

# Account Application

Investment Account  
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# Account Application

## PLANHOLDER OR ANNUITANT INFORMATION

Account Number:	S.I.N.
Last Name:	First Name and Initial:
Address: Unit:	Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)
City:	Postal Code:
Province: Country:	Home Phone Number:
Occupation:	Business Phone Number:

## PLAN TYPE INFORMATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-registered (Investment Account)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed RIF (PRIF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-registered Joint Tenants in Common	<input type="checkbox"/> Locked In Retirement Account (LIRA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-registered Joint Tenants with Right of Survivorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Locked In RSP (LRSP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Retirement Savings Plan (RSP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Locked In Savings Plan (RLSP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spousal RSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Income Fund (LIF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Retirement Income Fund (RIF)	<input type="checkbox"/> Locked In RIF (LRIF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spousal RIF	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Life Income Fund (RLIF)
<b>For RIF or Spousal RIF please indicate:</b>	Jurisdiction governing the Locked In Funds: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying RRIF <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Qualifying RRIF	<small>Provisions contained in the Locked In Addendum will take precedence over the Declaration of Trust.</small>
<small>(A Qualifying RRIF is one which was opened before 1993 and has not accepted any funds after 1992, or opened at any time and has not had funds transferred in after 1992 except from another Qualifying RRIF)</small>	

## SPOUSAL RSP/RIF INFORMATION Provide the following if contributions to the Plan/Fund include spousal contributions, or if transfers to the Plan/Fund include amounts which were transferred from a spousal RRSP or RRIF.

Last Name:	First Name and Initial:
Address: Unit:	Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)
City:	Postal Code:
Province: Country:	S.I.N.

## ADVISOR INFORMATION

Dealer Number:	Representative Number:
Representative Name:	Representative Signature:
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	Telephone:
Fax:	Email:

## CONTRIBUTION OR TRANSFER INFORMATION

Contribution Amount:	Date:
or Transfer From:	<input type="checkbox"/> Annuitant <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse

## INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Fund Number	Fund Name	Amount or %	Wire Order #	PAC Amount

## DISTRIBUTION OPTION FOR NON-REGISTERED ACCOUNTS

<i>Not applicable to all investment options. Please refer to the prospectus for details.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pay distributions in cash
<input type="checkbox"/> Reinvest distributions into same fund      OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail cheque to my/our address
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deposit by EFT to my bank account (please provide a void cheque)

## CALCULATION OF MINIMUM AMOUNT AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RIF/LIF/LRIF/PRIF/ AND RLIF PLANS

I elect that you base the calculation of the minimum amount for each year on:

My age      or       My spouse's age      Please indicate spouse's Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the Tax laws do not permit any change in this election under this Fund at any time, even if my spouse dies or we separate.

Frequency of Payment:

Annually     Semi-Annually     Quarterly     Monthly    I would like my payments to begin on this date: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount:

Minimum Amount     Maximum Amount (locked-in only)     Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (gross amount before applicable deductions) If a specified amount is less than the minimum amount in any year, the minimum amount will be paid.

Payment Method

Mail cheque to my address     Deposit by EFT to my bank account (please provide a void cheque)

## PRE-AUTHORIZED CHEQUING (PAC)

I authorize VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. to make the following Funds Transfer Pre-Authorized Debit of the amount indicated above from my bank account in order to purchase the investment named above. (Please attach a VOID cheque)

## PAC AUTHORIZATION FOR NON-REGISTERED, RSP AND SPOUSAL RSP ACCOUNTS

Frequency:

 Weekly
  Semi-monthly
  Monthly
  Bi-monthly
  Quarterly
  Semi-Annually
  Annually

I want my first purchase to begin on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

I may revoke this authorization at any time, subject to providing a minimum of 5 days notice to VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. by phone, fax or letter mail. I may obtain a sample cancellation form, or more information on my right to cancel a Pre-Authorized Debit agreement by contacting my financial institution or [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca). I may also modify the terms of this authorization by providing new information with my signature by fax or mail to VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc., subject to 5 days notice. (Please note the contact information on the back cover of this form.)

VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. may terminate this Pre-Authorized arrangement upon receipt of a non-payment notice (e.g. insufficient funds or account closed). VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. uses a third-party service provider named CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company to administer the Pre-Authorized Debits.

I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive re-imbusement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this Pre-Authorized Debit agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).

## DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

Last Name, First Name and Initial		Relationship to Anuitant
Address:	Unit:	Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)
City:		Postal Code:
Province:	Country:	S.I.N.: (if available)

**Note to Annuitants Domiciled in Quebec:** Beneficiary Designations are only accepted on locked-in Plans/Funds.

If you wish to designate more than one beneficiary, complete the VenGrowth Multi-Beneficiary Designation Form

**For RIF, Spousal RIF, PRIF, LIF, LRIF and RLIF plan types**

I understand that if I have completed the "Successor Annuitant Election" below that the beneficiary designation above will only be effective if my spouse or common-law partner predeceases me or is not my spouse on the date of my death. **If my successor annuitant survives me, I acknowledge that I cannot designate a beneficiary under the plan/fund.**

**If I have not elected to have a successor annuitant**, in accordance with the declaration of trust under the above identified retirement income fund I hereby revoke all previous beneficiary designations made in respect of the Fund, including any such designation made in my will, and I designate the person identified above as the Fund beneficiary entitled to receive all amounts payable under the Fund upon my death.

