

# **FREEHOLD ROYALTY TRUST**

## **Notice of Annual Meeting of Unitholders to be held on May 7, 2003**

TO THE UNITHOLDERS:

NOTICE is hereby given that an Annual Meeting of the holders of Trust Units (the "Unitholders") of Freehold Royalty Trust (the "Trust") and an Annual Meeting of holders of Common Shares of Freehold Resources Ltd. ("Resources") (collectively, the "Meeting"), will be held in the Lecture Theatre, Sunlife Plaza Conference Centre, Plus 15 Level, 140 - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at the hour of 3:30 p.m. (Calgary time) for the following purposes, namely:

- (a) to receive and consider the combined financial statements of the Trust and Resources for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, together with the Auditors' report thereon;
- (b) to elect the Directors of Resources for the ensuing year;
- (c) to appoint Auditors of the Trust and Resources for the ensuing year; and
- (d) to transact all such other business which may properly be brought before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The specific details of these matters proposed to be put before the Meeting are set forth in the accompanying Information Circular.

Unitholders who are unable to attend the Meeting or any adjournment thereof in person are requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed form of proxy and return it in the envelope provided for that purpose. A form of proxy will not be valid unless it is completed and delivered to the attention of the Trust's Transfer Agent and Registrar, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1, not less than 48 hours before the Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Computershare Trust Company of Canada, the Trustee of the Trust, has fixed a record date for the Meeting at the close of business on March 18, 2003 (the "Record Date"). Only Unitholders of the Trust of record as at that date are entitled to receive notice of the Meeting. Unitholders of record will be entitled to vote at the Meeting prepared as at the Record Date even if the Unitholder has since that time disposed of his or her Trust Units. No Unitholder who became a Unitholder after the Record Date shall be entitled to vote at the Meeting.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta this 18th day of March, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF FREEHOLD RESOURCES LTD.

[Signed]  
JOSEPH N. HOLOWISKY  
Secretary

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### **Information Circular for the Annual Meeting of Unitholders of Freehold Royalty Trust to be held on May 7, 2003**

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

**This Information Circular is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the management of Freehold Resources Ltd. ("Resources")** for use at the Annual Meeting of holders of Trust Units (the "Unitholders") of Freehold Royalty Trust (the "Trust") and at the Annual Meeting of holders of Common Shares of Resources (collectively, the "Meeting") to be held in the Lecture Theatre of the Sunlife Plaza Conference Centre, Plus 15 Level, 140 - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, on May 7, 2003, commencing at 3:30 p.m. (Calgary time) for the purposes set forth in the Notice accompanying this Information Circular. Information contained herein is given as of March 18, 2003. The costs incurred in the solicitation of proxies and in the preparation and mailing of this Information Circular will be borne by the Trust. Solicitation of proxies by management will be through the mail, in person and by telephone.

For the purpose of this Information Circular unless the context otherwise requires: (i) "Trust Units" shall be any or all of the Trust Units of Freehold Royalty Trust; and (ii) terms defined in the Notice shall have the same meaning herein.

#### **Appointment and Revocation of Proxy**

A form of proxy accompanies the Notice and this Information Circular. **The persons named in such form of proxy are directors and officers of Resources. A person or corporation submitting the proxy shall have the right to appoint a person (who need not be a Unitholder) to be a representative at the Meeting, other than the persons designated in the form of proxy furnished by Resources. Such appointment may be exercised by inserting the name of the appointed representative in the blank space provided for that purpose.** A form of proxy will not be valid unless it is completed and delivered to the attention of the Trust's Transfer Agent and Registrar, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2Y1, not less than 48 hours before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

A Unitholder who has given a proxy may revoke it by depositing an instrument in writing executed by such Unitholder (or by an attorney duly authorized in writing) or, if such Unitholder is a corporation, by any officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, either at the registered office of Resources at any time up to and including the close of business on the last business day preceding the Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof, or with the Chairman of the Meeting on the day thereof or any adjournment(s) thereof.

#### **Notice to Beneficial Holders of Trust Units**

The information set forth in this section is of significant importance to many Unitholders as a substantial number of the Unitholders do not hold Trust Units in their own name. Unitholders who do not hold their Trust Units in their own name (referred to herein as "Beneficial Unitholders") should note that only proxies deposited by Unitholders whose names appear on the records of the Trust as the registered holders of the Trust Units can be recognized and acted upon at the Meeting. If Trust Units are listed in an account statement provided to a Unitholder by a broker, then in almost all cases those Trust Units will not be registered in the Unitholder's name on the records of the Trust. Such Trust Units will more likely be registered under the name of the Unitholders' broker or an agent of that broker. In Canada, the vast majority of such Trust Units are registered under the name of CDS & Co. (the registration name for The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which acts as nominees for many Canadian brokerage firms). Trust Units held by brokers or their nominees can only be voted (for or against resolutions) upon the instructions of the Beneficial Unitholder. Without specific instructions, the broker/nominees are prohibited from voting Trust Units for their clients. The Trust does not know for whose benefit the Trust Units registered in the name of CDS & Co. are held.

