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# Acumentis Group Limited

**Notice of 2020 Annual General Meeting** 

Explanatory Statement | Proxy Form

28 October 2020

**3.00PM AEDT** 

This Notice of Meeting should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their professional advisers prior to voting.

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#### Important Information for Shareholders about the Company's 2020 AGM

Given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, by the time this Notice is received by Shareholders, circumstances may have changed, however, this Notice is given based on circumstances as at 21 September 2020.

Accordingly, should circumstances change, the Company will make an announcement on the ASX market announcements platform and on the Company's website at <a href="www.accumentis.com.au">www.accumentis.com.au</a>. Shareholders are urged to monitor the ASX announcements platform and the Company's website.

Given the significant health concerns attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to guidelines and restrictions issued by Australian state and federal governments, the Company considers that it is appropriate to hold the 2020 AGM as a virtual meeting, in a manner that is consistent with the temporary modifications to the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) introduced by the Commonwealth Treasurer.

# Venue and Voting Information

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders to which this Notice of Meeting relates will be held at 3.00pm AEDT on Wednesday, 28 October 2020 as a **virtual meeting**.

If you are a shareholder and you wish to virtually attend the AGM (which will be broadcast as a live webinar), please <u>pre-register</u> in advance for the virtual meeting here:

### https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_R3d0dRzKTGuBWNm1bjh9uA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation containing information on how to attend the virtual meeting on the day of the AGM.

Shareholders will be able to vote and ask questions at the virtual meeting.

Shareholders are also encouraged to submit questions in advance of the Meeting to the Company.

Questions must be submitted in writing to John Wise, Company Secretary via email john.wise@acumentis.com.au) at least 48 hours before the AGM.

The Company will also provide Shareholders with the opportunity to ask questions during the Meeting in respect to the formal items of business as well as general questions in respect to the Company and its business.

### Your vote is important

The business of the Annual General Meeting affects your shareholding and your vote is important.

# Voting virtually at the Meeting

Shareholders who wish to vote virtually on the day of the AGM will need to login to the Automic website (<a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a>) with their username and password.

Shareholders who do not have an account with Automic are strongly encouraged to register for an account as soon as possible and well in advance of the Meeting to avoid any delays on the day of the Meeting.

#### How do I create an account with Automic?

To create an account with Automic, please go to the Automic website

(<a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a>), click on 'register' and follow the steps. Shareholders will require their holder number (Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN)) to create an account with Automic.

#### I have an account with Automic, what are the next steps?

Shareholders who have an existing account with Automic (Note: with a *username* and *password*) are advised to take the following steps to attend and vote virtually on the day of the AGM:

- 1. Login to the Automic website (<a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a>) using your username and password.
- 2. (Registration on the day) If registration for the virtual meeting is open, click on 'Meeting open for registration' and follow the steps.

(Live voting on the day) If live voting for the virtual meeting is open, click on 'Meeting open for voting' and follow the steps.

# Voting by proxy

To vote by proxy, please use one of the following methods:

Online	Lodge the Proxy Form online at <a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah</a> by following the instructions: Login to the Automic website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Click on 'View Meetings' – 'Vote'. To use the online lodgement facility, Shareholders will need their holder number (Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN)) as shown on the front of the Proxy Form.	
By post	Automic, GPO Box 5193, Sydney NSW 2001	
By hand	Automic, Level 5, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000	

Your Proxy instruction must be received not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. **Proxy Forms received later than this time will be invalid.** 

# Power of Attorney

If the proxy form is signed under a power of attorney on behalf of a shareholder, then the attorney must make sure that either the original power of attorney or a certified copy is sent with the proxy form, unless the power of attorney has already provided it to the Share Registry.

# **Corporate Representatives**

If a representative of a corporate shareholder or a corporate proxy will be attending the Meeting, the representative should provide the Share Registry with adequate evidence of their appointment, unless this has previously been provided to the Share Registry.

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Acumentis Group Limited ACN 102 320 329 will be held at 3.00pm AEDT on Wednesday, 28 October 2020 as a **virtual meeting (Meeting)**.

The Explanatory Statement to this Notice of Meeting provides additional information on matters to be considered at the Annual General Meeting. The Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form forms part of this Notice of Meeting.

