

# HEAVY RARE EARTHS LIMITED ABN 35 648 991 039

# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form** 

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Time of Meeting: 2.00PM (AEDT)

Location: As a virtual meeting

This Notice of Annual General Meeting and Explanatory Statement should be read in its entirety. If shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their accountant, solicitor or other professional advisor without delay.

# **HEAVY RARE EARTHS LIMITED**

ABN 35 648 991 039

Registered office: Level 21, 459 Collins Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of shareholders of Heavy Rare Earths Limited (the "Company") will be held as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2023 at 2.00pm (AEDT) ("Annual General Meeting" or "Meeting").

Shareholders are encouraged to submit their proxies as early as possible, and in any event, prior to the cut-off date for proxy voting as set out in the Notice. To lodge your proxy, please follow the directions on your personalised proxy form.

Shareholders attending the AGM virtually will be able to ask questions and the Company has made provision for Shareholders who register their attendance before the start of the meeting to also cast their votes on the proposed resolutions at the AGM.

The virtual meeting can be attended using the following details:

When: Wednesday, 29 November 2023 at 2.00pm (AEDT)

Topic: Heavy Rare Earths Limited - Annual General Meeting

Register in advance for the virtual meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_MUKhJOTISDivpmGpZ5dwaA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. As noted previously, the Company strongly recommends its shareholders to lodge a directed proxy as soon as possible in advance of the meeting even if they are planning to attend the meeting online. The Company will conduct a poll on each resolution presented at the meeting. The Company will accept questions during the meeting either by submitting a question through the Q&A box located on screen or by raising the hand function also located on screen at which point the Company will allow your question verbally.

The Company is happy to accept and answer questions submitted prior to the meeting by email to <u>justin@hreltd.com.au</u>. The Company will address relevant questions during the meeting or by written response after the Meeting (subject to the discretion of the Company not to respond to unreasonable and/or offensive questions).

Any shareholders who wish to attend the AGM should monitor the Company's website and its ASX announcements for any updates about the AGM. If it becomes necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements for the holding or conducting of the meeting, the Company will make further information available through the ASX website at asx.com.au (ASX: HRE) and on its website at www.hreltd.com.au.

# AGENDA

The Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form which accompany and form part of this Notice, include defined terms and describe in more detail the matters to be considered. Please consider this Notice, the Explanatory Statement and the proxy form in their entirety.

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS

#### **Receipt and Consideration of Accounts & Reports**

To receive and consider the Financial Report of the Company and the related reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report) and auditors for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Note: Except for as set out in Resolution 1, there is no requirement for Shareholders to approve these reports. Accordingly, no Resolution will be put to Shareholders on this item of business.

#### Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

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

"That for the purpose of Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Remuneration Report (included in the Directors' Report) for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 be adopted."

#### Resolution 2: Re-election of Director – Mr Richard Brescianini

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

"That for the purposes of Article 59(1) of the Constitution, Listing Rule 14.5 and for all other purposes, Mr Richard Brescianini, retires by rotation and, being eligible, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."

#### Resolution 3: Ratification of issue of Options

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

"That, pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.4 and for all other purposes, Shareholders ratify the allotment and prior issue of 500,000 unlisted Options issued on 28 September 2023 and otherwise on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement."

#### Resolution 4: Approval of 10% Placement Facility

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution 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 issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed for in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement which accompanied and formed part of this Notice."

By order of the Board

Justin Mouchacca Company Secretary

Dated: 27 October 2023

#### Notes

- 1. Entire Notice: The details of the Resolutions contained in the Explanatory Statement accompanying this Notice of Meeting should be read together with, and form part of, this Notice of Meeting.
- 2. Record Date: The Company has determined that for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting, Shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as holding the shares at 7.00pm (AEDT) on the date 48 hours before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Only those persons will be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 3. Proxies

#### All voting will be conducted by poll.

The Directors instruct all Shareholders who would like to appoint a proxy to lodge a proxy form prior to Monday, 27 November 2023 at 2:00pm (AEDT) (**Proxy Cut-Off Time**). Please refer to the accompanying proxy form for further details on how to appoint a proxy.