Applicable regulatory policy requires intermediaries/brokers to seek voting instructions from Beneficial Unitholders in advance of Unitholders' meetings. Every intermediary/broker has its own mailing procedures and provides its own return instructions, which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Unitholders in order to ensure that their Trust Units are voted at the Meeting. Often, the form of proxy supplied to a Beneficial Unitholder by its broker is identical to the form of proxy provided to registered Unitholders. However, its purpose is limited to instructing the registered Unitholder how to vote on behalf of the Beneficial Unitholder. The majority of brokers now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Independent Investor Communications Corporation ("IICC"). IICC typically supplies its own special proxy form, mails those forms to the Beneficial Unitholders and asks Beneficial Unitholders to return the special proxy forms to IICC. IICC then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of the Trust Units to be represented at the Meeting. **A Beneficial Unitholder receiving a proxy with an IICC sticker on it cannot use that proxy to vote Trust Units directly at the Meeting as the proxy must be returned as directed by IICC well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the Trust Units voted. Accordingly, it is strongly suggested that Beneficial Unitholders return their completed proxies as directed by IICC well in advance of the Meeting.**

#### **Exercise of Discretion by Proxy**

The persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will, if the instructions are certain, vote the Trust Units represented thereby and where a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon has been specified in the form of proxy, the Trust Units will be voted in accordance with the specification so made. The Trust Units represented by all proxies received by the Trust will be voted to approve each matter to which no specification has been made.

The enclosed form of proxy confers discretionary authority on the persons appointed with respect to amendments or variations of matters identified in the Notice or other matters that may properly come before the Meeting. At the time of printing this Information Circular, management of Resources is not aware of any such amendments, variations or other matters.

#### **Voting Units**

There are presently issued and outstanding 31,234,236 Trust Units to which are attached voting rights and the registered holders thereof, at the close of business on March 18, 2003, are entitled to attend and vote thereat on the basis of one vote for each Trust Unit held. Only Unitholders of the Trust of record as at that date are entitled to receive notice of the Meeting. Unitholders of record will be entitled to vote at the Meeting prepared as at the Record Date even if the Unitholder has since that time disposed of his or her Trust Units. No Unitholder who became a Unitholder after the Record Date shall be entitled to vote at the Meeting.

#### **Principal Unitholders**

To the best of the knowledge of management of Resources, the following are the only persons who beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over Trust Units carrying more than 10% of the voting rights attached to the issued and outstanding Trust Units of the Trust which may be voted at the Meeting.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Units Beneficially Owned Directly or Indirectly<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Percentage of Issued and Outstanding Units</b>
CN Pension Trust Funds (the pension funds for employees of the Canadian National Railway Company)	9,802,036	31.38%

<sup>1</sup>The information as to Trust Units beneficially owned, not being within the knowledge of Resources, has been derived from sources available to Resources.

#### **Unanimous Shareholder Agreement**

Pursuant to the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement dated November 25, 1996 among Rife Resources Management Ltd. (the "Manager"), Resources, the Trustee of the Share Trust and Montreal Trust Company of Canada (now Computershare Trust Company of Canada) as Trustee for and on behalf of the Trust, the Unitholders are entitled to notice of and to attend all meetings of shareholders of Resources and except as set forth below, to direct the manner in which the Share Trust will vote its shares in Resources at all such meetings. Prior to the Share Trust voting its shares in Resources each Unitholder shall be entitled to vote in respect of the matter on the basis of one vote per Trust Unit held, and the Share Trust shall be required to vote its shares in Resources in accordance with the results of the vote of the Unitholders. Unitholders are entitled to direct the Share Trust as to how to vote in respect of all matters placed before the shareholders of Resources including, the election of the directors of Resources (other than the directors of Resources to be elected by the

Manager pursuant to the terms of the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement, which initially, shall be two), approving its financial statements and appointing auditors of Resources. In addition, Unitholders are entitled to direct the Share Trust as to how to vote its shares in Resources on any proposed amendment to the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement, where such amendment is required to be approved by special resolution. The Share Trust is not entitled, without the direction of Unitholders, to exercise its rights as shareholder of Resources except as set forth above.

