# VERIS LIMITED ACN 122 958 178 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at:

TIME: 10.00am AEDT

**DATE**: Wednesday 18 October, 2023

**PLACE**: Hyatt Regency Sydney,

Heritage Room 2 - Conference Centre

161 Sussex Street Sydney NSW 2000

The business of the Meeting affects your shareholding and your vote is important.

This Notice should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their professional advisers prior to voting.

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 7:00pm AEDT on 16 October 2023.

#### BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and consider the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Director's report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

#### 2. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

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

"That, for the purposes of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023."

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

A voting prohibition statement applies to this Resolution. Please see below.

#### 3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – DAVID MURRAY

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

"That, for the purpose of clause 15.2 of the Constitution, Listing Rule 14.5 and for all other purposes, David Murray, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

#### 4. RESOLUTION 3 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – BRIAN ELTON

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

"That, for the purpose of clause 15.2 of the Constitution, Listing Rule 14.5 and for all other purposes, Brian Elton, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

#### 5. RESOLUTION 4 – ISSUE OF INCENTIVE PERFORMANCE RIGHTS TO DR MICHAEL SHIRLEY

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

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.14 and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue 1,500,000 Performance Rights to Dr Michael Shirley (or their nominee) under the Veris Employee Securities Incentive Plan approved by Shareholders on 19 October 2022 on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

A voting exclusion statement and voting prohibition statement applies to this Resolution. Please see below.

#### **Voting Prohibition Statements**

### Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report

A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of either 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.

However, a person (the **voter**) described above may cast a vote on this Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:

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

## Resolution 4 – Issue of Incentive Performance Rights to Dr Michael Shirley

A person appointed as a proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on this Resolution if:

- (a) the proxy is either:
  - (i) a member of the Key Management Personnel; or
  - (ii) a Closely Related Party of such a member; and
- (b) the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution.

However, the above prohibition does not apply if:

- (a) the proxy is the Chair; and
- (b) the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

#### **Voting Exclusion Statements**

In accordance with Listing Rule 14.11, the Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the Resolution set out below by or on behalf of the following persons:

Resolution 4 – Issue of Incentive Performance Rights to Dr Michael Shirley

Any person referred to in Listing Rule 10.14.1, 10.14.2 or 10.14.3 who is eligible to participate in the employee incentive scheme in question (including Michael Shirley) or an associate of that person or those persons.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of the Resolution 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:
  - (i) the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting, on the Resolution; and

(ii) the holder votes on the Resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

#### Voting by proxy

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, Shareholders are advised that:

- each Shareholder has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company; and
- a Shareholder who is entitled to cast two or more votes may appoint two proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the Shareholder appoints two proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that:

- if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

#### Voting in person

To vote in person, attend the Meeting at the time, date and place set out above.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 9317 0600.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions.

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Corporations Act, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's annual financial report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The Company's annual financial report is available on its website at https://www.veris.com.au/.

#### 2. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

#### 2.1 General

The Corporations Act requires that at a listed company's annual general meeting, a resolution that the remuneration report be adopted must be put to the shareholders. However, such a resolution is advisory only and does not bind the company or the directors of the company.

The remuneration report sets out the company's remuneration arrangements for the directors and senior management of the company. The remuneration report is part of the directors' report contained in the annual financial report of the company for a financial year.

The chair of the meeting must allow a reasonable opportunity for its shareholders to ask questions about or make comments on the remuneration report at the annual general meeting.

#### 2.2 Voting consequences

A company is required to put to its shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of another meeting of shareholders to consider the appointment of directors of the company (**Spill Resolution**) if, at consecutive annual general meetings, at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report and at the first of those annual general meetings a Spill Resolution was not put to vote. If required, the Spill Resolution must be put to vote at the second of those annual general meetings.

If more than 50% of votes cast are in favour of the Spill Resolution, the company must convene a shareholder meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the second annual general meeting.