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 7.00pm (AEDT) on Monday, 26 October 2020.

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Statement are defined in the Glossary.

# Agenda

# **Ordinary business**

# Financial statements and reports

"To receive and to consider the Annual Financial Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Directors' Report, the Remuneration Report and the Auditor's Report for that financial year."

Note: This item of ordinary business is for discussion only and is not a resolution.

Pursuant to the Corporations Act, Shareholders will be given a reasonable opportunity at the Meeting to ask questions about, or make comments in relation to, each of the aforementioned reports during consideration of these items.

# Resolutions

# **Remuneration Report**

# 1. **Resolution 1** – Adoption of Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"That, for the purpose of Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's Annual Financial Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2020."

**Note**: The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

**Voting Exclusion Statement**: In accordance with the Corporations Act, the Company will disregard any votes cast on Resolution 1 by or on behalf of a member of the Company's key management personnel (including the Directors), whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report (**KMP**), or any of that person's Closely Related Parties (such as close family members and any controlled companies of those persons) (collectively referred to as Restricted Voter). However, the Company need not disregard a vote if:

- (a) it is cast by a person as a proxy appointed in writing that specifies how the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1; and
- (b) it is not cast on behalf of a Restricted Voter.

If you appoint the person chairing the Meeting (**Chair**) and you are not a Restricted Voter, by submitting the Proxy Form you authorise the person chairing the Meeting to exercise the proxy even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a KMP, and you will be taken to have directed the Chair to vote in accordance with his or her stated intention to vote in favour of Resolution 1. If you do not want your vote exercised in favour of Resolution 1, you should direct the person chairing the Meeting to vote "against", or to abstain from voting on, this Resolution.

# **Re-election of Directors**

# 2. **Resolution 2** – Re-election of Stephen Maitland as Director

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

"That Stephen Maitland, a Director who retires by rotation in accordance with the Company's Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.5, and being eligible offers himself for re-election as a Director of the Company, effective immediately."

# 3. **Resolution 3** – Re-election of Keith Perrett as Director

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"That Keith Perrett, a Director who retires by rotation in accordance with the Company's Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.5, and being eligible offers himself for re-election as a Director of the Company, effective immediately."

# **Adoption of New Constitution**

# 4. **Resolution 4** – Adoption of New Constitution

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendment, the following resolution as a **Special Resolution**:

"That, for the purposes of section 136(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the constitution of the Company be repealed and replaced with a constitution in the form of the document tabled at this Meeting and signed by the Chair for the purposes of identification, effective immediately."

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

John Wise Company Secretary

# **Explanatory Statement**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared for the information of the Shareholders in connection with the business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 3.00pm AEDT on Wednesday, 28 October 2020 at Automic Group, Level 5, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000 and as a **virtual meeting**.

The purpose of this Explanatory Statement is to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions in the Notice of Meeting.

If you are in any doubt about what to do in relation to the Resolutions contemplated in the Notice of Meeting and this Explanatory Statement, it is recommended that you seek advice from an accountant, solicitor or other professional advisor.

Full details of the business to be considered at the Annual General Meeting are set out below.

# Agenda

# **Ordinary business**

# Financial statements and reports

In accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act, the business of the Annual General Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the Annual Financial Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Director's Report, the Remuneration Report and the Auditor's Report.

In accordance with the amendments to the Corporations Act, the Company is no longer required to provide a hard copy of the Company's Annual Financial Report to Shareholders unless a Shareholder has specifically elected to receive a printed copy.

Whilst the Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's Annual Financial Report unless specifically requested to do so, Shareholders may view the Company Annual Financial Report on its website at <a href="https://www.acumentis.com.au">www.acumentis.com.au</a>.

No resolution is required for this item, but Shareholders will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to make comments on the management and performance of the Company.

The Company's auditor will be present at the Meeting. During the discussion of this item, the auditor will be available to answer questions on the:

- Conduct of the audit;
- Preparation and content of the Auditor's Report;
- Accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements;
- Independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

### Written questions of the auditor

If you would like to submit a written question about the content of the Auditor's Report or the conduct of the audit of the Annual Financial Report of the Company's auditor, please send your question to the Company Secretary. A list of qualifying questions will be made available at the Meeting.