It is a term of the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement that the board of directors of Resources shall consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of nine directors, with the initial number of directors set at six. The Unanimous Shareholder Agreement provides that the Unitholders will be entitled to elect a majority of the board of directors of Resources and the Manager is entitled to elect the balance of the directors.

The Unanimous Shareholder Agreement also provides that Resources is prohibited from making payment of dividends on its shares.

### **Election of Directors**

The bylaws of Resources provide that all of the directors of Resources shall retire from office at each Annual Meeting but will retain office until the termination of the meeting at which their successors are elected. The number of directors to be elected at the Meeting has been fixed at seven (7), five (5) of whom will be elected by Unitholders.

The persons named below have been proposed for election as directors of Resources and it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy, if named as proxy, to nominate and vote for the election of these persons as directors. Management does not contemplate that any of the five (5) proposed nominees will be unable to serve as directors. If any of the proposed nominees do not stand for election or are unable to serve, proxies will not be voted for any other nominee. Each director elected will hold office until the next annual meeting of Unitholders or until his successor is elected or appointed pursuant to the bylaws of Resources.

The following table sets forth the names and cities of residence of the five (5) proposed nominees, the date they were first elected as directors of Resources, their present principal occupations and the number of Trust Units of the Trust beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised by each. The information contained herein as to Trust Units beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised, is based upon information furnished to Resources by the respective nominees.

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence</b>	<b>Office(s) held with Resources</b>	<b>Principal Occupation</b>	<b>Director Since</b>	<b>Number of Trust Units</b>
D. Nolan Blades <sup>1,2</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	President, Sunny Gables Holdings Ltd. (private holding company)	July 29, 1996	15,000
Harry S. Campbell, Q.C. Calgary, Alberta	Director	Managing Partner, Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP (barristers and solicitors)	July 29, 1996	2,800
Peter T. Harrison <sup>1</sup> Brossard, Quebec	Director	Senior Vice-President, Montrusco Bolton Inc. (investment counsel)	July 29, 1996	28,000
Dr. P. Michael Maher <sup>1,2</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Director	Professor, Haskayne School of Business University of Calgary	July 29, 1996	1,000
William W. Siebens <sup>2</sup> Calgary, Alberta	Chairman of the Board	President and Chief Executive Officer, Candor Investments Ltd. (private energy and investment corporation)	July 29, 1996	50,000

As stated above, pursuant to the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement the Manager is entitled to elect two (2) members of the board of Resources. The Manager intends to elect the following persons as members of the board of Resources:

Tullio Cedraschi Montreal, Quebec	Director	President and Chief Executive Officer, CN Investment Division (manages the pension funds for employees of the Canadian National Railway Company)	January 21, 1998	nil <sup>3</sup>
David J. Sandmeyer Calgary, Alberta	President and Chief Executive Officer	President, Rife Resources Ltd. (private oil and gas exploration and production company)	July 29, 1996	17,000 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Member of Audit Committee

<sup>2</sup> Member of Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee

<sup>3</sup> CN Pension Trust Funds own 9,802,036 Trust Units (31.38%) of Freehold Royalty Trust

<sup>4</sup> Rife Resources Ltd. is 100% owned by the CN Pension Trust Funds

Each of the proposed nominees has been engaged in his principal occupation or in other capacities with the same firm or organization for the past five years except for: D. Nolan Blades who, until April 13, 2000 was President and C.E.O. of Pursuit Resources Corporation.

#### **Appointment of Auditors**

The persons named in the form of proxy solicited by management of Resources will vote the Trust Units represented by proxy for the appointment of KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants, as auditors of the Trust and Resources until the next Annual Meeting of Unitholders of the Trust and Annual Meeting of shareholders of Resources at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors of Resources. KPMG LLP were first appointed Auditors of Resources on July 29, 1996, and of the Trust on September 30, 1996.

#### **Issuance of Trust Units to Manager**

Pursuant to the Management Agreement dated November 25, 1996 among the Manager, Resources and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, in its capacity as trustee of the Trust (the "Management Agreement"), Resources and the Trust engaged the Manager to provide certain management services to the Trust and Resources, as more fully described under the heading "Executive Compensation – Management Agreement", for an initial term of five years, which initial term has automatically renewed for an additional three year term. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager receives a management fee, paid in Trust Units, based on the number of issued and outstanding Trust Units at the end of each quarter. The quarterly management fee was initially 20,000 Trust Units. The management fee is adjusted, based on the total issued and outstanding Trust Units, so that the quarterly management fee is in the same proportion as 20,000 was to the outstanding Trust Units on November 25, 1996, excluding Trust Units issued as a management fee. After giving effect to such adjustments, the quarterly management fee is currently 22,500 Trust Units, based upon 31,234,236 Trust Units being issued and outstanding.

