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ASX Announcement

Ignite Limited ("Ignite") - Notice of General Meeting

Ignite advises that the attached Notice of General Meeting for the meeting to be held on 28 April 2022, will be emailed /posted to shareholders later today.

Garry Sladden Chairman

About Ignite

Ignite Limited [ASX: IGN] (Ignite) is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia and listed on ASX.

For more than 30 years Ignite has been using its deep industry expertise and extensive relationships to unite permanent, contract and temporary workers with government, non-government entities and private clients of all sizes through its Specialist Recruitment, On Demand IT Services and Talent Solutions divisions throughout Australia.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

to be held at 10:00am on Thursday 28 April 2022 By video conference

http://EGMWebinar.igniteco.com

(The password will be provided following registration to attend the meeting.)

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CAST THEIR VOTE

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Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting ("the Meeting") of Ignite Limited ("the Company") will be held at 10:00am on Thursday 28 April 2022 by video conference.

Important Information regarding the holding of, and attendance, at the Meeting.

The health, safety and well-being of our shareholders, staff and advisors is of great concern to Ignite, and as such, the Company will hold the Meeting by way of video conference. There will be no physical location where shareholders can attend the Meeting.

The consequences are as follows:

- 1. If you wish to attend the virtual Meeting, you must register *at least* 24 hours prior to the Meeting by providing the following details:
 - Name as per the register
 - Address as per the register
 - Number of shares
 - Last 4 digits of your HIN/SRN.
 - (i) If you are an individual shareholder:
 - Register at <u>http://EGMRegistration.igniteco.com</u>
 - (ii) If the shareholder is a non-person:
 - The proxy or appointed representative is to register at <u>http://EGMRegistration.igniteco.com</u>, and
 - Email a copy of your proxy form or evidence of appointment as corporate/other entity representative to <u>EGM@igniteco.com</u>.

Following registration all shareholders will be sent a link to the Meeting webcast (<u>http://EGMWebinar.igniteco.com</u>) and the password to enter the webinar. We may provide an opportunity to ask questions at the Meeting. However, there may be connectivity and other issues during the video conference.

- 2. Please mute your microphone unless you wish to ask a question.
- 3. If you wish to ask a question or make a comment, please raise your hand and wait until the Chairman acknowledges you and invites you to speak.
- 4. All resolutions will be determined by way of a poll. The poll will be conducted based on votes submitted by proxy and on-line voting, and by Shareholders who have registered to attend and who vote at the Meeting in accordance with the instructions below.
- 5. Due to the virtual nature of the Meeting, the Company's share registry, Computershare, will be facilitating voting during the Meeting. If you wish to cast your vote during the Meeting, you will need to visit <u>https://meetnow.global/MVTY9MH</u> on your smartphone, tablet or computer. You will need the latest version of Chrome, Safari, Edge or Firefox. Please ensure your browser is compatible. For further instructions on how to participate online please view the online Meeting user guide at: <u>www.computershare.com.au/onlinevotingguide.</u>

You can also vote online prior to the Meeting or lodge a proxy form.

Shareholders are encouraged to lodge a proxy form to vote at the General Meeting at least 48 hours before the Meeting or lodge your vote on-line prior to the Meeting, if they do not intend to join the Meeting by video and cast their vote at that time.

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ORDINARY BUSINESS

Appointment of Directors

A shareholder, Octavium Capital Investment Pty Ltd (formerly OC20181 Pty Ltd) ITF OC20181 Trust, who holds more than 5% of the issued capital of the Company, has requested that the following ordinary resolutions be put to a General Meeting of shareholders – see Annexure.

The Directors of Ignite recommend that you vote AGAINST these resolutions.

Resolution 1: Election of Philip Speakman as a director

"That Philip Speakman, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective immediately from the close of this general meeting."

Resolution 2: Election of Michael Solomon as a director

"That Michael Solomon, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective immediately from the close of this general meeting."

Resolution 3: Election of Daniel Altiok Brown as a director

"That Daniel Altiok Brown, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective immediately from the close of this general meeting."

Resolution 4: Election of Trevor Robertson as a director

"That Trevor Robertson, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective from the close of this general meeting."

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21 March 2022

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VOTING EXCLUSION

There are no voting exclusions

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared for the shareholders of the Company to provide information about the items of business to be considered at the Meeting of shareholders to be held on Thursday 28 April 2022. It is **IMPORTANT** that Shareholders read this document in full.

All four resolutions to be voted on are ordinary resolutions. An ordinary resolution requires a simple majority of votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote on the resolution in order for it to be carried.

All resolutions will be determined by way of a poll. This means that the vote will be based on the number of shares voted, not the number of shareholders who voted.

Shareholders may cast their vote in any of the following ways:

- 1. Submitting a proxy form to be received by Computershare at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the Meeting.
- 2. Lodging their vote on-line (via appointment of a proxy) prior to the Meeting as detailed on the proxy document.
- 3. Voting during the Meeting, by visiting the website advised on registering attendance, which must be done no later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

How will the Chairman vote as proxy if the shareholder has not directed the Chairman to vote?