All of the directors of the company who were in office when the directors' report (as included in the company's annual financial report for the most recent financial year) was approved, other than the managing director of the company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting.

Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as directors of the company is approved will be the directors of the company.

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#### 2.3 Previous voting results

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%. Accordingly, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Meeting.

#### 3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – DAVID MURRAY

#### 3.1 General

Listing Rule 14.5 provides that an entity which has directors must hold an election of directors at each annual general meeting.

The Constitution sets out the requirements for determining which Directors are to retire by rotation at an annual general meeting.

David Murray, who has served as a Director since 1 June 2021 and was last reelected on 20 October 2021, retires by rotation and seeks re-election.

#### 3.2 Qualifications and other material directorships

David Murray has over 40 years' experience in professional services, providing a unique combination of global, regional, commercial and industry skills to the Company's Board.

Mr Murray was a Deloitte Australia Partner for 26 years incorporating leadership roles across the business including the National Executive, Business Unit Leader, Papua New Guinea Office Managing Partner and other National leadership roles and responsibilities.

Mr Murray is currently a Board member of a global insurance entity. He also Chairs the Audit and Risk Committee of that entity. He is also Director of a local not-for-profit organisation. Mr Murray is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

#### 3.3 Independence

If re-elected the Board considers David Murray will be an independent Director.

#### 3.4 Board recommendation

The Board has reviewed David Murray's performance since his appointment to the Board and considers that his skills and experience will continue to enhance the Board's ability to perform its role. Accordingly, the Board supports the reelection of David Murray and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

#### 4. RESOLUTION 3 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – BRIAN ELTON

#### 4.1 General

Listing Rule 14.5 provides that an entity which has directors must hold an election of directors at each annual general meeting.

The Constitution sets out the requirements for determining which Directors are to retire by rotation at an annual general meeting.

Brian Elton, who has served as a Director since 29 March 2018 and was last reelected on 20 October 2021, retires by rotation and seeks re-election.

#### 4.2 Qualifications and other material directorships

Mr Brian Elton is the founder of Elton Consulting and a Strategic Advisor to WSP. Mr Elton joined the Veris Board as Executive Director in March 2018 when Elton Consulting was acquired by Veris. Subsequent to the sale of Elton Consulting in November 2019, Mr Elton became a Non-Executive Director. He has extensive experience in growing a highly commercially successful professional services business, and in-depth knowledge of east coast development and infrastructure sectors. He has an extensive network of contacts and clients in government, the not-for-profit sector and Tier 1 private sector organisations, and is well regarded and trusted by clients.

Mr Elton has over 40 years of experience in urban and regional planning in the UK and Australia focusing on urban strategy, urban policy and governance and the delivery of major projects.

Mr Elton is a Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. His affiliations include the International Association of Public Participation, Green Building Council of Australia and the Urban Development Institute of Australia. Mr Elton has been appointed as the Company's representative on the EMFOX Pty Ltd Board (Trading as Wumura Group) following Veris' acquisition of a 49% interest in the Wumura Group.

Mr Elton is also a Director of Ozfish Unlimited, a national profit-for-purpose organisation.

#### 4.3 Independence

If re-elected the Board does not consider Brian Elton will be an independent Director.

#### 4.4 Board recommendation

The Board has reviewed Brian Elton's performance since his appointment to the Board and considers that his skills and experience will continue to enhance the Board's ability to perform its role. Accordingly, the Board supports the re-election of Brian Elton and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

#### 5. RESOLUTION 4 – ISSUE OF INCENTIVE PERFORMANCE RIGHTS TO DR MICHAEL SHIRLEY

#### 5.1 General

The Company has agreed, subject to obtaining Shareholder approval, to issue 1,500,000 Performance Rights to Michael Shirley (or his nominee) pursuant to the Company's Employee Securities Incentive Plan approved by Shareholders on 19 October 2022 (Plan) and on the terms and conditions set out below (Incentive Performance Rights).