#### **Executive Compensation**

##### Report on Executive Compensation

The Manager, at its head, principal and registered office located at 400, 144 - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3N4, was established to provide comprehensive oil and gas company management and operational services to the Trust and Resources. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rife Resources Ltd. ("Rife"), which is wholly-owned by the CN Pension Trust Funds. The Manager has been retained by the Trust and Resources through the Management Agreement to manage and administer the business and affairs of the Trust and Resources and as a result, Resources paid no remuneration to its executive officers for the period ended December 31, 2002.

*Management Agreement*

Resources and the Trustee, as trustee for and on behalf of the Trust, entered into the Management Agreement with the Manager, pursuant to which Resources and the Trust engaged the Manager for an initial term of five years, which initial term has automatically renewed for an additional three year term expiring in November, 2004 to, among other things:

- (a) manage the Trust, subject to the supervision of Resources;
- (b) administer all matters relating to the royalties held by the Trust and Trust Units, including: (i) determining the total amount owing to the Trust and Resources from third parties and conducting joint venture audits as required; (ii) determining the total amounts owing to Unitholders and arranging for cash distributions of distributable income, subject to supervision of Resources; (iii) providing Unitholders with periodic reports on the royalties held by the Trust and the properties of Resources; and (iv) providing Unitholders with financial reports and tax information relating to the royalties held by the Trust and the properties of Resources;
- (c) provide management services for the economic and efficient exploitation of oil and gas properties;
- (d) operate oil and gas properties which Resources is entitled to operate and monitor the activities of third party operators;
- (e) recommend, carry out and monitor property acquisitions and dispositions and exploitation and development programs for the Trust and Resources;
- (f) negotiate and execute on behalf of Resources all exploitation and development agreements, operating agreements, working agreements, farmin and farmout agreements, leases and other documents relating to the exploitation of the oil and gas properties as may be advisable;
- (g) recommend and, subject to the supervision of Resources, negotiate banking arrangements for the Trust and Resources; and
- (h) provide office space, office furnishings and equipment and personnel necessary for the proper administration of the assets of the Trust and Resources.

The amounts payable under the Management Agreement will be allocated between Resources and the Trust based on the relative services provided.

In exercising its power and discharging its duties under the Management Agreement, the Manager is required to exercise that degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent advisor and manager in respect of oil and gas properties in Western Canada would exercise in comparable circumstances.

The Management Agreement will be renewed for successive three year terms following the end its current three year term unless the termination of the Management Agreement at the end of a term has been approved by a special resolution of Unitholders and the Manager is given 12 months' written notice of termination or unless the Trustee is given six months' written notice of termination by the Manager prior to the end of a term.

The Management Agreement may be terminated by the Trust at any time without the payment of compensation to the Manager if the Manager institutes bankruptcy proceedings, seeks relief under bankruptcy law, consents to the appointment of a receiver, voluntarily suspends transaction of its usual business, is declared bankrupt or insolvent, if a receiver is appointed in respect of the Manager, or if the Manager fails to carry out its material obligations under the Management Agreement and does not commence to cure such failure within 30 days of notice being given.

There may be circumstances in which the interests of the Manager will conflict with those of Unitholders. The Manager provides similar management services to Canpar Holdings Ltd. and Rife and may provide similar management services to others in the future. The Manager may acquire oil and gas properties on its own behalf or on behalf of persons other than the Unitholders. The Manager may manage and administer such additional properties, as well as enter into other types of energy-related management and advisory activities.

In resolving such conflicts, decisions will be made by the Manager on a basis consistent with the objectives and financial resources of each group of interested parties, the time limitations on investment of such financial resources, and on the basis of operating efficiencies having regard to the then current holdings of properties of each group of interested parties all consistent with the duties of the Manager to each such group of persons. The Manager will use all reasonable efforts to resolve such conflicts of interest in a manner which will treat the Trust or Resources and the other interested party fairly, taking into account all of the circumstances of the Trust or Resources and such interested party and will act honestly and in good faith in resolving such matters.

Subject to receipt of Unitholder approval as described herein, the Manager will continue to be paid the Management Fee for providing all of the management services. See "Compensation" below. The Manager will be indemnified by Resources in respect of certain damages which it may suffer in discharging its obligations under the Management Agreement, provided that such damages do not arise from the fraud, willful default, negligence or bad faith of the Manager.