Please note that all written questions must be received at least five business days before the Meeting, which is by Wednesday, 21 October 2020.

# Resolutions

# **Remuneration Report**

# **Resolution 1** – Adoption of Remuneration Report

In accordance with section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act, the Company is required to present to its Shareholders the Remuneration Report as disclosed in the Company's Annual Financial Report.

The vote on the Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. The Remuneration Report is set out in the Company's Annual Financial Report and is also available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.acumentis.com.au">www.acumentis.com.au</a>.

However, if at least 25% of the votes cast are against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at the Meeting (subject of this Notice of Meeting), and then again at the 2021 Annual General Meeting (2021 AGM), the Company will be required to put to the vote a resolution (Spill Resolution) at the 2021 AGM to approve the calling of a further meeting (Spill Meeting). If more than 50% of Shareholders vote in favour of the Spill Resolution, the Company must convene the Spill Meeting within 90 days of the 2021 AGM. All of the Directors who were in office when the 2021 Directors' Report was approved, other than the Managing Director, will (if desired) need to stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting.

The Remuneration Report explains the Board's policies in relation to the nature and level of remuneration paid to KMPs (including Directors) and sets out remuneration details, service agreements and the details of any share-based compensation.

#### Voting

Note that a voting exclusion applies to Resolution 1 in the terms set out in the Notice of Meeting. In particular, the Directors and other Restricted Voters must not vote on this Resolution and must not cast a vote as proxy, unless the appointment gives a direction on how to vote, or the proxy is given to the Chair and you submit the Proxy Form, authorising the Chair to exercise the proxy even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a KMP and that in doing so you will be taken to have directed the Chair to vote in accordance with the Chair's stated intention to vote in favour of Resolution 1.

Shareholders are urged to read carefully the Proxy Form and to provide a direction to the proxy on how to vote on this Resolution.

# **Re-election of Directors**

# Resolution 2 – Re-election of Stephen Maitland as Director

Rule 16.1 of the Company's Constitution requires that at every annual general meeting, one third of the Directors (other than any Managing Director or, if their number is not a multiple of 3, then the number nearest to but not less than one third must retire from office. The Directors to retire are those who have been in office the longest since their last election.

It has been agreed that Mr Stephen Maitland will retire by rotation at this Meeting.

ASX Listing Rule 14.5 also provides that an entity which has Directors must hold an election of Directors at each annual general meeting.

Stephen was appointed as a Director of the Company on 1 February 2018 and was last re-elected as a Director at the 2018 AGM.

Under this Resolution, Stephen has elected to retire by rotation, and being eligible, seeks re-election as a Director of the Company at this AGM.

Stephen Maitland OAM RFD has over 45 years' experience in the banking and finance industries, and as a non-executive director of several listed and unlisted companies.

He is the principal of Delphin Associates, a business consultancy firm specialising in strategic planning, risk management, corporate governance and business transition.

Stephen has a degree in Economics and Masters' degrees in Business and Law. He is a Fellow of the Australian

Institute of Company Directors, CPA Australia; the Governance Institute of Australia; and a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia.

#### **Directors' recommendation**

The Directors (excluding Mr Maitland) recommend that Shareholders vote for this Resolution.

# **Resolution 3** – Re-election of Keith Perrett as Director

Rule 16.1 of the Company's Constitution requires that at every annual general meeting, one third of the Directors (other than any Managing Director or, if their number is not a multiple of 3, then the number nearest to but not less than one third must retire from office. The Directors to retire are those who have been in office the longest since their last election.

It has been agreed that Mr Keith Perrett will retire by rotation at this Meeting.

ASX Listing Rule 14.5 also provides that an entity which has Directors must hold an election of Directors at each annual general meeting.

Keith was appointed as a Director of the Company on 22 February 2018 and was last re-elected as a Director at the 2018 AGM.

Under this Resolution, Keith has elected to retire by rotation, and being eligible, seeks re-election as a Director of the Company at this AGM.

Keith Perrett was appointed Chairman in May 2018 and brings extensive experience in strategy development, government relations, stakeholder engagement and business development.

Keith also has a strong business and government network, particularly within NSW & QLD. He is currently Non-Executive Chairman of Silver Mines Ltd (ASX:SVL). Mr Perrett previously held positions as the Chairman of the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC), the Wheat Research Foundation (WRF), and President of the Grains Council of Australia.