Shareholders are strongly urged to appoint the Chair 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 must follow your instructions. Lodgement instructions (which include the ability to lodge proxies online) are set out in the Proxy Form attached to the Notice. If a person other than the Chair is appointed as proxy, the proxy will revert to the Chair in the absence of the appointed proxy holder's attendance at the Meeting.

#### 4. Corporate Representative

Any corporate shareholder who has appointed a person to act as its corporate representative at the Meeting should provide that person with a certificate or letter executed in accordance with the Corporations Act authorising him or her to act as that company's representative. The authority may be sent to the Company and/or registry in advance of the Meeting or handed in at the Meeting when registering as a corporate representative.

#### 5. How the Chairman will vote undirected proxies

Subject to the restrictions set out below, the Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies on, and in favour of, all of the proposed Resolutions.

If the Chair is appointed as your proxy and you have not specified the way the Chair is to vote on any of the Resolutions by signing and returning the Proxy Form, you are considered to have provided the Chair with an express authorisation for the Chair to vote the proxy in accordance with the Chair's intention, even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company.

#### 6. Voting Prohibition:

#### **Resolution 1**

In accordance with sections 250BD and 250R of the Corporations Act, a vote on Resolution 1 must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of such a member of the Key Management Personnel.

A vote may be cast as proxy by such person if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person who is excluded from voting on this Resolution, and:

- (a) the person is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; or
- (b) the voter is the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution, but expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if this Resolution is connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

#### 7. Voting Exclusion Statements

#### **Resolution 2**

Resolution 2 does not have any voting exclusions.

#### **Resolution 3**

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of Resolution 3 by or on behalf of a person who participated in the issue of the unlisted Options or is a counterparty to the agreement being approved, or any of their respective associates.

The above voting exclusions do not apply to a vote cast in favour of the relevant Resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the Resolution in that way;
- (b) the Chair as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote, 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.

#### **Resolution 4**

If at the time of the Meeting, the Company is proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under rule 7.1A.2, the Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of Resolution 4 by or on behalf of any persons who are expected to participate in, or who will obtain a material benefit as a result of, the proposed issue (except a benefit solely by reason of being a Shareholder), or any associate of those persons.

The above voting exclusions do not apply to a vote cast in favour of the relevant Resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the Resolution, in accordance with directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the Resolution in that way; or
- (b) the Chair 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.
  - (iii) As at the date of dispatch of this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and, therefore, a voting exclusion statement on this resolution is not required by Listing Rule 7.3A.7

#### 8. Enquiries

Shareholders are invited to contact the Company Secretary, Justin Mouchacca, on (03) 8360 3321 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### **Receipt and Consideration of Accounts & Reports**

A copy of the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 (which incorporates the Company's Financial Report, reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report) and the auditors) is not enclosed as there is no requirement for the Company to incur the printing and distribution costs associated with doing so for all shareholders. You may obtain a copy free of charge in hard copy form by contacting the Company by phone at (03) 8360 3321, and you may request that this occurs on a standing basis for future years.

Alternatively, you may access the Annual Report at the Company's website: https://hreltd.com.au/investors/financialreports/ or via the Company's announcement platform on ASX. Except as set out in Resolution 1, no resolution is required on these reports.

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

#### **Background**

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 requires that a resolution to adopt the Remuneration Report must be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting. The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

The Remuneration Report is set out in the Directors' Report in the Company's 2023 Annual Report. The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the Company.

In accordance with Section 250SA of the Corporations Act 2001, Shareholders will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to ask questions concerning, or make comments on, the Remuneration Report at the Meeting.