The board of directors of Resources and the Trustee will review on an ongoing basis both the nature and extent of the services required of the Manager and the costs of providing the same. All amendments to the Management Agreement must be approved by a majority of independent members of the board of directors of Resources and the Trustee, upon the recommendation of Resources and the Manager.

#### *Compensation*

The Manager is compensated as follows for providing services to the Trust and Resources.

#### *Management Fee*

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager receives quarterly a Management Fee in order to align the economic interest of the Manager with the interest of the Unitholders. The Management Fee has been paid and will continue to be paid in Trust Units, subject to receipt of Unitholder approval as described herein, based on the number of issued and outstanding Trust Units at the end of each quarter. The quarterly Management Fee is currently 22,500 Trust Units. During 2002, the Manager received 90,000 Trust Units as its Management Fee.

The officers of Resources do not receive any compensation directly from Resources for their services. All management services are provided to Resources by the Manager pursuant to the management agreement described above. Resources does not have any understanding or agreement with any other entity for the purpose of that other entity furnishing compensation to the officers or directors of Resources, other than the management agreement described above.

#### *General and Administrative Costs*

The Manager is also entitled to reimbursement for general and administrative costs. General and administrative costs are deducted in computing royalty income to the extent not paid from the residual income of Resources. General and administrative costs are generally charged to Resources and the Trust by the Manager based on time spent and direct costs incurred in fulfilling the obligations of the Manager to Resources and the Trust pursuant to the Management Agreement.

The Manager was reimbursed \$2,035,000 for general and administrative costs for the period ended December 31, 2002.

#### *Acquisition Fees*

The Manager will be paid an acquisition fee equal to 1.5% of the purchase price of any Additional Royalties purchased by the Trust or any additional properties acquired by Resources. In the case of property exchanges or swaps, the Manager will receive a 1.5% acquisition fee of the purchase price of the properties acquired. No fees will be payable with respect to the proceeds of any disposition.

The Manager received \$37,980 as consideration for acquisition fees for the period ended December 31, 2002.

*The Manager*

The offices of the Manager are located at 400, 144 - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3N4. The names, municipality of residence, positions held and principal occupation of each director and officer of the Manager are set forth below:

<b>Name and Municipality of Residence</b>	<b>Position with the Manager</b>	<b>Principal Occupation</b>
David J. Sandmeyer Calgary, Alberta	President and Director	President Rife Resources Ltd.
J. Frank George Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Exploitation	Vice-President, Exploration Rife Resources Ltd.
Joseph N. Holowisky Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Finance & Administration, Secretary and Director	Vice-President, Finance & Administration Rife Resources Ltd.
William O. Ingram Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Production	Vice-President, Production Rife Resources Ltd.
Michael J. Okrusko Calgary, Alberta	Vice-President, Land	Vice-President, Land Rife Resources Ltd.

As at March 18, 2003, the directors and senior officers of the Manager, as a group, beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over, 18,000 Trust Units. Rife owns 100% of the outstanding shares in the capital of the Manager. All of the shares of Rife are owned by the CN Pension Trust Funds.

There were no amounts paid by Resources or the Trust to any person set forth above during the period ended December 31, 2002.

*Trust Unit Option Plan*

The Trust, the Manager and Resources have adopted a Trust Unit option plan (the "Trust Unit Option Plan") which provides for the issuance of options to acquire Trust Units to the Manager and to directors of Resources.

The purpose of the Trust Unit Option Plan is to encourage ownership of Trust Units by the Manager and directors of Resources. Options may be granted under the Trust Unit Option Plan only to the Manager and to directors of Resources, subject to regulatory approval, as designated from time to time by the board of directors of Resources. The number of Trust Units which may be reserved for issuance under the Trust Unit Option Plan will be limited to 1,980,000 Trust Units provided that such number may be increased from time to time subject to the approval of Unitholders. The exercise price for any options cannot be less than the closing price of the Trust Units, on the stock exchange on which the Trust Units are then listed, on the day immediately preceding the day upon which the option is granted. Options granted under the Trust Unit Option Plan may be exercised during a period not exceeding five years, subject to earlier nomination upon an optionee ceasing to be a director of Resources or upon an optionee retiring, becoming permanently disabled or dying. The options are non-transferable and non-assignable. Options granted to the Manager will terminate upon the earlier of five years from the date of grant and termination of the Management Agreement.

The Trust Unit Option Plan contains provisions for adjustment in the number of Trust Units issuable thereunder in the event of a subdivision, consolidation, reclassification or change of the Trust Units, a merger or other relevant changes in the Trust's capitalization.

Options to purchase an aggregate of 1,160,000 Trust Units at prices ranging from \$6.65 to \$9.24 per Trust Unit have been granted to the Manager and to the directors of Resources not appointed by the Manager. During 2002, 6,000 options to purchase Trust Units were exercised to acquire Trust Units at a price of \$6.65 per Trust Unit.

