

# Auris Minerals Limited (ACN 085 806 284)

# Notice of Annual General Meeting, Explanatory Statement, and Proxy Form

Annual General Meeting to be held at

Ground Floor Meeting Room, 216 St Georges Tce Perth Western Australia 6000

At 11.00am (WST) Friday 5 November 2021

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

The Notice of Annual General Meeting and Explanatory Statement should be read in their entirety. If you are in doubt as to how you should vote, you should seek advice from your accountant, solicitor, or other professional adviser prior to voting.

# **Important Information**

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# **Important dates**

An indicative timetable of key proposed dates is set out below. These dates are indicative only and are subject to change.

Event	Date
Last day for receipt of Proxy Forms – Proxy Forms received after this time will be disregarded	11.00am (WST) on Wednesday 3 November 2021
Snapshot date for eligibility to vote	11.00am (WST) on Wednesday 3 November 2021
Annual General Meeting	11.00am (WST) on Friday 5 November 2021

#### **Defined terms**

Capitalised terms used in this Notice of Annual General Meeting will, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning given to them in the Glossary set out in the Explanatory Statement.

# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of Auris Minerals Limited (ACN 085 806 284) (**Company** or **Auris**) will be held at Ground Floor Meeting Room, 216 St Georges Tce, Perth WA at **11.00am (WST)** on **Friday 5 November 2021** for the purpose of transacting the business referred to in this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

The Explanatory Statement that accompanies and forms part of this Notice describes the various matters to be considered.

#### **AGENDA**

To consider, and if thought fit to pass, the resolutions set out below as a non-binding advisory resolution (in respect of Resolution 1), ordinary resolution (in respect of Resolution 2 and 4) and special resolution (in respect of Resolution 3).

#### **Financial Statements and Reports**

To receive and consider the Financial Statements, Directors' Report, and Auditor's Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

#### Resolution 1 - Adoption of the Remuneration Report

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

"That for the purpose of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Remuneration Report set out in the Company's Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 be adopted."

**Notes:** In accordance with the Corporations Act, the vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

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.

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

Pursuant to section 250R(4) of the Corporations Act, the Company is required to disregard any votes cast on Resolution 1 (in any capacity) by or on behalf of any 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 (together "prohibited persons").

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- a) the prohibited person does so as a proxy appointed by writing that specifies how the proxy is to vote on the proposed resolution; and
- b) the vote is not cast on behalf of a prohibited person.

#### Resolution 2 - Re-election of Mr Craig Hall as a Director

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

"That for the purposes of Listing Rule 14.4, article 12.3(b) of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Mr Craig Hall retires, and being eligible offers himself for election as a Director of the Company, be elected as a Director."

#### Resolution 3 – Approval of Additional 10% Placement Facility

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

"That, for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, approval is given to allow the Company to issue equity securities 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 on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

**Note:** Resolution 3 is a **special resolution**. To be passed, it must be approved by at least 75% of the votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on the Resolution.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of equity securities under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2.

#### **Voting Exclusion:**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of this resolution by a person who is 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 holder of ordinary securities) or any associates of those persons.

However, the Company need not disregard a vote cast in favour of this Resolution if cast by:

- (a) a person as a 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 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:
  - 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: Adoption of Auris Minerals Limited Employee Incentive Plan

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

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)) and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to adopt the Auris Minerals Limited Employee Incentive Plan on the terms and conditions summarised in the accompanying Explanatory Statement."

#### **Voting Exclusion:**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of this resolution by all persons who are eligible to participate in the Employee Incentive Plan (EIP) and any associates of those persons.

However, the Company need not disregard a vote cast in favour of these Resolution if cast by:

- (a) a person as a 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 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:
  - a. 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
  - b. the holder votes on the Resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

By order of the Board

**Neville Bassett** 

Chairman

16 September 2021

# **Proxy Appointment and Voting Instructions**

#### **Proxy Form**

The Proxy Form (and any power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed) must be received at an address below, or by email by **11.00am (WST)** on **Wednesday 3 November 2021**. A Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid.