#### 5.2 Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act

Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act requires that for a public company, or an entity that the public company controls, to give a financial benefit to a related party of the public company, the public company or entity must:

- (a) obtain the approval of the public company's members in the manner set out in sections 217 to 227 of the Corporations Act; and
- (b) give the benefit within 15 months following such approval,

unless the giving of the financial benefit falls within an exception set out in sections 210 to 216 of the Corporations Act.

The issue of the Incentive Performance Rights to Michael Shirley (or his nominee) constitutes giving a financial benefit and Michael Shirley is a related party of the Company by virtue of being a Director.

The Directors (other than Michael Shirley) consider that Shareholder approval pursuant to Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act is not required in respect of the issue of Performance Rights, because the issue of Performance Rights constitutes reasonable remuneration payable to Michael Shirley.

#### 5.3 Listing Rule 10.14

Listing Rule 10.14 provides that an entity must not permit any of the following persons to acquire equity securities under an employee incentive scheme without the approval of the holders of its ordinary securities:

- 10.14.1 a director of the entity;
- 10.14.2 an associate of a director of the entity; or
- 10.14.3 a person whose relationship with the entity or a person referred to in Listing Rules 10.14.1 to 10.14.2 is such that, in ASX's opinion, the acquisition should be approved by security holders.

The issue of Incentive Performance Rights to Michael Shirley falls within Listing Rule 10.14.1 and therefore requires the approval of Shareholders under Listing Rule 10.14.

Resolution 4 seeks the required Shareholder approval for the issue of the Incentive Performance Rights under and for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.14.

#### 5.4 Technical information required by Listing Rule 14.1A

If Resolution 4 is passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of the Incentive Performance Rights to Michael Shirley under the Employee Securities Incentive Plan within three years after the date of the Meeting (or such later date as permitted by any ASX waiver or modification of the Listing Rules). As approval pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1 is not required for the issue of the Incentive Performance Rights (because approval is being obtained under Listing Rule 10.14), the issue of the Incentive Performance Rights will not use up any of the Company's 15% annual placement capacity.

If Resolution 4 is not passed, the Company will not be able to proceed with the issue of the Incentive Performance Rights to Michael Shirley under the Employee Securities Incentive Plan, and the Company will need to consider other forms of appropriate remuneration to incentivise Dr Shirley.

#### 5.5 Technical information required by Listing Rule 10.15

Pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Listing Rule 10.15, the following information is provided in relation to Resolution 4:

- (a) the Incentive Performance Rights will be issued to Michael Shirley (or his nominee), who falls within the category set out in Listing Rule 10.14.1, by virtue of Dr Michael Shirley being a Director;
- (b) the maximum number of Incentive Performance Rights to be issued to Dr Michael Shirley (or his nominee) is 1,500,000;
- (c) the current total remuneration package for Michael Shirley is \$470,000, comprising of base salary and superannuation. If the Incentive Performance Rights are issued, the total remuneration package of Michael Shirley will increase by \$120,000 to \$590,000, being the value of the Incentive Performance Rights (based on the closing Share price of the Company as at 7 September 2023) as follows;

Underlying Share Price as at 7 September 2023:

\$0.08

Amount of Performance Rights:

1,500,000

Value of Performance Rights (\$0.08 multiplied by the amount of Performance Rights):