**For all registered plan types**

I hereby revoke all previous beneficiary designations made in respect of the Plan/Fund, including any such designation made in my will, and I designate the person identified above as the Plan/Fund beneficiary entitled to receive all amounts payable under the Plan/Fund upon my death.

This beneficiary designation forms part of the Application and Declaration of Trust for the Plan/Fund and will apply to all property held under the Plan/Fund on my death.

**In certain provinces, a beneficiary designation, or any revocation thereof, can only be made by will. In some cases, the rights of my spouse or common law partner as may be defined under applicable provincial law may override such beneficiary designation. Also, a beneficiary designation will not automatically change as a result of a future relationship or relationship breakdown; it may be necessary to complete a new designation for this purpose.**

I am solely responsible for ensuring that this beneficiary designation is valid under the laws of Canada, its provinces or territories and that this beneficiary designation is changed when appropriate. If I am domiciled in Canada when I die, I acknowledge that this beneficiary designation will be governed under the laws of the province or territory of my domicile at the time of my death. If I am not domiciled in Canada at the time of my death, then the laws of the province or territory where I was domiciled at the time of execution of this form will apply. Otherwise, the laws of Ontario will apply.

I declare that any property passing to a beneficiary from the Plan/Fund, the value of such property, and any and all income or capital gain or other benefit arising from such property, shall remain the exclusive property of a beneficiary and shall be excluded from a beneficiary's net family property or community of property or the value of a beneficiary's assets for the purposes of division of property on a beneficiary's separation, divorce, annulment or death as contemplated by any statute dealing with matrimonial or family property in any jurisdiction to the extent allowed by law.

## SUCCESSOR ANNUITANT ELECTION FOR RIF/LIF/PRIF AND RLIF PLANS

**Note to Annuitants Domiciled in Quebec:** Successor Annuitant Elections are only accepted on RIF and Life Income Fund plans.

Where permitted by law, I hereby elect that my spouse or common-law partner become the Annuitant under the Fund in the event of my death before termination of the Fund, if he or she survives me. I reserve the right to revoke this election as permitted by applicable law.

## CONSENT TO COLLECTION AND USE OF INFORMATION

I hereby consent and agree to allow VenGrowth Capital Partners and (hereafter "VenGrowth") and Royal Trust (as defined below) and their agents and service providers (the "Parties") to collect personal information about me ("Information") and to use such Information to administer the Plan/Fund, to provide me with the services I request or which are required to be provided to me by law or applicable regulatory policies; and as otherwise required by law. I also consent to the Parties: (i) disclosing Information to anyone who works with or for them as needed to administer the Plan/Fund or as required by law or by applicable regulatory policies; and (ii) using and disclosing my social insurance number as required by law, including for income tax reporting purposes. If I provide personal information about a third party (such as my spouse or beneficiary), I shall have first obtained appropriate consent from that third party to the collection, use and disclosure of their personal information by any Party in the course of the administration of the Plan/Fund and for the purpose for which I have provided it to any Party. Each Party may keep Information in its records for as long as it is needed for the purposes described herein and as required by law. I understand that a file of Information will be established and maintained for each Plan/Fund participant and that only employees of the Parties who need to access the file in performing their duties shall have such access. I have the right to access my file(s) and request rectification of any person information therein that may be obsolete or incorrect by writing to VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc.

## AGREEMENT

To: VenGrowth

I have engaged the dealer as my agent. I understand that if I choose the sales charge purchase option (front end load), I agree to pay a commission which is deducted from my original purchase amount. If I choose the redemption charge purchase option (back end load), I request that the sales commission described in the simplified prospectus or information statement be paid to my dealer and I agree that I may be required to pay a redemption charge upon withdrawal, as specified. In addition, I authorize the payment of the trailing sales commissions described in the prospectus or information statement be paid to the dealer on my behalf. I understand that as agent for the Funds, VenGrowth reserves the right to accept or reject any purchase order within one day following the receipt of the order. I acknowledge receipt of the current prospectus or information statement of the fund(s) ordered. If any of the investments in my VenGrowth Retirement Savings Plan/Retirement Income Fund generate cash distributions of any kind, in the absence of written instructions to the contrary, I instruct VenGrowth to invest such cash amounts in any money market fund that VenGrowth may designate for such purpose. I authorize the use of my social insurance number for tax reporting, identification and record keeping purposes.

To: Royal Trust Company

I am applying to open a VenGrowth Retirement Savings Plan ("the Plan") or Retirement Income Fund ("the Fund"), and request The Royal Trust Company ("Royal Trust") to apply for registration of the Plan/Fund under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and any applicable provincial income tax legislation. I acknowledge and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Plan/Fund as set out in the application, the Declaration of Trust, and any relevant addendum to the Plan/Fund.

It is my wish that all documents relating to the Plan/Fund have been and shall be drawn up in the English language only. C'est mon désir que tout document de rapportant au régime/fonds soient rédigés en anglais seulement.

## PRIVACY PROTECTION

By signing this application, I acknowledge reading the Privacy Protection Notice on the reverse side of this application form and I consent to my personal information being collected, held, used and disclosed by VenGrowth in the ways and for the purposes identified in the Privacy Protection Notice.