The Chairman intends to vote AGAINST all Resolutions. If a shareholder appoints the Chairman of the Meeting as proxy and does not direct the Chairman how to vote on a Resolution then, if that shareholder is entitled to vote on that Resolution, the Chairman will vote AGAINST that Resolution.

NOTES

- 1. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on the member's behalf. If the member is entitled to cast two or more votes at the Meeting, the member may appoint not more than two proxies to attend and vote on the member's behalf.
- 2. If a shareholder appoints two proxies, each proxy should be appointed to represent a specified proportion or number of the member's votes. In the absence of such a specification, each proxy will be entitled to exercise half the votes.
- 3. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- 4. To appoint a proxy (or two proxies), a proxy form must be signed by the shareholder or the shareholder's attorney duly authorised in writing. If the shareholder is a corporation, the proxy form must be signed either under the corporation's common seal (if any) or under the hand of its attorney or officer duly authorised.
- 5. To be effective, a proxy form (and, if it is signed by an attorney, the authority under which it is signed or a certified copy of the authority) must be received by the Company not later than 10.00am on Tuesday 26 April 2022 ie 48 hours prior to the Meeting. Proxy forms and authorities may be sent to the Company by post, personal delivery or fax as follows:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited **Street address**: Level 3, 60 Carrington Street, Sydney NSW 2000 **Mailing address**: GPO Box 242, Melbourne VIC 3001 **Fax**: (within Australia) 1800 783 447 (outside Australia) +61 3 9473 2555 **Web**: www.investorvote.com.au and follow the instruction provided

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6. A corporate shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting may appoint a body corporate representative to attend and vote for the shareholder. Also, as noted previously, a body corporate may be appointed as a proxy.

The Company will accept the original appointment, a certified copy of the appointment or a certificate from the corporate shareholder giving notice of the appointment as satisfactory evidence of the appointment.

You must lodge your body corporate representative appointment document before the Meeting.

7. For the purposes of the Meeting, persons on the register of members as at 7:00pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022 will be treated as members. This means that if you are not the registered holder of a relevant share at that time you will not be entitled to vote in respect of that share.

Recommendations by the Board of Ignite Limited

Directors' Recommendations regarding the resolutions to appoint four ADDITIONAL directors NOMINATED by a substantial shareholder – OC20181 Pty Ltd (name changed to Octavium Capital Investment Pty Ltd) ("Octavium") Summary

The Directors recommend to shareholders that they **VOTE AGAINST** all four resolutions to appoint additional Directors for the following reasons:

- A. CURRENT BOARD COMPOSITION AND PERFORMANCE IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF IGNITE SHAREHOLDERS
- B. CONTROL, CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LACK OF INDEPENDENCE CONCERNS REGARDING PROPOSED ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS
- C. INAPPROPRIATE, COSTLY AND CONCERNING BEHAVIOUR BY OCTAVIUM

A. CURRENT BOARD COMPOSITION AND PERFORMANCE IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF IGNITE SHAREHOLDERS

- The current performance and share price of Ignite demonstrate the positive impacts of the corporate restructuring over the past 2 years, as well as the forward momentum the new, highly experienced leadership team under CEO Tim Moran is bringing to the business.
- In addition, Mr Moran has demonstrated his commitment to Ignite and his belief in the currently strategy and future for the company by personally purchasing 8,320,000 shares in Ignite, representing 9.29% of the shares currently on issue.
- The Ignite Board has recently appointed Cameron Judson as a new **INDEPENDENT** Non-Executive Director. Cameron is a recognised recruitment industry leader who was CEO and Managing Director of Chandler MacLeod, one of the largest and most successful ASX-listed recruitment companies. Cameron has significant recruitment industry knowledge, expertise, and is held in high regard within the industry. He is an independent director and has no current links to any major shareholder or any other recruitment company.
- With the addition of Mr Judson, the Board now comprises 4 Directors, each bringing specialist expertise and experience across a range of core business areas including recruitment, human resources, legal services and corporate finance. The Board is very well structured to continue its stewardship of the business and oversee the execution of the current strategic plan.
- As evidenced by this recent appointment, the Board is committed to ensuring Directors are well
 qualified and bring complementary skill sets. It is the Board's opinion that the additional Directors
 nominated by Octavium do not meet these requirements.