\$120,000

- (d) 5,371,428 Performance Rights have previously been issued to Michael Shirley for nil cash consideration under the Plan, of which 2,685,714 have subsequently lapsed resulting in a total of 2,685,714 Performance Rights remaining on issue;
- (e) a summary of the material terms and conditions of the Incentive Performance Rights is set out in Schedule 1;
- (f) the Incentive Performance Rights are unquoted performance rights. The Company has chosen to grant the Incentive Performance Rights to Michael Shirley for the following reasons:
  - (i) the Incentive Performance Rights are unlisted, therefore the grant of the Incentive Performance Rights has no immediate dilutionary impact on Shareholders;
  - (ii) the issue of Incentive Performance Rights to Dr Michael Shirley will align the interests of Dr Michael Shirley with those of Shareholders;
  - (iii) the issue of the Incentive Performance Rights is a reasonable and appropriate method to provide cost effective remuneration as the non-cash form of this benefit will allow the Company to spend a greater proportion of its cash reserves on its operations than it would if alternative cash forms of remuneration were given to Dr Michael Shirley; and
  - (iv) it is not considered that there are any significant opportunity costs to the Company or benefits foregone by the Company in granting the Incentive Performance Rights on the terms proposed;
- (g) the Company values the Incentive Performance Rights at \$120,000 as set out in Section 5.5(c) above;
- (h) the Incentive Performance Rights will be issued to Dr Michael Shirley (or his nominee) no later than 3 years after the date of the Meeting (or such later date as permitted by any ASX waiver or modification of the Listing

Rules) and it is anticipated the Incentive Performance Rights will be issued on one date;

- (i) the issue price of the Incentive Performance Rights will be nil, as such no funds will be raised from the issue of the Incentive Performance Rights;
- (j) a summary of the material terms and conditions of the Plan is set out in Schedule 2;
- (k) no loan is being made to Dr Michael Shirley in connection with the acquisition of the Incentive Performance Rights;
- (I) details of any Performance Rights issued under the Employee Securities Incentive Plan will be published in the annual report of the Company relating to the period in which they were issued, along with a statement that approval for the issue was obtained under Listing Rule 10.14; and
- (m) any additional persons covered by Listing Rule 10.14 who become entitled to participate in an issue of Performance Rights under the Employee Securities Incentive Plan after Resolution 4 is approved and who were not named in this Notice will not participate until approval is obtained under Listing Rule 10.14.

#### **GLOSSARY**

\$ means Australian dollars.

**ASIC** means the Australian Securities & Investments Commission.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by ASX Limited, as the context requires.

**Board** means the current board of directors of the Company.

**Business Day** means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

Chair means the chair of the Meeting.

Closely Related Party of a member of the Key Management Personnel means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (c) a dependent of the member or the member's spouse;
- (d) anyone else who is one of the member's family and may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealing with the entity;
- (e) a company the member controls; or
- (f) a person prescribed by the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) for the purposes of the definition of 'closely related party' in the Corporations Act.

Company means Veris Limited (ACN 122 958 178).

**Constitution** means the Company's constitution.

**Corporations Act** means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

**Directors** means the current directors of the Company.

**Explanatory Statement** means the explanatory statement accompanying the Notice.

**Key Management Personnel** has the same meaning as in the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and means those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of the consolidated entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of an entity within the consolidated group.

**Listing Rules** means the Listing Rules of ASX.

**Meeting** means the meeting convened by the Notice.

**Notice** means this notice of meeting including the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form.

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

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report set out in the Director's report section of the Company's annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**Resolutions** means the resolutions set out in the Notice, or any one of them, as the context requires.

**Section** means a section of the Explanatory Statement.

**Share** means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

**Shareholder** means a registered holder of a Share.

WST means Western Standard Time as observed in Perth, Western Australia.

#### SCHEDULE 1 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

A summary of the key terms and conditions of the Performance Rights to be issued by the Company to Dr Michael Shirley are set out below:

Maximum entitlement to Shares	The 1,500,000 Incentive Performance Rights proposed to be issued to Dr Shirley will convert into Shares on a one for one basis. If all of the vesting conditions are satisfied, Dr Shirley will be entitled to receive 1,500,000 Shares.
Vesting condition	The Company achieving profit before tax for the period 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 of at least \$2,000,000.
Date of grant	Subject to Shareholder approval, the Incentive Performance Rights will be granted soon after the conclusion of the Meeting.
Exercise period	12 months following vesting of the relevant Incentive Performance Rights.
Price payable on grant or vesting	No amount will be payable in respect of the grant or upon vesting of the Incentive Performance Rights.
Board discretion	The Board has discretion to vary outcomes pursuant to the rules of the Plan having regard to the circumstances at the time (including in the event the outcome would result in an inappropriate outcome).
Treatment on termination	The Incentive Performance Rights are granted on the basis that vested Performance Rights remain on foot on cessation of employment, and unvested Performance Rights will lapse in accordance with the Plan.
Change of control	100% of unvested Incentive Performance Rights will immediately vest on a Change of Control Event (as defined in the Plan), provided the participant remains employed by the Company at that time.
Transfer	The Incentive Performance Rights are not transferable.
Participation in new issues	An Incentive Performance Right does not entitle a holder (in their capacity as a holder of a Incentive Performance Right) to participate in new issues of capital offered to holders of Shares such as bonus issues and entitlement issues.
Return of capital	An Incentive Performance Right does not entitle the holder to a return of capital, whether in a winding up, upon a reduction of capital or otherwise.
Dividend and voting rights	The Incentive Performance Rights do not confer on the holder an entitlement to vote (except as otherwise required by law) or receive dividends.
Rights on winding up	An Incentive Performance Right does not entitle the holder to participate in the surplus profits or assets of the Company upon winding up of the Company.

### SCHEDULE 2 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COMPANY'S EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN

Eligible Participant	Eligible Participant means a person that is a 'primary participant' (as that term is defined in Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act) in relation to the Company or an Associated Body Corporate (as defined in the Corporations Act) and has been determined by the Board to be eligible to participate in the Plan from time to time.
Purpose	<ul> <li>The purpose of the Plan is to:</li> <li>(a) assist in the reward, retention and motivation of Eligible Participants;</li> <li>(b) link the reward of Eligible Participants to Shareholder value creation; and</li> <li>(c) align the interests of Eligible Participants with shareholders of the Group (being the Company and each of its Associated Bodies Corporate), by providing an opportunity to Eligible Participants to receive an equity interest in the Company in the form of Securities.</li> </ul>
Plan administration	The Plan will be administered by the Board. The Board may exercise any power or discretion conferred on it by the Plan rules in its sole and absolute discretion except to the extent that it prevents the Company relying on the deferred tax concessions under Subdivision 83A-C of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cth). The Board may delegate its powers and discretion.
Eligibility, invitation and application	The Board may from time to time determine that an Eligible Participant may participate in the Plan and make an invitation to that Eligible Participant to apply for any of (or any combination of) the Securities provided under the Plan on such terms and conditions as the Board decides.  On receipt of an invitation, an Eligible Participant may apply for the Securities the subject of the invitation by sending a completed application form to the Company. The Board may accept an application from an Eligible Participant in whole or in part.  If an Eligible Participant is permitted in the invitation, the Eligible Participant may, by notice in writing to the Board, nominate a party in whose favour the Eligible Participant wishes to renounce the invitation.
Grant of Securities	The Company will, to the extent that it has accepted a duly completed application, grant the Participant the relevant number and type of Securities, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the invitation, the Plan rules and any ancillary documentation required.
Rights attaching to Convertible Securities	Prior to a Convertible Security being exercised, the holder:  (a) does not have any interest (legal, equitable or otherwise) in any Share the subject of the Convertible Security other than as expressly set out in the Plan;  (b) is not entitled to receive notice of, vote at or attend a meeting of the shareholders of the Company;  (c) is not entitled to receive any dividends declared by the Company; and  (d) is not entitled to participate in any new issue of Shares (see Adjustment of Convertible Securities section below).
Restrictions on dealing with Convertible Securities	A holder may not sell, assign, transfer, grant a security interest over or otherwise deal with a Convertible Security that has been granted to them unless otherwise determined by the Board. A holder must not enter into any arrangement for the purpose of hedging their economic exposure to a Convertible Security that has been granted to them.