Signed on (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Province : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Annuitant Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted by VenGrowth as Agent for The Royal Trust Company

- 1. Client Record and Personal Information:** The personal information collected about me for the purposes identified in this Privacy Protection Notice is held in a record called the "client record". The personal information in my client record may include my name, address and telephone number, social insurance number, birth date, account holdings and the name, address and where applicable, social insurance number of my spouse and beneficiary. Depending on the investment or service requested, additional personal information may be held in my client record. For example, if I have established a pre-authorized payment plan, my financial institution account number is also held in my client record.
  - 2. Providing My Information to VenGrowth:** I am providing personal information to VenGrowth in this application form including, where applicable, information concerning my spouse and my beneficiary in order to make an investment, to provide instructions to VenGrowth about an investment I have already made or to receive information related to an investment I have made. VenGrowth collects this personal information, holds it in my client record, uses it and, when needed, discloses it for the purposes identified in this Privacy Protection Notice.
  - 3. Collecting, Holding, Using and Disclosing Personal Information in my Client Record:** VenGrowth may collect, hold and use the personal information in my client record as well as collect personal information from or disclose my personal information to the third parties identified below for the following purposes:
    - a) identifying me and ensuring the accuracy of information contained in my client record;
    - b) establishing and administering my account, determining, maintaining, recording and storing account holdings and transaction information in my client record;
    - c) executing transactions with or through VenGrowth including transferring funds by electronic or other means;
    - d) providing me and my financial advisor/dealer with account statements, tax receipts, financial statements for the investments that I have made, proxy mailings, transaction confirmations and other information which I or my financial advisor/dealer may request as needed to service my account;
    - e) meeting legal and regulatory requirements; and
    - f) verifying information previously given by me with any other organization when necessary for the purposes provided in this Privacy Protection Notice.
  - 4. Third Parties:** VenGrowth may collect my personal information for the purposes identified in this Privacy Protection Notice from third parties such as my financial advisor/dealer, other companies VenGrowth, other financial institutions and mutual fund companies and from third parties who represent that they have the right to disclose the information. VenGrowth may disclose my personal information for the purposes identified in this Privacy Protection Notice to third parties such as my financial advisor/dealer, other companies within VenGrowth, our current or successor registrar and transfer agent, other financial institutions and mutual fund companies, Canadian governments and government agencies for example, the Canada Revenue Agency or its successor, account statement preparation and mailing companies, Canada Post, courier, imaging and document storage companies. When VenGrowth transfers personal information to its agents, for example, mailing companies, it ensures by contractual means that the transferred personal information is used only for the purposes for which the agent is retained. If I wish to withdraw consent to the continuation of this information sharing or to discuss the implications of such withdrawal, I may call Client Services toll-free at 1.800.461.4814 or send an email to inquiries@vengrowth.com. In some circumstances, legal requirements may prevent me from withholding consent. My decision to withhold consent may also limit the products and services that VenGrowth is able to provide me because the disclosure to third parties is a necessary part of making the product or service available to me. **My personal information will not be shared with sales representatives of any other dealer firm other than my dealer of record for any purpose.**
  - 5. Using my Social Insurance Number:** VenGrowth is required by law to use my Social Insurance Number when submitting tax reports to the Canada Revenue Agency and/or Ministries of Finance of Canadian Provinces or Territories and may provide it to third parties engaged to provide income tax reports.
  - 6. Employees and Agents Who Have Access to my Client Record:** VenGrowth employees and agents may have access to my client record provided they have a specific need to know in connection with the purposes identified in this Privacy Protection Notice and access is permitted only to the extent necessary for such purposes.
  - 7. Location of My Client Record:** My client record, in electronic, microfilm or paper format is kept at the offices of the registrar and transfer agent of the relevant VenGrowth investment fund in Toronto. Paper records forming part of my client record may also be kept in offsite storage in Toronto. My client record may be transferred to other locations for disaster recovery purposes.
  - 8. Right to Access and Rectify Personal Information:** Except in limited circumstances prescribed by the Protection of Personal Information and Electronic Documents Act (Canada) and similar provincial privacy protection legislation, I am entitled to access, through a written request, the personal information contained in my client record. I may verify this personal information and request, in writing, that any inaccurate information be corrected. I can contact VenGrowth through Client Services at 416.506.8449 or toll free at 1.800.461.4814 or send an email to inquiries@vengrowth.com. If my concerns are not resolved to my satisfaction, I may send a written request to the Privacy Compliance Officer, 105 Adelaide Street West, Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1P9. VenGrowth appreciate your business and promises to handle your questions or input regarding personal information in a prompt and courteous manner. Please inform us promptly of any change in the personal information that you have provided to VenGrowth by contacting Client Services toll-free at 1.800.461.4814 or by sending an email to inquiries@vengrowth.com.
- 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this declaration of trust or on the Application, any capitalized terms shall have the meanings given to them below:**

AGENT means VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. and its successors and assigns;

ANNUITANT means the individual who has executed the application to be plan owner for the Plan within the meaning Applicable Laws give to that word;

APPLICABLE LAWS means the Income Tax Act (Canada), relevant pension legislation and such other laws of Canada and of the provinces and territories applicable hereto;

APPLICATION means the Annuitant's application to the Agent for the Plan;

CONTRIBUTION means a contribution of cash or any Qualified Investment under the Plan;

ESTATE DOCUMENTS means proof of the Annuitant's death and such other documents including Letters Probate of the Annuitant's Will as may be required by the Trustee in its sole discretion in connection with the transmission of the Property on the Annuitant's death;

ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE means an executor, an administrator, an administrator with the will annexed, a liquidator, or an estate trustee with a will or without a will, whether one or more than one is so appointed;

EXPENSES means all costs, charges, fees, commissions, investment management fees, brokerage fees, legal expenses and out-of-pocket expenses (together with any goods and services tax or other Taxes applicable to such expenses) incurred from time to time in relation to the Plan;