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B. CONTROL, CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND LACK OF INDEPENDENCE CONCERNS REGARDING PROPOSED ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS

- **NONE** of the proposed additional Directors have demonstrated to the Board that they are truly independent, disclosed any conflicts of interest or provided evidence that they are fit and proper to hold office as a Director.
- In particular, the Board notes:
 - ALL of the Octavium nominated Directors appear to be part of a team of associatesⁱ formed by Daniel Altiok-Brown to take control of the Ignite Board. Mr Altiok-Brown is the SOLE shareholder of Octavium. Please see <u>Footnote 2</u> regarding the Board's additional concerns regarding voting.ⁱⁱ
 - **NONE** of the Octavium nominated Directors have made any contact with the Company.
 - NONE of the Octavium nominated Directors can reasonably be considered to be independent, particularly as all of them have relied upon Octavium to provide nomination information to Ignite.
 - NONE of the Octavium nominated Directors ensured that their nomination was lodged in time to have been considered at the 2021 AGM, leading to additional costs being incurred by Ignite shareholders in having to convene another general meeting.
 - Despite numerous requests, NONE of the Octavium nominated Directors have provided any information regarding their suitability to be a director in line with the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations.
 - **NONE** of the Octavium nominated Directors have disclosed whether or not they have any personal interest in Ignite shares, directly or indirectly.
- The Board also has the following **SPECIFIC CONCERNS** regarding a possible lack of independence and potential or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to the nominated Directors:
 - **Michael Solomon** is the Managing Director of Mitchell Lake a **DIRECT COMPETITOR** of Ignite. Mr Solomon is nominated to the Board by Octavium.
 - Trevor Robertson is an ASSOCIATE of Mr Altiok-Brown. The Directors have reason to believe that Mr Robertson, Mr Altiok-Brown and Octavium engaged in a serious breach of the takeover provisions of the Corporations Act in relation to their Ignite shareholding – please see <u>Footnote 3</u> for further details.^{III} Mr Robertson is nominated to the Board by Octavium, as he was in December 2020, when shareholders voted AGAINST his appointment.
 - Philip Speakman is nominated to the Board by Octavium. The Board has no information on which to judge Mr Speakman's suitability to the role or the benefits he would bring for Ignite shareholders.
 - Daniel Altiok-Brown would NOT be an Independent Director as he is the SOLE shareholder of Octavium.^{iv} Please see <u>Footnote 4</u> for additional details regarding Mr Altiok-Brown's shareholding arrangements. Mr Altiok-Brown is nominated to the Board by Octavium.
- The Board has **CONCERNS** regarding Octavium's intentions as follows:
 - On 23 February 2022, Mr Altiok-Brown sent an email to the Ignite Chairman stating that *"I am writing to you to indicate Octavium Capital Investment's interest in a change of control".*
 - This statement is of serious concern to the Ignite Board and should be of serious concern to **ALL** Ignite shareholders in light of the subject matter of this general meeting.
 - This is considered by the Directors as effectively stating that Mr Altiok-Brown and Octavium intend to take over Ignite by taking control of the Ignite Board and **NOT** paying Ignite shareholders **ANY** takeover premium.
 - ALL of the proposed additional Directors have been nominated by Octavium and, to the Directors' understanding, have developed a relationship with Mr Altiok-Brown over many months. As at 16 March 2022, Octavium owned 24.7% of Ignite's shares.

 Since October 2018, Mr Altiok-Brown and Octavium (and associate, Chesser Nominees) have built a shareholding in Ignite of 24.7% as shown in the Substantial Shareholder Notice of 15 March 2022

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The average price at which Octavium has acquired Ignite shares is \$0.055 (prior to the recent purchases, being those made since January 2022. At the Ignite closing share price on 20 March 2022 (\$0.23), Octavium is (prima facie) sitting on a significant unrealised gross capital gain of approximately \$3,500,000 – this is a return of over 300%. Nevertheless, Mr Altiok-Brown and Octavium continue to claim that they are a long-suffering shareholder.^v

C. INAPPROPRIATE, COSTLY AND CONCERNING BEHAVIOUR BY OCTAVIUM

- The Board notes that the names of the Octavium nominated Directors were **DISCLOSED** in a recruitment industry public blog on 17 November 2021, a week before the Ignite AGM. The Board believes this was a blatant attempt to destabilise Ignite, and to undermine the efforts of the Ignite leadership team to implement its current strategic plan particularly as those named were not even standing for election at the AGM.
- The Board is also very concerned that the ongoing activities of Octavium, Mr Altiok-Brown and his associates are leading to increased costs being incurred by Ignite in calling multiple general meetings. Such activities also take up substantial Board and management time that could be better spent on running the business and implementing the strategic plan. It is also seriously disruptive and destabilising for the Ignite executive team.
- The calling of this meeting, and similarly the calling of the 2020 Extraordinary General Meeting^{vi}, was entirely avoidable as the Octavium nominees were known and named publicly before the AGM, and each of them simply missed the nomination close date to be elected a director at the 2021 AGM.^{vii}
- An experienced ASX director would have known this simple procedure and thereby avoided the significant disruption and distraction to the Board and management and the significant additional cost to shareholders.
- Mr Altiok-Brown has made false statements in seeking to get himself and his associates elected as directors. He made the following statement in the attached annexure: "The majority of Ignite shareholders by number already support Board change based on the 2021 AGM spill the board resolution vote."

This false and misleading statement implies that more than 50% of the total number of Ignite shareholders voted for the spill resolution. In fact, **LESS THAN 9% (8.5%)** of the total number of shareholders voted for the spill resolution.