By mail Automic – GPO Box 5193, Sydney NSW 2000

By hand Automic- Level 5, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000

By email meetings@automicgroup.com.au

#### Appointment of a proxy

A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy. The proxy may, but need not be, a Shareholder.

The Company encourages Shareholders to appoint the Chairperson as your proxy. To do so, mark the appropriate box on the Proxy Form. If the person you wish to appoint as your proxy is someone other than the Chairperson, please write the name of that person in the space provided on the Proxy Form. If you leave this section blank, or your named proxy does not attend the Meeting, the Chairperson will be your 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, you may photocopy the Proxy Form.

It is recommended Shareholders complete the attached proxy form and send to the Company via the communication methods outlined above.

To appoint a second proxy you must, on each Proxy Form, state (in the appropriate box) the percentage of your voting rights which are the subject of the relevant proxy. If both Proxy Forms do not specify that percentage, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded.

#### **Corporate Shareholders**

Corporate Shareholders should comply with the execution requirements set out on the proxy form or otherwise with the provisions of section 127 of the Corporations Act. Section 127 of the Corporations Act provides that a company may execute a document without using its common seal if the document is signed by:

- two directors of the company;
- a director and a company secretary of the company; or
- for a proprietary company that has a sole director who is also the sole company secretary, that director.

#### Corporate representatives

A corporation may elect to appoint an individual to act as its representative in accordance with section 250D of the Corporations Act, in which case the Company will require a certificate of appointment of the corporate representative executed in accordance with the Corporations Act. The certificate of appointment must be lodged with the Company and/or the Company's share registry before the Meeting or at the registration desk on the day of the Meeting.

#### **Votes on Resolutions**

All voting on the Resolutions will be conducted by poll.

You may direct your proxy how to vote by placing a mark in the 'FOR', 'AGAINST' or 'ABSTAIN' box opposite the Resolution. All your votes will be cast in accordance with such a direction unless you

indicate only a portion of voting rights are to be voted on the Resolution by inserting the percentage or number of Shares you wish to vote in the appropriate boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes next to a Resolution, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses. If you mark more than one box on the Resolution, your vote will be invalid.

#### Chairperson voting undirected proxies

If the Chairperson is your proxy, the Chairperson will cast your votes in accordance with your directions on the Proxy Form. If you do not mark any of the boxes on the Resolutions, then you expressly authorise the Chairperson to vote your undirected proxies at his/her discretion.

As at the date of this Notice of Meeting, the Chairperson intends to vote undirected proxies <u>FOR</u> each of the Resolutions. In exceptional cases the Chairperson's intentions may subsequently change and in this event, the Company will make an announcement to the market.

#### Voting entitlement (snapshot date)

For the purposes of determining voting and attendance entitlements at the Meeting, Shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as holding the Shares at **11.00am (WST)** on **Wednesday 3 November 2021**. Accordingly, transactions registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Meeting.

#### **Questions from Shareholders**

Questions for the Board of Directors can be submitted in the same manner as outlined above for the lodgement of Proxy Forms and must be received no later than 11.00am (WST) on Wednesday 3 November 2021.

The board of Directors will endeavour to prepare answers to these questions, where necessary they will be moderated and curated to cover common ground.

The Chairperson will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders to ask questions or make comments on the management and performance of the Company.

Elderton Audit Pty Ltd, as the Auditor responsible for preparing the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 (or its representative), will attend the Meeting. The Chairperson will allow a reasonable opportunity for the Shareholders as a whole to ask the Auditor questions at the Meeting about:

- (a) the conduct of the audit;
- (b) the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report;
- (c) the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the Financial Statements; and
- (d) the independence of the Auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

To assist the Board and the Auditor of the Company in responding to any questions you may have, please submit any questions you may have to the address below by no later than **5.00pm (WST)** on **Friday 29 October 2021**.

