

## 22 August 2024 ASX Announcement

## Small Shareholding Buyback Facility

Auctus Investment Group Limited (ASX: **AVC**, the **Company** or **Auctus**) announces that it has established a small shareholding buyback facility (**Buyback Facility**) for shareholders whose holding of fully paid ordinary shares in the Company (**Shares**) has a market value of less than A\$500 (being less than a marketable parcel as defined in the ASX Listing Rules) (**Small Parcel**) and whose registered address is in Australia and New Zealand (**Eligible Shareholder**). The Buyback Facility will allow Eligible Shareholders to realise the value of their Shares cost effectively, while also assisting the Company to reduce the costs associated with servicing smaller shareholdings.

The Company has established the Buyback Facility for the following reasons:

- To give holders of a Small Parcel (less than A\$500 total) the opportunity to sell their shareholding without incurring brokerage or handling costs which, in proportion to the value of their investment, may otherwise render a sale transaction unattractive or uneconomic.
- To reduce the expense and administration involved in maintaining shareholders with small shareholdings. Based on the Company's Share price on 21 August 2024 (**Record Date**) of A\$0.50, the Company has approximately 112 shareholders holding a Small Parcel, which is approximately 22% of the total number of shareholders of the Company.

The Company will bear all costs associated with the Buyback Facility.

#### **Buyback Facility**

Shareholders who at 7.00pm (Melbourne time) on the Record Date held Shares with a market value less than A\$500 (that is a parcel of 999 or less Shares based on a closing Share price of A\$0.50 on the Record Date) and who are residents in Australia or New Zealand (**Eligible Shareholder**), will receive a letter from the Company, in the form attached to this announcement, together with a Share Retention Form. The letter to be sent to Eligible Shareholders explains that, unless the shareholder notifies the Company that they wish to retain their Small Parcel by submitting a completed Share Retention Form, or they hold more than 999 Shares on the Buyback Facility closing date (being Monday 7 October 2024) (**Closing Date**), which is the date that is 6 weeks from the date on which the letter in the form attached to this announcement is deemed served), their Small Parcel will be bought back by the Company, and the proceeds remitted to them free from brokerage and handling fees.

An Eligible Shareholder who holds a Small Parcel and wants to retain their Shares must return a completed Share Retention Form or make their own arrangements so that they hold a marketable parcel by the Closing Date.

If no action is taken by an Eligible Shareholder, Auctus will buy back the Shares at a price which is equal to the 5 day Volume Weighted Average Price (**VWAP**) prior to and including the Closing Date. Funds from the buyback will be paid to the relevant shareholder's nominated bank account or sent via cheque, as applicable, within 10 business days of the Closing Date. Any



tax consequences from the buyback of the Small Parcel will be the respective shareholder's responsibility. All Shares bought back under the Buyback Facility will be cancelled.

#### **Key Dates**

Below are the Key Dates for the Buyback Facility:

| Record Date   | Wednesday, 21 August 2024                |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Announcement Date   | Thursday, 22 August 2024                 |  |  |
| Documents mailed to all Eligible Shareholders who hold a Small Parcel on  | Monday, 26 August 2024                   |  |  |
| the Record Date   |  |  |  |
| Services of documents deemed under constitution                           | Monday, 26 August 2024                   |  |  |
| Buyback Facility Opening Date   | Monday, 26 August 2024                   |  |  |
| Buyback Facility Closing Date (last day for return of the Share Retention | Monday, 7 October 2024                   |  |  |
| Form)   |  |  |  |
| Payment of proceeds to participating Eligible Shareholders under the      | No later than 10 business days after the |  |  |
| Buyback Facility  | Closing Date                             |  |  |

Documentation in the form attached to this announcement in relation to the Buyback Facility will shortly be sent to all Eligible Shareholders.

If shareholders have any questions in relation to the Buyback Facility, please contact the Company Secretary on +61 3 9959 9888.

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#### This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of AVC

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#### **About Us**

Auctus Investment Group Limited is an ASX listed global investment manager with in-excess of A\$540M Assets Under Management (AUM), focusing on opportunities across private equity, infrastructure and private real estate. Our core investment thesis is investing in sectors with strong tailwinds and potential to scale. Auctus provides access to these private market investments for wholesale, Family Office and sophisticated investors.



#### 22 August 2024

Dear Shareholder

#### **Small Shareholding Buyback Facility**

As you may be aware, Auctus Investment Group Limited (ASX: **AVC**, the **Company** or **Auctus**) has announced that it proposes to implement a procedure to sell holdings of fully paid ordinary Auctus shares (**Shares**) that are valued at less than \$500 in aggregate (being less than a marketable parcel under the ASX Listing Rules) (**Small Parcel**) through a small shareholder buyback facility (**Buyback Facility**) based on the Company's Share price on 21 August 2024 (**Record Date**).