A summary of the changes in options outstanding under the Trust Unit Option Plan is as follows:

	Number of Options
Balance, beginning of year	1,145,000
Options granted	nil
Options exercised	(6,000)
Options cancelled	nil
Balance, end of year	1,139,000

The following table sets forth with respect to the independent directors of Resources and the Manager, the number of Trust Unit options exercised by the directors during the year ended December 31, 2002, the net value realized, the number of unexercised Trust Unit options and the value of in-the-money Trust Unit options at December 31, 2002.

Name <sup>2</sup>	Securities Acquired or Exercised (#)	Aggregated Value Realized (\$)	Unexercised Trust Unit Options at Financial Year End (#) Exercisable/Unexercisable	Value of Unexercised in-the-Money Trust Units at Financial Year End (\$) <sup>1</sup> Exercisable/Unexercisable
Manager	nil	nil	1,000,000/nil	1,640,000/nil
William W. Siebens	nil	nil	40,000/nil	65,600/nil
D. Nolan Blades	nil	nil	30,000/nil	49,200/nil
Harry S. Campbell	nil	nil	30,000/nil	49,200/nil
P. Michael Maher	nil	nil	30,000/nil	49,200/nil
Peter T. Harrison	6,000	25,440	9,000/nil	38,070/nil

<sup>1</sup> Based on December 31, 2002 close on the Toronto Stock Exchange of \$10.88, less the exercise price.

<sup>2</sup> Messrs. Cedraschi and Sandmeyer, as inside directors, are not entitled to receive Trust Unit options.

#### Remuneration of Directors

The Chairman of Resources was paid an annual retainer of \$14,000 and \$1,000 per meeting attended, plus expenses of attending such meetings. Each of the other directors of Resources, with the exception of Mr. Sandmeyer who is an employee of Rife, received an annual retainer of \$10,000 and \$1,000 per meeting attended, plus expenses of attending such meetings. Committee chairs received a supplemental fee of \$2,000 per annum.

During the last completed financial year-end, the Corporation paid \$68,000 to six (6) directors for their annual retainer, and \$44,000 to six (6) directors for their attendance at meetings of the board of directors. Mr. Sandmeyer was not compensated by Resources for his services as a director. Directors were also reimbursed for expenses incurred for attendance at such meetings.

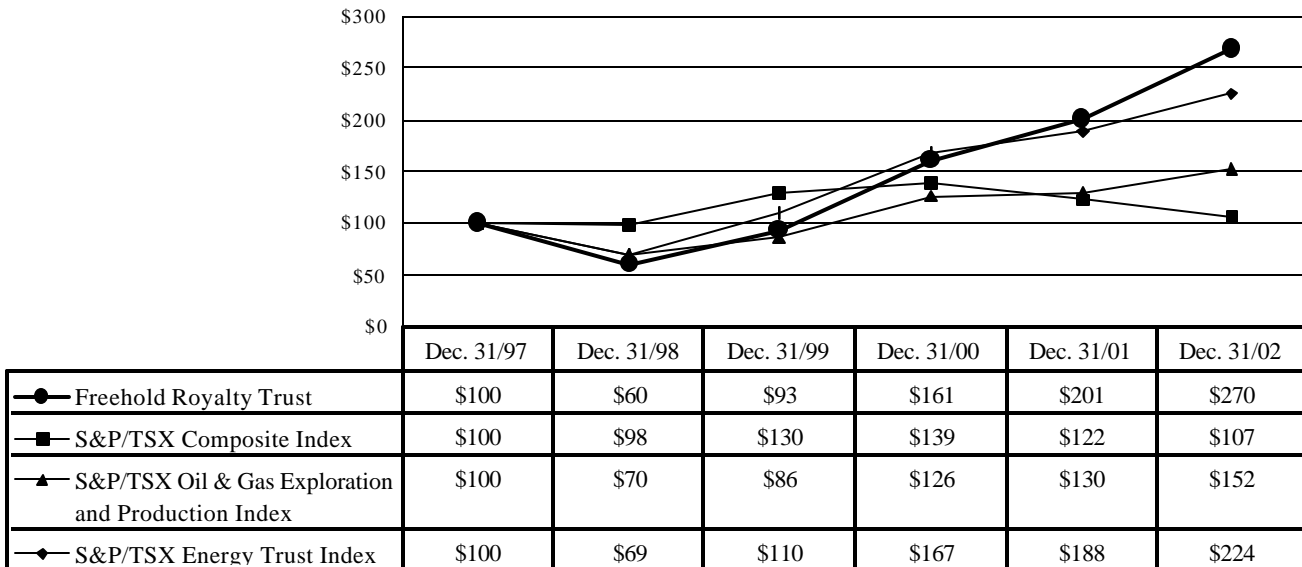
#### Indebtedness of Directors and Senior Officers and Others

There is not any indebtedness outstanding from directors or officers of Resources or directors or senior officers of the Manager or the Trustee to the Trust or Resources at any time since November 25, 1996, the date of the initial public offering of Trust Units of the Trust.

