# FIRST AU LIMITED ACN 000 332 918 NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting ("**Meeting**") of the shareholders of First Au Limited [ACN 000 332 918] ("**the Company**") will be held by virtual technology on Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 11am (Melbourne time).

# **IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON THE MEETING**

The health and safety of members and personnel, and other stakeholders, is the highest priority and the Company is acutely aware of the current circumstances resulting from COVID-19, in particular in Victoria. While the COVID-19 situation remains volatile and uncertain, based on the best information available to the Board at the time of the Notice, the Company intends to conduct the Meeting virtually via Zoom.

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to vote by lodging a directed proxy appointing the Chair as early as possible and in any event prior to the cut-off for proxy voting as set out in the Notice (being Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 11am). Instructions for lodging proxies are included on your personalised proxy form.

Arrangements for attendance by Zoom, with the ability to ask questions, can be made by contacting David McBain, the Company Secretary, by email at <a href="mailto:dmcbain@firstau.com">dmcbain@firstau.com</a> at least two business days before the meeting. Arrangements will be made for direct voting by way of a poll on Resolutions at the virtual Meeting by shareholders, proxies, corporate representatives and holders of powers of attorney.

In addition, the Company is happy to accept and answer questions submitted at least two business days prior to the Meeting by email to <a href="mailto:dmcbain@firstau.com">dmcbain@firstau.com</a>. The Company reserves the right to not respond to any unreasonable and/or offensive questions at its discretion.

Because the conditions and potential restrictions and other requirements for meetings relating to COVID-19 are rapidly changing, if it becomes necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements to those set out in this Notice of General Meeting the Company will announce the alternative arrangements to ASX. Shareholders are encouraged to check for announcements at the ASX website www.asx.com.au, search code "FAU".

Further details in respect of each of the Resolutions proposed in this Notice of General Meeting ("Notice") are set out in the Explanatory Memorandum ("Memorandum") accompanying this Notice. The details of Resolutions contained in the Memorandum should be read together with, and form part of, this Notice.

# **AGENDA**

# **RESOLUTION 1: RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ISSUE OF SHARES**

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

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.4 and for all other purposes, shareholders ratify the prior issue of 103,559,999 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.015 (1.5 cents) per share to unrelated sophisticated and professional investors as described in the Memorandum which accompanied and formed part of this Notice."

# **Voting Exclusion Statement**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of this Resolution by or on behalf of any person who participated in the issue or is a counterparty to the agreement being approved or any associate of that person.

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

- 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
- 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

- a holder acting solely as nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - 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
  - the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

To consider any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Constitution of the Company and the Corporations Act.

Authorised by:



**Company Secretary** 

Dated: 30 October 2020

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The accompanying Proxy Instructions and Memorandum form part of this Notice.

# PROXY AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

**Proxy Instructions** 

A member who is entitled to vote at a meeting may appoint:

- one proxy if the member is only entitled to one vote; and
- one or two proxies if the member is entitled to more than one vote.

Where more than one proxy is appointed each proxy may be appointed to represent a specific proportion of the member's voting rights. If the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half of the votes in which case any fraction of votes will be disregarded.

The proxy form (and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which the proxy form is signed) or a copy or facsimile which appears on its face to be an authentic copy of the proxy form (and the power of attorney or other authority) must be lodged with the Company's share registry not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting, or adjourned meeting as the case may be, at which the individual named in the proxy form proposes to vote.

The proxy form must be signed by the member or his/her attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the member is a corporation, in a manner permitted by the Corporations Act. A proxy given by a foreign corporation must be executed in accordance with the laws of that corporation's place of incorporation.

The proxy may, but need not, be a member of the Company.

A proxy form is attached to this Notice.

If you sign the proxy form and do not appoint a proxy, you will have appointed the Chair of the meeting as your proxy.

#### **Corporate Representatives**

Any corporation which is a member of the Company may authorise (by certificate under common seal or other form of execution authorised by the laws of that corporation's place of incorporation, or in any other manner satisfactory to the chairperson of the Meeting) a natural person to act as its representative at any general meeting.