However, in Special Circumstances under the Plan (including in the case of death, total or permanent disability, retirement, redundancy or severe financial hardship of the Participant) with the consent of the Board (which may be withheld in its absolute discretion).

# Listing Convertible Securities

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A Convertible Security granted under the Plan will not be quoted on the ASX or any other recognised exchange. The Board reserves the right in its absolute discretion to apply for quotation of an Option granted under the Plan on the ASX or any other recognised exchange.

## Vesting Convertible Securities

Any vesting conditions applicable to the grant of Convertible Securities will be described in the invitation. If all the vesting conditions are satisfied and/or otherwise waived by the Board, a vesting notice will be sent to the Participant by the Company informing them that the relevant Convertible Securities have vested. Unless and until the vesting notice is issued by the Company, the Convertible Securities will not be considered to have vested. For the avoidance of doubt, if the vesting conditions relevant to a Convertible Security are not satisfied and/or otherwise waived by the Board, that Convertible Security will lapse.

# Exercise of Convertible Securities and cashless exercise

To exercise a Convertible Security, the Participant must deliver a signed notice of exercise and, subject to a cashless exercise of Convertible Securities (see below), pay the exercise price (if any) to or as directed by the Company, at any time following vesting of the Convertible Security (if subject to vesting conditions) and prior to the expiry date as set out in the invitation or vesting notice.

An invitation may specify that at the time of exercise of the Convertible Securities, the Participant may elect not to be required to provide payment of the exercise price for the number of Convertible Securities specified in a notice of exercise, but that on exercise of those Convertible Securities the Company will transfer or issue to the Participant that number of Shares equal in value to the positive difference between the Market Value of the Shares at the time of exercise and the exercise price that would otherwise be payable to exercise those Convertible Securities.

Market Value means, at any given date, the volume weighted average price per Share traded on the ASX over the 5 trading days immediately preceding that given date, unless otherwise specified in an invitation.

A Convertible Security may not be exercised unless and until that Convertible Security has vested in accordance with the Plan rules, or such earlier date as set out in the Plan rules.

#### Timing of issue of Shares and quotation of Shares on exercise

As soon as practicable after the valid exercise of a Convertible Security by a Participant, the Company will issue or cause to be transferred to that Participant the number of Shares to which the Participant is entitled under the Plan rules and issue a substitute certificate for any remaining unexercised Convertible Securities held by that Participant.

# Forfeiture Convertible Securities

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Convertible Securities will be forfeited in the following circumstances:

- (a) where a Participant who holds Convertible Securities ceases to be an Eligible Participant (e.g. is no longer employed or their office or engagement is discontinued with the Group), all unvested Convertible Securities will automatically be forfeited by the Participant, unless the Board otherwise determines in its discretion to permit some or all of the Convertible Securities to vest;
- (b) where a Participant acts fraudulently or dishonestly, negligently, in contravention of any Group policy or wilfully breaches their duties to the Group;
- (c) where there is a failure to satisfy the vesting conditions in accordance with the Plan;
- (d) on the date the Participant becomes insolvent; or

#### (e) on the Expiry Date,

unless the Board otherwise determines.

#### Change of control

If a change of control event occurs, or the Board determines that such an event is likely to occur, the Board may in its discretion determine the manner in which any or all of the holder's Convertible Securities will be dealt with, including, without limitation, in a manner that allows the holder to participate in and/or benefit from any transaction arising from or in connection with the change of control event.

#### **Plan Shares**

The Board may, from time to time, make an invitation to an Eligible Participant to acquire Plan Shares under the Plan. The Board will determine in its sole an absolute discretion the acquisition price (if any) for each Plan Share which may be nil. The Plan Shares may be subject to performance hurdles and/or vesting conditions as determined by the Board.

Where Plan Shares granted to a Participant are subject to performance hurdles and/or vesting conditions, the Participant's Plan Shares will be subject to certain restrictions until the applicable performance hurdles and/or vesting conditions (if any) have been satisfied, waived by the Board or are deemed to have been satisfied under the Rules.