#### Directors' recommendation

The Directors (excluding Mr Perrett) recommend that Shareholders vote for this Resolution.

# **Adoption of New Constitution**

# **Resolution 4** – Adoption of New Constitution

The Company's current constitution was adopted by the Company on 8 November 2018.

To ensure the continued effectiveness and ongoing compliance with recent regulatory changes the Company proposes to amend its constitution (**New Constitution**) by incorporating the following key amendments:

(a) Restricted securities: Effective 1 December 2019 the ASX implemented changes to their escrow regime. In accordance with those changes there was an update to ASX Listing Rule 15.12 which requires a listed entity's constitution to contain certain provisions for so long as an entity has "restricted securities" (as defined by the Listing Rules) are on issue. These amendments (if approved) provide the constitutional underpinning for ASX's modified escrow regime. Accordingly, Rule 3.7 is replaced in its entirety by the following:

The Company shall comply in all respects with the requirements of the Listing Rules with respect to "restricted securities". Without limiting the generality of the above:

- a holder of restricted securities must not dispose of, or agree or offer to dispose of, the securities during the escrow period applicable to those securities except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX;
- (ii) if the securities are in the same class as quoted securities, the holder will be taken to have agreed in writing that the restricted securities are to be kept on the entity's issuer sponsored subregister and are to have a holding lock applied for the duration of the escrow period applicable to those securities;
- (iii) the entity will refuse to acknowledge any disposal (including, without limitation, to register any transfer) of restricted securities during the escrow period applicable to those securities except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX;

- (iv) a holder of restricted securities will not be entitled to participate in any return of capital on those securities during the escrow period applicable to those securities except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX; and
- (v) if a holder of restricted securities breaches a restriction deed or a provision of the entity's constitution restricting a disposal of those securities, the holder will not be entitled to any dividend or distribution, or to exercise any voting rights, in respect of those securities for so long as the breach continues.
- (b) Transfer procedure for securities: In accordance with the Listing Rules and to facilitate the charging of a reasonable fee for registering paper-based transfers in registerable form Rule 9.2(c) (previously Rule 8.2(c)) is replaced in its entirety by the following:
  - "subject to rule 31, a reasonable fee may be charged on the registration of a transfer of Shares or other securities;"
- (c) Director rotation: Rule 16.1 of the Company's current constitution requires that at each Annual General Meeting one third of the Directors (other than the Managing Director) retire from office. Rule 16.2 advises how those Directors who must retire are identified. These rules (Rules 19.1 and 19.2 in the New Constitution) are amended such that the requirement to retire one third of the Directors is removed and instead, the Company comply with the ASX Listing Rules that there must be an election of Directors at each Annual General Meeting. All other references in the Constitution to rotation of directors are also amended.
- (d) Minimum Shareholding Sale Facility: The Company's current constitution does not provide for the Company to be able to conduct a Minimum Shareholding sale. Accordingly, a new Rule 4 has been inserted into the New Constitution to enable such a sale facility in the future should the Company determine that it is in the interests of Minority Members. A summary of the key terms of the new Rule 4 is as follows:

#### 1. Definitions:

**Authorised Price** means the price per share of the Listed Securities that the directors consider is the best price reasonably available for the shares when they are sold.

**Minimum Shareholding** means a number of shares equal to a "marketable parcel" of Listed Securities within the meaning of the Listing Rules.

**Minority Member** means a member holding less than the Minimum Shareholding on or at any time after the Date of Adoption.

- 2. **Minimum Shareholding:** The shareholding of a member which is less than the Minimum Shareholding may be sold by the Company pursuant to the provisions of this rule 4.
- 3. Sale of Minimum Shareholding: Each Minority Member shall be deemed to have irrevocably appointed the Company as his agent to sell all the Listed Securities held by him at the Authorised Price and without any cost being incurred by the Minority Member.
- 4. **Proceeds of Sale:** The Company shall receive the aggregate proceeds of the sale of all of the Listed Securities of each Minority Member to whom this rule applies and shall, within fourteen days of receipt of the relevant share certificate or otherwise as soon as is practicable, cause the pro rata proportions of the proceeds attributable to each Minority Member to be sent to each Minority Member(s) by cheque or electronic funds transfer
- 5. **Cost of Sale of Listed Securities:** The Company shall bear all the costs of the sale of the Listed Securities.