# Voting Entitlement

For the purposes of the Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations shareholders entered on the Company's Register of Members as at 7.00pm (Melbourne time) on 6 December 2020 are entitled to attend and vote at the virtual meeting. Further details are set out on the front cover of the Notice.

On a poll, members have one vote for every fully paid ordinary share held. Holders of options are not entitled to vote.

How the Chair Will Vote Undirected Proxies

The Chair of the Meeting will vote undirected proxies in favour of all of the proposed Resolutions.

# FIRST AU LIMITED ACN 000 332 918 ("the Company") GENERAL MEETING EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Memorandum has been prepared for the information of members of First Au Limited (ACN 000 332 918) (the "Company") in connection with the business to be conducted at a General Meeting ("Meeting") of Shareholders of the Company to be held by virtual technology on Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 11am (Melbourne time).

Please refer to the note on the front cover of the Notice of General Meeting regarding COVID-19 related restrictions, lodging proxies and/or attending the Meeting by Zoom.

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to lodge their completed proxy forms in accordance with the instructions set out therein to vote before the Meeting.

This Memorandum should be read in conjunction with, and forms part of, the accompanying Notice.

# **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

# Resolution 1 - Ratification of prior issue of shares

Resolution 1 seeks shareholder ratification pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.4 for the prior issue of 103,559,999 fully paid ordinary shares (**Placement Shares**) at an issue price of \$0.015 (1.5 cents) per Placement Share to new and existing unrelated sophisticated and professional investors who are clients of stockbroking firms who supported the Company's activities or who the Company identified as part of its investor relations program, raising \$1,553,400 before costs (**Placement**). Peregrine Corporate Limited was Lead Manager of the Placement.

The Company initially announced the Placement on 1 October 2020 and an Appendix 3B for the Placement Shares was released to ASX on that date. The Placement Shares were issued on 6 October 2020 and an Appendix 2A was released to ASX on that date. The Placement Shares were issued without shareholder approval under ASX Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A.

ASX Listing Rule 7.1 provides that a company must not, subject to specified exceptions including ASX Listing Rule 7.1A, issue or agree to issue during any twelve (12) month period any equity securities, or other securities with rights to conversion to equity, if the number of those securities exceeds 15% of the share capital of the Company at the commencement of that twelve (12) month period. The Company obtained shareholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A to issue equity securities under the additional 10% placement capacity at its Annual General Meeting on 28 May 2020.

Of the 103,559,999 Placement Shares, 62,107,999 of the Placement Shares were issued under the placement capacity available to the Company under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and 41,452,000 of the Placement Shares were issued under the placement capacity available to the Company under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.

ASX Listing Rule 7.4 provides that where a company's shareholders ratify the prior issue of securities, or an agreement to issue securities, made pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and/or ASX Listing Rule 7.1A (provided the previous issue did not breach ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and/or ASX Listing Rule 7.1A) those securities will be deemed to have been issued or agreed to be issued with shareholder approval for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and/or ASX Listing Rule 7.1A. The Company seeks approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.4 to refresh its capacity to make further issues without shareholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and/or ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.

If shareholders pass Resolution 1, the Placement Shares will be treated as not having used the placement capacity of the Company under the ASX Listing Rules and the Company will be able to issue equity securities using the refreshed placement capacity without shareholder approval. If shareholders do not pass Resolution 1 the Placement Shares will continue to use the placement capacity that is available to the Company under the ASX Listing Rules.

The following information is provided in accordance with the requirements of ASX Listing Rule 7.5:

- The Placement Shares were issued to unrelated new and existing sophisticated and professional investors who are clients of stockbroking firms who supported the Company's activities or who the Company identified as part of its investor relations program.
- The total number of securities issued was 103,559,999 fully paid ordinary shares (Placement Shares).
- Placement Shares have the same terms and rights as, and will rank equally with, the Company's other fully paid ordinary shares.
- Placement Shares were issued on 6 October 2020 and an Appendix 2A was released to ASX on that date.
- \$1,553,400 before costs was raised from the issue of the Placement Shares, which were issued at an issue price of \$0.015 (1.5 cents) per Placement Share. Funds raised have been, or will be, predominantly applied towards further exploration work at the Company's flagship Gimlet Gold Project near Kalgoorlie, commencement of field activities at Haunted Stream Gold Project in Gippsland, Victoria and for general working capital purposes.
- A voting exclusion for Resolution 1 is contained in the Notice accompanying this Memorandum.