By mail: Level 4, 216 St Georges Tce, Perth WA 6000

As required under section 250PA of the Corporations Act, at the Meeting, the Company will make available those questions directed to the Auditor received in writing at least five business days prior to the Meeting, being questions which the Auditor considers relevant to the content of the Auditor's report or the conduct of the audit of the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021. The Chairperson will allow a reasonable opportunity for the Auditor to respond to the questions set out on this list.

#### **Annual Report**

The Company advises that a copy of its Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021, is available to download at the website address, https://aurisminerals.com.au/investor/company-reports/.

When you access the Company's Annual Report online, you can view it and print a copy.

Please note that if you have elected to continue to receive a hard copy of the Company's Annual Reports, the Annual Report will accompany this Notice of Meeting or alternatively it will be mailed to you no later than 21 days before the Meeting.

However, if you did not elect to continue to receive a hard copy of the Company's Annual Reports and now (or sometime in the future) wish to receive a hard copy of the Company's Annual Reports, please contact the Company Secretary at <a href="mailto:general@aurisminerals.com.au">general@aurisminerals.com.au</a>. We will be pleased to mail you a copy.

# **Explanatory Statement**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared for the information of Shareholders in relation to the business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.

The purpose of this Explanatory Statement is to provide Shareholders with all information known to the Company which is material to a decision on how to vote on the Resolutions in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting.

This Explanatory Statement should be read in conjunction with the Notice of Annual General Meeting. Capitalised terms in this Explanatory Statement are defined in the Glossary.

#### 1. Financial Statements and Reports

Shareholders are to receive and consider the Financial Statements, Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Shareholders will be given the opportunity to ask questions of the Board and the Auditors in relation to the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 at the Meeting.

#### 2. Resolution 1 – Adoption of the Remuneration Report

The Remuneration Report is set out in the Directors' Report in the Company's 2021 Annual Report.

The Corporations Act requires the Company to put a resolution to Shareholders that the Remuneration Report be adopted. In accordance with section 250R(3) of the Corporations Act, the vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

In accordance with Division 9 of Part 2G.2 of the Corporations Act, if 25% or more of votes that are cast are voted against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive annual general meetings, Shareholders will be required to vote at the second of those annual general meetings on a resolution (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 reelection.

However, the Division does not apply if a spill resolution was put to the vote at the previous annual general meeting.

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%. As such, Shareholders do not need to consider a spill resolution at this Meeting.

A voting exclusion applies to Resolution 1 in the terms set out in the Notice of Meeting. Key Management Personnel and their Closely Related Parties may not vote on this Resolution and may not cast a vote as proxy, unless the proxy appointment gives a direction on how to vote or the proxy is given to the Chairperson and expressly authorises the Chairperson to exercise the proxy. The Chairperson will use any such proxies to vote in favour of Resolution 1.

The Company encourages all Shareholders to cast their votes on Resolution 1.

#### 3. Resolution 2 – Re-election of Mr Craig Hall as a Director

#### 3.1 Background

Resolution 2 seeks approval for the re-election of Mr Craig Hall as a Director.

Article 12.3(b) of the Company's Constitution requires that there be an election of Directors at each annual general meeting of the Company.

As Neville Bassett was re-elected at the Company's general meeting held on 7 December 2020, Mr Craig Hall has been selected to stand for re-election.

If Resolution 2 is not passed, Mr Craig Hall will no longer be a Director of the Company.

#### 3.2 Biography

A profile of Mr Craig Hall is contained at page 5 of the Company's Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

#### 3.3 Directors' recommendation

Mr Craig Hall has a material personal interest in the outcome of Resolution 2 and accordingly declines to make a recommendation in respect of Resolution 2.

The Directors (other than Mr Craig Hall) recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2 to re-elect Mr Craig Hall as a Non-Executive Director.

#### 4. Resolution 3 – Approval of Additional Placement Facility

#### 4.1 Background

Resolution 3 seeks Shareholder approval for an additional issuing capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A (**Additional Placement Facility**).

If approved, Resolution 3 would enable the Company to issue additional Equity Securities (calculated below) over a 12-month period without obtaining Shareholder approval.

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 approval of its shareholders over any 12-month period to 15% of the fully-paid ordinary securities it had on issue at the start of that period.