The Company has a large percentage (approximately 22%) of shareholders holding a Small Parcel. While the Company values each of its shareholders, it is conscious that holders of Small Parcels have limited opportunities to realise their Shares in a cost effective manner. In addition, through the buyback of Small Parcels the Company will significantly reduce its administration and share registry costs.

The price at which Small Parcels will be bought back by the Company is the 5 day Volume Weighted Average Price of Shares (VWAP) prior to and including the closing date of Monday 7 October 2024 (**Closing Date**).

The Company has announced a Record Date of 7:00pm (Melbourne time) on Wednesday 21 August 2024 to determine those shareholders who hold a Small Parcel. As a shareholder who holds a Small Parcel as at the Record Date and who is resident in Australia or New Zealand (**Eligible Shareholder**), you are eligible to have your Small Parcel bought back by the Company under the procedure described in this letter. The advantage to you from the Company buying back your Shares as described in this letter is that the Company will bear all transaction costs, including brokerage, associated with the buyback.

You have six (6) weeks from the date of this letter to elect whether to allow the Company to buy-back your Small Parcel. Please be aware that you are not obliged to sell your Small Parcel Shares under this procedure; the choice is entirely up to you. However, if you **DO NOT** wish the Company to buy-back your Small Parcel Shares, you **MUST** notify the Company immediately by completing and returning the enclosed Share Retention Form (**Form**) to the address noted on the Form, so that it is received by the Company's share registry, Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited by no later than 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on the Closing Date. Alternatively, you can increase your holding of Shares such that it is greater than a marketable parcel by the Closing Date.

If you DO NOT return the completed Form by the Closing Date and you still hold a Small Parcel on that date, your Shares will be bought back by the Company.

If no action is taken by an Eligible Shareholder, Auctus will buy back the Shares constituting the Small Parcel at the price which is equal to the 5 day Volume Weighted Average Price (**VWAP**) prior to and including the Closing Date. Funds from the buyback will be paid to the relevant shareholder's nominated bank account or via cheque mailed to the address you have registered with Computershare, as applicable, within 10 business days of the Closing Date. You will also receive documentation detailing the number of your shares bought back and the amount of proceeds remitted to you. Any tax consequences from the buyback of the Small Parcel will be the respective shareholder's responsibility. All Shares bought back under the Buyback Facility will be cancelled.

If you wish to have your Shares bought back, you do not need to take any further action.



By not taking any action by the Closing Date, you acknowledge and accept that if your Shares are in a CHESS Holding as at the Closing Date, the Company may move those Shares to an Issuer Sponsored Holding or a certified holding without further notice.

Any shareholder who would like to check and update their bank account details to receive the proceeds from the buyback of the Small Parcel Holding can do so through the share registry website at the following link: www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/avc.

Any payments to you will be made in Australian dollars. If you have provided bank details for a New Zealand dollar denominated account to Computershare, the Australian dollar proceeds will be converted to New Zealand dollars at the prevailing foreign exchange market rate available at the time of conversion. Please note that if your registered address is in New Zealand, payment will be made via direct credit only and payment will be withheld until bank account details have been provided.

If the share registry does not have the correct bank account details for a shareholder at the Closing Date, the Company will mail the proceeds out to the relevant shareholders whose Shares are bought back via a cheque payment.

# THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT. IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH IT THEN YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR LEGAL, FINANCIAL OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL ADVISER.

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If shareholders have any questions in relation to the buyback of Small Parcels please contact the Company Secretary on +61 3 9959 9888.

The Company does not provide any recommendation or advice as to whether you should sell or retain your shares.

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Yours Sincerely

Justin Mouchacca Company Secretary



ABN 76 149 278 759



AVC MR SAM SAMPLE UNIT 123 SAMPLE STREET SAMPLETOWN NSW 2001

### Return your Form to the Company's share registry:



By Mail:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited GPO Box 52 Melbourne Victoria 3001 Australia



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corpactprocessing@computershare.com.au

#### For all enquiries:





Company Secretary +61 3 8630 3321

## **Share Retention Form**



## 🍱 If you wish to retain your shares, your form must be received by 5:00pm (Melbourne time) on Monday, 7 Octobber 2024

This is an important document that requires your immediate attention. It can only be used in relation to the shareholding represented by the details printed overleaf. If you are in doubt about how to deal with this form, please contact your financial or other professional adviser.