### 6. Exemption from Rule 4:

- (a) The Company must give written notice to a Minority Member advising of the Company's intention to sell his or her shareholding pursuant to this rule 4.
- (b) Unless the Minority Member, within 6 weeks from the date of the notice was sent from the Company in accordance with this rule 4, gives written notice to the Company that it desires its shareholding to be exempted from rule 4, then the Company will be free to sell the Shares held by the relevant Minority Member immediately following expiry of the 6 week period in accordance with this rule 4.

- 7. **Notice to Exempt:** Where a Minority Member has given written notice to the Company that it desires its shareholding to be exempted from rule 4 it may, at any time, revoke or withdraw that notice.
- 8. **Takeover Offer or Announcement:** The Company shall not commence to sell Listed Securities comprising less than a Minimum Shareholding following the announcement of a takeover offer or takeover announcement for the Company.
- 9. **Use by Company of Rule 4:** This rule 4 may be invoked only once in any twelve month period after its adoption or re-adoption.
- (e) Direct Voting: The Company's current constitution does not provide members entitled to attend and vote on a resolution at a general meeting or class meeting with a facility to submit Direct Votes. Accordingly rule 13 has been added to the New Constitution to enable directors to decide that, at any general meeting or class meeting, a member entitled to attend and vote on a resolution at that meeting is entitled to a direct vote and to set any prescribed rules in relation to the direct voting process. Further, rule 14 has been added to the New Constitution to provide for the treatment of direct votes.
- (f) Proportional Takeover Provisions: The same provisions that exist in the Company's current Constitution will be renewed in the New Constitution for the purposes of section 648G of the Corporations Act. Further details in relation to the renewal as required by the Corporations Act is set out below.

#### **Renewal of proportional takeover provisions**

The Company's Constitution contains the Proportional Takeover Provisions, which provide that the Company can refuse to register Shares acquired under a proportional takeover bid unless an approving resolution is passed by Shareholders.

Section 648G(1) of the Corporations Act provides that a company's proportional takeover provisions will cease to have effect at the end of three years from the date of adoption (or renewal, as the case may be). Rule 27 of the Company's Constitution (Rule 28 in the New Constitution) was adopted in 2003. The Company accordingly seeks Shareholder approval of this Resolution for the renewal of the Proportional Takeover Provisions, which, for the purposes of the Corporations Act, requires the same process to amend or adopt a new constitution for the purposes of 136(2) of the Corporations Act. Shareholder approval will not result in a change to the wording of rule 27 of the Company's current Constitution (Rule 30 in the New Constitution).

The following information is provided for the purposes of Section 648G of the Corporations Act.

#### Proportional takeover bid

A proportional takeover bid is a takeover bid where the offer made to each Shareholder is only for a proportion of the Shareholder's Shares. If a Shareholder accepts, in full, an offer under a proportional takeover bid, the Shareholder will only dispose of a specified portion of their Shares in the Company and retain the balance of the Shares.

The Proportional Takeover Provisions are designed to assist Shareholders to receive proper value for their Shares if a proportional takeover bid is made for the Company by providing, in the Constitution, that:

- (a) in the event of a proportional takeover bid being made for Shares in the Company, Shareholders are required to vote and collectively decide whether to accept or reject the offer; and
- (b) the majority decision of the Company's members will be binding on all Shareholders.

### Effect of the proposed provisions

Where offers have been made under a proportional takeover bid in respect of a class of securities in a company, the registration of a transfer giving effect to a contract resulting from the acceptance of an offer made under such a proportional takeover bid is prohibited unless and until a resolution to approve the proportional takeover bid is passed by Shareholders or otherwise, as pursuant to the terms of the Proportional Takeover Provisions.