Under Listing Rule 7.1A, however, an eligible entity can seek approval from its members, by way of a special resolution passed at its annual general meeting, to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25%.

An "eligible entity" means an entity which is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 index and which has a market capitalisation of \$300 million or less. The Company is an eligible entity for these purposes.

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

If Resolution 3 is passed, the Company will be able to issue equity securities up to the combined 25% limit in Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A without any further Shareholder approval.

If Resolution 3 is not passed, the Company will not be able to access the additional 10% capacity to issue equity securities without Shareholder approval provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A and will remain subject to the 15% limit on issuing equity securities without Shareholder approval set out in Listing Rule 7.1.

#### 4.2 Information on Additional Placement Facility

#### (a) Quoted securities

Any Equity Securities issued under the Additional Placement Facility must be in the same class as an existing class of Equity Securities of the Company that are quoted on ASX.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company has only one class of Equity Securities quoted on ASX, being its fully-paid ordinary Shares.

#### (b) Formula for Additional Placement Facility

If this Resolution 3 is passed, the Company may issue or agree to issue, during the 12-month period after this Meeting, the number of Equity Securities calculated in accordance with the following formula.

#### Additional Placement Capacity = $(A \times D) - E$

where:

A = the number of fully-paid ordinary securities on issue at the commencement of the relevant period:

- plus the number of fully-paid ordinary securities issued in the relevant period under an exception in ASX Listing Rule 7.2 other than exception 9, 16, or 17;
- plus the number of fully-paid ordinary securities issued in the relevant period on the conversion of convertible securities within rule 7.2 exception 9 where:
  - the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4;
- plus the number of fully-paid ordinary securities issued in the relevant period under an agreement to issue securities within rule 7.2 exception 16 where:
  - the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - the agreement or issue was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4;
- plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in the relevant period with approval under Listing Rule 7.1 or ASX Listing Rule 7.4;
- plus the number of partly-paid ordinary securities that became fully-paid in the relevant period;
- less the number of fully-paid ordinary securities cancelled in the relevant period;
- D = 10%; and
- E = the number of Equity Securities issued or agreed to be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the relevant period where the issue or agreement has not been subsequently approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.4.

#### 4.3 ASX Listing Rule requirements

In accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, the following information is provided in relation to the proposed approval of the Additional Placement Facility:

#### (a) Period for which the approval will be valid

The Additional Placement Facility would commence on the date of the Meeting and expire on the first to occur of the following:

- the date that is 12 months after this Meeting (i.e. 5 November 2022);
- the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting; or
- the time and date of the approval by Shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or Listing Rule 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).

#### (b) Minimum price at which equity securities may be issued

Any Equity Securities issued under the Additional Placement Facility must be in an existing quoted class of the Company's securities and issued for cash consideration per security which is not less than 75% of the VWAP for securities in that class, calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- the date on which the price at which the securities are to be issued is agreed; or
- if the securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the above date, the date on which the securities are issued.

#### (c) Purposes for which the funds raised by an issue of equity securities may be used

The Company may issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity for cash consideration only, and the Company intends to use any funds raised under such an issue for continued exploration and evaluation of the Company's exploration projects, to acquire new assets or make investments and for general working capital.

#### (d) Risk of economic and voting dilution

If Resolution 3 is passed and the Company issues securities under the Additional Placement Facility, there is a risk to existing Shareholders of economic and voting dilution, including the risk that:

- (i) the market price for Equity Securities in the same class may be significantly lower on the issue date of the new Equity Securities than on the date of this Meeting; and
- (ii) the new Equity Securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for Equity Securities in the same class on the issue date.

The table below identifies the potential dilution to existing Shareholders following the issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility (based on the formula set out above) using different variables for the number of issued Shares and the market price of Shares.

The numbers are calculated on the basis of the latest available market price of Shares before the date of this Notice and the current number of Shares on issue.

