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Date: July 01, 2024

Subject: American Resources Corporation – Distribution
Option Symbol: AREC
New Symbol: AREC1
Date: 03/14/2024
*** Update ***

American Resources Corporation (AREC) announced a distribution of (New) Novusterra Inc. Class A Common Shares (“SpinCo”). The distribution ratio was 0.083 of a SpinCo share for each AREC share held. The record date was March 18, 2024; the payable date was March 25, 2024. **Fractional shares will be dropped.**

AREC wasn’t quoted “ex-dividend” on the NASDAQ. On March 14, 2024, AREC options were adjusted to include the distributed SpinCo shares. **Additionally, OCC has been informed that the Novusterra Inc. shares are not eligible for CNS settlement.**

Broker-to-Broker Settlement

SpinCo Class A Common Shares are not eligible for CNS settlement. Consequently, settlement of the SpinCo component of AREC1 exercise/assignment activity from July 1, 2024 and thereafter will be subject to broker-to-broker settlement. All delayed settlement obligations related to the SpinCo component from March 14, 2024 through June 28, 2024, will no longer be delayed and will be subject to broker-to-broker settlement.

Pursuant to OCC By-Law Article VI, Section 19, OCC has determined that, effective with exercises of July 1, 2024, and thereafter, settlement of the SpinCo component of AREC1 exercise and assignment activity shall settle on a broker-to-broker basis. Additionally, all delayed settlement obligations related to the SpinCo component from March 14, 2024 through June 28, 2024, will no longer be delayed and will also settle on a broker-to-broker basis. If it is not possible for the delivering Clearing Member to effect delivery of the SpinCo Class A Common Shares on the designated settlement date, then the settlement obligations of both delivering and receiving Members shall be delayed until such time as OCC designates a new exercise settlement date, settlement method and/or settlement value. This determination allows delivering Members the opportunity to effect settlement if they have SpinCo Class A Common Shares and are able to effect delivery but delays the settlement obligation when this is not possible. Both the delivering and receiving Clearing Members are required to immediately notify OCC if they are unable to effect settlement.

In determining that delivery of the SpinCo Class A Common Shares is in fact not possible in respect of a given exercise or assignment, OCC shall require an appropriate officer(s) of the delivering Clearing Member to represent in writing that delivery is not possible. (Upon exercise or assignment of AREC1 options, OCC will contact each delivering Clearing Member to provide the specific requirements and procedures for such

representation.) Pursuant to customary OCC broker to broker settlement procedures, inability to effect delivery may subsequently occasion cash settlement as determined by OCC.

Broker-to-Broker Delivery Advice/Settlement Procedures

Clearing Members should note that AREC1 exercise and assignment activity will be reported on the Broker-to-Broker Delivery Advice, which is a separate report from the regular Delivery Advice. Members will need to refer to this report each day to be informed of AREC1 exercise/assignment activity. The Broker-to-Broker Delivery Advice will also identify the opposite side Clearing Member with whom settlement is to be made. Members are responsible for contacting the opposite side on all AREC1 activity and for making arrangements for settlement. Both delivering and receiving Members are also reminded of their obligation to inform OCC when settlement is made. OCC will continue to margin AREC1 exercise/assignment activity until settlement is accomplished.

Contract Adjustment

Effective Date:	March 14, 2024
Option Symbol:	AREC changes to AREC1
Strike Prices:	No Change
Number of Contracts:	No Change
Multiplier:	100 (e.g., a premium of 1.50 yields \$150; a strike of 2.50 yields \$250.00)
New Deliverable Per Contract:	1) 100 American Resources Corporation (AREC) Class A Common Shares 2) 8 Novusterra Inc. Class A Common Shares (subject to broker-to-broker settlement)
Settlement Allocation:	AREC: 95% SpinCo: 5%
CUSIPs:	AREC: 02927U208 SpinCo: 67012E104

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