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**Board of Directors** Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic 443 Northern Avenue Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5L3

To the Board of Directors of the Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic.

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic, which comprise the balance sheet as at March-31-17, and the income statement, statement of retained earnings and cash flow statement for the period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter. Our audit will be conducted with the objective of our expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

## Our Responsibilities

We will conduct our audit(s) of Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.

We may also communicate other matters identified during the audit that, in our opinion, are of sufficient importance to merit management's attention.

# Form and Content of Audit Opinion

Unless unanticipated difficulties are encountered, our report will be substantially in the form contained below:

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors

Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic

## Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016 and the statement of operations and the statement of changes in net assets and cash flows for the years ended.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Clinic's management.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by

management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic as at March 31, 2016 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Date of substantial completion

**Professional Corporation** 

If we conclude that a modification to our opinion on the financial statements is necessary, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance.

## Management's Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they are responsible for:

- The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Canadian Accounting Standards for Not For Profit Organizations;
- Such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- c) Providing us with:
  - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence;
  - ii. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation and other matters; and
  - iii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit.

## As part of our audit process:

- a) We will make inquiries of management about the representations contained in the financial statements. At the conclusion of the audit, we will request from management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance written confirmation concerning those representations. If such representations are not provided in writing, management acknowledges and understands that we would be required to disclaim an audit opinion.
- b) We will communicate any misstatements identified during the audit other than those that are clearly trivial. We request that management correct all the misstatements communicated.

# Confidentiality

One of the underlying principles of the profession is a duty of confidentiality with respect to client affairs. Each professional accountant must preserve the secrecy of all confidential information that becomes known during the practice of the profession. Accordingly, we will not provide any third party with confidential information concerning the affairs of Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic unless:

- We have been specifically authorized with prior consent;
- We have been ordered or expressly authorized by law or by the Code of Professional Conduct/Code of Ethics; or
- The information requested is (or enters into) public domain.

## **Use of Information**

It is acknowledged that we will have access to all personal information in your custody that we require to complete our engagement. Our services are provided on the basis that:

- (a) You represent to us that management has obtained any required consents for collection, use and disclosure to us of personal information required under applicable privacy legislation; and
- (b) We will hold all personal information in compliance with our Privacy Statement.

# Use and Distribution of Our Report

The examination of the financial statements and the issuance of our audit opinion are solely for the use of Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic and those to whom our report is specifically addressed by us. We make no representations of any kind to any third party in respect of these financial statements and we accept no responsibility for their use by any third party.

We ask that our name be used only with our consent and that any information to which we have attached a communication be issued with that communication, unless otherwise agreed to by us.

# Reproduction of Auditor's Report

If reproduction or publication of our audit report (or reference to our report) is planned in an annual report or other document, including electronic filings or posting of the report on a website, a copy of the entire document should be submitted to us in sufficient time for our review before the publication or posting process begins.

Management is responsible for the accurate reproduction of the financial statements, the auditor's report and other related information contained in an annual report or other public document (electronic or paper-based). This includes any incorporation by reference to either full or summarized financial statements that we have audited.

We are not required to read the information contained in your website or to consider the consistency of other information on the electronic site with the original document.

## Preparation of Schedules

We understand that your employees will prepare certain schedules and locate specified documents for our use before our engagement is planned to commence on April-30-17.

This assistance will facilitate our work and help to minimize our costs. Any failure to provide these working papers or documents on a timely basis may impede our services and require us to suspend our services or withdraw from the engagement.

## Working Papers

The working papers, files, other materials, reports and work created, developed or performed by us during the course of the engagement are the property of our firm, constitute confidential information and will be retained by us in accordance with our firm's policies and procedures.

## File Inspections

In accordance with professional regulations (and by our firm's policy), our client files may periodically be reviewed by practice inspectors and by other engagement file reviewers to ensure that we are adhering to our professional and firm's standards. File reviewers are required to maintain confidentiality of client information.

#### Other Services

In addition to the audit services referred to above, we will, as allowed by the Code of Professional Conduct/Code of Ethics, prepare your federal and provincial income tax returns and other special reports as required, specifically, the Audited Statement of Revenue and Expenditures Report to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Management will provide the information necessary to complete these returns / reports and will file them with the appropriate authorities on a timely basis.

#### Governing Legislation

This engagement letter is subject to, and governed by, the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Province of Ontario will have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any claim, dispute or difference concerning this engagement letter and any matter arising from it. Each party irrevocably waives any right it may have to object to any action being brought in those courts to claim that the action has been brought in an inappropriate forum or to claim that those courts do not have jurisdiction.