The Corporations Act requires the Company to put a resolution to Shareholders that the In accordance with Division 9 of Part 2G.2 of the Corporations Act 2001, if twenty five (25%) per cent 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 (a "**Spill Resolution**") that another meeting be held within 90 days at which all of the Company's Directors (other than the Managing Director) must go up for re-election.

The Company was admitted to the Official List of ASX on 22 August 2022 and its securities commenced quotation on 24 August 2022. Accordingly, a Resolution for the adoption of the Remuneration Report has not previously been put to the Shareholders (it being noted that such a Resolution is only required to be put at a listed company's AGM in accordance with Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act).

The Directors 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.

#### Board Recommendation

Given the material personal interests of all Directors in this Resolution, the Board makes no recommendation to Shareholders regarding this Resolution.

#### Resolution 2: Re-election of Director – Mr Richard Brescianini

#### **Background**

The Constitution of the Company requires that at the close of every Annual General Meeting a number of the Directors must retire from office (being one-third of the Directors other than the Managing Director) and any Director appointed by the Board in addition to the existing Directors or to fill a casual vacancy holds office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and may stand for election. A Director appointed as an additional Director or to fill a casual vacancy is not to be taken into account in determining the Director(s) who must retire by rotation.

Mr Richard Bresciani was last elected by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 16 March 2022. Mr Richard Brescianini now retires and, being eligible, submits himself for re-election as a Director of the Company under Resolution 2. Mr Richard Brescianini was first appointed to the Board on 2 February 2022.

The relevant professional experience and skills of Mr Brescianini are provided below.

Mr Brescianini is a qualified geoscientist with an Honours degree from the University of Tasmania and is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists. Richard commenced his career in mineral exploration with BHP Minerals in 1987 working in teams focused on the discovery of base and precious metal deposits across Australia and North America from offices in Brisbane, Perth, Toronto and Denver.

Richard joined the Northern Territory Government's Geological Survey in Darwin in 1999 initially as its Chief Geophysicist and later as its Director. There he guided the Survey's exploration incentive programs involving multidisciplinary geoscience projects and detailed mineral deposit studies.

From 2007 to 2021, Richard worked for Arafura Resources in Perth in its executive management team to help drive the development of the company's Nolans rare earth project in the Northern Territory. During that time he became intimately involved in many aspects of the value chain, including exploration, resource delineation, mine planning, metallurgy, technical and economic feasibility, regulatory compliance, product marketing, supply chain mapping, stakeholder engagement, corporate communications and business development.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board (with Mr Brescianini abstaining from voting), recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of resolution 2 for the re-election of Mr Brescianini.

The Chair of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each of Resolution 2.

#### **Resolution 3: Ratification of issue of Options**

Resolution 3 seeks shareholder approval to ratify the prior issue of 500,000 unlisted Options issued in consideration for consulting services provided to the Company. The Options the subject of Resolution 3 were issued on 28 September 2023 under the placement capacity available to the Company under Listing Rule 7.1.

#### ASX Listing Rules

ASX Listing Rule 7.1 provides that a company must not, subject to specified exceptions including ASX Listing Rule 7.1, 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.

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 (provided the previous issue did not breach ASX Listing Rule 7.1) 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.

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.

If Shareholders approve Resolution 3, the 500,000 unlisted Options the subject of Resolution 3 will no longer use the placement capacity available to the Company under Listing Rule 7.1. If Shareholders do not approve Resolution 3, the 500,000 unlisted Options the subject of Resolution 3 will continue to use the placement capacity available to the Company under Listing Rule 7.1.

The following information is provided for Resolution 3 in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 7.5:

- The Company issued the unlisted Options to Lynx Advisors who is not and was not a related party, key management personnel, substantial holders, advisor or an associate of these persons who was issued more than 1% of the issued capital of the Company through this issue.
- The number of securities issued was 500,000 unlisted Options.
- The unlisted Options have an exercise price of \$0.30 (30 cents) and expire 24 August 2025. Upon exercise, entitle the holder to one fully paid ordinary share in the Company. The unlisted Options otherwise have terms as set out in Annexure A.
- The unlisted Options were issued on 28 September 2023.
- The unlisted Options were issued for \$0.0001 per Option.
- No funds were raised from the issue of the unlisted Options, which were issued in consideration for consulting services provided to the Company.
- A voting exclusion statement as set out in the Notice applies to Resolution 3.