#### Step 1: Shareholding Details

Use this form if you wish to retain your shares in Auctus Investment Group Limited. If you have recently bought or sold shares your shareholding may differ from that shown. If you have already sold all your shares in Auctus Investment Group Limited, do not complete or return this form. If you have more than one shareholding on Auctus Investment Group Limited's register and you do not wish to have your shares brought back under the Small Shareholding Buyback Facility, you should consider consolidating them. For further advice on how to do this, contact Auctus Investment Group on the number above.

Please check the details provided and update your address via www.investorcentre.com if any of the details are incorrect.

If you have a CHESS sponsored shareholding, please contact your Controlling Participant to notify a change of address.

## Step 2: Signing Instructions

Individual: Where the shareholding is in one name, the shareholder must sign.

Joint Shareholding: Where the shareholding is in more than one name, all of the shareholders must sign.

Power of Attorney: Where signing as Power of Attorney (POA), you must attach an original certified copy of the POA to this form. Companies: Where the shareholding is in the name of a Company, this form must be signed in accordance with the Corporations Act,

- a Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary OR a Sole Director (if no Company Secretary exists), OR
- two Directors, OR
- a Director and Secretary.

Overseas Companies: Where the shareholding is in the name of an Overseas company (companies incorporated outside Australia) the form must be signed as above, or documentation must be provided showing that the company can sign in an alternate manner.

Deceased Estate: Where the shareholding is in the name of a deceased estate, all executors must sign; and a certified copy or original, of the required documentation must accompany this form. Details of the documentation required can be found by searching "deceased estates" on our website www.computershare.com or by calling Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited on 1300 850 505 or +61 3 9415 4000. If the shareholding is in more than one name the surviving shareholder may sign the form and return it together with a certified copy of the death certificate of the other joint shareholder.

#### Step 3: Contact Details

Entering contact details is not compulsory, but will assist us if we need to contact you.

Turn over to complete the form



## **Auctus Investment Group Limited Share Retention Form**



For your security keep your SRN/

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HIN confidential.

Shareholding Details

MR SAM SAMPLE **UNIT 123** SAMPLE STREET SAMPLETOWN NSW 2001

Change of address. If incorrect, mark this box and make the correction in the space to the left. Shareholders sponsored by a broker (reference number commences with 'X') should advise their broker of any changes.

Shares held as at 7:00pm (Melbourne time) Wednesday, 21 August 2024:

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STEP 2

Signature of Shareholder(s)

This section must be completed.

By signing and returning this form, in accordance with the requirements set out in 'Step 2: Signing Instructions' overleaf, I/we confirm that I/we understand that my/our SHARES WILL NOT BE BOUGHT BACK under the Small Shareholding Buyback Facility.

| Individual or Shareholder 1   | Shareholder 2                   | Shareholder 3 |  |        |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|--|--------|---|--|
|   |                                 |               |  |        |   |  |
| Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary/<br>Sole Director (cross out titles as applicable) | Director                        |               | Director/Company S<br>(cross out titles as a |        | ) |  |
| Contact Details   |                                 |               |  |        |   |  |
| Contact<br>Name   | Contact<br>Daytime<br>Telephone |               |  | Date _ | 1 |  |
| Fmail   |                                 |               |  |        |   |  |

Please ensure you return your completed form to the address overleaf, or alternatively, email a copy of your completed form to corpactprocessing@computershare.com.au. Please ensure only one form is attached per email and please do not use this email address for any other purpose.

#### **Privacy Notice**

Address

The personal information you provide on this form is collected by Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited (CIS), as registrar for the securities issuers (the issuer), for the purpose of maintaining registers of securityholders, facilitating distribution payments and other corporate actions and communications. In addition, the issuer may authorise us on their behalf to send you marketing material or include such material in a corporate communication. You may elect not to receive marketing material by contacting CIS using the details provided above or emailing privacy@computershare.com.au. We may be required to collect your personal information under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and ASX Settlement Operating Rules. We may disclose your personal information to our related bodies corporate and to other individuals or companies who assist us in supplying our services or who perform functions on our behalf, to the issuer for whom we maintain securities registers or to third parties upon direction by the issuer where related to the issuer's administration of your securityholding, or as otherwise required or authorised by law. Some of these recipients may be located outside Australia, including in the following countries: Canada, India, New Zealand, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. For further details, including how to access and correct your personal information, and information on our privacy complaints handling procedure, please contact our Privacy Officer at privacy@computershare.com.au or see our Privacy Policy at http://www.computershare.com/au.