	Dilution				
Number of Shares on Issue	Number of Shares issued under 10% Placement Capacity	Funds raised based on issue price of \$0.026	Funds raised based on issue price of \$0.052	Funds raised based on issue price of \$0.104	
		(50% decrease in issue price)	(issue price)	(100% increase in issue price)	
476,625,957 (Current)	47,662,596	\$1,239,227	\$2,478,455	\$4,956,910	
714,938,936 (50% increase)	71,493,894	\$1,858,841	\$3,717,682	\$7,435,365	
953,251,914 (100% increase)	95,325,191	\$2,478,455	\$4,956,910	\$9,913,820	

Notes: The above table has been prepared on the following bases/assumptions:

- 1. The latest available market price of Shares as at the date of the Notice was \$0.052.
- 2. The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the Additional Placement Facility.
- Existing Shareholders' holdings do not change from the date of this Meeting to the date of the issue under the Additional Placement Facility.
- 4. The Company issues Shares only and does not issue other types of Equity Securities (such as Options) under the Additional Placement Facility.
- 5. The impact of additional issues of securities under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 or following the exercise of options is not included in the calculations.
- 6. Economic dilution for the table above is calculated using the following formula:

$$ED = (MP - (NMC / TS)) / MP$$

where:

MC = market capitalisation prior to issue of Equity Securities, being the MP multiplied by the number of Shares on issue;

**MP** = the market price of Shares traded on ASX, expressed as in dollars;

NMC = notional market capitalisation, being the market capitalisation plus the NSV;

**NSV** = new security value, being the number of new Equity Securities multiplied by the issue price of those Equity Securities; and

**TS** = total Shares on issue following new Equity Security issue.

#### (e) Allocation policy

The Company's allocation policy for the issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility will depend on the prevailing market conditions at the time of the proposed issue. The allottees will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors such as:

- (i) the methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including but not limited to, rights issues or other issues in which existing Security holders can participate;
- (ii) the effect of the issue of the new securities on the control of the Company;

- (iii) the financial situation and solvency of the Company; and
- (iv) advice from corporate and other advisors.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company has not identified any proposed allottees of Equity Securities using the Additional Placement Facility. However, the eventual allottees may include existing substantial Shareholders, other Shareholders and/or new investors.

None of the allottees will be a related party or an associate of a related party of the Company, except as permitted under ASX Listing Rule 7.2. Existing Shareholders may or may not be entitled to subscribe for Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility and it is possible that their shareholding will be diluted.

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under ASX Listing Rules 7.1A.4 and 3.10.5A upon issue of any Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility.

#### (f) Previous issues under Listing Rule 7.1A in previous 12 months

The Company did not make any issues pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1A the 12 months prior to the Meeting.

#### 4.4 Directors' recommendation

The Directors unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3 as it will give the Company the flexibility to raise and fund necessary working capital whilst preserving the Company's cash reserves.

### 5. Resolution 4: Adoption of Auris Minerals Limited Employee Incentive Plan

#### 5.1 Introduction - resolution regarding new employee incentive scheme

The Company has introduced a new employee share scheme which is presented to Shareholders for approval at this General Meeting.

Resolution 4 relates to the Auris Minerals Limited Incentive Plan (EIP), described in more detail below.

The EIP incorporates both broad based equity participation for eligible employees as well as key executive incentive schemes.

If Resolution 4 is not passed, the Company will not be able to introduce the EIP.

#### 5.2 Background

A summary of the key terms of the EIP is set out in Annexure A, and a copy of the rules of the EIP is available upon request from the Company.

The purpose of the EIP is to:

- (a) reward directors, employees and consultants of the Company;
- (b) assist in the retention and motivation of directors, employees and consultants of the Company;and
- (c) provide an incentive to directors, employees and consultants of the Company to grow shareholder value by providing them with an opportunity to receive an ownership interest in the Company.

Shareholder approval of the EIP is being sought for all purposes under the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules, including Listing Rule 7.2 (exception 13), so that securities issued in accordance with the EIP will be excluded from the calculation of the maximum number of new securities that can be issued

by the Company in any 12 month period (currently 15% of shares previously on issue) for a period of three years from the date of approval.