 And most significantly, the Board is concerned that by seeking the appointment of 4 additional Directors, Octavium's intention is to take control of the Board and thereby the fate of Ignite without paying to any other shareholders a premium for such control.^{viii}

Recommendations regarding each resolution

The Directors recommend that shareholders vote AGAINST all resolutions for the reasons set out above.

Your vote is very important and the Directors encourage all holders to exercise their right to vote by returning their completed proxy form to the share registry by 10.00am on April 26th or vote on line.

ⁱ **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: there are numerous references in this document to 'associates', particularly in the context of Octavium and Mr Altiok-Brown. Although the concept of an 'associate' at law is complex, it includes:

(a) a person with whom the other person is acting, or proposing to act in concert in relation to the company's affairs; and

(b) persons with whom the primary person has entered into an agreement for the purpose of controlling or influencing the composition of the company's board or the conduct of the company's affairs.

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ⁱⁱ **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: A serious concern for the Ignite Board is that this is a team of persons nominated by a major shareholder, namely Octavium, who should be regarded as associates of Octavium and who are likely to vote in accordance with its wishes or directions. It is reasonable to consider this corporate action as akin to a takeover by stealth with **NO** premium being paid to **ALL** Ignite shareholders.

^{III} **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: In July 2020, Octavium acquired 2,400,000 Ignite shares that took it veryclose to the '3% creep' permitted in 6 months under the takeover provisions of the Corporations Act (ie a permitted acquisition of shares that does not contravene section 606 of the Corporation Act). This meant that for the next 6 months, neither Octavium nor its associates could acquire any further relevant interest in Ignite shares other than a very small number of shares. In various communications, including the letter sent in support of the December 2020 Extraordinary General Meeting, Mr Altiok-Brown has described Mr Robertson as an associate, and the Board considers that Mr Robertson has acted as such. However, on or before 9 November 2020, Mr Robertson acquired 116, 001 Ignite shares. This acquisition occurred within six months of Octavium's last Ignite share acquisition, thus causing Octavium to breach the 3% creep rule (because Octavium has the same relevant interest in those additional shares as Mr Robertson, given they are associates). When Ignite discovered the breach, and asked Octavium whether it was relying on an exemption, Mr Altiok-Brown replied that Mr Robertson had sold his shares on 17 December 2020. This appeared to be an attempt to remedy the breach, but itdoes not diminish the fact that a serious contravention of the Corporations Act appears to have been committed.

^{iv} **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: Mr Altiok-Brown failed to appropriately declare to the ASX his interest in the Ignite shares through Octavium as required by Section 671B of the Corporations Act, despite having been formally notified by Ignite on 15 December 2020 that full disclosure had not been made. This apparent breach seems to have continued from the initial acquisition in October 2018 to the date of this notice. Such a breach can result in a penalty of \$5,550 AND/OR imprisonment for 6 months.

^v IMPORTANT TO NOTE: In a letter sent to ALL Ignite shareholders just prior to the 2021 AGM, Mr Altiok-Brown and Octavium made the bold statement "As such we have concerns that the recent share price rise WILL NOT be maintained in the medium term". Since this statement was made in writing to all Ignite shareholders, the price of Ignite shares has increased from \$0.14 to \$0.23, an increase of 64%. The Board notes that Octavium recently purchased 1,7679,953 Ignite shares for 17 cents, 18 cents and 24.6 cents (held by Chesser Nominees Pty Ltd for Octavium) – all at a significant premium to the share price as at the date of its bold statement that the share price will not be maintained. The Board therefore questions WHY did Mr Altiok-Brown and Octavium purchase more shares at a significant premium after advising Ignite shareholders that the Ignite shares will fall?

^{vi} **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: Octavium also called a General Meeting in December 2020, where it unsuccessfully attempted to appoint Mr Altiok-Brown and Mr Robertson to the Board. This meetingwas called as Octavium, again, missed the cut-off date for nominations – the nominees' election could have easily been considered at the 2020 AGM. All shareholders had to bear the unnecessary costs of that meeting and it caused a significant distraction for the Board and senior management for two months leading up to the meeting.

^{vii} **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: On 5 October 2021, Mr Altiok-Brown rang the Company Secretary toascertain the cut-off date for nomination of directors to be considered at the AGM. He was advised that the cut-off date was the previous day, 4 October 2021. On 6 and 7 October 2021, Mr Altiok- Brown/Octavium sent an email to the Company Secretary and the Chairman, accusing Ignite of failing to provide the 35 days notice period for Director nominations as required by the ASX. The cut-off required is actually 35 Business days, and was provided in accordance with ASX requirements.

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^{viii} **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**: In a letter dated 28 January 2022 from Octavium to the Ignite Chairman and Board, Octavium stated its intention to nominate 4 additional Directors and included the following statement, " we …would suggest you and the Board of Ignite should be operating in caretaker mode." The Board believes this implies that the 4 nominated Directors will vote in a block in accordance with Octavium and Mr Altiok-Brown's wishes, and against the current Board.

Request from shareholder (Papers attached.)



