# Ark Mines Limited (ACN: 123 668 717) Notice of Annual General Meeting

TIME: 11:00am Sydney time

**DATE:** Friday, 11 February 2022

PLACE: Sanlam Private Wealth, Level 2

33 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000

This notice of Annual General Meeting should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in any doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their professional advisor prior to voting. Please contact the Company Secretary on +61 (2) 9232 5444 or ian@mitchellandsmith.com.au if you wish to discuss any matter concerning the Meeting.

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# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Ark Mines Limited will be held at Sanlam Private Wealth, Level 2, 33 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 11am (Sydney time) on Friday 11 February 2022 (Meeting).

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

Shareholders can vote by attending the Meeting by returning a completed Proxy Form or attending the Meeting in person. Instructions on how to complete a Proxy Form are set out in the Explanatory Statement.

Proxy Forms must be received by no later than 11am (Sydney time) on 9 February 2022.

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice and Explanatory Statement are defined in Schedule 1 of the Explanatory Statement.

The business of the Meeting affects your shareholding and your vote is important. 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 advisors prior to voting.

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 9 February 2022.

# **AGENDA**

#### ANNUAL REPORT

To receive and consider the financial statements of the Company and the reports of the Directors (**Directors' Report**) and Auditors for the financial year ended on 30 June 2021 (**Annual Report**).

# RESOLUTION 1 - REMUNERATION REPORT (NON-BINDING)

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following as a non-binding resolution:

"That for the purposes of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as set out in the Directors' Report for the financial year ended on 30 June 2021."

A voting exclusion statement is set out below.

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

## **RESOLUTION 2 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - MR IAN MITCHELL**

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

"That, for the purpose of clause 39.1 of the Constitution, ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, Mr Ian Mitchell, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible and offering himself for re-election, is re-elected as a Director."

## **RESOLUTION 3 - APPROVAL OF 10% PLACEMENT FACILITY**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following as a special resolution:

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the issue of Equity Securities up to 10% of the issued capital of the Company (at the time of the issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2, and otherwise on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement."

# **RESOLUTION 4 - REPLACEMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

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

"That, for the purposes of section 136(2) of the Corporations Act, and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the replacement of the Company's existing Constitution and adoption of a new Constitution in its place as signed by the Chairman on the terms set out in the Explanatory Statement."

A voting exclusion statement is set out below.

#### **VOTING PROHIBITION AND EXCLUSION STATEMENTS**

# **Corporations Act**

The Corporations Act prohibits votes being cast (in any capacity) on the following resolutions by any of the following persons:

#### Resolution

# Persons Excluded from Voting

(Non-Binding)

Resolution 1 - Remuneration Report A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of the following persons:

- a member of the Key Management (a) Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or
- (b) a Closely Related Party of such a member.

However, a person described above may cast a vote on this Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:

- (c) the voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; or
- (d) the voter is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment of the chair as proxy:
  - (i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; and
  - (ii) expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors

Mr Ian Mitchell **Company Secretary** 12 January 2022

# **Explanatory Statement**

# 1 INTRODUCTION

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared for the information of Shareholders in connection with the business to be conducted at the Meeting to be held at Sanlam Private Wealth, Level 2, 33 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 11am (Sydney time) on Friday, 11 February 2022. The purpose of this Explanatory Statement is to provide information to Shareholders in deciding how to vote on the Resolutions set out in the Notice.

This Explanatory Statement should be read in conjunction with and forms part of the accompanying Notice, and includes the following:

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Any forward looking statements in this Explanatory Statement are based on the Company's current expectations about future events. They are, however, subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are outside the control of the Company and its board, which could cause actual results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by forward-looking statements in this Explanatory Statement.

This Explanatory Statement does not take into account any person's investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs. If you are in any doubt about what to do in relation to the Meeting you should consult your financial or other professional advisor.

ASX takes no responsibility for the contents of the Notice or Explanatory Statement.

A Proxy Form is located at the end of this Explanatory Statement.

Please contact the Company Secretary on +61 (2) 9232 5444 or by email at <a href="mailto:ian@mitchellandsmith.com.au">ian@mitchellandsmith.com.au</a> if you wish to discuss any matter concerning the Meeting.

