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24 April 2023

# 2023 Annual General Meeting - Important Information

Dear Shareholder

The Annual General Meeting ("the Meeting"), for HSC Technology Group Ltd ("the Company") will be held as a traditional meeting in person at:

BDO Level 10 12 Eagle Street Brisbane Qld 4000

on Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 10:30 am (Brisbane time).

In accordance with the Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Act 2021 (Cth), and Part 1.2AA of the Corporation Act 2001 (Cth) the Company will not be despatching physical copies of the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum (Notice) except to those Shareholders who have specifically registered to receive hard copies.

A copy of the full Notice of Meeting, Explanatory Memorandum and Proxy Form which has been released to the ASX today has been posted to the Company's website and can be accessed and downloaded at the "ASX announcements" section of the Company's website at:

https://www.hsctg.com.au/asx-announcements/

#### **Physically Attending the Meeting**

The meeting will be held in person at the offices of BDO, Brisbane Level 10, 12 Eagle Street, Brisbane Qld 4000. Shareholders are reminded that even if they plan to attend the meeting in person, they are still able to lodge their votes beforehand via the registries online proxy voting platform.

Shareholders are reminded that all proxy forms must be received by the Company by no later than 10.30am AEST on Tuesday 23 May 2023. Shareholders are strongly encouraged to complete and submit their Proxy Form by using one of the methods set out in the Notice of Meeting.

#### **Proxy Voting**

If you have recorded with the registry an email address and have elected to receive electronic communications from the Company, you will receive an email to your nominated email address with a link

to the online proxy voting platform where you will be able to access a copy of the Meeting Materials and lodge your proxy vote electronically.

Accompanying this letter is the Proxy Voting form which contains details of how you can cast your vote in respect to the Resolutions, which includes as well as voting online, by mail, email or in person. The directors encourage shareholders to exercise their rights and cast their vote at this year's Annual General Meeting.

By Authority of the Board

**Stephen Rodgers Company Secretary** 

**HSC Technology Group Ltd.** 



# HSC Technology Group Ltd. ACN 111 823 762

# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at:

Time: 10.30am AEST

**Date**: Thursday 25 May 2023

Place: BDO

Level 10

12 Eagle Street Brisbane Qld 4000

# **Important**

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 advisers 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 10.30am AEST on Tuesday 23 May 2023.

# **Business of the Meeting**

# **Agenda**

# 1. Financial Statements and Reports

To table and consider the Annual Report of the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, which includes the Financial Report, the Directors' Report, the Remuneration Report and the Auditor's Report.

# 2. Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution 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 contained in the Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022."

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

#### **Voting Exclusion Statement:**

#### A vote on Resolution 1 must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of either of the following persons:

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

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of Resolution 1 by;

- a person as a proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 1, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote in Resolution 1 in that way; or
- the Chair as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 1, in accordance with a direction given to the Chair to vote on Resolution 1 as the Chair decides; or
- a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting on Resolution 1; and
  - (ii) the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with the directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

# 3. Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Leylan Neep

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution as an **ordinary resolution**:

"That, for the purposes of clause 14.2 of the Constitution, and for all other purposes, Leylan Neep, a Director who retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

# 4. Resolution 3 – Change of Company Name

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

"That, pursuant to and in accordance with section 157(1)(a) and section 136(2) of the Corporations Act, and for all other purposes, the name of the Company be changed from "HSC Technology Group Ltd." To "Talius Group Limited", on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement and all references to the Company in the Company's Constitution be amended to "Talius Group Limited" to reflect the Company's new name."

# 5. Resolution 4 – Approval of 10% Issuance Capacity

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

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue Equity Securities totalling up to 10% of the issued capital of the Company at the time of issue, calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

#### **Voting Exclusion Statement:**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour on this special resolution by any person who may participate in the issue of Equity Securities the subject of this Resolution and a person who might obtain a benefit except a benefit solely in the capacity of a holder of ordinary securities if the resolution is passed (Participating Party), and any associate of the Participating Party.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of Resolution 4 by;

- a person as a proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 4, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote in Resolution 4 in that way; or
- the Chair as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 4, in accordance with a direction given to the Chair to vote on Resolution 4 as the Chair decides; or
- a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting on Resolution 4; and
  - (ii) the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with the directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

**IMPORATANT NOTE:** At the date of this Notice, it is not known who will participate in the proposed issue of Equity Securities the subject of this special resolution and the Company has not approached any particular existing Shareholder or security holder or an identifiable class of existing security holder to participate in the issue of the equity securities. Therefore, no existing Shareholder votes will be excluded under the voting exclusion in this Notice. You may be liable for breach of the voting restrictions in the Corporations Act if you cast a vote that the Company disregards.

