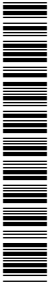


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Form of Proxy - Annual General Meeting to be held on September 21, 2023

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I/We being holder(s) of securities of Vertical Exploration Inc. (the "Company") hereby appoint: Peter Swistak, a director, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, or failing this person, Ernest Brisbane, a director of the Company (the "Management Nominees")

OR

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Appointment of Davidson & Company LLP, Chartered Accountants as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and authorizing the Directors to fix their remuneration.

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Signature(s)

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