## 2 ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders should read the Notice and this Explanatory Statement carefully before deciding how to vote on the Resolutions.

# 2.1 Voting by Proxy

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign and return the Proxy Form (attached to the Notice) to the Company in accordance with the instructions on the Proxy Form.

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, Shareholders are advised that:

- (a) each Shareholder has the right to appoint a proxy;
- (b) the proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company; and
- (c) a Shareholder who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise half of the votes.

The Company encourages Shareholders completing a Proxy Form to direct the proxy how to vote on the Resolutions.

The Proxy Form must be received no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting, i.e. by no later than 11am (Sydney time) on 9 February 2022. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the Meeting.

Shareholders can appoint the Chair of the Meeting as their proxy. Shareholders can complete the proxy form to provide specific instructions on how a Shareholder's vote is to be cast on each item of business, and the Chair of the Meeting must follow your instructions.

The Chair intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of each Resolution.

# 2.2 Voting in person

The Directors strongly encourage all Shareholders to lodge a directed proxy form prior to the Meeting.

# 2.3 Corporate representatives

Shareholders who are body corporates may appoint a person to act as their corporate representative at the Meeting by providing that person with a certificate or letter executed in accordance with the Corporations Act authorising him or her to act as the body corporate's representative. The authority may be sent to the Company and/or registry in advance of the Meeting.

# 2.4 Eligibility to vote

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 9 February 2022.

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions.

#### 3 ANNUAL REPORT

There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve the Annual Report.

Shareholders will be offered the opportunity to:

- (a) discuss the Annual Report for the financial year ended on 30 June 2021 which is available on the ASX platform at www.asx.com.au; and
- (b) ask questions about or make comment on the management of the Company.

The chair of the Meeting will allow reasonable opportunity for the Shareholders as a whole at the Meeting to ask the auditor or the auditor's representative questions relevant to:

- (c) the conduct of the audit;
- (d) the preparation and content of the auditor's report;
- (e) accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (f) the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

In addition to taking questions at the Meeting, written questions to the Company's auditor about:

- (g) the content of the auditor's report to be considered at the Meeting; and
- (h) the conduct of the audit of the annual financial report to be considered at the Meeting,

may be submitted no later than 5 business days before the Meeting to the Company Secretary at the Company's registered office.

#### 4 RESOLUTION 1 - REMUNERATION REPORT

#### 4.1 Introduction

The Remuneration Report is in the Directors' Report section of the Company's Annual Report.

By way of summary, the Remuneration Report:

- (a) explains the Company's remuneration policy and the process for determining the remuneration of its Directors and executive officers;
- (b) addresses the relationship between the Company's remuneration policy and the Company's performance; and

(c) sets out remuneration details for each Director and each of the Company's executives and group executives named in the Remuneration Report for the financial year ended on 30 June 2021.

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act requires companies to put a resolution to their members that the Remuneration Report be adopted. The vote on this resolution is advisory only, however, and does not bind the Board or the Company. The Board will consider the outcome of the vote and comments made by Shareholders on the Remuneration Report at the Meeting when reviewing the Company's remuneration policies.

The Chair will give Shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about or to make comments on the Remuneration Report.

# 4.2 Voting consequences

Under the Corporations Act, if 25% or more of votes that are cast are voted against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive annual general meetings, Shareholders will be required to vote at the second of those annual general meetings on a resolution that a further meeting is held at which all of the Company's Directors who were directors when the resolution to make the directors report considered at the later annual general meeting was passed (other than the Managing Director) must go up for re-election (**Spill Resolution**).

If more than 50% of votes cast are in favour of the Spill Resolution, the Company must convene a shareholder meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the second annual general meeting.

All of the directors of the company who were directors of the company when the resolution to make the directors' report considered at the second annual general meeting was passed, other than the managing director of the company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for reelection at the Spill Meeting.

Shareholders approved the Company's Remuneration Report for financial year ended on 30 June 2020, and as a result there is no requirement to vote on a Spill Resolution if 25% or more of the votes cast vote against Resolution 1.

## 5 RESOLUTION 2 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - MR IAN MITCHELL

#### 5.1 Introduction

Listing Rule 14.4 provides that a director of an entity must not hold office (without re-election) past the third annual general meeting following the director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is the longer.