Monday, 28th February 2022

The Directors and Company Secretary Ignite Limited Mezzanine Level 3 Spring Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sirs/Madam,

We enclose the following documents;

- 1. Request for Directors to call a General Meeting pursuant to section 249D of the Corporations Act 2001(Cth) (Corporations Act) dated Monday, 28 February 2022;
- 2. Request for distribution of Members Statement pursuant to section 249P that is enclosed with the 249D request;
- 3. A separate copy of the Members Statement pursuant to section 249P that is enclosed with the 249D request;
- 4. Consent to act as Director of Ignite Ltd signed by Michael Solomon dated 21 February 2022;
- 5. Consent to act as Director of Ignite Ltd signed by Philip Speakman dated 21 February 2022;
- Consent to act as Director of Ignite Ltd signed by Daniel Altiok Brown dated 21 February 2022; and
- 7. Consent to act as Director of Ignite Ltd signed by Trevor Robertson dated 21 February 2022.

Yours Sincerely,

Daniel Altiok Brown Executive Director

Octavium Capital Investment Pty Ltd ATF for 0C20181 Trust



Monday, 28th February 2022

The Directors and Company Secretary Ignite Limited Mezzanine Level 3 Spring Street

Sydney NSW 2000

REQUEST FOR DIRECTORS TO CALL A GENERAL MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 249D OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 (CTH)

Dears Sirs/Madam,

Pursuant to section 249D of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (**Corporations Act**), Octavium Capital Investment Pty Ltd ACN 629 927 671 as trustee for OC20181 Trust being a member of Ignite Ltd ACN 002 724 334 (**Company**) holding at least 5% of the votes that may be cast at a general meeting of the Company (**Requesting Shareholder**), hereby requests the Company and the directors of the Company to convene a general meeting of members of the Company.

Pursuant to section 249N, the Requesting Shareholder proposes to move at that general meeting a resolution to consider and, if thought fit, pass each of the following ordinary resolutions:

Resolution 1: Election of Philip Speakman as a director

• "That Philip Speakman, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective immediately from the close of this general meeting."

Resolution 2: Election of Michael Solomon as a director

• "That Michael Solomon, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective immediately from the close of this general meeting."

Resolution 3: Election of Daniel Altiok Brown as a director

• "That Daniel Altiok Brown, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective immediately from the close of this general meeting."

Resolution 4: Election of Trevor Robertson as a director

• "That Trevor Robertson, having consented to act as director of the Company, be appointed as a director of the Company effective from the close of this general meeting."

To ensure compliance with section 249L of the Corporations Act and to ensure the notice of meeting for the general meeting is truly informative, the Requesting Shareholder also encloses, as attachment "A", biographical details of Philip Speakman, Michael Solomon, Daniel Altiok Brown and Trevor Robertson and requests that the Company include these details in the explanatory materials to be delivered to all shareholders together with the notice of meeting.



The Requesting Shareholder reserves the right to request the Company to distribute to all its shareholders with its notice of meeting, a member's statement in accordance with section 249P of the Corporations Act. A copy of the member's statement is enclosed below.

The Requesting Shareholder further request that the directors of the Company disclose this request to the market by lodging it with the Australian Securities Exchange as soon as possible.

Executed for and on behalf of Octavium Capital Investment Pty Ltd ACN 629 927 671 as trustee for OC20181 Trust in accordance with section 127 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)

Signature of Sole Director and Company Secretary

Daniel Altiok Brown



Attachment A - Biographical details

Philip Speakman

Philip has an extensive career in the executive recruitment space. Philip was Chairman and founding partner of Morton Philips, an executive search firm that services a number of blue chip firms, including BHP, Lockheed Martin, Westpac, Macquarie Bank, Siemens and KPMG to name a few.

Prior to Morton Philips, Philip was the founder and Managing Director of Speakman & Associates, an executive search firm that acted for a number of public, private and government clients.

Philip successfully scaled Speakman & Associates to \$100 million p.a. revenue, 160 permanent staff, 2,500 contractors per day in the workforce before selling the business to Select Appointments Plc and taking up a position on the Select Appointments national board to assist with the management of Select Appointments Plc Australasia arm.

Michael Solomon

Michael is an experienced executive within the recruitment sector, backed by a varied commercial life including management consulting, head of emerging technology ventures for News Corp and lead of digital transformation and operational excellence for the AFL.

Michael was formerly a COO at Randstad and is currently a Managing Director of Mitchel Lake, a global executive search and talent acquisition firm with global reach (offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Singapore, London and San Francisco).

Michael is a shareholder and advisor to Enex Carbon, Chair of the Michael Long Foundation, Chairman of Bailey Abbott, Director of School Secure, Director of M3 Racing and Advisor to and Investor of M2 Investments.

Michael's prior governance and directorships include News Digital Media, Darwin International Essington School, Learning Seat, Moshtix, Recruit Advantage, Getprice, Southern Cross Grammar and Sporting Pulse.

Daniel Altiok Brown

Daniel Altiok Brown B.Bus UTS – AICD - GAICD is the executive director of Octavium Capital Pty Ltd and Octavium Capital, the second largest IGN shareholder. Daniel has been a substantial shareholder in Ignite since 2018 and holds a current shareholding in Ignite Ltd of ~22.5%.