Dated: 24 April 2023 By Order of the Board

Stephen Rodgers Company Secretary HSC Technology Group Ltd.

#### **Voting Exclusion Statements**

Each Voting Exclusion Statement that applies to a Resolution as noted in the Agenda, does not apply to a vote cast in favour of that Resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the Resolution, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the Resolution in that way; or
- (b) the chair of the meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the Resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the chair to vote on the Resolution as the chair decides; or
- (c) a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting, on the Resolution; and
  - (ii) the holder votes on the Resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

# Voting by proxy

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

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

- (a) each Shareholder has a right to appoint a proxy;
- (b) the proxy need not be a Shareholder; and
- 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 one-half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that changes to the Corporations Act made in 2011 mean that:

- (a) if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- (b) any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

Proxy Forms must be received by the Company no later than 10:30am (AEST) on Tuesday, 23 May 2023, being at least 48 hours before the Meeting.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on Ph: 1300 711 979 or via email at <a href="mailto:investors@hsctg.com.au">investors@hsctg.com.au</a>.

# **Explanatory Statement**

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.

# 1. Annual Report

Shareholders attending the meeting will be offered the opportunity to discuss the Annual Report at the Meeting. Those not attending may raise any questions in relation to the Annual Report via email at <a href="mailto:investors@hsctg.com.au">investors@hsctg.com.au</a>. The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Annual Report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so.

The Annual Report is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.hsctg.com.au/">https://www.hsctg.com.au/</a>

There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve the Annual Report. However, the Chair will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders to ask questions or make comments about the Annual Report and the management of the Company.

Shareholders are also entitled to put forward written questions to the Company's auditor, if the question is relevant to the content of the Auditor's Report or the conduct of the auditor as otherwise permitted by the Corporations Act.

Questions must be submitted by email: <a href="mailto:investors@hsctg.com.au">investors@hsctg.com.au</a>

Questions must be received by no later than 5:00pm AEST Tuesday, 23 May 2023.

# 2. Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report

#### 2.1 General

The Corporations Act requires that at a listed company's annual general meeting, a resolution that the remuneration report be adopted must be put to the shareholders. However, such a resolution is advisory only and does not bind the company or the Directors of the company.

The remuneration report sets out the company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the company. The remuneration report is part of the Directors' report contained in the annual financial report of the company for a financial year.

The chair of the meeting must allow a reasonable opportunity for its shareholders to ask questions about or make comments on the remuneration report at the annual general meeting.

# 2.2 Voting consequences

The vote on Resolution 1 is advisory only and does not bind the Company or its Directors. However, the Board will actively consider the outcome of the vote and comments made by Shareholders on the Remuneration Report when reviewing the Company's future remuneration policies and practices.

A company is required to put to its shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of another meeting of shareholders to consider the appointment of directors of the company (**Spill Resolution**) if, at consecutive annual general meetings, at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report and at the first of those annual general meetings a Spill Resolution was not put to vote. If required, the Spill Resolution must be put to vote at the second of those annual general meetings.

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 in office when the Directors' report (as included in the company's annual financial report for the most recent financial year) was approved, 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 re-election at the Spill Meeting.

Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as Directors of the company is approved will be the Directors of the company.

# 2.3 Previous voting results

At the Company's previous annual general meeting the votes cast against the remuneration report considered at that annual general meeting were less than 25%. Accordingly, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Meeting.

# 3. Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Leylan Neep

#### 3.1 General

The Constitution allows the Directors to appoint at any time a person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors, but only where the total number of Directors does not at any time exceed the maximum number specified by the Constitution.

Mr. Neep was appointed to the Board by the Directors on 1 September 2020 and has been the Chair of the Board since that time. Mr. Neep was last elected to the Board by shareholders at the Company's 2021 Annual General Meeting ("AGM").

Pursuant to clause 14.2 of the Constitution one-third of Directors or the number closest to one-third (excluding the Managing Director) are required to retire at each AGM, provided that no director shall serve more than three years without standing for re-election.

Mr. Neep being the longest serving Director since his last re-election will retire at the Meeting by rotation in accordance with the Constitution. Mr. Neep being eligible submits himself for re-election as a Director.