#### Performance Chart

The following graph and table illustrates changes during the last five years in the value of \$100 invested on December 31, 1997 in the Trust Units of Freehold Royalty Trust and in the S&P/TSX Composite Index, the S&P/TSX Oil & Gas Exploration and Production Index, and the S&P/TSX Energy Trust Index, assuming reinvestment of all distributions and dividends.

Cumulative Value of a \$100 Investment



### Corporate Governance

The corporate governance structure of the Trust is not the same as a conventional corporation. The way in which the Trust is governed reflects its situation as a trust holding a royalty granted by Resources, with certain rights under a Unanimous Shareholder Agreement and a Management Agreement. While the Trust is technically not a shareholder of Resources, when the Trust was established a Unanimous Shareholder Agreement was entered into between Resources, the Manager and Computershare Trust Company of Canada (the “Trustee”), with the intention that the Trust and the Unitholders would be given rights substantially equivalent to those which they would have if they were shareholders in Resources.

The Trust has no directors. The Manager operates in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Indenture, the Royalty Agreement and related agreements. When the Trust was established, Resources and the Trustee entered into a Management Agreement with the Manager. Under this agreement, the Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the business of the Trust subject to a supervisory role of the board of directors of Resources. In exercising its powers and discharging its duties under the Management Agreement, the Manager must exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent advisor and manager in respect of petroleum and natural gas properties in Western Canada would exercise in comparable circumstances. The Manager is paid for providing its services and is entitled to reimbursement for general and administrative costs which constitute a deduction in the determination of income.

#### TSE Guidelines on Corporate Governance

In February 1995 the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSE”) Committee on Corporate Governance in Canada issued a report (the “TSE Report”) setting out a series of guidelines for effective corporate governance. The TSE requires that each listed company disclose on an annual basis its approach to corporate governance with reference to the guidelines.

Set out below is a description of the Trust’s corporate governance practices, which have been established by the terms of the Trust Indenture, Unanimous Shareholder Agreement and Management Agreement, and as have been approved by the board of directors of Resources.

#### Management of the Trust

*Trustee* - Computershare Trust Company of Canada is the trustee of the Trust and also acts as the transfer agent for the Trust Units. The Trustee is responsible for, among other things: (a) accepting subscriptions for Trust Units and issuing Trust Units pursuant thereto; (b) maintaining the books and records of the Trust and providing timely reports to holders of Trust Units; and (c) paying cash distributions to Unitholders. The Trust Indenture provides that the Trustee shall exercise its powers and carry out its functions thereunder as Trustee honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the

Trust and the Unitholders and, in connection therewith, shall exercise that degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent trustee would exercise in comparable circumstances.

*Resources* - Resources currently has a board of directors consisting of seven individuals, two of whom are to be elected annually by the Manager and five of whom are independent directors to be elected annually by the Unitholders. The independent directors are nominated annually by the Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee of Resources. The Chairman of the board of directors of Resources will be one of the independent directors. Unitholders will always be entitled to elect the majority of the board of directors of Resources.

The board of directors of Resources is required to approve all matters referred to below and, in addition, is required to approve any amendment to the Management Agreement, the HB Lands Royalty Agreement between the Trust and Canpar Holdings Ltd. or the Resources Royalty Agreement between the Trust and Resources.

*The Manager* - Pursuant to the provisions of the Management Agreement, the Manager provides certain administrative and support services to the Trust, including those necessary: (a) to ensure compliance by the Trust with continuous disclosure obligations under applicable securities legislation; (b) to provide investor relations services; (c) to provide or cause to be provided to Unitholders all information to which Unitholders are entitled under the Trust Indenture; (d) to call, hold and distribute materials including notices of meetings and information circulars in respect of all necessary meetings of Unitholders; (e) to determine the amounts payable from time to time to Unitholders and to arrange for distributions to Unitholders of Distributable Income; (f) to determine the timing and terms of future offerings of Trust Units, if any; (g) to determine the terms and conditions upon which the Trust may acquire additional royalties; and (h) to determine the terms and conditions upon which the Trust may from time to time borrow money.