FORMER SPOUSE means the individual who is considered by Applicable Laws to be the Annuitant's former spouse or common-law partner;

MATURITY DATE means the date the Annuitant selects for the start of a Retirement Income, which must not be after the end of the year in which the Annuitant attains the maximum age for the commencement of a retirement income as prescribed by Applicable Laws from time to time;

PLAN means the retirement savings plan the Annuitant and the Trustee have opened in the Annuitant's name pursuant to his or her Application;

PLAN PROCEEDS means the Property, less any Expenses and Taxes which may be required under Applicable Laws;

PROPERTY means any property, including the income thereon the proceeds thereof and cash, held under the Plan from time to time;

QUALIFIED INVESTMENT means any investment, which is a qualified investment for a registered retirement savings plan according to Applicable Laws;

RETIREMENT INCOME means a retirement income within the meaning of Applicable Laws;

SPOUSE means the individual who is considered by Applicable Laws to be the Annuitant's spouse or common-law partner;

TAXES means any and all applicable taxes, assessments, interest and penalties;

TRUSTEE means The Royal Trust Company in its capacity as trustee and issuer of the Plan, and its successors and assigns.
  - 2. Declaration of Trust.** The Trustee agrees to act as trustee of a Retirement Savings Plan for the Annuitant named in the Application and to administer the Property according to this Declaration of Trust.
  - 3. Appointment of Agent.** The Trustee has appointed VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. (the "Agent") as its agent to perform certain duties relating to the operation of the Plan. The Trustee acknowledges and confirms that ultimate responsibility for the administration of the Plan remains with the Trustee.
  - 4. Registration.** The Trustee will apply for registration of the Plan as a retirement savings plan pursuant to the Applicable Laws.
  - 5. Contributions.** The Annuitant or the Annuitant's Spouse may make Contributions to the Plan in such amounts as are permitted under Applicable Laws, in cash or such other property as may be permitted in the sole discretion of the Trustee. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Annuitant or the Annuitant's Spouse, as the case may be, to ensure that the amount of Contributions made to the Plan are within the limits permitted under Applicable Laws.
  - 6. Refund of Contributions.** The Trustee shall on written application by the Annuitant or, where applicable, the Annuitant's Spouse, in a form satisfactory to the Trustee, pay an amount to the taxpayer in order to reduce the amount of tax payable under Part X.1 of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and Applicable Laws.
  - 7. Tax Information.** The Trustee shall provide the Annuitant and, where applicable, the Annuitant's Spouse, with appropriate information slips for income tax purposes for all Contributions made to the Plan and such other information regarding the Plan as may be required under Applicable Laws.
  - 8. Delegation by Trustee.** The Annuitant expressly authorizes the Trustee to delegate to the Agent the performance of the following duties of the Trustee under the Plan:
    - (a) receiving Contributions to the Plan from the Annuitant and/or the Annuitant's Spouse, as the case may be;
    - (b) receiving transfers of property to the Plan;
    - (c) investing and reinvesting the Property as directed by the Annuitant;
    - (d) registering and holding the Property in the Trustee's name, the Agent's name, in the name of their respective nominees or in bearer form as determined by the Agent from time to time;
    - (e) maintaining the records of the Plan, including designation of beneficiaries, where applicable;
    - (f) providing to the Annuitant statements of account for the Plan at least annually;
    - (g) preparing all government filings and forms;
    - (h) making payments out of the Plan pursuant to the provisions hereof; and
    - (i) such other duties and obligations of the Trustee under the Plan as the Trustee in its sole discretion may from time to time determine.The Annuitant acknowledges that, to the extent the Trustee delegates any such duties, the Trustee shall thereby be discharged from performing such duties.
  - 9. Investment of the Property.** The Property shall be invested and reinvested on the directions of the Annuitant without being limited to investments authorized by law for trustees. The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may require the Annuitant to provide such documentation in respect of any investment or proposed investment, as the Trustee deems necessary in the circumstances. The Trustee reserves the right to decline to make any particular investment if the proposed investment and related documentation do not comply with the Trustee's requirements at that time.

