

TRIDENT DIGITAL TECH HOLDINGS LTD

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

(as adopted by the Board of Directors on September 29, 2023)

I. Authority and Purpose

The Audit Committee (the “**Committee**”) of Trident Digital Tech Holdings Ltd (the “**Company**”) is appointed by the Company’s Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) to assist the Board with the oversight of (1) the integrity of the Company’s financial statements, (2) the Company’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (3) the qualifications and independence of the Company’s independent auditors and (4) the performance of the Company’s independent auditors and internal audit function. The Committee shall undertake those specific duties and responsibilities listed below and such other duties as the Board shall from time to time prescribe. All powers of the Committee are subject to the restrictions designated in the Company’s memorandum and articles of association, as amended (the “**Memorandum and Articles of Association**”) and applicable law.

II. Statement of Policy

The Committee shall oversee the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and audits of the financial statements of the Company. In so doing, the Committee shall endeavor to maintain free and open means of communication between the directors, the independent auditors and the financial management of the Company. In addition, the Committee shall review the policies and procedures adopted by the Company to fulfill its responsibilities regarding the fair and accurate presentation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (the “**GAAP**”), applicable rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) and the Nasdaq Stock Market (the “**Nasdaq**”) audit committee requirements.

III. Committee Membership

The Committee shall consist of no fewer than three members. Each member of the Committee shall meet the independence requirements of the Nasdaq and the SEC, any other regulatory requirements and the standards established by the Board from time to time, subject to exemptions available to and adopted by the Company.

Committee members shall be elected by the Board at the annual meeting of the Board and shall serve until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Committee members may be removed or replaced at any time by vote of the Board.

Members of the Committee shall not simultaneously serve on the audit committees of more than three public companies, unless the Board determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Committee and discloses such determination in the Company’s annual report.

Each member of the Committee must be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Company's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement. In addition, at least one member of the Committee shall be an "audit committee financial expert," as defined by SEC rules and regulations. If the Board has determined that a member of the Committee is an audit committee financial expert, it may presume that such member has accounting or related financial management expertise.

IV. Structure and Meetings

The Committee shall conduct its business in accordance with this charter (the "**Charter**"), the Memorandum and Articles of Association and any direction by the whole Board.

The Committee chairperson shall be designated by the Board, or, if it does not do so, the Committee members shall elect a chairperson by a vote of the majority of the full Committee.

The Committee shall meet as often as it determines necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities, but no less frequently than once every quarter. The Committee may establish its own schedule, which it will provide to the Board in advance. The chairperson or a majority of the members of the Committee may call meetings of the Committee upon such notice as is required for special Board meetings in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Committee shall conduct periodic separate executive sessions with management, with the chief internal audit executive and with the independent auditors. A majority of the Committee, but not less than two members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. As necessary or desirable, the chairperson of the Committee may require that any other director, officer or employee of the Company, or other persons whose advice and counsel are sought by the Committee, be present at meetings of the Committee.

The Committee chairperson will preside at each meeting and, in consultation with the other members of the Committee, will set the frequency and length of each meeting and the agenda of items to be addressed at each meeting. The chairperson of the Committee (or other member of the Committee designated by the chairperson or the Committee in the chairperson's absence) shall regularly report to the full Board on its proceedings and any actions that it takes. The Committee will maintain written minutes of its meetings, which minutes will be maintained with the books and records of the Company.

V. Duties and Responsibilities

The Committee's policies and procedures should remain flexible, in order to best react to changing conditions and to ensure to the Board and the Company's shareholders that the corporate accounting and reporting practices of the Company are in accordance with all requirements and are of the highest quality.

In meeting its responsibilities, the Committee is expected to:

Documents/Reports/Accounting Information Review

1. Meet to review and discuss with management and the independent auditors, before release, the Company's annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements, including the related notes and the Company's disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" or equivalent sections. Make a recommendation to the Board whether or not the audited financial statements should be included in the Company's annual report.