Rule 13.2 of the Company's Constitution requires that one-third of the Directors retire by rotation at each annual general meeting.

## 5.2 Mr Ian Mitchell

Mr Mitchell was last elected at the Company's annual general meeting on 8 January 2021. In accordance with rule 15.2 of the Company's Constitution, Mr Mitchell retires by rotation from office at this Meeting and offers himself for re-election.

Details of Mr Mitchell's qualifications and experience are set out in the Company's 2021 Annual Report.

## 5.3 Directors' recommendations

The Board (excluding Mr Mitchell) recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

# 6 RESOLUTION 3 - APPROVAL OF 10% PLACEMENT FACILITY

#### 6.1 General

The Company seeks Shareholder approval to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued share capital through placements over a Relevant Period following shareholder approval (10% Placement Facility).

The exact number of Equity Securities to be issued under the 10% Placement Facility will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (refer to section 6.2(a) below).

Any funds raised will be used towards exploration and development of the Company's projects, potential acquisitions and general working capital. The allocation of funds raised will depend on the timing of fund raising, the development stages of the projects and the Company's circumstances at the time.

Resolution 3 is a special resolution and therefore requires approval of 75% of the votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote (in person, by proxy, by attorney or, in the case of a corporate Shareholder, by a corporate representative).

# 6.2 Listing Rule 7.1A

Broadly speaking, and subject to a number of exceptions, Listing Rule 7.1 limits the amount of equity securities that a listed company can issue without the approval of its shareholders over any 12 month period to 15% of the fully paid ordinary securities it had on issue at the start of that period. Under Listing Rule 7.1A, however, an eligible entity can seek approval from its members, by way of a special resolution passed at its annual general meeting, to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25%.

An eligible entity for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A is an entity that is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalization of \$300 million or less. The Company is an eligible entity.

Resolution 3 seeks shareholder approval by way of special resolution for the Company to have the additional 10% capacity provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A to issue equity securities without shareholder approval.

If Resolution 3 is passed, the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities up to the combined 25% limit in Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A without any further Shareholder approval. If Resolution 3 is not passed, the Company will not be able to access the additional 10% capacity to issue Equity Securities without Shareholder approval provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A and will remain subject to the 15% limit on issuing Equity Securities without Shareholder approval set out in Listing Rule 7.1.

(a) Maximum number of Equity Securities which may be issued

The number of Equity Securities which may be issued, or agreed to be issued, under the 10% Placement Facility is prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and is calculated as follows:

Number of Equity Securities = (A x D) - E

- "A" the number of fully paid ordinary shares on issue at the commencement of the Relevant Period:
  - (A) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the Relevant Period under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2 other than exception 9,16 or 17;
  - (B) plus the number of fully paid ordinary shares issued in the Relevant Period on the conversion of convertible securities within Listing Rule 7.2 exception 9 where:
    - the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the Relevant Period; or
    - the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules

to have been approved, under Listing Rule 7.1 or Listing Rule 7.4;

- (C) plus the number of fully paid ordinary shares issued in the Relevant Period under an agreement to issue securities within Listing Rule 7.2 exception 16 where:
  - the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the Relevant Period; or
  - the agreement or issue was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved, under Listing Rule 7.1 or Listing Rule 7.4;
- (D) plus the number of any other fully paid ordinary shares issued in the Relevant Period with approval under Listing Rule 7.1 or Listing Rule 7.4;
- (E) plus the number of partly paid shares that became fully paid in the Relevant Period;
- (F) less the number of fully paid ordinary shares cancelled in the Relevant Period.

"D" is 10%.

"E" is the number of Equity Securities issued or agreed to be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the Relevant Period where the issue or agreement has not been subsequently approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.4.

The actual number of Equity Securities that may be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A is calculated at the date of issue of the Equity Securities in accordance with the above formula.