#### Mandate of the Board of Directors

The board of directors of Resources has a mandate to supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Trust and Resources and to act with a view to the best interests of the Trust and Resources. Although the Manager provides certain advisory and management services to the Trust and Resources pursuant to the Management Agreement, the board of directors of Resources will supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Trust and Resources. In particular, significant operational decisions and all decisions relating to: (a) issuances of additional Trust Units; (b) the acquisition and disposition of properties of the Trust or Resources for a purchase price or proceeds in excess of \$5,000,000; (c) capital expenditures outside approved budgets; (d) establishment of credit facilities; and (e) the payment of Distributable Income, will be made by the board of directors of Resources. In addition, any amendment to the Management Agreement, the HB Lands Royalty Agreement or the Resources Royalty Agreement requires the approval of the board of directors of Resources. The board of directors of Resources generally intends to hold regularly scheduled meetings to review the business and affairs of Resources and make any necessary decisions relating thereto.

The board of directors of Resources is responsible in conjunction with the Manager for the strategic planning process, identifying the principal business risks of the business and implementing appropriate systems to manage these risks, the communication policy for the Trust, the integrity of internal controls and management information systems of Resources and monitoring senior management.

#### Composition of the Board

The board of directors of Resources consists of seven (7) members, two (2) of which are considered “inside” and “related” directors as those terms are defined in the TSE Report. The other five (5) members are “outside” directors (i.e. they are not officers or employees of Resources or the CN Pension Trust Funds) and four (4) of the remaining directors are “unrelated” directors as those terms are defined in the TSE Report. The board of directors is of the opinion, however, that the business relationship between the Trust and the CN Pension Trust Funds and the “related” director, Harry S. Campbell, does not interfere with the exercise by Mr. Campbell of his duty to act in the best interests of Resources. Mr. Campbell is Managing Partner of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP which from time to time provides legal services to the Trust, Resources and CN Pension Trust Funds and its affiliates.

#### Board Independence

The board of directors of Resources has functioned, and is of the view that it can continue to function, independently of the Manager and the CN Pension Trust Funds. The board has a Chairman who is not an employee of the Manager or the CN Pension Trust Funds and is an “outside” and “unrelated” director.

The board of directors of Resources and any committee can meet in the absence of the Manager at their discretion and any committee of the board may engage outside legal advisors at the expense of Resources in appropriate circumstances.

#### Committees of the Board

The board of directors of Resources has an Audit Committee comprised of unrelated directors. The committee's responsibilities include oversight of the nature and scope of the annual audit, management's reporting on internal accounting standards and practices, financial information and accounting systems and procedures, financial reporting and statements and recommending, for board of director approval, the audited financial statements, the annual review of reserves with the external evaluation engineers, and other mandatory disclosure releases containing financial information. Resources is in compliance with the TSE Report as the audit committee is composed of all unrelated directors.

The board of directors of Resources has a Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee, consisting of outside and unrelated directors. The committee's responsibilities include assisting the Board in respect of the development and monitoring of Resource's approach to corporate governance, the nomination of directors for appointment to the Board, the appointment of directors to committees of the Board, the development and review orientation and education programs for new directors, review and make recommendations with respect to compensation of directors and, subject to the limitations in the unanimous shareholders agreement, consider and make recommendations on the size of the board of directors.

#### Environmental Obligations - Reclamation Fund

The Trust and Resources are liable for their share of ongoing environmental obligations and for the ultimate reclamation of the working interest properties upon abandonment. Ongoing environmental obligations are expected to be funded out of cash flow. The estimated future environmental and reclamation obligations in respect of the working interest properties are approximately \$5,622,000. A reclamation fund, consisting of cash invested in an interest bearing account, has been established and is funded by quarterly cash payments. For the year 2002, \$240,000 had been deposited or accrued in the reclamation fund, \$118,000 of which has been expended on reclamation projects. As at December 31, 2002, the reclamation fund balance was \$1,006,000.

#### **Other Matters**

The Manager knows of no amendment, variation or other matter to come before the Meeting other than the matters referred to in the Notice of Annual Meeting. However, if any other matter properly comes before the Meeting, the accompanying proxy will be voted on such matter in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons voting the proxy.

#### **Approval of Directors**

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved by the board of directors of Resources.

#### **Certificate**

The foregoing contains no untrue statement of a material fact and does not omit to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in the light of the circumstances in which it was made.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta this 18th day of March, 2003.

FREEHOLD ROYALTY TRUST  
BY FREEHOLD RESOURCES LTD.:

[Signed]  
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President and  
Chief Executive Officer

[Signed]  
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