#### Board recommendation

The Board unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

#### **Resolution 4: Approval of 10% Placement Facility**

#### Background

Listing Rule 7.1A enables eligible entities to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued share capital through placements over a 12 month period after the Annual General Meeting ("**10% Placement Facility**"). The 10% Placement Facility is in addition to the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

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 capitalisation of \$300 million or less. The Company is an eligible entity.

The Company is now seeking shareholder approval by way of a special resolution to have the ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility. The Company has not previously obtained shareholder approval for the 10% placement facility.

If shareholders approve Resolution 4 then the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility for the 10% Placement Period (defined below). If shareholders do not approve Resolution 4 then the Company will not be able to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility for which approval is sought at the Meeting.

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 (see below).

The Company continues actively seeking to develop and enhance the value of its business. Should the Company utilise the 10% Placement Facility, it anticipates using the funds to either accelerate the work on its current projects, acquire new assets, or to meet additional working capital requirements.

### Description of Listing Rule 7.1A

#### (a) Shareholder approval

The ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility is subject to shareholder approval by way of a special resolution at an Annual General Meeting. This means it 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).

#### (b) Equity Securities

Any Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Facility must be in the same class as an existing quoted class of Equity Securities of the Company.

The Company, as at the date of the Notice, has one class of quoted securities on issue, being Fully Paid Ordinary Shares.

#### (c) Formula for calculating 10% Placement Facility

Listing Rule 7.1A.2 provides that eligible entities which have obtained shareholder approval at an Annual General Meeting may issue or agree to issue, during the 12 month period after the date of the Annual General Meeting, a number of Equity Securities calculated in accordance with the following formula:

#### (A x D)–E

- A is the number of shares on issue at the commencement of the "relevant period" (which, for the Company, is the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of the issue or agreement):
  - (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 shares issued in the relevant period on the conversion of convertible securities within rule 7.2 exception 9 where:

- (i) the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the relevant period; or
- (ii) the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved, under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
- (C) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period under an agreement to issue securities within rule 7.2 exception 16 where:
  - (i) the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - (ii) the agreement or issue was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved, under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
- (D) plus the number of any other fully paid shares issued in the relevant period with approval of holders of shares under Listing Rules 7.1 or 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 shares cancelled in the relevant period.

Note that A has the same meaning in Listing Rule 7.1 when calculating an entity's 15% placement capacity.

- **D** is 10%
- **E** is the number of Equity Securities issued or agreed to be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in:
  - (i) if the Company has been admitted to the official list for 12 months or more, the 12 month period immediately preceding the date of the issue or agreement; or
  - (ii) if the Company has been admitted to the official list for less than 12 months, the period from admission to the date immediately preceding the date of the issue or agreement,

where the issue or agreement to issue has not been subsequently approved by the Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.4.

(d) Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.1A

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.

The actual number of Equity Securities that the Company will have capacity to issue under Listing Rule 7.1A will be calculated at the date of issue of the Equity Securities in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2

(e) Nature and Consideration for issue and Minimum Issue Price

The Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be issued for a cash consideration per security which must be 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 relevant 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.

#### (f) 10% Placement Period

Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A is valid from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained and expires on the earlier to occur of:

- (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting after the Annual General meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (iii) the time and date of the approval by shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).

