

PolarX Limited Corporate Governance Statement (current as at 26 September 2023)

The Board of Directors are responsible for the overall strategy, governance and performance of PolarX Limited (the **Company**). The Board has adopted a corporate governance framework which it considers to be suitable given the size, nature of operations and strategy of the Company.

To the extent that they are applicable, and given its circumstances, the Company adopts the essential Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th edition) (**Recommendations**) published by the ASX Corporate Governance Council. Where the Company's corporate governance practices follow a recommendation, the Board has made appropriate statements reporting on the adoption of the recommendation. Where, after due consideration, the Company's corporate governance practices depart from a Recommendation, the Board has offered full disclosure and reason for the adoption of its own practice, in compliance with the "if not, why not" regime.

As the Company's activities develop in size, nature and scope, the implementation of additional corporate governance structures will be afforded further consideration.

Corporate Governance Council Recommendation		Comply (Yes / No)	Explanation
PRINCIPL	E 1: Lay solid foundation for management and oversight		
1.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a Board Charter setting out: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved for the board and those delegated to management.	Yes	The Board has adopted a formal Board Charter which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and management and those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management. The Board is responsible for the general supervision of the management of the Company's business and affairs with the objective of enhancing shareholder value. The Board fulfils its mandate at regularly scheduled meetings or as required. Frequency of meetings may be increased and the nature of the agenda items may be changed depending upon the state of the Company's affairs and in light of opportunities or risks which the Company faces. The directors are kept informed of the Company's operations at these meetings as well as through reports and discussions with management on matters within their areas of expertise. The Board is responsible for approving long-term strategic plans and annual operating plans and budgets recommended by management. The Board delegates to management responsibility for implementation of these objectives and for the day-to-day operations of the Company, including, managing the Company's operations and cash flow, evaluating new business opportunities, recruiting staff and complying with applicable regulatory requirements. The Board Charter is available on PolarX's website at www.polarx.com.au



1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	Yes	The Company has guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board and senior executives. The Company's Nomination Committee Charter requires the Nomination Committee (or in its absence the Board) to ensure appropriate checks (including checks in respect of character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history (as appropriate)) are undertaken before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director. All material information relevant to whether or not to elect or re-elect a director is provided to the Company's shareholders as part of the Explanatory Statement for each annual general meeting of the Company.
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Yes	The Company's Nomination Committee Charter requires the Nomination Committee (or in its absence, the Board) to ensure that each Director and senior executive is party to an agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive's appointment.
1.4	The Company Secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	Yes	The Board Charter outlines the roles, responsibilities and accountability of the Company Secretary. In accordance with this, the Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with proper functioning of the Board.
1.5	A listed entity should: (a) have a diversity policy; (b) through its board or committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and (c) disclose in relation to each reporting period: (i) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity; (ii) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and (iii) either: (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.	No	The Company has not yet established a formal policy on diversity and has not established or reported measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. In accordance with the its Code of Conduct, the Company (i) will employ the best available staff with skills required to carry out vacant positions; and (ii) is also committed to providing equal opportunity for all employees and a workplace free from discrimination, bullying and harassment. Given the Company's size and stage of development, it does not believe that a formal diversity policy will provide any measurable benefit to the Company that is not already provided by its existing practices in this area. However, as the Company's operations develop, it will consider the adoption of a formal diversity policy and the setting of measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. The Company provides the following information regarding gender diversity as at 30 June 2023: Category Proportion of females Whole organisation 25% Senior Executives Nil Board Nil