# 3.2 Qualifications and other material directorships

Mr. Neep is a highly experienced Director and Senior Executive who brings a wealth of market knowledge to his current role at HSC Technology Group.

He has held senior roles across a range of both ASX-listed and private entities, possessing over two decades of expertise in the financial services industry.

Mr. Neep has a proven track record in finance, governance and funds management and has been involved in several IPO's/ ASX listings and numerous capital raising efforts, including rights offers, institutional and private placements for both corporate entities and managed investment schemes.

He is a Fellow of CPA Australia (FCPA), a Fellow of Governance Institute of Australia (FGIA), and a Graduate of the Company Directors Course run by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

Mr. Neep is not currently a director of any other ASX Listed companies.

# 3.3 Independence

If elected the board considers that Mr. Neep will be an independent director as he satisfies the criteria for assessing the independence of a director as prescribed by the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Further details of the Board's determination of the independence of Mr. Neep can be found in the Company's most recent Annual Corporate Governance Statement a copy of which is located on the Company website. <a href="https://www.hsctq.com.au/">https://www.hsctq.com.au/</a>

#### 3.4 Other material information

The Company has conducted appropriate checks into Mr. Neep's background and experience and has satisfied itself that he is an appropriate candidate to put forward for election as a Director.

#### 3.5 Board recommendation

The Board supports the election of Mr. Neep and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2 because the Board considers that the experience, expertise and skills of Mr. Neep will assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities and do and will continue to assist the Company in achieving growth and delivering value to Shareholders.

# 4. Resolution 3 – Change of Company Name

#### 4.1 General

In accordance with section 157 of the Corporations Act, if a company wants to change its name it must pass a special resolution adopting the new name.

This Special Resolution seeks Shareholder approval for the change of name of the Company from HSC Technology Group Ltd. to **Talius Group Limited**.

# 4.2 Background

The Board recommends adopting a new name for the Company, as it believes this change will more precisely represent the Company's strategic focus and operational activities. This change is in line with the Board's objective to strategically position the Company for continued expansion and success in the future.

By leveraging the name of the innovative technology platform developed by the Company, which seamlessly integrates all devices and technologies into a single place, the new name will allow users and stakeholders to more easily associate the Company with its core business offering.

Furthermore, the proposed name is one that both shareholders and stakeholders are already familiar with, ensuring a smooth transition. The Company also holds the Talius trademark, reinforcing the strong connection between the new name and the Company's established identity.

#### 4.3 Effect of Resolution

If this Special Resolution is passed the change of name will take effect when ASIC alters the details of the Company's registration.

The proposed name has been reserved with ASIC by the Company and if this Resolution is passed, the Company will lodge a copy of the special resolution with ASIC in order to effect the change.

Upon ASIC altering the details of the Company's registration, the Company's ASX listing code will also change from "HSC" to "TAL". The Company will also update its Constitution and website to reflect the change in name.

# 4.4 Board recommendation

The Directors of the Company believe that Special Resolution 3 is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote FOR this Special Resolution.

# 5. Resolution 4 – Approval of 10% Issuance Capacity

#### 5.1 General

ASX Listing Rule 7.1A enables eligible entities to seek the approval of the holders of its ordinary securities to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued share capital (10% Placement Facility). The 10% Placement Facility is in addition to the Company's 15% placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1. An eligible entity for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 7.1A is an entity that is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$300 million or less.

The Company as at 1 April 2023 had a market capitalisation of \$25.1 million and is not included in the S&P/ASX 3000 Index and as such is an eligible entity for these purposes.

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 the 12 month period immediately preceding the date of the issue or agreement too issue, 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%.

Resolution 4 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 (**Additional Issuance Capacity**).

If Resolution 4 is not passed, the Company will not be able to access the Additional Issuance Capacity and will remain subject to the 15% limit on issuing equity securities without Shareholder approval set out in Listing Rule 7.1.

The Board considers it is in the Company's best interests to have the opportunity to take advantage of the flexibility to issue additional securities provided under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A. As at the date of this Notice, no decision has been made by the Board to undertake any issue of securities under the Additional Issuance Capacity if Shareholders approve Resolution 4.

The information below provides more background on ASX Listing Rule 7.1A and the disclosure required by ASX Listing Rule 7.3A.