The ability of an entity to issue Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A is in addition to the entity's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

As the date of this Notice, the Company has:

- (i) the following securities on issue:
  - (A) 44,615,748 fully paid ordinary shares; and
  - (B) 14,972,500 unlisted Options
- (ii) the capacity to issue:
  - (A) 6,692,362 Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1; and
  - (B) 4,461,574 Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.
- (b) Minimum Issue Price

The issue price of Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be for a cash consideration per security which is not less than 75% of the VWAP of

Equity Securities in the same class calculated over the 15 Trading Days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the Company and the recipient of the Equity Securities; or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 Trading Days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

# 6.3 Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

For the purposes of Listing Rule 7.3A, the following information is provided about the proposed issue:

- (a) The approval will be valid for the period commencing on the date of the Meeting and expires on the first to occur of the following:
  - (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Meeting;
  - (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting; and
  - (iii) the time and date of the approval by Shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 or Listing Rule 11.2.
- (b) The Equity Securities will be issued for a cash consideration per security which is not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's Equity Securities over the 15 Trading Days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:
  - (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the Company and the recipient of the Equity Securities; or
  - (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 Trading Days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.
- (c) The issue under Listing Rule 7.1A can only be made for cash consideration. The Company intends to use any funds raised towards an acquisition of new assets or investments (including expense associated with such acquisition), the development of the Company's projects and/or general working capital. Refer to section 6.1 for details on the Company's fund allocation policy.
- (d) There is a risk of economic and voting dilution to existing Shareholders in approving the 10% Placement Facility, including the risks that:
  - (i) the market price for the Company's Equity Securities may be significantly lower on the date of the issue of the Equity Securities than when Shareholders approve the 10% Placement Facility; and

(ii) the Equity Securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for the Company's Equity Securities on the issue date, or issued for non-cash consideration for the acquisition of a new asset.

Following is a table that sets out the potential dilution of existing Shareholders if Equity Securities are issued under the 10% Placement Facility:

Variable "A" in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		10% Voting Dilution		
		\$0.118 50% decrease in Issue Price	\$0.235 Issue Price	\$0.47 50% increase in Issue Price
Current Variable A	Shares issued	4,461,574	4,461,574	4,461,574
(44,615,748 Shares)	Funds Raised	\$524,234.95	\$1,048,469.89	\$2,096,939.78
50% increase in current Variable A	Shares issued	6,692,362	6,692,362	6,692,362
(66,923,622 Shares)	Funds Raised	\$786,352.54	\$1,572,705.07	\$3,145,410.14
100% increase in current Variable A	Shares issued	8,923,149	8,923,149	8,923,149
(89,231,496 Shares)	Funds Raised	\$1,048,470.01	\$2,096,940.02	\$4,193,880.03

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- (i) The Company issues, or agrees to issue, the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
- (ii) No Options have been exercised before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities.
- (iii) The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue. This is why the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
- (iv) The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility consists only of Shares. If the issue of Equity Securities includes quoted options, it is assumed that those quoted options are exercised into Shares for the purpose of calculating the voting dilution effect on existing Shareholders.
- (v) The issue price is \$0.235 being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 5 January 2022.

The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 10% Placement Facility, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Meeting.

The table shows only the effect of issues of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, not under the 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A.4 upon issue of any Equity Securities.

- (e) The Company is yet to identify the persons to whom Equity Securities will be issued to under the 10% Placement Facility. The Company's policy for allocating Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Facility will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending upon the purpose, and prevailing market conditions at the time, of any issue and having regard to factors including but not limited to the following:
  - (i) The fundraising methods available to the Company, including but not limited to, rights issue or other issue which may minimise dilution to Shareholders.
  - (ii) The effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company.
  - (iii) The financial situation and solvency of the Company.
  - (iv) Advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

The subscribers may include existing substantial Shareholders and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

- (f) No Equity Securities were issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the 12 month period preceding the date of the Meeting and there is no circumstance that the Company has agreed before the 12 month period to issue Equity securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 but as at the date of the Meeting not yet issued those Equity Securities.
- (g) At the date of the Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2, no voting exclusion statement is required for the Notice.

#### 6.4 Directors' recommendation

The Board unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3. This will allow the Company to issue securities and raise funds whilst preserving the Company's 15% annual limit permitted by Listing Rule 7.1.

# 7 RESOLUTION 4 - REPLACEMENT OF CONSTITUTION

## 7.1 Introduction

A company may modify or repeal its constitution or a provision of its constitution by special resolution of shareholders.

