



CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
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Dear fellow Shareholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors (the "Board") and management of Crystallex International Corporation, ("Crystallex"), we would like to invite you to join us at the special meeting of shareholders that will be held at the offices of McMillan LLP, Rowell Boardroom, Brookfield Place, 181 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday November 18, 2008. At the meeting you will be asked to approve a New Share Option Plan. Your vote is important, regardless of the number of shares that you own. Regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we encourage you to take the time now to vote your shares in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed proxy or voting instruction form, so your shares can be voted at the meeting in accordance with your instructions.

Your Board is convinced that a sound option plan, a conventional component of employee and management compensation at most mineral resource companies, is critical for achieving a number of corporate objectives.

First, the ability to grant share options will greatly assist us in the recruitment and retention of key employees. When the Las Cristinas project advances to the construction stage, we will need to add experienced project development staff. There is intense competition for accomplished technical and operating professionals. Share options are a key factor in attracting and retaining talented staff, and are particularly attractive to prospective employees when a company is at a growth stage like Crystallex when the development of Las Cristinas is launched.

Second, share options will enable us to retain and motivate existing employees. As noted, there is a shortage of mining project development professionals, so retaining key staff will be paramount to successfully executing the development and operation of Las Cristinas.

Third, the ability to grant share options as a component of overall compensation will allow us to preserve our cash. This is vitally important for Crystallex now as we take steps to carefully manage our cash while pursuing the permit for Las Cristinas and will be just as important as our spending ramps up during the mine development period.

In the absence of an option plan, a greater amount of cash would have to be spent on annual compensation for employees and management. Members of our staff typically receive a portion of their annual discretionary bonus in options, and options comprise the majority of the directors' base compensation. Directors are also compensated with options for serving as members of Board Committees. These obligations will need to be met with cash if Crystallex is unable to grant options. Similarly, cash will be required in the form of signing bonuses for new employees in lieu of option grants. With extremely distressed capital markets, taking steps to preserve cash is vital.


The proposed new option plan fixes the number of new common share options Crystallex can grant at 15 million. This represents just 5 percent of Crystallex's currently outstanding shares.

For the reasons outlined above it is very important that the new share option plan be approved. Your support for the plan is integral to the future success of Crystallex.

If you have any questions or need assistance in voting your shares, please call our proxy solicitor, Laurel Hill Advisory Group, toll free at 1-888-252-4655.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Fung', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Fung
Chairman and CEO