In more detail, the effect of the Proportional Takeover Provisions is as follows:

- (a) if a proportional takeover bid is made for Securities of the Company, the Directors must ensure that a meeting of Shareholders is convened to vote on a resolution to approve that bid;
- (b) the bidder and persons associated with the bidder may not vote;

- (c) approval of the bid will require a simple majority of the votes cast;
- (d) the meeting must take place more than 14 days before the last day of the bid period (**Resolution Deadline**);
- (e) if the resolution is rejected before the Resolution Deadline, the bid cannot proceed and any transfers giving effect to takeover contracts for the bid will not be registered;
- (f) the bid will be taken to have been approved if, as at the end of the day before the Resolution Deadline, the resolution has not been voted on;
- (g) if the resolution is approved, the transfers must be registered (subject to other provisions of the Corporations Act and the Constitution); and
- (h) the Directors will breach the Corporations Act if they fail to ensure the resolution is voted on. However, the bid will still be taken to have been approved if it is not voted on within the Resolution Deadline.

The Proportional Takeover Provisions do not apply to full takeover bids. If the Proportional Takeover Provisions are renewed, they will cease to apply at the end of three years after renewal unless renewed by a Special Resolution of Shareholders.

### Reasons for the proposed provisions

In the absence of the Proportional Takeover Provisions, a proportional takeover bid may result in control of the Company changing without Shareholders having an opportunity to dispose of all their Shares. By making a partial bid, a bidder can obtain practical control of the Company by acquiring less than a majority interest. Shareholders could be exposed to the risks of passing control to the bidder without payment of an adequate control premium for all their Shares and being left with a minority interest in the Company. Such Shareholders could suffer potential further loss if the takeover bid were to cause a decrease in the Share price or otherwise make the Shares less attractive and, therefore, more difficult to sell.

#### Knowledge of any acquisition proposals

As at the date of this Notice of Meeting, no Director is aware of any proposal to acquire, or to increase the extent of, a substantial interest in the Company.

#### Advantages and disadvantages during the period in which they have been in effect

The Directors consider that the Proportional Takeover Provisions had no advantages or disadvantages for them during the period in which they were in effect.

The advantages and disadvantages of the Proportional Takeover Provisions for Shareholders include those set out below, which were applicable during the period in which they were in effect.

### Potential advantages and disadvantages

The renewal of the Proportional Takeover Provisions will enable the Directors to formally ascertain the views of the Shareholders in respect of a proportional takeover bid. Without such provisions, the Directors are dependent upon their perception of the interests and views of Shareholders. Other than this advantage, the Directors consider that the Proportional Takeover Provisions have no potential advantages or disadvantages for them and that they remain free to make a recommendation on whether an offer under a proportional takeover bid should be accepted.

The potential advantages of the Proportional Takeover Provisions for Shareholders include:

- (a) providing the right to discuss, in a meeting called specifically for that purpose, and then decide, by majority vote, whether an offer under a proportional takeover bid should proceed;
- (b) assisting the prevention of Shareholders being locked in as a minority;
- (c) increasing the bargaining power of Shareholders which may assist in ensuring that any proportional takeover bid is adequately priced;
- (d) potentially increasing the likelihood of a full takeover bid rather than a proportional takeover bid; and/or
- (e) enabling individual Shareholders to better assess the likely outcome of the proportional takeover bid, by knowing the view of the majority of Shareholders, which may assist in deciding whether to accept or reject an offer under the bid;

The potential disadvantages of the Proportional Takeover Provisions for Shareholders include:

- (a) imposing a hurdle to, and potentially discouraging the making of, provisional takeover bids which, in turn, may reduce any takeover speculation element in the price of Shares;
- (b) potentially reducing the likelihood of success of a proportional takeover bid;
- (c) possible reduction or loss of opportunities for Shareholders sell some or all of their Shares at a premium; and/or
- (d) potentially causing some Shareholders to form the view that the Proportional Takeover Provisions impose an unreasonable restriction on their ability to freely deal with their Shares.
- (g) Other amendments: Rules within the current constitution containing outdated references have been updated. For example, those rules containing references to the SCH Business Rules have been updated to appropriately reference the ASX Settlement Operating Rules.

#### **New Constitution**

Prior to the Meeting, a copy of the New Constitution is available for review by Shareholders at the Company's registered office during normal business hours. A copy of the New Constitution can also be sent to Shareholders of the Company upon a request being made to the Company Secretary via email <a href="mailto:john.wise@acumentis.com.au">john.wise@acumentis.com.au</a>.

A complete signed copy of the New Constitution will be tabled at the Meeting.