Resolution 4 is a special resolution which will enable the Company to repeal its existing Constitution and adopt a new constitution (**Proposed Constitution**) which is

of the type required for a listed public company limited by shares updated to ensure it reflects the current provisions of the Corporations Act and Listing Rules.

This will incorporate amendments to the Corporations Act and Listing Rules since the current Constitution was adopted prior to the Company's listing on ASX in 2011.

The Directors believe that it is preferable in the circumstances to replace the existing Constitution with the Proposed Constitution rather than to amend a multitude of specific provisions.

The Proposed Constitution is broadly consistent with the provisions of the existing Constitution.

The Directors believe these amendments are not material nor will they have any significant impact on Shareholders. It is not practicable to list all of the changes to the Constitution in detail in this Explanatory Statement, however, a summary of the proposed material changes is set out below.

A copy of the Proposed Constitution is available for review by Shareholders at the Company's website https://www.arkmines.com/ and at the office of the Company. A copy of the Proposed Constitution can also be sent to Shareholders upon request to the Company Secretary (+61 2 9232 5444). Shareholders are invited to contact the Company if they have any queries or concerns.

# 7.2 Summary of material proposed changes

(a) Restricted Securities (clause 2.12)

The Proposed Constitution complies with the changes to Listing Rule 15.12 which took effect from 1 December 2019. As a result of these changes, ASX will require certain more significant holders of restricted securities and their controllers (such as related parties, promoters, substantial holders, service providers and their associates) to execute a formal escrow agreement in the form Appendix 9A, as is currently the case. However, for less significant holdings (such as non-related parties and non-promoters), ASX will permit the Company to issue restriction notices to holders of restricted securities in the form of the new Appendix 9C advising them of the restriction rather than requiring signed restriction agreements.

(b) Minimum Securityholding (clause 3)

Clause 3 of the Constitution outlines how the Company can manage securityholdings which represent an "unmarketable parcel" of securities, being a securityholding that is less than \$500 based on the closing price of the Company's securities on ASX as at the relevant time.

The Proposed Constitution is in line with the requirements for dealing with "unmarketable parcels" outlined in the Corporations Act such that where the Company elects to undertake a sale of unmarketable parcels, the Company is only required to give one notice to holders of an unmarketable parcel to elect to retain their securityholding before the unmarketable parcel can be dealt

with by the Company, saving time and administrative costs incurred by otherwise having to send out additional notices.

Clause 3 of the Proposed Constitution continues to outline in detail the process that the Company must follow for dealing with unmarketable parcels, including (as per the Constitution) that unmarketable parcels can be sold on such terms and conditions, in such manner, at such prices and to such persons (including the Company itself where authorised by law) as the Board may in its absolute discretion think fit.

(c) Fee for registration of off market transfers (clause 8.4(c))

On 24 January 2011, ASX amended Listing Rule 8.14 with the effect that the Company may now charge a "reasonable fee" for registering paper-based transfers, sometimes referred to "off-market transfers".

Clause 8.4 of the Proposed Constitution is being made to enable the Company to charge a reasonable fee when it is required to register off-market transfers from Shareholders, and differs from the current Constitution (which expressly precludes a fee being charged). The fee is intended to represent the cost incurred by the Company in upgrading its fraud detection practices specific to off-market transfers.

Before charging any fee, the Company is required to notify ASX of the fee to be charged and provide sufficient information to enable ASX to assess the reasonableness of the proposed amount.

(d) Joint Holders (clause 9.8)

CHESS is currently being replaced by ASX with a projected go-live date of April 2023.

As part of the CHESS replacement, the registration system will be modernised to record holder registration details in a structured format that will allow up to four joint holders of a security. Clause 9.8 of the Proposed Constitution provides that the number of registered joint holders of securities shall be as permitted under the Listing Rules and the ASX Settlement Operating Rules.

(e) Capital Reductions (clause 10.2)

The Proposed Constitution now permits sales of unmarketable parcels to a sale nominee as part of a capital reduction.