The maximum number of equity securities that may be issued under the EIP is 23,831,298.

In general terms, the number of shares that may be issued under the EIP is set with regard to the limits prescribed under ASIC Class Order 14/1000 with respect to employee share scheme offers made without a prospectus and made in accordance with a Notice of Reliance (CF 08). These limits provide that the number of shares that may be issued, when aggregated with a number of shares issued during the previous three years from share issues under all employee share schemes established by the Company (including as a result of exercise of options to acquire shares granted to the previous three years under any such employee share scheme), must not exceed 5% of the total number of shares on issue. Certain unregulated offers, including offers to senior managers and overseas residents are excluded.

If this Resolution 4 is approved by Shareholders, it will have the effect of enabling the securities issued by the Company under the EIP to be automatically excluded from the formula to calculate the number of securities which the Company may issue within the 15% in 12 months limit under Listing Rule 7.1 during the next three years period.

This is the first approval sought under Listing Rule 7.2 (exception 13) with respect to the EIP. Accordingly, no securities have previously been issued under the EIP.

Any future issues of securities under the EIP to a related party or a person whose relationship with the company or the related party is, in ASX's opinion, such that approval should be obtained will require additional Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.14 at the relevant time.

#### 5.3 EIP terms generally

The EIP is a new employee equity plan developed to meet contemporary equity design standards and to provide the greatest possible flexibility in the design and offer choices available in the various new equity schemes.

The EIP enables the Company to offer employees a range of different employee share scheme ("ESS") interests. These ESS interests or awards include options, performance rights, service rights, deferred shares, exempt shares, cash rights and stock appreciation rights.

The type of ESS interest that may be offered to employees will be determined by a number of factors, including:

- the remuneration or incentive purpose;
- the tax jurisdiction that the employee lives and/or works in;
- the laws governing equity incentives where the employee lives and/or works; and
- the logistics and compliance costs associated with offering equity incentives where the employee lives and/or works.

Whenever Shares are acquired under the EIP, they may be acquired and held by an Employee Share Trust ("EST"). The EST will be governed by a trust deed ("EST Trust Deed") outlining the rules of the EST and the responsibilities of the Trustee, the Company and participants and a copy of any EST Trust Deed will be available upon request from the Company. It is not the intention of the company to establish an EST.

#### 5.4 Directors' Recommendation

The Directors unanimously recommend Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4. As stated in the Notice, any vote cast in respect of this resolution by a Director and their respective associates will be disregarded, except as stated in the Notice.

#### Glossary of terms

In this Explanatory Statement, the following terms have the following meaning unless the context otherwise requires:

Annual General The annual general meeting of Shareholders or any adjournment thereof,

Meeting or Meeting

convened by the Notice.

**Associate** Has the meaning given to that term in the Listing Rules.

ASX ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market known as the

Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited, as the context

requires.

Auditor Elderton Audit Pty Ltd.

**Board** The Board of Directors of the Company.

**Business Day** Has the meaning given to that term in the Listing Rules.

**Chairperson** The chair of the Meeting.

**Closely Related Party** Has the meaning given in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

**Company** Auris Minerals Limited (ACN 085 806 284).

ConstitutionThe constitution of the Company.Corporations ActThe Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

**Director** A director of the Company.

**EIP** The Auris Minerals Limited Incentive Plan the subject of Resolution 4.

Explanatory Statement

This explanatory statement which accompanies and forms part of the

Notice.

**Key Management** 

Personnel

Has the meaning given in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

**Listing Rules** The listing rules of ASX, as amended from time to time.

**Notice** This notice of Annual General Meeting.

**Option** An option to acquire a Share.

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

**Related Party** Has the meaning given to that term in the Listing Rules.

**Resolution** A resolution set out in the Notice.

**Section** A section of the Explanatory Statement.

Securities The securities of the Company within the meaning of section 761A of the

Corporations Act and includes a Share and an Option.