- 10. Segregated Funds.** Segregated fund Property will be held in nominee name. The Annuitant agrees to designate the Trustee as the beneficiary under any segregated fund held under the Plan. Upon the death of the Annuitant, the proceeds of the segregated funds paid shall form part of the Property to be dealt with according to the terms of this Declaration of Trust. For greater certainty, upon the death of the Annuitant, the Trustee shall hold the segregated funds as Plan Proceeds for any beneficiary designated by the Annuitant under the Plan, in accordance with this Declaration of Trust.
- 11. Choice of Investments for the Plan.** Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Annuitant to:
- select the investments of the Plan and to determine whether any such investment is or remains a Qualified Investment, and
  - to determine whether any such investment would result in the imposition of any penalty under Applicable Laws and to determine whether any investments should be purchased, sold or retained by the Trustee as part of the Plan.
- The Annuitant shall have the right to appoint the Agent as his or her agent for the purpose of giving investment directions as provided in this paragraph 11.
- 12. Uninvested Cash.** Uninvested cash will be placed on deposit with the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee. The interest on such cash balances payable to the Plan will be determined by the Agent from time to time in their sole discretion with no obligation to pay a minimum amount or rate. The Trustee will pay interest to the Agent for distribution to the Plan and the Agent shall credit the Plan with appropriate interest. The Trustee shall have no liability for such payment of interest once it is paid to the Agent for distribution.
- 13. Right of Offset.** The Trustee and the Agent shall have no right of offset with respect to the Property in connection with any obligation or debt owed by the Annuitant to the Trustee or the Agent, other than the Expenses payable by the terms of this Declaration of Trust.
- 14. Debit Balances.** If the Plan has a cash deficit, the Annuitant authorizes the Trustee or the Agent, to determine which Property to select and to sell such Property to cover the cash deficit within the Plan.
- 15. Withdrawals.** Before the purchase of a Retirement Income, the Annuitant may, upon 60 days' written notice to the Agent, or upon such shorter period of notice as the Agent may in its sole discretion permit, request that the Agent liquidate part or all of the Property and pay to the Annuitant an amount from the Property, not exceeding the value of the Plan immediately before the time of payment, subject to the deduction of all Expenses and Taxes.
- 16. Retirement Income.** The Annuitant shall, upon at least 90 days' written notice to the Agent on behalf of the Trustee, or upon such shorter period of notice as the Trustee may in its sole discretion permit, specify the form of Retirement Income to be provided under Applicable Laws. Upon receiving such instructions, the Agent shall purchase such Retirement Income for the Annuitant and, where the Annuitant so elects in writing, for the Annuitant's Spouse after the death of the Annuitant (whereupon references to the Annuitant herein shall include the Annuitant's Spouse). The Plan shall mature on the Maturity Date. Except as otherwise permitted under Applicable Laws from time to time, any annuity purchased as a Retirement Income by the Annuitant must:
- be payable in equal annual or more frequent periodic payments during its term until such time as there is a payment in full or partial commutation of the Retirement Income and, where such commutation is partial equal, annual or more frequent periodic payments thereafter;
  - not be capable of assignment in whole or in part;
  - require the commutation of each annuity payable under the arrangement that would otherwise become payable to a person other than the Annuitant or the Annuitant's Spouse under that arrangement;
  - if the Annuitant selects an annuity with a guaranteed term, the term cannot exceed a term of years equal to 90 minus the Annuitant's age in whole years at the Maturity Date or if the Annuitant so elects and the Annuitant's Spouse is younger than the Annuitant, the age in whole years of the Annuitant's Spouse at the Maturity Date; and
  - not provide for the aggregate of the periodic payments made in a year after the death of the first Annuitant to exceed the aggregate of the payments made in a year before that Annuitant's death.
- 17. Annuitant's Failure To Give Instructions Regarding Maturity Date.** If the Annuitant fails to instruct the Agent in writing at least 90 days (or within such shorter period as the Trustee may permit in its sole discretion) prior to December 31 of the year in which the Annuitant attains the maximum age for the commencement of a retirement income under the Applicable Laws with respect to the form of Retirement Income to be provided, the Trustee and Agent may in their sole discretion and on reasonable notice to the Annuitant either:
- transfer the Property to a VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. Retirement Income Fund ("RIF") opened and registered for such purpose in the name of the Annuitant. Upon the transfer of all such Property to the RIF, the Annuitant shall be:
    - deemed to have elected to use his or her age (and not the age of the Annuitant's Spouse, if any) to determine the minimum amount under Applicable Laws;
    - deemed to have not elected to designate his or her Spouse to become the annuitant on the Annuitant's death and to have not designated any beneficiary upon death of the Annuitant; and
    - bound by all the terms and conditions of the RIF as stated in the documents pertaining thereto as if the Annuitant had signed the appropriate documents to effect such transfer, and had made or refrained from making the elections and designations as referred to herein.
- Or
- On or after December 1 but before December 31 of that year, the Agent shall liquidate the Property and close the Plan and pay the Plan Proceeds to the Annuitant.
- 18. Designation of Beneficiary.** Subject to Applicable Laws, the Annuitant may designate a beneficiary to receive the Plan Proceeds on the Annuitant's death prior to the purchase of a Retirement Income. A beneficiary designation may only be made, changed or revoked under the Plan by the Annuitant in a format required by the Agent for this purpose. Such designation must adequately identify the Plan and be delivered to the Agent prior to any payment by the Agent. The Annuitant acknowledges that it is his or her sole responsibility to ensure the designation is valid under the laws of Canada, its provinces or territories.
- 19. Death of Annuitant.** If the Annuitant dies before the purchase of a Retirement Income, upon the receipt of Estate Documents by the Agent, which are satisfactory to the Trustee:
- if the Annuitant has a designated beneficiary, the Plan Proceeds will be paid or transferred to the designated beneficiary, subject to the Applicable Laws. The Trustee and the Agent will be fully discharged by such payment or transfer, even though any beneficiary designation made by the Annuitant may be invalid as a testamentary instrument; and
  - if the Annuitant's designated beneficiary has died before the Annuitant or if the Annuitant has not designated a beneficiary, the Trustee will pay the Plan Proceeds to the Annuitant's estate.
- 20. Release of Information.** The Trustee and the Agent each are authorized to release any information about the Plan and the Plan Proceeds, after the Annuitant's death, to either the Annuitant's Estate Representative or the designated beneficiary, or both, as the Trustee deems advisable.
- 21. Payment into Court.** If there is a dispute about who is legally authorized to apply for and accept receipt of the Plan Proceeds on death of the Annuitant, the Trustee and the Agent are entitled to either apply to the court for directions or pay the Plan Proceeds into court and, in either case, fully recover any legal costs it incurs in this regard as Expenses from the Plan.
- 22. Account.** The Agent shall maintain an account for the Annuitant which will record particulars of all Contributions, investments, and transactions in the Plan, and shall mail to the Annuitant, at least annually, a statement of account.
- 23. No Advantage.** No advantage that is conditional in any way on the existence of the Plan may be extended to the Annuitant or to a person with whom the Annuitant does not deal at arm's length, other than those advantages or benefits, which may be permitted from time to time under Applicable Laws.
- 24. Limitation of Liability.** The Trustee shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the Plan, by the Annuitant or by any beneficiary under the Plan as a result of the purchase, sale or retention of any investment including any loss resulting from the Trustee acting on the direction of the agent appointed by the Annuitant to provide investment direction.
- 25. Indemnity.** The Annuitant agrees to indemnify the Trustee for all Expenses, Taxes and compensation incurred or owing in connection with the Plan to the extent that such Expenses, Taxes or compensation cannot be paid out of the Property.
- 26. Self-Dealing.** The Trustee's services are not exclusive and, subject to the limitations otherwise provided in this Declaration of Trust on the powers of the Trustee, the Trustee may, for any purpose, and is hereby expressly authorized from time to time in its sole discretion to, appoint, employ, invest in, contract or deal with any individual, firm, partnership, association, trust or body corporate, with which it may be directly or indirectly interested or affiliated with, whether on its own account or on the account of another (in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise), and to profit therefrom, without being liable to account therefore and without being in breach of this Declaration of Trust.
- 27. Compensation, Taxes and Expenses.** The Trustee and Agent will be entitled to such reasonable fees and other charges as each may establish from time to time for services rendered in connection with the Plan. All such fees and other charges (together with any goods and services tax or other Taxes applicable thereto) will, unless first paid directly to the Agent, be charged against and deducted from the Property in such manner as the Agent determines. All Expenses incurred and Taxes payable shall be paid from the Plan.
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- The Trustee may resign by giving such written notice to the Agent as may be required from time to time under the terms of an agreement entered into between the Agent and the Trustee. The Annuitant will be given at least 30 days prior notice of such resignation. On the effective date of such resignation, the Trustee will be discharged from all further duties, responsibilities, and liabilities under this Declaration of Trust, except those incurred before the effective date.
- The Trustee will transfer all Property, together with all information required to continue the administration of the Property as a registered retirement savings plan under the Applicable Laws, to a successor trustee.
- The Trustee has agreed to resign upon it being provided with notice in writing by the Agent if the Trustee is satisfied that the successor nominated by the Agent will properly assume and fulfill the Trustee's duties and liabilities hereunder in respect of the administration of the Plan.
  - In either event, the Agent shall forthwith nominate a person to replace the Trustee and the resignation of the Trustee shall not take effect until its replacement has been so nominated by the Agent and appointed as successor by the Trustee and approved by Canada Revenue Agency or its successor. Failing the nomination of a replacement by the Agent within 30 days after receipt by it of a notice of resignation, the Trustee shall be entitled to appoint a person as its own replacement.
  - Upon any such appointment and resignation of the Trustee, the person so appointed as replacement trustee shall, without further act or formality, be and become the Trustee hereunder. Such replacement trustee shall, without any conveyance or transfer, be vested with the same power, rights, duties