(f) Direct Voting (clause 13, specifically clauses 13.35 - 13.40)

The Proposed Constitution includes a new provision which allows Shareholders to exercise their voting rights through direct voting (in addition to exercising their existing rights to appoint a proxy). Direct voting is a mechanism by which Shareholders can vote directly on resolutions which are to be determined by poll. Votes cast by direct vote by a Shareholder are taken to have been cast on the poll as if the Shareholder had cast the votes on the poll at the meeting. In order for direct voting to be available, Directors must

elect that votes can be cast via direct vote for all or any Resolutions and determine the manner appropriate for the casting of direct votes. If such a determination is made by the Directors, the notice of meeting will include information on the application of direct voting.

(g) Use of technology (clause 14)

The Proposed Constitution includes a new provision to permit the use of technology at general meetings (including wholly virtual meetings) to the extent permitted under the Corporations Act, Listing Rules and applicable law.

(h) Closing date for Director nominations (clause 15.3)

On 19 December 2019, ASX amended Listing Rule 3.13.1 to provide that companies must release an announcement setting out the date of its meeting and the closing date for nominations at least 5 business days before the closing date for the receipt of such nominations. The closing date period under clause 15.3 of the Proposed Constitution has been amended to at least 30 business days to allow the Company time to issue the required notification for director nominations prior to circulating the notice of meeting.

(i) Dividends (clause 23)

Section 254T of the Corporations Act was amended effective 28 June 2010, and there is a three-tiered test that a company will need to satisfy before paying a dividend replacing the previous test that dividends may only be paid out of profits. Section 254T provides that a company must not a pay a dividend unless:

- (i) the company's assets exceed its liabilities immediately before the dividend is declared and the excess is sufficient for the payment of the dividend;
- (ii) the payment of the dividend is fair and reasonable to the company's shareholders as a whole; and
- (iii) the payment of the dividend does not materially prejudice the company's ability to pay its creditors.

The Proposed Constitution is updated to reflect the requirements of the Corporations Act. The Directors consider it appropriate to update the Constitution for this amendment to allow more flexibility in the payment of dividends in the future should the Company be in a position to pay dividends.

(j) Partial (proportional) takeover provisions (new clause 37)

A proportional takeover bid is a takeover bid where the offer made to each shareholder is only for a proportion of that shareholder's shares.

Pursuant to section 648G of the Corporations Act, the Company has included in the Proposed Constitution a provision whereby a proportional takeover bid for Shares may only proceed after the bid has been approved by a meeting of Shareholders held in accordance with the terms set out in the Corporations Act. The clause was in the Constitution, although it had lapsed as a result of not being renewed by Shareholders.

This clause of the Proposed Constitution will cease to have effect on the third anniversary of the date of the adoption of last renewal of the clause.

Information required by section 648G of the Corporations Act

(i) Effect of proposed proportional takeover provisions

Where offers have been made under a proportional off-market 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 off-market bid is prohibited unless and until a Resolution to approve the proportional off-market bid is passed.

(ii) Reasons for proportional takeover provisions

A proportional takeover bid may result in control of the Company changing without Shareholders having the 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 are exposed to the risk of being left as a minority in the Company and the risk of the bidder being able to acquire control of the Company without payment of an adequate control premium. These amended provisions allow Shareholders to decide whether a proportional takeover bid is acceptable in principle, and assist in ensuring that any partial bid is appropriately priced.

(iii) Knowledge of any acquisition proposals

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

(iv) Potential advantages and disadvantages of proportional takeover provisions

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) the right to decide by majority vote whether an offer under a proportional takeover bid should proceed;

- (B) assisting in preventing Shareholders from 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; and
- (D) each individual Shareholder may 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 takeover bid.

The potential disadvantages of the proportional takeover provisions for Shareholders include:

- (E) proportional takeover bids may be discouraged;
- (F) lost opportunity to sell a portion of their Shares at a premium; and
- (G) the likelihood of a proportional takeover bid succeeding may be reduced.

# (v) Recommendation of the Board

The Directors do not believe the potential disadvantages outweigh the potential advantages of adopting the proportional takeover provisions and as a result consider that the proportional takeover provision in the Proposed Constitution is in the interest of Shareholders and unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4.

## SCHEDULE 1 GLOSSARY

**\$ or A\$** means Australian dollars.

ASX Listing Rules means the Listing Rules of ASX.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by ASX Limited, as the context requires.

Board means the current board of directors of the Company.

