

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Date of Meeting 31 May 2023 Time of Meeting 1pm (AWST) Place of Meeting Celtic Club, 48 Ord Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005

A Proxy Form is enclosed

Please read this Notice and Explanatory Memorandum carefully.

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting please complete and return the enclosed Proxy Form in accordance with the specified directions.

# FIREFINCH LIMITED ABN 11 113 931 105

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Firefinch Limited (ABN 11 113 931 105) will be held at the Celtic Club, 48 Ord Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005 on 31 May 2023 at 1pm AWST for the purpose of transacting the following business referred to in this Notice of Annual General Meeting. Details of the definitions and abbreviations used in this Notice are set out in the Glossary to the Explanatory Memorandum.

# AGENDA

### **Financial Reports**

To receive and consider the financial report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022, together with the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report as set out in the Annual Report.

### 1 Resolution 1 – Non Binding Resolution to adopt Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a **non-binding resolution**:

"That the Remuneration Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 as set out in the 2022 Annual Report be adopted."

**Note:** The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. Shareholders are encouraged to read the Explanatory Memorandum for further details on the consequences of voting on this Resolution.

**Voting exclusion statement:** The Company will disregard any votes cast on the Resolution by or on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or their Closely Related Parties. However, the Company need not disregard a vote if:

- (a) it is cast by a person as a proxy appointed by writing that specifies how the proxy is to vote on the proposed Resolution or the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment of the Chair as proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution and expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel; and
- (b) it is not cast on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or their Closely Related Parties.

Further, a Restricted Voter who is appointed as a proxy will not vote on the Resolution unless:

- (a) the appointment specifies the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution; or
- (b) the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel. Shareholders should note that the Chair intends to vote any undirected proxies in favour of the Resolution.

Shareholders may also choose to direct the Chair to vote against the Resolution or to abstain from voting.

If any of the persons named above purport to cast a vote other than as permitted above, that vote will be disregarded by the Company (as indicated above) and those persons may be liable for breaching the voting restrictions that apply to them under the Corporations Act.

### 2 Resolution 2 – Re-election of Mr Brad Gordon as a Director

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

"That Mr Brad Gordon, who retires in accordance with rule 6.1(f) of the Constitution and, being eligible for re-election, offers himself for election, be re-elected as a Director."

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

To deal with any other business which may be brought forward in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act.

Details of the definitions and abbreviations used in this Notice are set out in the Glossary to the Explanatory Memorandum.

## By order of the Board

Stuart Usher Company Secretary Dated: 2 May 2023

#### How to vote

Shareholders can vote by either:

- attending the Meeting and voting in person or by attorney or, in the case of corporate Shareholders, by appointing a corporate representative to attend and vote; or
- appointing a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf using the Proxy Form accompanying this Notice of Meeting and by submitting their proxy appointment and voting instructions in person, by post, electronically via the internet or by facsimile.

#### Voting in person (or by attorney)

Shareholders, or their attorneys, who plan to attend the Meeting are asked to arrive at the venue 15 minutes prior to the time designated for the Meeting, if possible, so that their holding may be checked against the Company's share register and their attendance recorded. To be effective a certified copy of the Power of Attorney, or the original Power of Attorney, must be received by the Company in the same manner, and by the same time as outlined for proxy forms below.

#### Voting by a Corporation

A Shareholder that is a corporation may appoint an individual to act as its representative and vote in person at the Meeting. The appointment must comply with the requirements of section 250D of the Corporations Act. The representative should bring to the Meeting evidence of his or her appointment, including any authority under which it is signed.

#### Voting by proxy

- A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies. Each proxy will have the right to vote on a poll and also to speak at the Meeting.
- The appointment of the proxy may specify the proportion or the number of votes that the proxy may exercise. Where more than one proxy is appointed and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the Shareholder's votes each proxy may exercise, the votes will be divided equally among the proxies (i.e. where there are two proxies, each proxy may exercise half of the votes).
- A proxy need not be a Shareholder.
- The proxy can be either an individual or a body corporate.
- If a proxy is not directed how to vote on an item of business, the proxy may generally vote, or abstain from voting, as they think fit. However, where a Restricted Voter is appointed as a proxy, the proxy may only vote on Resolutions 1, 3 and 4 in accordance with a direction on how the proxy is to vote or, if the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