# 5.2 Description of ASX Listing Rule 7.1A

# (a) Securities which may be issued under the Additional Issuance Capacity

Under the Additional Issuance Capacity, the Company must issue Equity Securities belonging to an existing quoted class of the Company's Equity Securities. As at the date of this Notice, the Company has on issue one class of quoted Equity Securities, being fully paid ordinary shares (ASX Code: HSC).

# (b) Minimum issue price

Equity Securities issued under the Additional Issuance Capacity must be issued for cash consideration per security which is not less than 75% of the volume weighted average market price for the securities in that class, calculated over the 15 ASX trading days on which trades of securities in that class were recorded immediately before:

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

The Company will disclose this information when Equity Securities are issued under the Additional Issuance Capacity.

# (c) Period for which approval will be valid

Shareholder approval of the Additional Issuance Capacity will be valid for the period commencing on the date of the Meeting and expiring on the first to occur of the following:

- (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Meeting; or
- (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting; or
- (iii) if the Company receives Shareholder approval for a proposed transaction under ASX Listing Rule 11.1.2 (significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or ASX Listing Rule 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking), the time and date of that approval,

## (Additional Issuance Period).

# (d) **Dilution risks**

If Equity Securities are issued under the Additional Issuance Capacity, there is a risk of economic and voting dilution of existing Shareholders, including the following risks:

- (i) the market price for Equity Securities in the class of securities issued under the Additional Issuance Capacity may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A (that is, the date of the Meeting, if Resolution 4 is approved); and
- (ii) the Equity Securities may be issued under the Additional Issuance Capacity at a discount to the market price for those Equity Securities on the issue date,

which may have an effect on the amount of funds raised by the issue of the Equity Securities.

The below table shows the potential dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the market price of Shares and the number of ordinary securities for variable "A" calculated in accordance with the formula in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2, both as at 1 April 2023.

The below table also shows:

(i) two examples where variable "A" has increased, by 50% and 100%. Variable "A" is based on the number of ordinary securities the Company has on issue as at 1 April 2023. The number of ordinary securities on issue may increase as a result of issues of ordinary securities that do not require Shareholder approval (for example, a pro rata entitlement offer or securities issued under a takeover offer) or future specific placements under Listing Rule 7.1 that are approved at a future

general meeting; and

(iii) two examples of where the issue price of ordinary securities has decreased by 50% and increased by 50% as against the market price as at 1 April 2023.

Number of Shares on	Dilution			
Issue (Variable 'A' in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A2)	Issue Price (per Share)	\$0.0055 50% decrease in Issue Price	\$0.011 Issue Price	\$0.0165 50% increase in Issue Price
2,278,639,337 (Current Variable A)	Shares issued - 10% voting dilution	227,863,934 Shares	227,863,934 Shares	227,863,934 Shares
	Funds Raised	\$1,253,251.64	\$2,506,503.27	\$3,759,754.91
3,417,959,005 (50% increase in Variable A)	Shares issued – 10% voting dilution	341,795,901 Shares	341,795,901 Shares	341,795,901 Shares
	Funds Raised	\$1,879,877.46	\$3,759,754.91	\$5,639,632.37
4,557,278,674 (100% increase in Variable A)	Shares issued – 10% voting dilution	455,727,867 Shares	455,727,867 Shares	455,727,867 Shares
	Funds Raised	\$2,506,503.27	\$5,013,006.54	\$7,519,509.81

<sup>\*</sup>The number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) could increase as a result of the issue of Shares that do not require Shareholder approval (such as under a pro-rata rights issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or that are issued with Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.

The table above uses the following assumptions:

- 1. There are currently 2,278,639,337 Shares on issue.
- 2. The issue price set out above is the closing price of the Shares on the ASX on 1 April 2023. This price is indicative only and does not consider the 25% discount to market that these shares may be issued at.
- The Company issues the maximum possible number of Equity Securities under the Additional Issuance Capacity.
- 4. The Company has not issued any Equity Securities in the 12 months prior to the Meeting that were not issued under an exception in ASX Listing Rule 7.2 or with approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.
- 5. The issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Issuance Capacity consists only of Shares and the consideration provided for those Shares is cash. It is assumed that no Options are exercised or Performance Rights are converted into Shares before the date of issue of the Equity Securities.
- The calculations above do not show the dilution that any one particular Shareholder will be subject to. All
  Shareholders should consider the dilution caused to their own shareholding depending on their specific
  circumstances.
- 7. This table does not set out any dilution pursuant to approvals under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.
- 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%.