#### ("10% Placement Period").

### Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, information is provided in relation to the approval of the 10% Placement Facility as follows:

- (a) The period for which the Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A commences on the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained, being 29 November 2023, and expires on the first to occur of the following:
  - (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained, being 29 November 2024 if shareholders approve Resolution 4;
  - (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting after the Annual General meeting at which the approval is obtained;
  - (iii) the time and date of the approval by shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).
- (b) The Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price of not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's 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 relevant 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 purposes for which the funds raised by an issue of Equity Securities under rule 7.1A.2 (for cash consideration only) may be used by the Company include:
  - (i) consideration for the acquisition(s) of the new assets and investments, including the expenses associated with such acquisition(s) (provided the Equity Securities are issued for cash); and
  - (ii) continued expenditure on the Company's current exploration projects and/or general working capital.
- (d) If this resolution is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility, the existing Shareholders' voting power in the Company will be diluted as shown in the below table. Shareholders may also be exposed to economic risk and voting dilution, including the following:
  - (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 on the date of the Annual General Meeting; 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.

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

The below table shows the dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the market price of Shares as at close of trade on 20 October 2023 (Current Share Price) and the current number of ordinary securities for variable "A" calculated in accordance with the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A(2) as at the date of this Notice.

The table also shows:

- 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. 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
  entitlements issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or future specific placements under Listing Rule
  7.1 that are approved at a future Shareholders' meeting; and
- two examples of where the issue price of ordinary securities has decreased by 50% and increased by 100% as against the current market price.

		Issue Price			
Variable 'A' in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		\$0.285 50% decrease in Current Share Price	\$0.57 Current Share Price	\$1.14 100% increase in Current Share Price	
Current Variable A 68,275,150 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	6,827,515 Shares			
	Funds raised	\$1,945,842	\$3,891,684	\$7,783,367	
<b>50% increase in</b> <b>current Variable A</b> 102,412,725 Shares	10% Voting Dilution		10,241,272 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$2,918,763	\$5,837,525	\$11,675,051	
<b>100% increase in</b> <b>current Variable A</b> 136,550,300 Shares	10% Voting Dilution		13,655,030 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$3,891,684	\$7,783,367	\$15,566,734	

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
- No Options are exercised into Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities.
- 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%.
- 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 Annual
  General 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 issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility consists only of Shares.
- The Current Share Price is \$0.57 (57 cents), being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 20 October 2023.
- (e) The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A(4) upon issue of any Equity Securities.

The Company's allocation policy is dependent on the prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue pursuant to the 10% Placement Facility. The identity of the allottees of Equity Securities will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors including but not limited to the following:

- (i) the methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including but not limited to, rights issue or other issue in which existing security holders can participate;
- (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; and
- (iv) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

The allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of this Notice but may include existing substantial Shareholders and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

Further, if the Company is successful in acquiring new exploration projects, assets or investments, it is possible that the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility will be the vendors of the new projects, assets or investments (provided that the Equity Securities are issued for cash consideration).

#### Equity Issues over the Last 12 Months – Listing Rule 7.3A.6

The Company has previously obtained shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at its 2022 AGM.

During the 12-month period preceding the proposed date of the Meeting, being on and from 29 November 2022, the Company did not issue any Equity Securities under the Company's 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A.

At the date of that Notice, 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 any Equity Securities. Accordingly, no existing shareholder's votes will be excluded and there is no voting exclusion for Resolution 4 in the Notice.

Due to the forward looking nature of the approval, the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of the Notice but may include existing shareholders and/or new shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board believes that Resolution 4 is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution. The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of this Resolution.

# GLOSSARY

The following terms have the following meanings in this Explanatory Statement:

"\$" means Australian Dollars;

"10% Placement Facility" has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 4;

"10% Placement Period" has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 4;

"Annual Report" means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report, and Auditor's Report, in respect to the period from incorporation to 30 June 2023;

"ASX" means ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the context requires;

"ASX Settlement Operating Rules" means the rules of ASX Settlement Pty Ltd which apply while the Company is an issuer of CHESS approved securities;

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

"AEDT" means Australian Eastern Daylight Time.