Pursuant to section 136(2) of the Corporations Act, a modification to the Company's Constitution can only be effected by way of a Special Resolution passed by its Shareholders. Therefore, this Resolution is a Special Resolution that can only be passed if at least 75% of the total votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on this Resolution are voted in its favour.

#### **Professional Advice**

If you have any doubt or do not understand this Resolution, it is strongly recommended that you seek advice from a solicitor or other professional advisor.

### **Directors' Recommendation**

The Board of Directors recommend Shareholders vote for this Resolution.

# **Enquiries**

Shareholders are asked to contact the Company Secretary via email <u>john.wise@acumentis.com.au</u> or on (02) 8823 6364 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

# Glossary

AEDT means Australian Eastern Daylight Time as observed in Sydney, New South Wales.

**Annual Financial Report** means the 2020 Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended 30 June 2020 as lodged by the Company with ASX on 27 August 2020.

**Annual General Meeting** or **AGM** or **Meeting** means an Annual General Meeting of the Company and, unless otherwise indicated, means the meeting of the Company's members convened by this Notice of Meeting.

ASIC means Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

Associate has the meaning given to it by the ASX Listing Rules.

**ASX** means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 or the financial market operated by it, as the context requires, of 20 Bridge Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

**ASX** Listing Rules or Listing Rules means the official ASX Listing Rules of the ASX and any other rules of the ASX which are applicable while the Company is admitted to the official list of the ASX, as amended or replaced from time to time, except to the extent of any express written waiver by the ASX.

**Auditor's Report** means the auditor's report of William Buck dated 27 August 2020 as included in the Annual Financial Report.

**Board** means the current board of Directors of the Company.

Business Day means a day on which trading takes place on the stock market of ASX.

Chair means the person chairing the Meeting.

**Closely Related Party** of a member of the KMP means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (c) a dependant of the member or of the member's spouse;
- (d) anyone else who is one of the member's family and may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealings with the Company;
- (e) a company the member controls; or
- (f) a person prescribed by the Corporation Regulations 2001 (Cth).

Company means Acumentis Group Limited ACN 102 320 329.

Constitution means the Company's constitution.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) as amended or replaced from time to time.

**Director** means a current director of the Company.

Directors' Report means the report of Directors as included in the Annual Financial Report.

**Dollar** or "\$" means Australian dollars.

Explanatory Statement means the explanatory statement accompanying this Notice of Meeting.

**KMP** means key management personnel (including the Directors) whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report.

**Notice of Meeting** or **Notice of Annual General Meeting** means this notice of annual general meeting dated 21 September 2020 including the Explanatory Statement.

**Ordinary Resolution** means a resolution that can only be passed if at least 50% of the total votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on the resolution are voted in its favour at the meeting.

Proxy Form means the proxy form attached to this Notice of Meeting.

Remuneration Report means the remuneration report as set out in the Annual Financial Report.

**Resolutions** means the resolutions set out in this Notice of Meeting, or any one of them, as the context requires.

Restricted Voter means a member of the Company's KMP and any Closely Related Parties of those members.

Securities mean Shares and/or Options (as the context requires).

Share means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

Shareholder means a holder of a Share.

Share Registry means Automic Registry Services, Level 5, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW.

**Special Resolution** means a resolution that can only be passed if at least 75% of the total votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on the resolution are voted in its favour at the meeting.

**Spill Meeting** means the meeting that will be convened within 90 days of the 2021 AGM if a threshold of votes is cast against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at the Meeting and the 2021 AGM.

**Spill Resolution** means the resolution required to be put to Shareholders at the 2021 AGM if a threshold of votes is cast against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at the Meeting and the 2021 AGM.

**Trading Day** has the meaning given to that term in ASX Listing Rule 19.12.

**VWAP** means the volume weighted average market (closing) price, with respects to the price of Shares.



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# **Proxy Voting Form**

If you are attending the virtual Meeting please retain this Proxy Voting Form for online Securityholder registration.

# [HolderNumber]

Holder Number: [HolderNumber]

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Your proxy voting instruction must be received by **3.00pm (AEDT) on Monday, 26 October 2020,** being **not later than 48 hours** before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Voting instructions received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

# **SUBMIT YOUR PROXY**

# Complete the form overleaf in accordance with the instructions set out below. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and address shown above is as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, and you have an Issuer Sponsored holding, you can update your address through the investor portal: https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes.