1.6	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and (b) disclose for each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	Yes	The Company's Remuneration Committee (or in its absence the Board), is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual directors on an annual basis. Following the Board restructure in FY2023, the Company intends to complete the performance evaluations in respect of the Board , its committees and individual directors for each financial year, commencing FY2024, in accordance with the applicable process.
1.7	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	Yes	The Company's Remuneration Committee (or in its absence the Board), is responsible for evaluating the performance of its senior executives on an annual basis. The Company intends to complete the performance evaluations in respect of the senior executives for each financial year, commencing FY2024, in accordance with the applicable process.
PRINCIPL	E 2: Structure the Board to be effective and add value		
2.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a nomination committee which: (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (iii) the charter of the committee; (iv) the members of the committee; and (v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.	Partially	The Company does not have a separate Nomination Committee because the Board fulfils these functions. The Company's Nomination Committee Charter provides for the creation of a Nomination Committee, when the Board considers one is required or otherwise in the best interests of the Company. In the absence of such a committee the Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by the Nomination Committee under its charter, including: (i) Consideration of Board succession planning; and (ii) Reviewing whether the Board as a group has the requisite skills, knowledge and familiarity with the entity, given its operating environment and stage of development.
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	Yes	PolarX recognise that a skills matrix is a useful tool to identify any gaps in the collective skills of the Board. Refer to the "Board Skills Matrix" in the Appendix to this document.



2.3	A listed entity should disclose:	Yes	As at 21 September 2	2023, the Board consisted of:		
	(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors:		Name	Role	Date of Appointment	Independent
	(b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type		Mark Bojanjac	Executive Chairman	15 January 2015	No
	described in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th edition), but the board is of the opinion that it does		Jason Berton	Managing Director	25 July 2017	No
	not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest,		Frazer Tabeart	Non-Executive Directo	25 July 2017	No
	position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and		Robert Boaz	Non-Executive Director	23 January 2013	Yes
	(c) the length of service of each director.		A profile of each direct the Company's Annua	tor containing their skills, experient Report.	ence, expertise and term of	f office is disclosed in
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	the period covered by this Corporate Governance Statement, the Company did not have a majority of ependent directors, with one of the four Board members being independent. The Board has considered a matter and decided that the non-compliance does not affect the operation of the Company. This ommendation will be satisfied at the appropriate time in the Company's future.				
			The Board, at least annually, assesses the independence of its non-executive directors. This assessment may occur more than once each year if there is a change in circumstances that may impact upon the independence of a non-executive director.			
			Individual directors must not participate in assessing their own independence, and must provide to the Board all information relevant to the assessment.			
			non-executive director reasonably be perce	dence, the Board considers all r is free from any interest and any ived to; materially interfere with t on Company issues.	business or other relations	ship which could, or could
			Directors are require appointments to other	ed to take into consideration a boards.	ny potential conflicts of i	nterest when accepting
2.5	The chair of the Board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	No	The Board has consid	estructure in December 2016, the dered this matter and decided the pany. This recommendation will be	at the non-compliance doe	s not currently affect the
			As noted in Section 2	.3 above, the chair and CEO pos	sitions are not held by the s	ame person.



2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	Yes	In accordance with the Company's Nomination Committee Charter, the Nomination Committee (or in it absence the Board) is responsible for the approval and review of induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for Directors to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities. The Company Secretary is responsible for facilitating inductions and professional development including receiving briefings on material developments in laws, regulations and accounting standards relevant to the Company.
PRINCI	PLE 3: Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly		
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values	Yes	The Company's is committed to conducting all of its business activities fairly, honestly, with a high level of integrity and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Company's values are set out in its Code of Conduct. All employees are given appropriate training on the Company's values and senior executives will continually reference such values.
3.2	A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	Yes	The Company's Code of Conduct applies to the Company's Directors, senior executives and employees. The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website at www.polarx.com.au . Any material breaches of the Code of Conduct are reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.
3.3	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and (b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	Yes	The Company's Whistleblower Policy is available on the Company's website at www.polarx.com.au . Any material breaches of the Whistleblower Policy are reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.
3.4	A listed entity should: (a) have and disclose an ant-bribery and corruption policy; and (b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	Yes	The Company's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy is available on the Company's website at www.polarx.com.au . Any material breaches of the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy are reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.