and responsibilities as the Trustee and with the assets of the Plan as if the replacement trustee had been the original Trustee. The Trustee shall execute and deliver to the replacement trustee all such conveyances, transfers and further assurances as may be necessary or advisable to give effect to the appointment of the replacement trustee.

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Any notice, statement or receipt given by the Trustee or the Agent to the Annuitant shall be sufficiently given if delivered personally to the Annuitant, or if mailed, postage prepaid, addressed to the Annuitant at the address shown on the Annuitant's Application or at the Annuitant's last address given to the Trustee or the Agent, and any such notice, statement or receipt shall be considered to have been given at the time of delivery to the Annuitant personally or, if mailed, on the fifth day after mailing to the Annuitant.

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The Annuitant expressly agrees that any action arising out of or relating to this Declaration of Trust or the Plan shall be filed only in a court located in Canada and the Annuitant irrevocably consents and submits to the personal jurisdiction of such court for the purposes of litigating of any such action.

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## VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. Retirement Income Fund Declaration of Trust

### 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this declaration of trust or on the Application, any capitalized terms shall have the meanings given to them below:

AGENT means VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. and its successors and assigns;

ANNUITANT means the individual who has executed the Application to be the fund owner of the Fund within the meaning of Applicable Laws given to that word;

APPLICABLE LAWS means the Income Tax Act (Canada), relevant pension legislation and such other laws of Canada and of the provinces and territories applicable hereto;

APPLICATION means the Annuitant's application to the Agent for the Fund;

ESTATE DOCUMENTS means proof of the Annuitant's death and such other documents including Letters Probate of the Annuitant's Will as may be required by the Trustee in its sole discretion in connection with the transmission of the Property on the Annuitant's death;

ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE means an executor, an administrator, an administrator with the will annexed, a liquidator, or an estate trustee with a will or without a will, whether one or more than one is so appointed;

EXPENSES means all costs, charges, fees, commissions, investment management fees, brokerage fees, legal expenses and out-of-pocket expenses (together with any goods and services tax or other Taxes applicable to such expenses) incurred from time to time in relation to the Fund;

FORMER SPOUSE means the individual who is considered by Applicable Laws to be the Annuitant's former spouse or common-law partner;

FUND means the retirement income fund the Annuitant and the Trustee has opened in the Annuitant's name pursuant to his or her Application;

FUND PROCEEDS means the Property, less any Expenses and Taxes which may be required under Applicable Laws;

MINIMUM AMOUNT means the minimum amount that, according to subsection 146.3(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada), must be paid from the Fund in each year, subsequent to the year in which the Fund was opened;

PROPERTY means any property, including the income thereon the proceeds thereof and cash, held under the Fund from time to time;

QUALIFIED INVESTMENT means any investment, which is a qualified investment for a registered retirement income fund according to Applicable Laws;

RETIREMENT INCOME means a retirement income within the meaning of Applicable Laws;

SPOUSE means the individual who is considered by Applicable Laws to be the Annuitant's spouse or common-law partner;

TAXES means any and all applicable taxes, assessments, interest and penalties; and

TRUSTEE means The Royal Trust Company in its capacity as trustee and carrier of the Fund, and its successors and assigns.