"**Board**" means the Directors acting as the board of Directors of the Company or a committee appointed by such board of Directors;

"Chairman" means the person appointed to chair the Meeting of the Company convened by the Notice and Chair shall have a corresponding meaning;

"CHESS" has the meaning in Section 2 of the ASX Settlement Operating Rules;

"Closely Related Party" means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member; or
- (b) has the meaning given in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

"Company" means Heavy Rare Earths Limited ABN 35 648 991 039;

"Constitution" means the constitution of the Company as at the date of the Meeting;

"Convertible Security" means a security of the Company which is convertible into shares;

"Corporations Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);

"Director" means a Director 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" has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules;

"Explanatory Statement" means the explanatory statement which forms part of 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" means persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any Director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company;

"Listing Rules" means the Listing Rules of the ASX;

"Meeting" has the meaning given in the introductory paragraph of the Notice;

"Notice" means this Notice of Meeting including the Explanatory Statement;

"Proxy Form" means the proxy form attached to the Notice;

"**Remuneration Report**" means the remuneration report which forms part of the Directors' Report of Heavy Rare Earths Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and which is set out in the 2023 Annual Report.

"Resolution" means a resolution referred to in the Notice;

"Section" means a section of the Explanatory Statement;

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

"Shareholder" means shareholder of the Company;

"Trading Day" means a day determined by ASX to be a trading day in accordance with the Listing Rules; and

"VWAP" means volume weighted average price.

## ANNEXURE A TERMS OF UNLISTED OPTIONS

Options expire on 24 August 2025. The below terms assume that the relevant Option has vested.

- (a) Entitlement
  - (i) Each Option entitles the Option holder to subscribe for, and be allotted, one ordinary Share in the capital of the Company.
  - (i) Shares issued on the exercise of Options will rank equally with all existing Shares on issue, as at the exercise date, and will be subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Company and any escrow restrictions imposed on them by the ASX.
- (b) Exercise of Option
  - (iii) The Options are exercisable at any time from the issue date.
  - (*iv*) The final date and time for exercise of the Options is 5pm (AEDT) on 24 August 2025. If such date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the final date will be the next Business Day.
  - (v) The exercise price per option is \$0.30 (30 cent).
  - (vi) Each Option is exercisable by the Option holder signing and delivering a notice of exercise of Option together with the exercise price in full for each Share to be issued upon exercise of each Option to the Company's share registry. Unless a holder is exercising all of their Options, Options must be exercised in parcels of not less than 1,000.
  - (vii) The Options cannot be exercised if, as a result of the exercise, the Optionholder or any of its associates would breach the provisions of Chapter 6 (and specifically section 606) of the Corporations Act.
  - (viii) Remittances must be made payable to 'Heavy Rare Earths Limited' and cheques should be crossed 'Not Negotiable', or contact the Company to confirm other payment details.
  - (ix) All Options will lapse on the earlier of the
    - (A) receipt by the Company of notice from the Option holder that the Option holder has elected to surrender the Option; and
    - (B) expiry of the final date and time for exercise of the Option.
  - (x) In the event of liquidation of the Company, all unexercised Options will lapse.
- (c) Quotation
  - (*xi*) The Company does not propose applying for Official Quotation of Options.
  - (xii) If the Shares of the Company are quoted on the ASX, the Company will apply to the ASX for, and will use its best endeavours to obtain, quotation of all Shares issued on the exercise of any Options within 10 Business Days (as defined in the Listing Rules) of issue. The Company gives no assurance that such quotation will be granted at any given time or at all.
- (d) Participation in Securities Issues

Subject to paragraph (e) below, the holder is not entitled to participate in new issues of securities without exercising the Options.