2. Review and discuss with management the type and presentation of information to be included in earnings press releases (paying particular attention to any use of "pro forma" or "adjusted" non-GAAP information), as well as review any financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

3. Be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of any registered public accounting firm engaged (including resolution of disagreements between management and the auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company, and each such firm shall report directly to the Committee. As part of this responsibility the Committee shall:

- Be directly responsible for the pre-approval of all non-audit services performed by the independent auditors.
- Have the sole authority to approve all audit engagement fees and terms, as well as all significant non-audit engagements with the independent auditors.
- Consider whether the independent auditor's performance of any non-audit services is compatible with the auditor's independence.
- Have the authority to delegate to one or more designated Committee members the authority to grant pre-approvals required for such services. The decisions of any Committee member to whom authority is delegated hereunder shall be presented to the Committee at each of its scheduled meetings.

The Board will seek shareholder ratification of the independent auditor selected by the Committee at the Company's annual meeting of shareholders.

4. Evaluate the independent auditor's qualifications, performance and independence. The evaluation of the independent auditor's independence shall include a review of management consulting services, and related fees, provided by the independent auditors. This evaluation shall include the review and evaluation of the lead partner of the independent auditors. In making its evaluation, the Committee shall take into account the opinions of management and the internal auditors. In addition to assuring the regular rotation of the lead audit partner as required by law, the Committee shall further consider whether, in order to assure continuing auditor independence, there shall be regular rotation of the audit firm itself. The Committee shall

require the independent auditors at least annually to provide a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the independent auditors and the Company consistent with the Nasdaq audit committee requirements and request information from the independent auditors and management to determine the presence or absence of a conflict of interest. The Committee shall actively engage the auditors in a dialogue with respect to any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the auditors. The Committee shall present its conclusions with respect to the independent auditors to the Board. The Committee shall take, or recommend that the full Board take, appropriate action in response to the auditors' report to satisfy itself of the auditors' independence.

5. Set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent auditors.

6. Obtain and review, at least annually, a report by the independent auditors describing: the firm's internal quality-control procedures; any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues.

7. While the fundamental responsibility for the Company's financial statements and disclosures rests with management and the independent auditors, the Committee shall consider and review, in consultation with the independent auditors, the internal audit department and management, at the completion of the annual examinations and such other times as the Committee may deem appropriate:

- The independent auditors' audit of the financial statements and their report thereon.
- The independent auditors' reports regarding critical accounting policies and significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, alternative treatments of financial information and other material written communications between the independent auditors and management.
- Any significant changes required in the independent auditors' audit scope and plan.
- Any audit problems or difficulties and management's response. The Committee shall regularly review any difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of the independent auditor's activities or on access to requested information and any significant disagreements with management. Among the items the Committee may review are:
 - any accounting adjustments that were noted or proposed by the auditor but were "passed" (as immaterial or otherwise);
 - any communications between the audit team and the audit firm's national office respecting auditing or accounting issues presented by the engagement;
 - any "management" or "internal control" letter issued, or proposed to be issued, by the audit firm to the Company; and

- major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, and major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies.
- The effect or potential effect of any regulatory regime, accounting initiatives or off-balance sheet structures on the Company's financial statements.
- Any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any employee complaints or published reports that raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.
- Other matters related to the conduct of the audit, which are to be communicated to the Committee under generally accepted auditing standards.
- Discuss with the independent auditors the written independence disclosures required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board or other regulatory body.
- Obtain from the independent auditor assurance that it has complied with Section 10A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**").

Financial Reporting Processes and Accounting Policies

8. Review and discuss with the independent auditors, management (including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (or an equivalent position)) and the chief internal audit executive the following:

- The principal executive officer and principal financial officer certifications required to be made in connection with the Company's periodic reports under the Exchange Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended.
- All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data, including any material weaknesses in internal controls identified by the Company's independent auditor or the internal audit department.
- Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls.
- Any significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

9. Annually, obtain a written report from management on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, including controls designed to prevent or mitigate financial statement fraud, and review the effectiveness of internal controls with management, the chief internal audit executive and the independent auditors.