Octavium Capital is private capital fund that invests in the long term optimisation of companies primarily in the microcap space that have underperformed in the long term in relation to shareholder returns and operational performance.



Trevor Robertson

Trevor Robertson is currently the executive director of Capital Knowledge.

Trevor has an extensive career that spans both government and industry at the executive level. Trevor's relevant Qualifications include MBA and a MA (Major in corporate governance).

As CEO/shareholder, Trevor led the turnaround of the \$180m revenue p.a recruitment and HR company, Forstaff, culminating in the businesses merger with Chandler McLeod and the IPO of the combined group for ~\$700m. Trevor lifted permanent recruitment performance, re-secured blue-chip cornerstone contracts and increased revenue by \$100m revenue p.a., successfully returning the company to profitability.

Trevor's other prominent roles include First Assistant Secretary at the Federal Attorney Generals Department (the division that Trevor led won the Prime Ministers Award for Equality in the Australian Public Service for fostering better work practices), Group GM at Transfield Services and Group GM Downer EDI.

Trevor's NED/advisory roles include Sydney Ports Corporations, UWS Centre for Security Studies, Sydney Pilots Service, Yarra Trams, RSLLife Care, Wesley College Council, Anti-Discrimination NSW and Advisory Board Industry Partner to The Silverfern Group, a NY based Global PE firm

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Members Statement

Dear IGN Shareholder,

28th February 2022

You deserve better. You deserve a Board that is here to deliver for you.

- The current Board has overseen 8 straight years of operational losses, totalling over \$35M and in 2022 Ignite should have in our opinion a much higher share price to reflect its intrinsic value.
- Shareholder returns from profits and dividends have been zero since at least 2014.
- Under the current Board, Ignite was not able to previously generate operational profits at \$182m, \$153m, \$145m, \$126m or at \$113m of revenue. Why should shareholders have faith they can in the future, even if revenue is higher? See table A below.
- In 2021/2022 Ignite continues to still underperform by a large margin compared to its peers, in our opinion see Table B and Table C.
- The solution we believe is to effect real change at the Board level. We propose four additional Directors to join the Board at the upcoming EGM, with a mandate to focus on shareholder returns and profitable growth. As a first step, the new Board would review Ignite's operations and the current plan and mandate a new shareholder value-oriented plan.
- Three of the proposed directors would be independent directors with deep recruitment sector experience at the Board and operational level. The Directors will align their remuneration with shareholders until real results are achieved for Ignite shareholders Real change will only come from the Board level down.
- The Ignite 1st Half FY 2022 report, reported <u>revenue growth of less than 5 %</u> (despite it being a 'Growth' plan) and <u>another half year operational loss</u>. According to the current board, this situation is not anticipated to change any time soon. The same report states on page 12, "The 15-month profit and loss forecast indicates a nominal loss from operating activities....".

This is against a backdrop of boom like conditions in the recruitment sector and despite covid.

- During H1 FY 2022, HiTech Ltd, a comparable ASX listed benchmark peer, has:
 - increased revenue 58% for the previous corresponding period to \$29.8m and increased net profit by 32%
 - Has a market cap of approx. \$80m and a share price of \$2.00
 - **o** Declared 5 cents dividend per share
- We believe the current 'Growth' plan, that hopes to deliver shareholder profits in the 3rd year is not the answer. We have no faith based on the past +8 plus years of operational losses, totaling over +\$35m, and a very large share price decline during this period that even if growth is achieved that the Board can execute and achieve real returns for shareholders. On top of the operational losses IGN shareholders have also foregone profits and dividends for all these years.
- The IGN Board members have been paid over \$3.0m in fees and salaries since 2014. Two of the current directors including the Chairman Garry Sladden have been on the IGN Board since 2014.
- How long do Ignite shareholders have to wait for real returns under the current Board structure and leadership? It appears to be forecasted to be +10 years at least, under the current Board leadership.



Financial Year	Ignite Revenue (\$AUD)	Ignite Net Income (Excluding JobKeeper) (\$AUD)
2014	179.4m	(1.7m)
2015	179.0m	(11.3m)
2016	184.6m	(3.9m)
2017	153.3m	(3.7m)
2018	182.2m	(2.6m)
2019	145.9m	(5.8m)
2020	126.0m	(6.3m)
2021	113.9m	(0.2m)
	Revenue Lost = (65.5m)	Op. Losses = (35.5m)

Table A: The Ignite Board has failed to deliver for its shareholders

Table B: Sector Revenue Growth – HY Results between H1 2018 to H1 2022 (\$A, Millions)

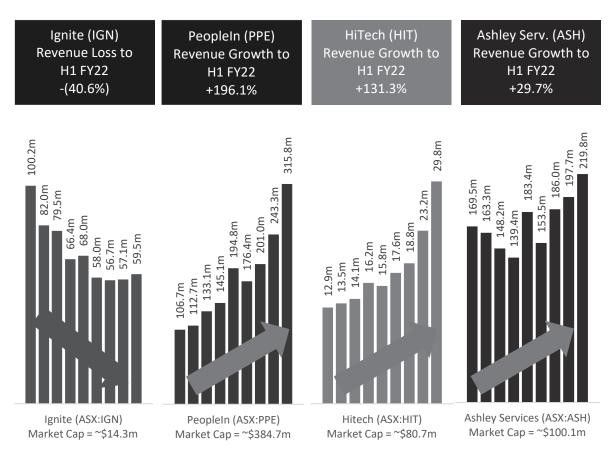




Table C: Shortlist February 2022 Headlines.





