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of the Committee.

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