## Dispute Resolution

You agree that:

- a) Any dispute that may arise regarding the meaning, performance or enforcement of this engagement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted to mediation; and
- b) You will engage in the mediation process in good faith once a written request to mediate has been given by any party to the engagement.

Any mediation initiated as a result of this engagement shall be administered within the Province of Ontario according to its mediation rules, and any ensuing litigation shall be conducted within such province, according to provincial law. The results of any such mediation shall be binding only upon agreement of each party to be bound. The costs of any mediation proceeding shall be shared equally by the participating parties.

## Indemnity

Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic hereby agrees to indemnify, defend (by counsel retained and instructed by us) and hold harmless our firm (and its partners, agents or employees) from and against any and all losses, costs (including solicitors' fees), damages, expenses, claims, demands or liabilities arising out of (or in consequence of):

- (a) The breach by Algoma Nurse Practitioner LED Clinic, or its directors, officers, agents, or employees, of any of the covenants made by Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic herein, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the misuse of, or the unauthorized dissemination of, our engagement report or the financial statements in reference to which the engagement report is issued, or any other work product made available to you by our firm.
- (b) The services performed by us pursuant to this engagement, unless, and to the extent that, such losses, costs, damages and expenses are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been due to the negligence of our firm. In the event that the matter is settled out of court, we will mutually agree on the extent of the indemnification to be provided by your company.

#### Time Frames

We will use all reasonable efforts to complete the engagement as described in this letter within the agreed upon time frames.

However, we shall not be liable for failures or delays in performance that arise from causes beyond our control, including the untimely performance by Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic of its obligations.

#### **Estimated Fees**

We estimate that our fees for these services will be \$3,900, for the audit including the preparation of the tax return, plus direct out-of-pocket expenses and applicable GST/HST. This fee estimate is based on:

- a) The anticipated cooperation from all your personnel in preparing the requested information on a timely basis;
- b) The ongoing assistance of personnel throughout the engagement; and
- c) The assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered.

If significant additional time is likely to be incurred, we will discuss the reasons with you and agree on a revised fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

# Costs of Responding to Government or Legal Processes

In the event we are required to respond to a subpoena, court order, government agency or other legal process for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information we obtained and/or prepared during the course of this engagement, you agree to compensate us at our normal hourly rates for the time we expend in connection with such response and to reimburse us for all of our out-of-pocket costs (including applicable GST/HST) incurred.

#### Communications

In connection with this engagement, we may communicate with you or others via telephone, facsimile, post, courier and email transmission. As all communications can be intercepted or otherwise used or communicated by an unintended third party, or may not be delivered to each of the parties to whom they are directed and only to such parties, we cannot guarantee or warrant that communications from us will be properly delivered only to the addressee. Therefore, we specifically disclaim and waive any liability or responsibility whatsoever for interception or unintentional disclosure of communications transmitted by us in connection with the performance of this engagement. In that regard, you agree that we shall have no liability for any loss or damage to any person or entity resulting from: communications, including any consequential, incidental, direct or indirect; special damages, such as loss of revenues or anticipated profits; or disclosure or communication of confidential or proprietary information.

#### Termination

Management acknowledges and understands that failure to fulfill its obligations as set out in this engagement letter will result, upon written notice, in the termination of the engagement.

Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason upon providing written notice to the other party. If early termination takes place, Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic shall be responsible for all time and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

If we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form, or have not formed, an opinion on the financial statements, we may withdraw from the audit before issuing an auditor's report, or we may disclaim an opinion on the financial statements. If this occurs, we will communicate the reasons and provide details.

#### Conclusion

This engagement letter includes the relevant terms that will govern the engagement for which it has been prepared. The terms of this letter supersede any prior oral or written representations or commitments by or between the parties. Any material changes or additions to the terms set forth in this letter will only become effective if evidenced by a written amendment to this letter, signed by all of the parties.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please raise them with us. If the services outlined are in accordance with your requirements, and if the above terms are acceptable to you, please sign the copy of this letter in the space provided and return it to us.

We appreciate the opportunity of continuing to be of service to your company.

Yours truly,

Joe Ruscio Professional Corporation

Authorized to practice public accounting by The Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic by:

Giulian Diluzio

Wendy Payne

Algoma Nurse Practitioner - LED Clinic