Tuesday, 08 February 2022 3:150m

Talent has reported another half-year of exceptional financial results, but is working to stay humble and manage consultants' expectations amid the "unprecedented tailwinds", says CEO Mark Nielsen. <u>> read more ></u>



We have a viable alternative to create real share price value for IGN shareholders.

Shareholders can only effect real change if you vote.

The majority of Ignite shareholders by number already support Board change based on the 2021 AGM spill the board resolution vote. The current Board has only managed to hold on to its position by less than 2.8% of the casting vote at the 2021 AGM, primarily due to 2 shareholders (Gold Tiger Equity and Sandon Capital).

Every vote regardless of share size counts in this election.

Approx ~22% of shares were not voted at the AGM on the spill motion.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL IGNITE SHAREHOLDERS TO VOTE & VOTE EARLY.

See <u>www.octaviumcapital20181.com</u> for further information leading up to the EGM.

Any queries regarding any aspect ring 02 9167 6775 or email corporate@octavium.com.au



Philip Speakman

Extensive career in the executive recruitment space. Philip was Chairman and founding partner of Morton Philips, and founder and Managing Director of Speakman & Associates, an executive search firm that Philip scaled to \$100m per annum in profitable revenue, 160 permanent staff and 2,500 contractors per day in the workforce before exiting to Select Appointments Plc.

Michael Solomon

An experienced recruitment sector executive, a varied commercial life including management consulting, head of emerging technology ventures for News Corp and lead of digital transformation and operational excellence for the AFL. Formerly a COO at Randstad and currently a Managing Director of Mitchel Lake, a global executive search and talent acquisition firm (offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Singapore, London and San Francisco).

Trevor Robertson

Executive director of Capital Knowledge. Trevor's career that spans both government and industry at the executive level. As CEO/shareholder, Trevor led the turnaround of the \$180m revenue p.a. recruitment and HR company, Forstaff, culminating in the businesses merger with Chandler McLeod and the IPO of the combined group for ~\$700m. Trevor increased revenue by \$100m revenue p.a., returning the company to profitability.

Daniel Altiok Brown

Executive director of Octavium Capital Investment Pty Ltd and Octavium Capital, the second largest IGN shareholder. OCI has been a substantial shareholder in Ignite since 2018 and holds a current shareholding in Ignite Ltd of ~22.5% and a commitment to focus the Boards mandate on its shareholders.



Consent to act as Director of Ignite Itd form signed by Michael Solomon.

CONSENT TO ACT AS DIRECTOR of IGNITE LTD.

I, Michael Solomon of 6 Ryan Ave South, Plympton SA 5038, consent to become a Director of Ignite Ltd (ACN 002 724 334).

For the purposes of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), my personal details are as follows;

Name: Michael James Solomon Date of Birth: 10 March 1970 Place of Birth: Narracoorte, SA Residential Address: 6 Ryan Ave South Plympton, SA, 5038

Signed

Michael Solomon

Michael Solomon. Date: 21/02/22



Consent to act as Director of Ignite Itd form signed by Philip Speakman.

CONSENT TO ACT AS DIRECTOR of IGNITE LTD.

I, Philip Speakman of Port Willunga, consent to become a Director of Ignite Ltd (ACN 002 724 334).

For the purposes of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), my personal details are as follows;

Name: Philip Alan Speakman Date of Birth: 19/07/1949 Place of Birth: North Adelaide SA, 5066 Residential Address: PO BOX 142, Aldinga Beach SA, 5173

Signed

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Philip Speakman Date: 21/02/22



Consent to act as Director of Ignite Ltd form signed by Daniel Altiok Brown.

CONSENT TO ACT AS DIRECTOR of IGNITE LTD.

I, Daniel Altlok Brown of 543 New South Head Rd, Double Bay 2028, consent to become a Director of Ignite Ltd (ACN 002 724 334).

For the purposes of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), my personal details are as follows;

Name: Daniel Altiok Brown (Former name Daniel Brown)

Date of Birth: 7 March 1963

Place of Birth: Sydney, Australia

Residential Address Dated: 543 New South Head Rd, Double Bay NSW 2028

Signed

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Daniel Altiok Brown Date: 21/02/22



Consent to act as Director of Ignite Itd form signed by Trevor Robertson.

CONSENT TO ACT AS DIRECTOR of IGNITE LTD.

