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### Law Practice

John Stark is a partner in the Vancouver office of Stikeman Elliott. He has an extensive practice in business law that includes advising on securities and corporate finance matters, mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions, and company law issues.

John's comprehensive experience in business law includes preparing and negotiating documentation relating to large commercial transactions (including international joint ventures), advising on general corporate matters relating to governance and structure, and assisting in major corporate reorganizations by way of arrangement or amalgamation. His securities law practice includes public financings and he has extensive experience in both public and private M&A.

John is listed in Euromoney Legal Media Group's Guide to the World's Leading Capital Markets Lawyers, while Lexpert, the Canadian legal directory, recognizes him as a "consistently recommended" practitioner in corporate finance and securities law. He has also been listed in the *International Who's Who of Capital Markets Lawyers 2006*, and in *The Best Lawyers in Canada 2011 and 2012* for Corporate and Securities Law.

### Representative Work

Mr. Stark has acted on the following transactions:

- Bycast Inc. in its sale to NetApp, Inc., one of the world leaders in virtual data storage.
- Selkirk Recovery Inc. (formerly Budget Steel) in connection with the sale of substantially all its assets to Schnitzer Steel Industries.
- Burcon NutraScience Corporation in issuance of shares for gross proceeds of approximately \$16.9 million.
- Minefinders Corporation Ltd. in connection with the re-purchase of previously issued convertible notes and the private placement of new convertible notes with a principal amount of US \$36.2 million.
- Minefinders Corporation Ltd. in connection with a shelf prospectus drawdown offering of common shares for proceeds of \$151.5 million.
- Xantrex Technology Inc. in its \$500 million acquisition by Schneider Electric.
- Ballard Power Systems in connection with the \$168 million sale of its automotive fuel cell assets to Daimler AG and Ford Motor Company.
- Energy Metals Corp. in connection with its \$1.6 billion sale to Uranium One Inc.

- American Capital Strategies Ltd. (a publicly-traded asset management company with approximately \$10 billion in assets under management) in its acquisition of Western Inventory Services from OnCap, in a transaction valued at US\$411 million.
- Canfor Corporation in the creation of Canfor Pulp Income Fund, an income trust having a market capitalization of approximately \$900 million.
- Terasen Inc. in connection with its US\$3.1 billion acquisition by Kinder Morgan Inc.
- Creo Inc. in connection with its sale to Eastman Kodak Company in a transaction worth US\$980 million.
- Minefinders Corporation Ltd. in connection with a shelf prospectus drawdown offering of common shares for proceeds of \$66 million.
- Minefinders Corporation Ltd. in connection with a shelf prospectus drawdown offering of common shares and warrants for proceeds of \$40 million.

### **Education**

University of Victoria (LL.B. 1981).

### **Bar Admission**

British Columbia, 1982