- (e) Participation in a Reorganisation of Capital
  - (*xiii*) In the event of any reconstruction or reorganisation (including consolidation, sub-division, reduction or return of the capital of the Company), the rights of an Option holder will be changed in accordance with the Listing Rules of the ASX applying to a restructure or reorganisation of the capital at the time of that restructure or reorganisation, provided always that the changes to the terms of the Options do not result in any benefit being conferred on the Option holder which is not conferred on Shareholders of the Company.
  - (xiv) In any reorganisation as referred to in paragraph (f)(i), Options will be treated in the following manner:
    - (A) in the event of a consolidation of the share capital of the Company, the number of Options will be consolidated in the same ratio as the ordinary share capital of the Company and the exercise price will be amended in inverse proportion to that ratio;

- (B) in the event of a subdivision of the share capital of the Company, the number of Options will be subdivided in the same ratio as the ordinary share capital of the Company and the exercise price will be amended in inverse proportion to that ratio;
- (C) in the event of a return of the share capital of the Company, the number of Options will remain the same and the exercise price will be reduced by the same amount as the amount returned in relation to each ordinary share;
- (D) in the event of a reduction of the share capital of the Company by a cancellation of paid up capital that is lost or not represented by available assets where no securities are cancelled the number of Options and the exercise price of each Option will remain unaltered;
- (E) in the event of a pro-rata cancellation of shares in the Company, the number of Options will be reduced in the same ratio as the ordinary share capital of the Company and the exercise price of each Option will be amended in inverse proportion to that ratio; and
- (F) in the event of any other reorganisation of the issued capital of the Company, the number of Options or the exercise price or both will be reorganised (as appropriate) in a manner which will not result in any benefits being conferred on the Option holder which are not conferred on shareholders.
- (f) Adjustments to Options and Exercise Price
  - (xv) Adjustments to the number of Shares over which Options exist and/or the exercise price may be made as described in paragraph (g)(ii) to take account of changes to the capital structure of the Company by way of prorata bonus and cash issues.
  - (xvi) The method of adjustment for the purpose of paragraph (g)(i) shall be in accordance with the Listing Rules of the ASX from time to time, which, under Listing Rules 6.22.2 and 6.22.3, currently provide:
  - (A) Pro Rata Cash Issues

Where a pro-rata issue is made (except a bonus issue) to the holders of underlying securities, the exercise price of an Option may (at the discretion of the Board) be reduced according to the following formula:

where:

- O' = the new exercise price of the Option.
- O = the old exercise price of the Option.
- E = the number of underlying securities into which one Option is Exercisable.
- P = the average market price per security (weighted by reference to volume) of the underlying securities during the 5 trading days ending on the day before the ex rights date or ex entitlements date.
- S = the subscription price for a security under the pro-rata issue.
- D = the dividend due but not yet paid on the existing underlying securities (except those to be issued under the pro-rata issue).
- N = the number of securities with rights or entitlements that must be held to receive a right to one new security.

#### (g) ASX requirements

Whilst the Company is admitted to the Official List of ASX, these terms of Options will be deemed varied as required to comply with the requirements of ASX and the ASX Listing Rules.



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# YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your vote to be effective it must be recorded before 2:00pm (AEDT) on Monday 27 November 2023.

#### TO VOTE ONLINE

STEP 1: VISIT https://www.votingonline.com.au/hreagm2023

STEP 2: Enter your Postcode OR Country of Residence (if outside Australia)

STEP 3: Enter your Voting Access Code (VAC):



Scan QR Code using smartphone QR Reader App

## TO VOTE BY COMPLETING THE PROXY FORM

#### **STEP 1 APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

#### Indicate who you want to appoint as your Proxy.

If you wish to appoint the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box. If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy please write the full name of that individual or body corporate. If you leave this section blank, or your named proxy does not attend the meeting, the Chair of the Meeting will be your proxy. A proxy need not be a securityholder of the company. Do not write the name of the issuer company or the registered securityholder in the space.

#### Appointment of a Second Proxy

You are entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the meeting and vote. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, an additional Proxy Form may be obtained by contacting the company's securities registry or you may copy this form.

#### To appoint a second proxy you must:

(a) complete two Proxy Forms. On each Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or the number of securities 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.