PRINCIPL	E 4: Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports						
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which:	No	The Audit Committee operates under the Audit Committee Charter, which is available on the Company's website at www.polarx.com.au . The Committee consists of the following directors:				
	(1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and		Name	Role	Independent		
	(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not chair of the board,		Robert Boaz (Chairman of the Committee)	Non-Executive Director	Yes		
	and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee;		Frazer Tabeart	Non-Executive	No	-	
	(4 the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the		Mark Bojanjac	Director Executive Chairman	No	_	
	committee; and (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or		A profile of each member of the Co the Company's Annual Report. De also disclosed in the Company's Ar	nmittee, including their skill etails on the number of mee	s, experience and expe		
	(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	its and	In accordance with the Audit Committee Charter the committee is required to review (as applicable) the interim unaudited and audited annual financial disclosure of the Company. Whilst not all of the members are non-executive directors, the Board has considered this matter, including the fact that the Chairman of the Committee is an independent non-executive, and decided that the non-compliance does not affect the operation of the Committee. This recommendation will be satisfied at the appropriate time in the Company's future.				
4.2	The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, should receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.	Yes	The Chief Executive Officer (or e declaration to the Board in accorda Board that such declaration is foun that the system is operating effective	ance with section 295A of the	ne Corporations Act and risk management and	d have assured the internal control and	
4.3	A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.	Yes	The Company produces a numbe financial report and quarterly activity and confirm the accuracy and reamanagement and Board level, incluexternal auditor. Management prorelevant executive and then approve required, the proposed disclosure is	y and cash flow reports. The asonableness of the disclouding where a corporate repepares the disclosures in	Company has in place sures contained in the port is not subject to au these reports, which au nt that additional legal of	processes to review use reports at both adit or review by an are reviewed by the or financial review is	



PRINCI	PLE 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure		
5.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.	Yes	The Company has a Continuous Disclosure Policy that sets out the processes in place to ensure that any price sensitive information is identified, reviewed by management and disclosed to ASX disclosure platforms in a timely manner. The Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy is disclosed on the Company's website. The Continuous Disclosure Policy is designed to ensure timely and balanced disclosure of information in line with ASX Listing Rules and to ensure that all Directors', senior executives and employees of the Company understand their responsibilities under the policy.
5.2	A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	Yes	Under the Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy, all members of the Board receive material market announcements promptly after they have been made.
5.3	A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation, should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.	Yes	The Company Secretary ensures that any substantive presentations are released to the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of such presentations
PRINCI	PLE 6: Respect the rights of security holders		
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Yes	The Company keeps investors informed through its website (www.polarx.com.au), which contains information on the Company, the Board and the corporate governance policies and procedures of the Company. Through its website, investors can access copies of the Company's annual financial report, interim financial reports, announcements and presentations.
6.2	A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	Yes	The Company has a Shareholder Communication Policy which is available on the Company's website (www.polarx.com.au). This policy encourages shareholder participation and engagement with the Company.
6.3	A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	Yes	The Board encourages full participation of shareholders at the shareholders' meetings. Shareholders are provided with access to notices of meeting and the Chairman's address prior to the meetings. Shareholders are also given the opportunity to ask questions of Directors and management, either during or after shareholders' meetings.
6.4	A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than a show of hands	Yes	The Company ensures that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than a show of hands.
6.5	A listed entity should ensure give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security register electronically	Yes	The Company welcomes electronic communication from its Shareholders via its publicised email address (info@polarx.com.au). In addition, details of ASX announcements and Company reports are distributed to interested parties via email as well as being uploaded to the website.
			The Company's share registry also engages with Shareholders electronically and makes available a range of relevant forms on its website. Shareholders can register with the Share Registry to access their personal information and shareholdings via the internet.



