

# LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Audit, Tax & Valuations
Considerations in a Changed World



# Welcome!

- Submit questions via Zoom Q&A function
- Survey, link to PD Certificate, slides and video emailed to you following the webinar





# Agenda

Auditor's Involvement in Offering Documents

Carmen Newnham, CPA, CA

M&A Tax Considerations

Howard Chang, CPA, CGA, MTax

- Valuation Considerations
  - Mark Weston, CPA, CA, CBV
- Q&A Session
- Door Prize Draw





# Auditor's Involvement in Offering Documents

Carmen Newnham, CPA, CA, CPA (Washington)

Audit & Assurance Partner, Davidson & Company LLP



## **Auditor's Involvement in Offering Documents**

Step 1: Expected Timeline and Nature of Each Parties Involvement

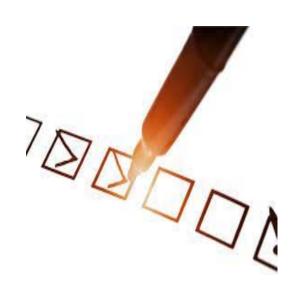
Step 2: Engage Davidson for Prospectus Involvement

Step 3: Engage Davidson for Interim Review

Step 4: Provide Davidson Copy of Short Form Preliminary Prospectus

Step 5: Due Diligence Meeting

Step 6: Circle-up Documents





## **Auditor's Involvement in Offering Documents**

Step 7: Set Preliminary Short Form Prospectus Filing Date

Step 8: File Preliminary Short Form Prospectus

Step 9: Provide Comment Letter and Draft Management Responses

Step 10: Set Short Form Prospectus Filing Date

Step 11: Bring Down Due Diligence Meeting

Step 12: File Short Form Prospectus





# **M&A Tax Considerations**

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Tax Principal, Davidson & Company LLP



#### **Asset vs. Share Purchase**

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- Step-up of tax basis and existing tax attributes
- Capital gains vs. recapture
- Tax liabilities
- Transfer taxes on real property, GST/HST/PST



# **Structuring Techniques**

- Structuring techniques:
  - Non-share consideration
  - Share-for-share exchange
  - Triangular amalgamation



## **Loss Restriction Event/Acquisition of Control**

- Acquisition of control ("AOC")
  - Reverse-takeover
  - Deemed taxation year-end(s)
  - Write-down to FMV
  - "Streaming" of pre-AOC tax losses and other attributes
  - Expiration of pre-AOC capital and property losses



## **Tax Accounting Considerations**

- Opening balance sheet
- Initial recognition exception (IFRS)
- Goodwill



#### **Other Tax Considerations**

- Taxable Canadian property from NR Seller
- Thin capitalization
- Loss of CCPC status



# Valuation Considerations - COVID - 19

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Valuations & Advisory Partner, Davidson & Company LLP



- What is Fair Value?
- How is it measured?
- How is it impacted?
- How are *you* impacted?



- What is Fair Value?
  - An EXIT price
  - Price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date



- How is FV measured?
  - Hierarchy of inputs (IFRS 13)
  - Observable and unobservable
  - Measured using assumptions that market participants would use, including assumptions about risk
  - COVID 19



- How is FV measured?
  - Hindsight not permitted
    - Consider business comb or impairment analysis at
      - Dec 31, 2019
      - June 30, 2020
      - Dec 31, 2020
      - June 30, 2021



- How is measurement impacted?
  - Different impacts across industries
  - Regardless of industry, impacts risk
    - Risk inherent in cash flows
    - Forecasting, FX, Commodity pricing (gov't measures)
    - Credit risk (Own / counterparty)
    - Liquidity risk



- How are you impacted?
  - Ensure inputs reflect market participants inputs, based on information available at measurement date
  - Ensure COVID-19 related risk premiums are considered
  - Ensure adequate disclosures are made around the key assumptions and judgements used (including sensitivity analysis)



# **Q&A Session**



# **Closing Items**

- Survey, PD Certificate & Slides e-mailed shortly
- Video recording will be posted to our website
- Upcoming Events save the date!
  - IFRS Update Webinar: October 28, 2021
  - Annual Tax Update: November 24, 2021
  - Annual Regulatory & TSXV Update: January 12, 2022
- Draw(s)