- 2. Declaration of Trust.** The Trustee agrees to act as trustee of a Retirement Income Fund for the Annuitant named in the Application and to administer the Property according to this Declaration of Trust.
- 3. Appointment of Agent.** The Trustee has appointed VenGrowth Capital Partners Inc. (the "Agent") as its agent to perform certain duties relating to the operation of the Fund. The Trustee acknowledges and confirms that ultimate responsibility for the administration of the Fund remains with the Trustee.
- 4. Registration.** The Trustee will apply for registration of the Fund as a retirement income fund pursuant to the Applicable Laws.
- 5. Tax Information.** The Trustee shall provide the Annuitant with appropriate information slips for income tax purposes each year showing the total of the payments made from the Fund during the preceding calendar year and such other information regarding the Fund as may be required under Applicable Laws.
- 6. Delegation by Trustee.** The Annuitant expressly authorizes the Trustee to delegate to the Agent the performance of the following duties and obligations of the Trustee under the Fund:
- (a) receiving transfers of property to the Fund;
  - (b) investing and reinvesting the Property as directed by the Annuitant;
  - (c) registering and holding the Property in the Trustee's name, the Agent's name, in the name of their respective nominees or in bearer form as determined by the Agent from time to time;
  - (d) maintaining the records of the Fund, including designation of beneficiaries, where applicable;
  - (e) providing to the Annuitant statements of account for the Fund at least annually;
  - (f) preparing all government filings and forms;
  - (g) paying all amounts to be paid out of the Fund in accordance with the terms hereof; and
  - (h) such other duties and obligations of the Trustee under the Fund as the Trustee in its absolute discretion may from time to time determine.

The Annuitant acknowledges that, to the extent the Trustee delegates any such duties, the Trustee shall thereby be discharged from performing such duties.

- 7. Investment of the Property.** The Property shall be invested and reinvested on the directions of the Annuitant without being limited to investments authorized by law for trustees. The Trustee, in its sole discretion, may require the Annuitant to provide such documentation in respect of any investment or proposed investment, as the Trustee deems necessary in the circumstances. The Trustee reserves the right to decline to make any particular investment if the proposed investment and related documentation do not comply with the Trustee's requirements at that time.
- 8. Segregated Funds.** Segregated fund Property will be held in nominee name. The Annuitant agrees to designate the Trustee as the beneficiary under any segregated fund held under the Fund. Upon the death of the Annuitant, the proceeds of the segregated funds paid shall form part of the Property to be dealt with according to the terms of this Declaration of Trust. For greater certainty, upon the death of the Annuitant, the Trustee shall hold the segregated funds as Fund Proceeds for any beneficiary designated by the Annuitant under the Fund, in accordance with this Declaration of Trust.
- 9. Choice of Investments for the Fund.** Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Annuitant to:
- a) select the investments of the Fund and to determine whether any such investment is or remains a Qualified Investment, and
  - b) to determine whether any such investment would result in the imposition of any penalty under Applicable Laws and to determine whether any investments should be purchased, sold or retained by the Trustee as part of the Fund.

The Annuitant shall have the right to appoint the Agent as his or her agent for the purpose of giving investment directions as provided in this paragraph 9.

- 10. Uninvested Cash.** Uninvested cash will be placed on deposit with the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee. The interest on such cash balances payable to the Fund will be determined by the Agent from time to time in their sole discretion with no obligation to pay a minimum amount or rate. The Trustee will pay interest to the Agent for distribution to the Fund and the Agent shall credit the Fund with appropriate interest. The Trustee shall have no liability for such payment of interest once it is paid to the Agent for distribution.
- 11. Right of Offset.** The Trustee and the Agent shall have no right of offset with respect to the Property in connection with any obligation or debt owed by the Annuitant to the Trustee or the Agent, other than the Expenses payable by the terms of this Declaration of Trust.
- 12. Debit Balances.** If the Fund has a cash deficit, the Annuitant authorizes the Trustee or the Agent, to determine which Property to select and to sell such Property to cover the cash deficit within the Fund.
- 13. Payments from the Fund.** The Agent shall make the following payments to the Annuitant and, where the Annuitant has so elected as provided in paragraph 17, to the Annuitant's Spouse after the death of the Annuitant, each year, commencing not later than the first calendar year after the year in which the Fund is established, one or more payments the aggregate of which is not less than the Minimum Amount for the year, but not exceeding the value of the Fund immediately before the time of payment. The Annuitant shall instruct the Agent which investments of the Fund should be sold to provide any required cash.
- The amount and frequency of the payment or payments referred to in this paragraph in respect of any year shall be as specified in writing by the Annuitant on the Application Form or on such other form as the Agent may provide for this purpose. The Annuitant may change the amount and frequency of the said payment or payments or request additional payments by instructing the Agent in writing on such form as may be provided for this purpose, such change to be effective in the next calendar year.
- If the Annuitant does not specify the payment or payments to be made in a year or if the payment or payments specified are less than the Minimum Amount for a year, the Agent shall make such payment or payments out of the Property as it deems necessary so that the Minimum Amount for that year is paid to the Annuitant. In the event that the Property does not contain sufficient cash to make such payment or payments, the Annuitant authorizes the Trustee or Agent to determine which Property shall be sold in order to effect such payment or payments.
- The Agent shall withhold from any payment any income tax or other amount required to be withheld by Applicable Laws. Payments to the Annuitant shall be made pursuant to the Annuitant's direction. Where no such direction is provided, the Agent shall make payment by cheque to the Annuitant at the Annuitant's last address on file.
- 14. Calculation of Minimum Amount.** The Minimum Amount under the Fund for the year in which the Fund is established is nil. The Minimum Amount for a year after the year in which the Fund was opened will vary, depending on the year in which the Fund was opened and the Annuitant's age (or the age of the Annuitant's Spouse if elected to use the Annuitant Spouse's age on the Application form before any payment from the Fund has been made), and will be calculated as required by subsection 146.3(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada).
- An election made by the Annuitant to base the Minimum Amount on the age of the Annuitant's Spouse as provided above is thereafter binding and cannot be changed, revoked or amended after the first payment has been made from the Fund even if the Spouse dies or if the Annuitant and the Spouse cease to be married.