#### STEP 1 - APPOINT A PROXY

If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of that Individual or body corporate. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company. Otherwise if you leave this box blank, the Chairman of the Meeting will be appointed as your proxy by default.

#### DEFAULT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

Any directed proxies that are not voted on a poll at the Meeting will default to the Chairman of the Meeting, who is required to vote these proxies as directed. Any undirected proxies that default to the Chairman of the Meeting will be voted according to the instructions set out in this Proxy Voting Form, including where the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of KMP

### STEP 2 - VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS

You may direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. All your shares will be voted in accordance with such a direction unless you indicate only a portion of voting rights are to be voted on any item by inserting the percentage or number of shares you wish to vote in the appropriate box or boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes on the items of business, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses. If you mark more than one box on an item your vote on that item will be invalid.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SECOND PROXY

You may appoint up to two proxies. If you appoint two proxies, you should complete two separate Proxy Voting Forms and specify the percentage or number each proxy may exercise. If you do not specify a percentage or number, each proxy may exercise half the votes. You must return both Proxy Voting Forms together. If you require an additional Proxy Voting Form, contact Automic Registry Services.

### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

**Individual**: Where the holding is in one name, the Shareholder must sign.

Joint holding: Where the holding is in more than one name, all Shareholders should sign.

**Power of attorney**: If you have not already lodged the power of attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the power of attorney to this Proxy Voting Form when you return it.

**Companies**: To be signed in accordance with your Constitution. Please sign in the appropriate box which indicates the office held by you.

Email Address: Please provide your email address in the space provided.

By providing your email address, you elect to receive all communications despatched by the Company electronically (where legally permissible) such as a Notice of Meeting, Proxy Voting Form and Annual Report via email.

# CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting the appropriate 'Appointment of Corporate Representative' should be produced prior to admission. A form may be obtained from the Company's share registry online at https://automic.com.au.

### **Lodging your Proxy Voting Form:**

#### Online:

Use your computer or smartphone to appoint a proxy at

https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah

or scan the QR code below using your smartphone

Login & Click on 'Meetings'. Use the Holder Number as shown at the top of this Proxy Voting Form.



#### BY MAIL:

Automic GPO Box 5193 Sydney NSW 2001

#### IN PERSON:

Automic

Level 5, 126 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000

#### BY EMAIL:

 $\underline{meetings@automicgroup.com.au}$ 

#### BY FACSIMILE:

+61 2 8583 3040

#### All enquiries to Automic:

**WEBCHAT:** https://automicgroup.com.au/

**PHONE:** 1300 288 664 (Within Australia) +61 2 9698 5414 (Overseas)

The Chair intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of all Resolutions in which the Chair is entitled to vote.

Unless indicated otherwise by ticking the "for"," against" or "abstain" box you will be authorising the Chair to vote in accordance with the Chair's voting intention.

# AUTHORITY FOR CHAIR TO VOTE UNDIRECTED PROXIES ON REMUNERATION RELATED RESOLUTIONS

Where I/we have appointed the Chair as my/our proxy (or where the Chair becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chair to exercise my/our proxy on Resolution 1 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention below) even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel, which includes the Chair.

 Login with your username and password or click "register" if you haven't already created an account.
Shareholders are encouraged to create an account prior to the start of the meeting to ensure there is no delay in attending the virtual meeting

Further information on how to do this is set out in the Notice of Meeting. The Explanatory Notes that accompany and form part of the Notice of Meeting describe the various matters to be considered.



STEP 2 –			

Res	solutions	For	Against	Abstain
1.	Adoption of Remuneration Report			
2.	Re-election of Stephen Maitland as Director			
3.	Re-election of Keith Perrett as Director			
4.	Adoption of New Constitution			

# STEP 3 – Signatures and contact details

Individual or Securityholder 1	Securityholder 2	Securityholder 3			
Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary Contact Name:	Director / Company Secretary				
Email Address:					
Contact Daytime Telephone Date (DD/MM/YY)					
By providing your email address, you elect to receive all of your communications despatched by the Company electronically (where legally permissible).					