10. Discuss policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The Committee shall discuss the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures. The Committee shall discuss guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken.

11. Establish procedures for:

- The receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters.
- The confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- The receipt and treatment of any evidence of a violation of the securities laws or breach of fiduciary duty brought to the Committee's attention by the Company's in-house or external securities counsel.

12. Review and approve any contracts or transactions greater than US\$120,000 (individually or together in the aggregate if part of a series of related transactions) entered into between the Company and any of the Company's director, officer, employee or beneficial owner of more than five percent of any class of the Company's voting securities or an affiliate of any such director, officer, employee or beneficial owner ("**Related Party Transactions**"), other than employment and compensation-related agreements. Review with management, as appropriate, any Related Party Transactions of up to US\$120,000.

13. Review policies and procedures with respect to officers' expense accounts and perquisites, including their use of corporate assets, and consider the results of any review of these areas by the independent auditors or the internal audit department.

14. Develop and recommend to the Board, and implement and monitor compliance with, a code of business conduct and ethics for directors, officers and employees, and promptly disclose any waivers for directors or executive officers. The code of business conduct and ethics shall include, at a minimum, rules addressing conflicts of interest, corporate opportunities, confidentiality, fair dealing, protection and proper use of the Company's assets, compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations (including insider trading laws) and the reporting of illegal or unethical behavior. The Committee shall:

- Review and reassess the adequacy of such code of business conduct and ethics on an annual basis; and recommend to the Board any changes the Committee deems appropriate.
- Make recommendations to the Board regarding any non-compliance with, waivers to or alteration of, the code of business conduct and ethics, including consideration of possible conflicts of interest of Board members and executive officers.

Internal Audit

15. Review with management and the independent auditors the scope and responsibilities of an internal audit department, the coordination of effort between the internal and independent audit functions to assure completeness of coverage, reduction of redundant efforts and effective use of audit resources, and monitor progress under the internal audit plan during the year and its results. Review with management the appointment, replacement, reassignment or dismissal of the chief internal audit executive. Discuss the budget and staffing of the internal audit function with management, the chief internal audit executive and the

independent auditors. Review with management and the chief internal audit executive any significant findings and recommendations of the chief internal audit executive, together with management's responses thereto, any significant difficulties encountered in the course of the internal audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information, and any significant changes required in the chief internal audit executive's audit plan.

Other Responsibilities

16. Review the rationale for employing audit firms other than the principal independent auditors; and, where an additional audit firm has been employed, review the coordination of audit efforts to assure completeness of coverage, reduction of redundant efforts and the effective use of audit resources.

17. Report regularly to the Board. Such report shall review any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the Company's independent auditors or the performance of the internal audit function.

18. Address or take action with respect to any other matter specifically delegated to the Committee from time to time by the Board.

VI. Performance Evaluation

The Committee shall annually review and assess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval. The Committee shall also perform an annual evaluation of its own performance. In conducting this review, the Committee shall address all matters that it considers relevant to its performance, including at least the following: the adequacy, appropriateness and quality of the information and recommendations presented by the Committee to the Board; the manner in which they were discussed or debated; and whether the number and length of meetings of the Committee were adequate for the Committee to complete its work in a thorough and thoughtful manner.

VII. Committee Resources

The Committee shall have the power to conduct or authorize investigations into any matters within the Committee's scope of responsibilities. The Committee shall be empowered, without the approval of the Board but with notice to the Board as appropriate, to engage and compensate independent legal, accounting and other advisors through reasonable selection process and on reasonable terms and conditions that are market and customary in the subject matter as the case may be as it determines necessary to carry out its duties. The Committee shall receive appropriate funding, as reasonably determined by the Committee, from the Company for payment of: (a) compensation to any registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company; (b) compensation to any advisor employed by the Committee; and (c) ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties. The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees when appropriate.