# (e) Purpose of issues under Additional Issuance Capacity

The Company may issue Equity Securities under the Additional Issuance Capacity to raise cash to fund the following:

- (i) general working capital expenses;
- (ii) activities associated with its current business;
- (iii) repayment of debt; or
- (iv) the acquisition of new assets and investments (including any expenses associated with such an acquisition).

The Company will comply with the disclosure requirements of ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.4 and 3.10.5A on issue of any Equity Securities pursuant to the approval sought by Resolution 4.

# (f) Allocation policy under Additional Issuance Capacity

The Company's allocation policy and the identity of the recipients of Equity Securities issued under the Additional Issuance Capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis at the time of issue and in the Company's discretion.

No decision has been made in relation to an issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Issuance Capacity, including whether the Company will engage with new investors or existing Shareholders, and if so the identities of any such persons.

However, when determining the allocation policy and the identity of the recipients, the Company will have regard to the following considerations:

- (i) prevailing market conditions;
- (ii) the purpose for the issue of the Equity Securities;
- (iii) the financial situation and solvency of the Company;
- (iv) impacts of the placement on control;
- (v) other methods of raising capital; and
- (vi) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

Recipients may include existing Shareholders or new investors, but not persons who are related parties or associates of related parties of the Company. If the issue is made in connection with the acquisition of assets, the recipients may be the sellers of those assets.

# (q) Previous issues under the Additional Issuance Capacity

The Company has not issued or agreed to issue any Equity Securities under a previous Additional Issuance Capacity in the 12 months prior to the date of the Meeting.

# 5.3 Voting exclusion

Notwithstanding that at the time of dispatching this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Issuance Capacity, and a voting exclusion statement has nevertheless been included this Notice of Meeting.

#### **5.4** Board recommendation

The Directors consider that the approval of the issue of the 10% Placement Facility described above is beneficial for the Company as it provides the Company with the flexibility to issue up to the maximum number of securities permitted under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A in the next 12 months (without further Shareholder approval), should such an issue be required.

Accordingly, each of the Directors recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4.

# Glossary

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

**Additional Issuance Capacity** has the meaning given in Section 5.1.

**Annual General Meeting** or **Meeting** means the annual general meeting of the Company convened by this Notice.

**Annual Report** means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report and Auditor's Report in respect to the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

**ASIC** means the Australian Securities & Investments Commission.

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

**ASX Listing Rules** means the Listing Rules of ASX.

Auditor's Report means the auditor's report on the Financial Report

**AEST** means Australian Eastern Standard Time

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

**Business Day** means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

**Chair** means the chair of the Meeting.

**Closely Related Party** of a member of the Key Management Personnel means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (c) a dependent of the member or the member's spouse;
- 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 dealing with the entity;
- (e) a company the member controls; or
- (f) a person prescribed by the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) for the purposes of the definition of closely related party' in the Corporations Act.

Company means HSC Technology Group Ltd. (ACN 111 823 762).

**Constitution** means the constitution of the Company.

Convertible Security has the meaning as in the Listing Rules.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

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

**Directors' Report** means the annual directors' report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities.

**Equity Security or Securities** includes a Share, a right to a Share or Option, an Option, Performance Right, a convertible security and any security that ASX decides to classify as an Equity Security.

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

**Financial Report** means the annual financial report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities.

**Key Management Personnel** has the same meaning as in the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and means those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of the consolidated entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of an entity within the consolidated group.

**Listing Rules** means the listing rules of the ASX.

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

**Option** means an option to acquire a Share.

**Performance Rights** means a right to be issued a Share in the Company, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of specified vesting conditions.

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

Remuneration Report means the remuneration report set out in the Director's Report.

**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.

Securities means any Equity Securities of the Company (including Shares, Options and/or Performance Rights)

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

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

**Trading Day** has the meaning given in the Listing Rules.

Variable A means "A" as set out in the formula in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A(2).



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# **Proxy Voting Form**

If you are attending the meeting in person, please bring this with you for Securityholder registration.

Holder Number:

Your proxy voting instruction must be received by 10:30am (AEST) on Tuesday, 23 May 2023, 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 Chair 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 Chair of the Meeting will be appointed as your proxy by default.

#### DEFAULT TO THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING

Any directed proxies that are not voted on a poll at the Meeting will default to the Chair of the Meeting, who is required to vote these proxies as directed. Any undirected proxies that default to the Chair 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/#/log insah

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.



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