I, Trevor Robertson of 49A Chilton Parade, Warrawee 2074, consent to become a Director of Ignite Ltd (ACN 002 724 334).

For the purposes of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), my personal details are as follows;

Name: Trevor Robertson Date of Birth: 7 June 1957 Place of Birth: Wycheproof, Victoria, Australia Residential Address: 49A Chilton Parade Warrawee NSW 2074

Signed

Trevor Robertson. Date: 21/02/22



Markets



Price, Volume & Performance (Rebased)

Price

Period: Custom (01 Mar 2021 - 16 Mar 2022)



					Price					Volume			
Name	Code	Cur	Open	High	Low	Close	Change %	Total Volume	Daily Average Volume	Total Value	Daily Average Value	Turnover %	Number of Trades
gnite Limited	IGN.ASX	AUD	0.056	0.26	0.054	0.23	310.71	26,331,788	98,992	2,725,280	10,245	29.39	1,016
S&P/ASX 200 Comm & Professional Services	J2020	AUD	2,577.35	3,265.18	2,577.35 3,265.18 2,556.95 2,828.99	2,828.99	9.76			26,188,623,098	98,453,470		6,412,859

Prices updated daily at the end of the day.



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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by **10:00am (AEST) on Tuesday, 26 April 2022.**

Proxy Form

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How to Vote on Items of Business

All your securities will be voted in accordance with your directions.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

Voting 100% of your holding: Direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. If you do not mark a box your proxy may vote or abstain as they choose (to the extent permitted by law). If you mark more than one box on an item your vote will be invalid on that item.

Voting a portion of your holding: Indicate a portion of your voting rights by inserting the percentage or number of securities you wish to vote in the For, Against or Abstain box or boxes. The sum of the votes cast must not exceed your voting entitlement or 100%.

Appointing a second proxy: You are entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the meeting and vote on a poll. If you appoint two proxies you must specify the percentage of votes or number of securities for each proxy, otherwise each proxy may exercise half of the votes. When appointing a second proxy write both names and the percentage of votes or number of securities for each in Step 1 overleaf.

A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company.

SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL FORMS

Individual: Where the holding is in one name, the securityholder must sign.

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

Power of Attorney: If you have not already lodged the Power of Attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

Companies: Where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form must be signed by that person. If the company (pursuant to section 204A of the Corporations Act 2001) does not have a Company Secretary, a Sole Director can also sign alone. Otherwise this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Please sign in the appropriate place to indicate the office held. Delete titles as applicable.

PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Corporate Representative

If a representative of a corporate securityholder or proxy is to participate in the meeting you will need to provide the appropriate "Appointment of Corporate Representative". A form may be obtained from Computershare or online at www.investorcentre.com/au and select "Printable Forms".

Lodge your Proxy Form:

Online:

Lodge your vote online at

www.investorvote.com.au using your secure access information or use your mobile device to scan the personalised QR code.

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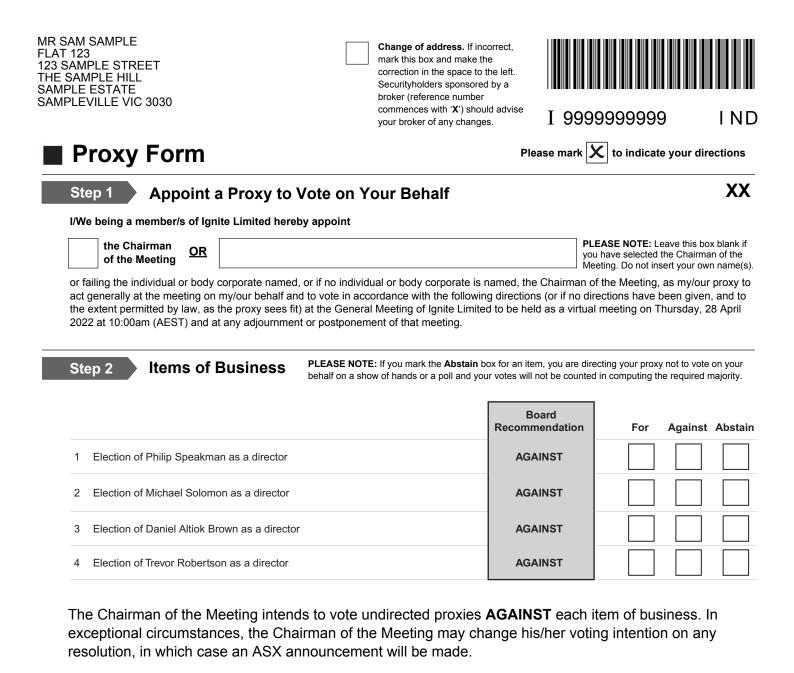
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PLEASE NOTE: For security reasons it is important that you keep your SRN/HIN confidential.



Step 3 Signature of	Securityhold	er(s) This se	ection must be completed.		
Individual or Securityholder 1	Securityholder 2		Securityholder 3		
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Sole Director & Sole Company Secreta	ry Director		Director/Company S	ecretary	Date
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