- Should any resolution, other than those specified in this Notice, be proposed at the Meeting, a proxy may vote on that resolution as they think fit. If a proxy is instructed to abstain from voting on an item of business, they are directed not to vote on the Shareholder's behalf on the poll and the Shares that are the subject of the proxy appointment will not be counted in calculating the required majority.
- Shareholders who return their Proxy Forms with a direction how to vote, but who do not nominate the identity of their proxy, will be taken to have appointed the Chair of the Meeting as their proxy to vote on their behalf. If a Proxy Form is returned but the nominated proxy does not attend the Meeting, the Chair of the Meeting will act in place of the nominated proxy and vote in accordance with any instructions. Proxy appointments in favour of the Chair of the Meeting, the secretary or any Director that do not contain a direction how to vote will be used, where possible, to support each of the Resolutions proposed in this Notice, provided they are entitled to cast votes as a proxy under the voting exclusion rules which apply to some of the proposed Resolutions. These rules are explained in this Notice.
- To be effective, proxies must be received by 1.00pm (AWST) on 29 May 2023. Proxies received after this time will be invalid.
- The Proxy Form must be signed by the Shareholder or the Shareholder's attorney. Proxies given by corporations must be executed in accordance with the Corporations Act. Where the appointment of a proxy is signed by the appointer's attorney, a certified copy of the Power of Attorney, or the power itself, must be received by the Company at the address below, or by facsimile, and by 1.00pm (AWST) on 29 May 2023. If facsimile transmission is used, the Power of Attorney must be certified.
  - Proxies may be lodged using any of the following methods:

#### By internet:

Log on to www.investorvote.com.au If you are a custodian and an Intermediary Online subscriber, you can log on to www.intermediaryonline.com **By post:** Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited, GPO Box 242, Melbourne Victoria 3001 Australia **By fax:** (within Australia) 1800 783 447 (outside Australia) +61 3 9473 2555

#### Shareholders who are entitled to vote

In accordance with paragraphs 7.11.37 and 7.11.38 of the Corporations Regulations, the Board has determined that a person's entitlement to vote at the General Meeting will be the entitlement of that person set out in the Register of Shareholders as at 5.00pm (AWST) on 29 May 2022.

# FIREFINCH LIMITED ABN 11 113 931 105 EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Explanatory Memorandum is intended to provide Shareholders with sufficient information to assess the merits of the Resolutions contained in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Certain abbreviations and other defined terms are used throughout this Explanatory Memorandum. Defined terms are generally identifiable by the use of an upper case first letter. Details of the definitions and abbreviations are set out in the Glossary to the Explanatory Memorandum.

### **Financial Reports**

The first item of the Notice deals with the presentation of the consolidated annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, together with the Directors' declaration and report in relation to that financial year and the Auditor's Report on the financial report. Shareholders should consider these documents and raise any matters of interest with the Directors when this item is being considered.

No resolution is required to be moved in respect of this item.

Shareholders will be given a reasonable opportunity at the Annual General Meeting to ask questions and make comments on the accounts and on the management of the Company.

The Chair will also give Shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask the Auditor or the Auditor's representative questions relevant to:

- the conduct of the audit;
- the preparation and content of the independent audit report;
- the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and
- the independence of the Auditor by the Company in relation to the conduct of the audit.

The Chair will also allow a reasonable opportunity for the Auditor or their representative to answer any written questions submitted to the Auditor under section 250PA of the Corporations Act.

### 1 Resolution 1 – Non Binding Resolution to adopt Remuneration Report

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act requires the Company to put to its Shareholders a resolution that the Remuneration Report as disclosed in the Company's 2022 Annual Report be adopted. The Remuneration Report is set out in the Company's 2022 Annual Report and is also available on the Company's website (https://firefinchltd.com/).

The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

However, if at least 25% of the votes cast are against adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive annual general meetings, the Company will be required to put a resolution to the second Annual General Meeting (**Spill Resolution**), to approve calling a general meeting (**Spill Meeting**). If more than 50% of Shareholders vote in favour of the Spill Resolution, the Company must then convene a Spill Meeting within 90 days of the second Annual General Meeting. All of the Directors

who were in office when the applicable Directors' Report was approved, other than the Managing Director, will need to stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting if they wish to continue as Directors.

The remuneration report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 did not receive a vote of more than 25% against its adoption at the Company's last annual general meeting held on 27 May 2022. Accordingly, if at least 25% of the votes cast on this Resolution are against adoption of the Remuneration Report it will not result in the Company putting a Spill Resolution to Shareholders.

The Remuneration Report explains the Board policies in relation to the nature and level of remuneration paid to Directors, sets out remuneration details for each Director and any service agreements and sets out the details of any equity based compensation.

The Chair will give Shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about, or make comments on, the Remuneration Report.

Note that a voting exclusion applies to this Resolution in the terms set out in the Notice.