# Director recommendation

The Directors unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 1.

Note: references in the Notice and the Memorandum to "\$" are to Australian currency.

#### IMPACT OF COVID-19

At the date of the Notice, due to restrictions as a result of COVID-19, the Company will not be convening the Meeting physically. While the situation remains volatile and uncertain, based on the information available to the Board at the time of the Notice, the Company intends to conduct the Meeting virtually as set out in the Notice. Please see the accompanying Notice for more information including how to register to attend the Meeting.

# **LODGE YOUR VOTE**

ONLINE

www.linkmarketservices.com.au



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# **PROXY FORM**

I/We being a member(s) of First Au Limited and entitled to attend and vote hereby appoint:

# APPOINT A PROXY

the Chairman of the Meeting (mark box)

**OR** if you are **NOT** appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy

or failing the person or body corporate named, or if no person or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act on my/our behalf (including to vote in accordance with the following directions or, if no directions have been given and to the extent permitted by the law, as the proxy sees fit) at the General Meeting of the Company to be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, 8 December 2020 virtually by Zoom (the Meeting) and at any postponement or adjournment of the Meeting. Please refer to the Notice for details as to how to register to attend the virtual meeting. (the Meeting) and at any postponement or adjournment of the Meeting.

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business.

# **VOTING DIRECTIONS**

Proxies will only be valid and accepted by the Company if they are signed and received no later than 48 hours before the Meeting. Please read the voting instructions overleaf before marking any boxes with an  $\boxtimes$ 

# Resolutions

For Against Abstain\*

1 Ratification of Prior Issue of Shares



\* If you mark the Abstain box for a particular Item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority on a poll.

# SIGNATURE OF SHAREHOLDERS – THIS MUST BE COMPLETED

Shareholder 1 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 2 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 3 (Individual)

TEP 3

Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary

Director/Company Secretary (Delete one)

Director

This form should be signed by the shareholder. If a joint holding, either shareholder may sign. If signed by the shareholder's attorney, the power of attorney must have been previously noted by the registry or a certified copy attached to this form. If executed by a company, the form must be executed in accordance with the company's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

# HOW TO COMPLETE THIS SHAREHOLDER PROXY FORM

# YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

This is your name and address as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, please make the correction on the form. Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes. Please note: you cannot change ownership of your shares using this form.

# **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

If you wish to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box in Step 1. 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 in Step 1. If you leave this section blank, the Chairman of the Meeting will be your proxy. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

# **DEFAULT TO 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 those 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 Form.

# **VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS - PROXY APPOINTMENT**

You may direct your proxy how to vote by placing a mark in 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 A SECOND PROXY

You are entitled to appoint up to two persons as proxies to attend the Meeting and vote on a poll. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, an additional Proxy Form may be obtained by telephoning the Company's share registry or you may copy this form and return them both together.

To appoint a second proxy you must:

- (a) on each of the first Proxy Form and the second Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or number of shares applicable to that form. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded; and
- (b) return both forms together.

# SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

You must sign this form as follows in the spaces provided:

**Individual:** where the holding is in one name, the holder must sign.

**Joint Holding:** where the holding is in more than one name, either shareholder may sign.

**Power of Attorney:** to sign under Power of Attorney, you must lodge the Power of Attorney with the registry. If you have not previously lodged this document for notation, 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 indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

# **CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES**

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting virtually the appropriate "Certificate of Appointment of Corporate Representative" must be received at registrars@linkmarketservices.com.au prior to admission in accordance with the Notice of Annual General Meeting. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's share registry or online at www.linkmarketservices.com.au.

# **LODGEMENT OF A PROXY FORM**

This Proxy Form (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received at an address given below by **11:00am on Sunday, 6 December 2020,** being not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

Proxy Forms may be lodged using the reply paid envelope or:



#### **ONLINE**

# www.linkmarketservices.com.au

Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Voting' and follow the prompts to lodge your vote. To use the online lodgement facility, shareholders will need their "Holder Identifier" - Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN).



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<sup>\*</sup> During business hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm)