



**INVESTING POLICY**

**ADOPTED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

Trident's Investing Policy is to build a diversified portfolio of royalties, streams and offtakes over mining and certain other assets. Income generated by these assets will be used to make additional investments in order to continue growth, diversification and stability of income, and, once appropriate scale has been reached, to pay dividends to shareholders.

The Company believes that this strategy will generate both capital appreciation and attractive dividend returns for its shareholders in due course. The key elements of the Company's strategy are as follows.

### **Diversification**

The Company is seeking to create a portfolio of royalties, streams and offtakes over mining assets that is diversified by:

- Commodity: targeting a mix of commodities encompassing base and precious metals, bulk materials (excluding thermal coal) and battery metals;
- Geography: seeking assets in "mining-friendly" jurisdictions worldwide; and
- Asset life cycle: in addition to producing mines, the Company intends to seek investments in the exploration and development stages, thereby providing exposure to assets across the development spectrum.

In addition, further diversification will be sought by including, as a minor part of the portfolio, royalties, streams and offtakes over assets, which produce or have the potential to produce or generate carbon credits and/or emission reductions, wherever situate in the world.

Given the multi-layered diversification the Company is seeking, it is expected that it will take some time to deliver the targeted portfolio mix. Further, particularly during the early life of the Company, its portfolio may be concentrated in a limited number of assets, commodities and geographies.

There is no minimum or maximum number of royalties, streams or offtakes that the Company can hold at any one time. Similarly, there are no limits nor minimum or maximum exposure limits to any one royalty, stream or offtake, commodity, geography or asset stage.

### **Reinvestment**

As the mining and other assets that underpin the royalties, streams and offtakes which the Company acquires or writes have finite lives, the Company will utilise a portion, and potentially all, of the income it receives to invest in new royalty, stream and offtake opportunities, both primary and secondary. The Board believes that this is an important element of the Company's strategy as it replenishes depleting assets, enhances diversification and delivers continued growth for the Company. In respect of any investments relating to carbon credits and emission reductions, the Company may utilize a portion and potentially all of the income it receives to invest in new royalty, stream and offtake opportunities, both

primary and secondary and whether relating to mining assets or carbon credits and/or emission reductions.

### **Investment size**

The Company does not place any limitations on the size of the investments it will seek.

### **Investment structure**

It is anticipated that the Company's primary method of investment will be through:

- the acquisition of existing royalties, streams and offtakes; and
- by providing capital in exchange for the creation of new royalties, streams and offtakes (known as "writing" a royalty, stream or offtake).

The Company will not seek to make standalone equity or debt investments in companies.

However, there may be occasions where the Company makes such an investment either as a small element of a larger royalty, stream or offtake investment or as a precursor or option to a follow-on investment. The Board believes that having this flexibility will give it a competitive advantage as it seeks to secure attractive investment opportunities.

The Company will not seek to make standalone acquisitions of physical commodities or carbon credits and/or emission reductions other than those delivered pursuant to a stream or offtake. However, there may be occasions where the Company makes such an investment either as a small element of a larger royalty, stream or offtake investment or as a precursor to a follow-on royalty, stream or offtake investment.

It is also anticipated that the Company may make acquisitions of companies or holdings in companies, which hold or primarily hold royalties, streams or offtakes or portfolios of royalties, streams or offtakes.

### **Leverage**

Once an appropriate level of scale has been achieved, the Directors expect to use conservative levels of debt financing to enhance returns to shareholders, and to give the Company additional flexibility to execute on royalty, stream and offtake finance opportunities as they arise. These debt facilities will likely include, although may not be limited to, revolving style credit facilities or convertible loan style facilities which may be utilised to acquire additional royalties, streams or offtakes and may be entered into by Trident or its subsidiaries.

The Directors believe that, as well as enhancing shareholder returns, utilising leverage will allow the Company to benefit from a lower cost of capital thereby increasing its competitiveness in the global royalty, stream and offtake finance market. Furthermore, access to a credit facility will reduce the Company's reliance on equity markets as it's only source of external capital and will allow it to be nimble in executing investment opportunities.

As the Company grows its asset base through both the acquisition of existing royalties, streams and offtakes and by writing new royalties, streams and offtakes, its debt structure will likely change over time. There is no limit on the Directors' ability to borrow or incur indebtedness. The Company will undertake an annual review of its debt structure to ensure that it remains appropriate.

### **Review of the Company's investing policy**

Under the AIM Rules, any material changes to the Investing Policy require the prior consent of the Company's shareholders in a general meeting of the Company. Any variation to the Company's investment objective and policy or restrictions will be made only following approval of the Board and subject to compliance with the AIM Rules.

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### **Expertise of the Board**

The investing policy is, in the Board's view, unlikely to require additional experience to be brought onto the Board, however, the Company may choose to continue to use independent experts and advisers where it is considered that specialist assistance is needed to assess investment opportunities and risks including in the carbon markets.

Biographies for the Directors can be found on the Company's website at [www.tridentroyalties.com](http://www.tridentroyalties.com).

The Company does not use an investment manager in respect of its investments.

### **Taxation Status and Taxation Strategy**

The proposed Revised Investing Policy will have no impact on the tax status and strategy to taxation of the Company.