Shareholders are urged to carefully read the Proxy Form and provide a direction to the proxy on how to vote on this Resolution.

#### 2 Resolution 2 – Re-election of Mr Bradley Gordon as a Director

Pursuant to rule 6.1(f) of the Company's Constitution, Mr Gordon, being a Director, retires by way of rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election in accordance with clause 6.1(i) of the Constitution.

Mr Gordon is a seasoned resource industry executive with 30 years' experience in the gold, copper and mineral sands industries.

Mr Gordon has significant African experience, particularly as CEO of Acacia Mining. Mr Gordon grew LSE listed Acacia Mining's market capitalisation from approximately £450 million to £2.5 billion (A\$800 million to A\$4.5 billion), transforming the business into a significant cash generating operation.

Mr Gordon was CEO of Intrepid Mines for 5 years during which its market capitalisation increased to A\$1.4 billion through a series of corporate deals with the value primarily driven by the discovery and development of the world-class Tujuh Bukit gold-copper-silver project in Indonesia.

Mr Gordon has deep operational and gold industry experience, both in large scale open pit mining and underground operations. He was CEO of Emperor Mines in Fiji and Managing Director of Placer Dome Asia Pacific.

He has supervised operations at mines such as Porgera in PNG, Kanowna Belle, Paddington and Kundana all in Western Australia.

Mr Gordon holds a Mining Engineering degree from the Western Australia School of Mines (Curtin University) and an Executive MBA from INSEAD, France.

Mr Gordon was appointed to the Board on 1 April 2021.

The Board considers that Mr Gordon, if elected, will continue to be classified as an independent director.

Based on Mr Gordon's relevant experience and qualifications, the members of the Board, in the absence of Mr Gordon's, support the election of Mr Gordon as a Director of the Company.

## GLOSSARY

\$ means Australian dollars.

Annual Report means the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Associate has the meaning given to that term in the Listing Rules.

**ASX** means ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691 and, where the context permits, the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited.

Auditor means the Company's auditor from time to time (if any).

**Auditor's Report** means the report of the Auditor contained in the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

AWST means western standard time as recognised in Perth, Western Australia.

**Board** means the Directors.

**Chair or Chairman** means the individual elected to chair any meeting of the Company from time to time in accordance with rule 5.7 of the Constitution.

Closely Related Party has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.

Company means Firefinch Limited ABN 11 113 931 105.

**Constitution** means the Company's constitution, as amended from time to time.

Corporations Act means Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

Directors means the directors of the Company from time to time.

Explanatory Memorandum means the explanatory memorandum accompanying this Notice.

**Key Management Personnel** has the meaning given to that term in the Australian Accounting Standards.

Listing Rules means the ASX Listing Rules.

Meeting means the Annual General Meeting convened by the Notice.

Notice or Notice of Meeting means this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

Proxy Form means the proxy form accompanying the Notice.

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report set out in the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Resolution means a resolution contained in the Notice.

**Restricted Voter** means Key Management Personnel and their Closely Related Parties as at the date of the Meeting.

Shareholder means a member of the Company from time to time.

Shares means fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company.

Spill Meeting has the meaning given on page 4.

Spill Resolution has the meaning given on page 4.



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## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by 1:00pm (AWST) on Monday, 29 May 2023.

# **Proxy Form**

## 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:

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Your secure access information is



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

You may elect to receive meeting-related documents, or request a particular one, in electronic or physical form and may elect not to receive annual reports. To do so, contact Computershare.

Step 1

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



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Please mark  $|\mathbf{X}|$  to indicate your directions

# Proxy Form

# Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf



I/We being a member/s of Firefinch Limited hereby appoint

the Chairman		PLEASE NOTE: Leave this box blank if
of the Meeting	<u> </u>	you have selected the Chairman of the
of the meeting		Meeting. Do not insert your own name(s).

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no directions have been given, and to the extent permitted by law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of Firefinch Limited to be held at Celtic Club, 48 Ord Street, West Perth, WA 6005 on Wednesday, 31 May 2023 at 1:00pm (AWST) and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting. **Chairman authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related resolutions:** Where I/we have appointed the Chairman of the

Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairman becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise my/our proxy on Resolution 1 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel, which includes the Chairman.

**Important Note:** If the Chairman of the Meeting is (or becomes) your proxy you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolution 1 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

Step 2	Items of Business	<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> If you mark the <b>Abstain</b> box for an item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands or a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority.						
			For	Against	Abstain			
Resolution 1	Non Binding Resolution to adop	ot Remuneration Report						
Resolution 2	Re-election of Mr Brad Gordon	as a Director						

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Meeting may change his/her voting intention on any resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made.

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