**15. No Assignment.** No payment under this Declaration of Trust may be assigned, either in whole or in part.

**16. Valuation of the Fund.** For the purposes of calculating the Minimum Amount for a year, the value of the Fund at the beginning of a year will be equal to the value of the Fund as at the close of business on the last business day of the Trustee in the immediately preceding year.

**17. Election of Successor Annuitant.** Subject to Applicable Laws, the Annuitant may elect that the Annuitant's Spouse become the Annuitant under the Fund after the Annuitant's death if the Spouse survives the Annuitant.

**18. Designation of Beneficiary.** Subject to Applicable Laws, and if the Annuitant has not elected a successor annuitant or the successor annuitant has predeceased the Annuitant, the Annuitant may designate a beneficiary to receive the Fund Proceeds on the Annuitant's death. A beneficiary designation may only be made, changed or revoked under the Fund by the Annuitant in a format required by the Agent for this purpose. Such designation must adequately identify the Fund and be delivered to the Agent prior to any payment by the Agent. The Annuitant acknowledges that it is his or her sole responsibility to ensure the designation is valid under the laws of Canada, its provinces or territories.

**19. Death of Annuitant (Where Spouse Becomes the Annuitant).** On the death of the Annuitant, where there has been an election of the Annuitant's Spouse as successor annuitant under the Fund, the Agent, upon receipt of Estate Documents, shall continue to make the payments, in accordance with this Declaration of Trust, to the Annuitant's Spouse after the death of the Annuitant. The Trustee and Agent shall be fully discharged upon making those payments to the Annuitant's Spouse, even though any election or designation made by the Annuitant may be invalid as a testamentary instrument.

**20. Death of Annuitant (all other cases).** If the Annuitant dies and the Annuitant's Spouse does not become the successor annuitant of the Fund, upon the receipt of Estate Documents by the Agent, which are satisfactory to the Trustee:

(a) if the Annuitant has a designated beneficiary, the Fund Proceeds will be paid or transferred to the designated beneficiary, subject to the Applicable Laws. The Trustee and the Agent will be fully discharged by such payment or transfer, even though any beneficiary designation made by the Annuitant may be invalid as a testamentary instrument.

(b) if the Annuitant's designated beneficiary has died before the Annuitant or if the Annuitant has not designated a beneficiary, the Trustee will pay the Fund Proceeds to the Annuitant's estate.

**21. Release of Information.** The Trustee and the Agent each are authorized to release any information about the Fund and the Fund Proceeds, after the Annuitant's death, to either the Annuitant's Estate Representative or the designated beneficiary, or both, as the Trustee deems advisable.

**22. Payment into Court.** If there is a dispute about who is legally authorized to apply for and accept receipt of the Fund Proceeds on the Annuitant's death, the Trustee and the Agent are entitled to either apply to the court for directions or pay the Fund Proceeds into court and, in either case, fully recover any legal costs they incur in this regard as Expenses from the Fund.

**23. Account.** The Agent shall maintain an account for the Annuitant which will record particulars of all investments, and transactions in the Fund and shall mail to the Annuitant, at least annually, a statement of account. The Agent shall also mail to the Annuitant, at least annually, a statement of the value of the Fund as at December 31 in each year and the Minimum Amount of the payments to be made to the Annuitant during the next calendar year.

**24. No Benefit or Loan.** No benefit or loan that is conditional in any way on the existence of the Fund may be extended to the Annuitant or to a person with whom the Annuitant does not deal at arm's length, other than those benefits or loans, which may be permitted from time to time under Applicable Laws.

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For greater certainty, the Agent shall retain sufficient Property in order that the Minimum Amount for the year, as per paragraph 146.3(2)(e.1) or (e.2) of the Income Tax Act (Canada), may be retained and paid to the Annuitant. The Agent may, in its sole discretion, deduct applicable Expenses, including any transfer fee from the Property or the portion thereof being transferred. If only a portion of the property or value of the Fund is transferred, the Annuitant may instruct the Agent in the said notice as to which investments he or she wishes to be sold or transferred for the purpose of effecting the said transfer. If the Annuitant fails to so instruct the Agent, the Agent shall sell or transfer such investments as it in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

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