Business Day means has the meaning given in the Listing Rules.

Chair means the chair of the Meeting.

Company means Ark Mines Limited (ACN 123 668 717).

Constitution means the Company's constitution.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

**Directors** means the current directors of the Company.

**Explanatory Statement** means the explanatory statement accompanying the Notice.

Meeting or Annual General Meeting means the meeting convened by the Notice.

**Notice** or **Notice** of **Meeting** means this notice of meeting including the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form accompanying the Notice.

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

section means a section of the Explanatory Statement.

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

**Shareholder** means a registered holder of a Share.

Sydney time means the time in Sydney.



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# YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by 11:00am (Sydney time) on Wednesday, 9 February 2022.

# **Proxy Form**

#### How to Vote on Items of Business

All your securities will be voted in accordance with your directions.

#### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

**Voting 100% of your holding:** Direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. If you do not mark a box your proxy may vote or abstain as they choose (to the extent permitted by law). If you mark more than one box on an item your vote will be invalid on that item.

**Voting a portion of your holding:** Indicate a portion of your voting rights by inserting the percentage or number of securities you wish to vote in the For, Against or Abstain box or boxes. The sum of the votes cast must not exceed your voting entitlement or 100%.

**Appointing a second proxy:** You are entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the meeting and vote on a poll. If you appoint two proxies you must specify the percentage of votes or number of securities for each proxy, otherwise each proxy may exercise half of the votes. When appointing a second proxy write both names and the percentage of votes or number of securities for each in Step 1 overleaf.

A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company.

# SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL FORMS

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

**Joint Holding:** Where the holding is in more than one name, all of the securityholders 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 form when you return it.

**Companies:** Where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form must be signed by that person. If the company (pursuant to section 204A of the Corporations Act 2001) does not have a Company Secretary, a Sole Director can also sign alone. Otherwise this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Please sign in the appropriate place to indicate the office held. Delete titles as applicable.

#### PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

#### **Corporate Representative**

If a representative of a corporate securityholder or proxy is to participate in the meeting you will need to provide the appropriate "Appointment of Corporate Representative". A form may be obtained from Computershare or online at www.investorcentre.com/au and select "Printable Forms".

# **Lodge your Proxy Form:**



#### Online:

Lodge your vote online at www.investorvote.com.au using your secure access information or use your mobile device to scan the personalised QR code.

Your secure access information is



Control Number: 186513 SRN/HIN:

For Intermediary Online subscribers (custodians) go to www.intermediaryonline.com

#### By Mail:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited GPO Box 242 Melbourne VIC 3001 Australia

# By Fax:

1800 783 447 within Australia or +61 3 9473 2555 outside Australia



PLEASE NOTE: For security reasons it is important that you keep your SRN/HIN confidential

Change of address. If incorrect,
mark this box and make the
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Securityholders sponsored by a
broker (reference number
commences with 'X') should advise
your broker of any changes.

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# Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

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I/We being a member/s of Ark	mines Limited hereby appoint
the Chairman of the Meeting	PLEASE NOTE: Leave this box blank i you have selected the Chairman of the Meeting. Do not insert your own name(
or failing the individual or body of	orporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy i

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no directions have been given, and to the extent permitted by law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of Ark Mines Limited to be held at Sanlam Private Wealth, Level 2, 33 York Street, Sydney NSW 2000 on Friday, 11 February 2022 at 11:00am (Sydney time) and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting.

Chairman authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related resolutions: Where I/we have appointed the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairman becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise my/our proxy on Resolution 1 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel, which includes the Chairman.

**Important Note:** If the Chairman of the Meeting is (or becomes) your proxy you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolution 1 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

#### Step 2

## **Items of Business**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** If you mark the **Abstain** box for an item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands or a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority.

		For	Against	Abstair
Resolution 1	Remuneration Report (Non-Binding)			
Resolution 2	Re-election of Director – Mr Ian Mitchell			
Resolution 3	Approval of 10% Placement Facility			
Resolution 4	Replacement of Constitution			

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Meeting may change his/her voting intention on any resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made.

Step 3	Signature o	f Securityholder(s)	This section must be completed.
Individual or Sec	curityholder 1	Securityholder 2	Securityholder 3

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