(b) return both forms together in the same envelope.

#### **STEP 2 VOTING DIRECTIONS TO YOUR PROXY**

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

#### Proxy which is a Body Corporate

Where a body corporate is appointed as your proxy, the representative of that body corporate attending the meeting must have provided an "Appointment of Corporate Representative" prior to admission. An Appointment of Corporate Representative form can be obtained from the company's securities registry.

#### **STEP 3 SIGN THE FORM**

The form **must** be signed as follows:

Individual: This form is to be signed by the securityholder.

Joint Holding: where the holding is in more than one name, all the securityholders should sign.

**Power of Attorney:** to sign under a Power of Attorney, you must have already lodged it with the registry. Alternatively, attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

**Companies:** this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form should be signed by that person. Please indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

#### **STEP 4 LODGEMENT**

Proxy forms (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting therefore by 2:00pm (AEDT) on Monday 27 November 2023. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled meeting.

Proxy forms may be lodged using the enclosed Reply Paid Envelope or:

📕 Online	https://www.votingonline.com.au/hreagm2023	
📇 By Fax	+ 61 2 9290 9655	
🖂 By Mail	Boardroom Pty Limited GPO Box 3993, Sydney NSW 2001 Australia	
🛉 In Person	Boardroom Pty Limited Level 8, 210 George Street Sydney NSW 2000 Australia	

#### Attending the Meeting

If you wish to attend the meeting please bring this form with you to assist registration.

Your Address

This is your address as it appears on the company's share register. If this is incorrect, please mark the box with an "X" and make the correction in the space to the left. Securityholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes. Please note, you cannot change ownership of your securities using this form.

# **PROXY FORM**

#### STEP 1 APPOINT A PROXY

I/We being a member/s of Heavy Rare Earths Limited (Company) and entitled to attend and vote hereby appoint:

#### the Chair of the Meeting (mark box)

**OR** if you are **NOT** appointing the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of the person or body corporate (excluding the registered securityholder) you are appointing as your proxy below

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chair of the Meeting as my/our proxy at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held virtually via <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_MUKhJOTISDivpmGpZ5dwaA">https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_MUKhJOTISDivpmGpZ5dwaA</a> on WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 2023 at 2:00pm (AEDT) and at any adjournment of that meeting, to act on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions or if no directions have been given, as the proxy sees fit.

The Chair of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each of the items of business.

Chair of the Meeting authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related matters: If I/we have appointed the Chair of the Meeting as my/our proxy or the Chair of the Meeting becomes my/our proxy by default and I/we have not directed my/our proxy how to vote in respect of Resolutions 1, I/we expressly authorise the Chair of the Meeting to exercise my/our proxy in respect of these Resolutions even though Resolution 1 is connected with the remuneration of a member of the key management personnel for the Company.

The Chair of the Meeting will vote all undirected proxies in favour of all Items of business (including Resolutions 1). If you wish to appoint the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy with a direction to vote against, or to abstain from voting on an item, you must provide a direction by marking the 'Against' or 'Abstain' box opposite that resolution.

STEP 2	<b>VOTING DIRECTIONS</b> * If you mark the Abstain box for a particular item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands be counted in calculating the required majority if a poll is called.	or on a poll	and your vote	e will not
		For	Against	Abstain*
Resolution 1	Adoption of Remuneration Report			
Resolution 2	Re-election of Director – Mr Richard Brescianini			
Resolution 3	Ratification of issue of Options			
Resolution 4	Approval of 10% Placement Facility			

STEP 3	STEP 3       SIGNATURE OF SECURITYHOLDERS         This form must be signed to enable your directions to be implemented.						
Individual or Securityholder 1		Securityholder 2		Securityholder 3			
Sole Directo	or and Sole Company Secretary	Director	Director / Company Secretary				
Contact Name		Contact Daytime Telephone		Date	/	/ 2023	