**Security Holder** A holder of Securities in the Company.

**Share** A fully paid ordinary share in the Company.

**Shareholder** The holder of a Share in the Company.

WST Australian Western Standard Time, being the time in Perth, Western

Australia.

#### **ANNEXURE A**

#### SUMMARY OF EIP KEY TERMS AND KEY POLICY SETTINGS

#### Eligibility

The Board has the discretion to determine which employees are eligible to participate in the EIP. The definition of employee under the rules of the EIP includes any full time or permanent part time employee or officer or director of the Company or consultant of the Company or any related body corporate of the Company.

#### **Vesting conditions**

The vesting of any securities issued under the EIP, excluding Exempt Shares and Stock Appreciation Rights, may be conditional on the satisfaction of performance and/or service conditions as determined by the Board and advised to the employee in the individual's offer documents.

#### **Exercise of securities**

Vested securities issued under the EIP will not automatically trigger the exercise of the securities, but a participant will be entitled to exercise in accordance with the terms contained in the invitation to the individual.

#### Price

Securities issued under the EIP may be issued at no cost to the participants. Options may be subject to payment of an exercise price by the participant which is determined by the Board and advised to the participant in the individual's offer documents.

#### Lapse/forfeiture

Securities issued under the EIP will lapse or be forfeited on the earliest of:

- any expiry date applicable to the securities;
- any date which the Board determines that vesting conditions applicable to the securities are not met or cannot be met:
- the participant dealing in respect of the securities in contravention of the EIP; and
- the Board determining that a participant has committed an act of fraud, is ineligible to hold the office for the purposes of Part 2D.6 of the Corporations Act, or is found to have acted in a manner that the Board considers to constitute gross misconduct.

#### Board may elect to settle in cash

If the Board determines that it is not appropriate for tax, legal, regulatory or compliance reason to issue or transfer Shares upon satisfaction of its obligations under the plan, the Company may make a cash payment to the participant in accordance with the terms of the plan.

## Waiving the restricted period

The Board may waive or shorten the restriction period applicable to securities issued under the EIP, as contained in the offer to the participant.

#### **Change of Control**

On the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined in the rules of the EIP), the Board will determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, the manner in which vested and unvested securities issued under the EIP shall be dealt with.

#### **Cessation of employment**

All unvested securities issued under the EIP lapse immediately on termination of employment unless any Leaver's Policy applies or the Board determines otherwise depending on the circumstances.

#### No dealing or hedging

Dealing restrictions apply to securities issued under the EIP in accordance with the rules of the EIP and the Company's share trading policy. Participants are prohibited from hedging or otherwise protecting the value of unvested securities issued under the EIP.

#### **Rights attaching to Shares**

Shares issued under the plan will rank equally for dividends and other entitlements, be subject to any restrictions imposed under these rules and otherwise rank equally with the existing Shares on issue at the time of allotment.

#### Company may issue or acquire shares

Company may, in its discretion, either issue new shares or acquire shares already on issue, or a combination of both, to satisfy the Company's obligations under the EIP.

#### **Adjustments**

Prior to the allocation of shares to a participant upon vesting or exercise of securities issued under the EIP, the Board may make any adjustment it considers appropriate to the terms of securities in order to minimise or eliminate any material advantage or disadvantage to a participant resulting from a corporate action such as a capital raising or capital reconstruction.

#### Limits on securities issued

The number of shares that may be issued under the EIP is set with regard to the limits prescribed under ASIC Class Order 14/1000 with respect to employee share scheme offers made without a prospectus and made in accordance with a Notice of Reliance (CF 08). These limits provide that the number of shares that may be issued, when aggregated with a number of shares issued during the previous three years from share issues under all employee share schemes established by the Company (including as a result of exercise of options to acquire shares granted in the previous three years under any such employee share scheme), must not exceed 5% of the total number of shares on issue. Certain unregulated offers, including offers to senior managers and overseas residents are excluded.

An overall limit of 15% for employee share scheme (ESS) offers is imposed.

#### Continued operation of the plan

The plan may be suspended, terminated or amended at any time by the Board, subject to any resolution of the Company required by the listing rules.