PRINCIPL	E 7: Recognise and manage risk		
7.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which: (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (ii) is chaired by an independent director; and disclose: (iii) the charter of the committee; (iv) the members of the committee; and (v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	No	The Company does not currently have a risk management committee. The Board has considered this matter and decided that the non-compliance does not affect the operation of the Company. This recommendation will be satisfied at the appropriate time in the Company's future. In the absence of a risk management committee, the Board and Audit Committee assume responsibility for overseeing and approving risk management strategy and policies, internal compliance and non-financial internal control and the Board are fully aware of the various risks that affect the Company and its particular business. The Company has a framework in place to safeguard the Company's assets and interests and ensure that business risks are identified and properly managed. This includes procedures and limits to manage financial risk. To assist in discharging this responsibility the Board has in place a control framework which includes the following: annual budget and operating plan, approved by the Board; regular reporting to the Board on a number of key areas including financial, safety, environment, insurance and legal matters; and the segregation of duties (where possible). The Board recognise the responsibility for the risk management and control framework and responsibility for relevant internal controls and risk management practices are delegated to the appropriate level of management within the Company. Management, has responsibility for identifying, assessing, treating and monitoring risks and reporting to the Board on risk management.
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should: (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the Board; and (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	Partially	The Company's risk management framework is subject to continual review as part of the ongoing reporting and approval processes detailed above. The Company will consider implementing a more formal annual review process as its business operations develop.
7.3	A listed entity should disclose: (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.	Yes	The Company will not have an internal audit function until the Company's operations are of a sufficient number and magnitude to be of benefit to the Company. In conjunction with the other corporate governance policies, the Company has adopted a Risk Management Policy which is designed to assist the Company to identify, assess, monitor and manage its business risks, including any material changes to its risk profile. The Board devotes time during Board meetings to ensuring that the Company maintains effective risk management and internal control systems and processes.



7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	Yes	The Company identifies and manages material exposure to environmental and social risk in a manner consistent with its Risk Management Policy, which is available on the Company's website, www.polar.com.au . This includes review of the effectiveness of controls in place to address such risks and implementation of further controls and mitigation measures when required.
PRINCIP	LE 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
8.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (ii) is chaired by an independent director; (iii) and disclose: (iv) the charter of the committee; (v) the members of the committee; and (vi) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those) meetings; or (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	No	The Board has not established a remuneration committee because the Board currently fulfils these functions. It is the Board's objective to retain high quality directors' and senior executives. In the absence of a remuneration committee, the Board assesses the appropriateness of the nature and amount of emoluments of such directors and senior executives on a periodic basis. The Board has considered this matter and decided that the non-compliance does not affect the operation of the Company. This recommendation will be satisfied at the appropriate time in the Company's future.
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	Yes	Non-executive directors are paid a fixed annual fee for their services to the Company as Non-Executive Directors. Subject to applicable workloads additional fees may be payable, including for the provision of additional consulting services. Non-executive directors are also eligible to participate in the Company's equity incentive plans. Executive Directors and other senior executives typically receive remuneration comprising base salary or consulting fees and other fixed benefits based on the terms of their respective employment/consulting agreements with the Company. Executive Directors and senior executives are also eligible to participate in the Company's equity incentive plans.
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should: (a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether using derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	Yes	Key management personnel are required to comply with the Company's Securities Trading Policy. This policy is available on the Company's website at www.polarx.com.au .



Appendix – 1 Board Skills Matrix

Board of Directors							
	Mark Bojanjac	Robert Boaz	Frazer Tabeart	Jason Berton			
Appointment Date	15 January 2015	23 January 2013	25 July 2017	25 July 2017			
Skills & Experience							
Listed board experience	~	•	>	~			
International experience	~	~	>	~			
Financial – including accounting and/or corporate finance	•	•	*				
Capital markets	•	•	>	~			
Exploration sector experience	•	•	•	>			
Geological experience			~	•			
Project development experience	•	•	•	>			
North American experience		•	>	~			