## CREDITRISKMONITOR.COM, INC. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

## Organization

The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the Board in monitoring the integrity of the financial statements of the Company and the independence and performance of the Company's external auditors. The members of the Audit Committee shall meet the independence and experience requirements of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. (i.e., Members shall have no relationship to the Company that may interfere with the exercise of their independence from management and the Company. All Audit Committee members will be financially literate, and at least one member will have accounting or related financial management expertise.)

## **Statement of Policy**

The Audit Committee shall provide assistance to the Board of Directors in fulfilling their responsibility to the shareholders, potential shareholders, and investment community relating to corporate accounting, reporting practices of the Company, and the quality and integrity of financial reports of the Company. In so doing, it is the responsibility of the Audit Committee to maintain free and open communication between the directors, the independent auditors, and the financial management of the Company.

## Responsibilities

The Committee serves as the representative of the Board of Directors for the general oversight of Company affairs in the area of financial accounting and reporting and the underlying internal controls. Through its activities, the Committee will facilitate open communication among directors, the Company's independent auditors and the Company's management.

The Committee will assist the Board of Directors in discharging its fiduciary responsibilities to shareholders, providing assurance as to the independence of the Company's outside auditors and the adequacy of disclosure to shareholders and to the public.

In carrying out these responsibilities, the Audit Committee will:

 Obtain the full Board of Directors' approval of this Charter and review and reassess this Charter as conditions dictate (at least annually).

- The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the outside auditor in connection with the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and related services. In this regard, the Committee shall have the sole authority to appoint and retain the outside auditor and shall periodically, but at least annually, evaluate the performance of the outside auditor and, if necessary, replace the outside auditor. As appropriate, the Committee shall submit the appointment of the outside auditor for stockholder approval at any meeting of stockholders. The outside auditor shall report directly to the Committee.
- The Committee shall approve in advance all audit engagement fees and terms of engagement and shall approve in advance all audit and non-audit services to be provided by the outside auditor. The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of compensation to the outside auditor. By approving the audit engagement, an audit service within the scope of the engagement shall be deemed to have been approved in advance. The Committee shall establish policies and procedures for the engagement of the outside auditor to perform non-audit services (including pre-approval of such services). The Committee may delegate authority to one or more members to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services, provided that decisions to grant pre-approvals shall be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.
- Meet with the independent auditors and senior management of the Company to review the scope of the proposed audit and timely quarterly reviews for the current year and the procedures to be utilized, and at the conclusion thereof review such audit or review, including any comments or recommendations of the independent auditors.
- Review with the independent auditors and senior management, the adequacy and effectiveness of the accounting, financial, operating and information systems controls of the Company, and elicit any recommendations for the improvement of such internal control procedures or particular areas where new or more detailed controls or procedures are desirable. Particular emphasis should be given to the adequacy of such internal controls to expose any payments, transactions or procedures that might be deemed illegal or otherwise improper. Further, the Audit Committee periodically shall review Company policy statements to determine their adherence to the code of conduct.
- Inquire of management and the independent auditors about significant risks or exposures and assess the steps management has taken to minimize such risks to the Company.

- Receive communications from the independent auditors prior to the filing of the Form 10-QSB matters described in Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61. Communication with Audit Committees, including significant adjustments, management judgments and accounting estimates, significant new accounting policies, disagreements with management and any other matters required to be communicated to the Audit Committee when they have been identified in the conduct of interim financial reporting review. The chair of the Audit Committee may represent the entire Audit Committee for purposes of this review.
- Review the financial statements contained in the annual report to shareholders with management and the independent auditors to determine that the independent auditors are satisfied with the disclosure and content of the financial statements to be presented to the shareholders. Review with management and the independent auditors the results of their timely analysis of significant financial reporting issues and practices, including changes in, or adoptions of, accounting principles and disclosure practices, and discuss any other matters required to be communicated to the Committee by the auditors. Also review with management and the independent auditors their judgments about the quality, not just acceptability, of accounting principles and the clarity of the financial disclosure practices used or proposed to be used, and particularly, the degree of aggressiveness or conservatism of the organization's accounting principles and underlying estimates, and other significant decisions made in preparing the financial statements.
- Provide sufficient opportunity for the independent auditors to meet with the
  members of the Audit Committee without members of management
  present. Among the items to be discussed in these meetings are the
  independent auditors' evaluation of the Company's financial and
  accounting personnel, and the cooperation that the independent auditors
  received during the course of the audit.
- Report the results of the annual audit to the Board of Directors. If requested by the Board of Directors, invite the independent auditors to attend the full Board of Directors meeting to assist in reporting the results of the annual audit or to answer other directors' questions.
- On an annual basis, obtain from the independent auditors a written communication delineating all their relationships and professional services as required by the Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees. In addition, review with the independent auditors the nature and scope of any disclosed relationships or professional services and take, or recommend that the board of directors take, appropriate action to ensure the continuing independence of the auditors.

- Review the report of the Audit Committee in the Annual Report on Form 10-KSB disclosing whether or not the committee had reviewed and discussed with management and the independent auditors, as well as discussed within the Audit Committee (without management or the independent auditors present), the financial statements and the quality of accounting principles and significant judgments affecting the financial statements. In addition, disclose in the proxy statement that the Audit Committee has:
  - 1. reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management;
  - 2. discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by SAS No. 61;
  - 3. received certain disclosures from the auditors regarding the auditors' independence as required by the Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, and discussed with the auditors the auditors' independence; and
  - 4. concluded whether, based on such review and discussions, anything has come to the attention of the members of the Audit Committee that caused the Audit Committee to believe that the audited financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year then ended contain an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- Submit the minutes of all meetings of the Audit Committee to, or discuss the matters discussed at each committee meeting with, the Board of Directors.
- Investigate any matter brought to its attention within the scope of its duties, with the power to retain outside counsel for this purpose if, in its judgment, that is appropriate.
- Review the Company's disclosure in the proxy statement for its annual meeting of shareholders that describes that the Committee has a charter and has satisfied its responsibilities under this Charter for the prior year. In addition, include a copy of this Charter in the appendix to the proxy statement at least triennially or the year after any significant amendment to the Charter.