### Rights attaching to Plan Shares

All Shares issued or transferred under the Plan or issued or transferred to a Participant upon the valid exercise of a Convertible Security, (**Plan Shares**) will rank equally in all respects with the Shares of the same class for the time being on issue except for any rights attaching to the Shares by reference to a record date prior to the date of the allotment or transfer of the Plan Shares. A Participant will be entitled to any dividends declared and distributed by the Company on the Plan Shares and may participate in any dividend reinvestment plan operated by the Company in respect of Plan Shares. A Participant may exercise any voting rights attaching to Plan Shares.

# Disposal restrictions on Plan Shares

If the invitation provides that any Plan Shares are subject to any restrictions as to the disposal or other dealing by a Participant for a period, the Board may implement any procedure it deems appropriate to ensure the compliance by the Participant with this restriction.

For so long as a Plan Share is subject to any disposal restrictions under the Plan, the Participant will not:

- (a) transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of, or have a security interest granted over that Plan Share; or
- (b) take any action or permit another person to take any action to remove or circumvent the disposal restrictions without the express written consent of the Company.

#### General Restrictions on Transfer of Plan Shares

If the Company is required but is unable to give ASX a notice that complies with section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act, Plan Shares issued on exercise of Convertible Securities may not be traded until 12 months after their issue unless the Company, at its sole discretion, elects to issue a prospectus pursuant to section 708A(11) of the Act.

Restrictions are imposed by Applicable Law on dealing in Shares by persons who possess material information likely to affect the value of the Shares and which is not generally available. These laws may restrict the acquisition or disposal of Shares by you during the time the holder has such information.

Any Plan Shares issued to a holder upon exercise of the Convertible Shares shall be subject to the terms of the Company's Securities Trading Policy.

#### Adjustment Convertible Securities

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If there is a reorganisation of the issued share capital of the Company (including any subdivision, consolidation, reduction, return or cancellation of such issued capital of the Company), the rights of each Participant holding Convertible Securities will be changed to the extent necessary to comply with the Listing Rules applicable to a reorganisation of capital at the time of the reorganisation.

If Shares are issued by the Company by way of bonus issue (other than an issue in lieu of dividends or by way of dividend reinvestment), the holder of Convertible Securities is entitled, upon exercise of the Convertible Securities, to receive an issue of as many additional Shares as would have been issued to the holder if the holder held Shares equal in number to the Shares in respect of which the Convertible Securities are exercised.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, a holder of Convertible Securities does not have the right to participate in a pro rata issue of Shares made by the Company or sell renounceable rights.

#### **Buy-Back**

Subject to applicable law, the Company may at any time buy-back Securities in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

#### Employee Share Trust

The Board may in its sole and absolute discretion use an employee share trust or other mechanism for the purposes of holding Convertible Securities for holders under the Plan and delivering Shares on behalf of holders upon exercise of Convertible Securities.

### Maximum number of Securities

The Company will not make an invitation under the Plan which involves monetary consideration if the number of Plan Shares that may be issued, or acquired upon exercise of Convertible Securities offered under an invitation, when aggregated with the number of Shares issued or that may be issued as a result of all invitations under the Plan during the 3 year period ending on the day of the invitation, will exceed 5% (if the securities offered under the Plan have an exercise price) or 20% (if the securities offered under the Plan do not have an exercise price) of the total number of issued Shares at the date of the invitation (unless the Constitution specifies a different percentage).

#### Amendment Plan

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Subject to the following paragraph, the Board may at any time amend any provisions of the Plan rules, including (without limitation) the terms and conditions upon which any Securities have been granted under the Plan and determine that any amendments to the Plan rules be given retrospective effect, immediate effect or future effect.

No amendment to any provision of the Plan rules may be made if the amendment materially reduces the rights of any Participant as they existed before the date of the amendment, other than an amendment introduced primarily for the purpose of complying with legislation or to correct manifest error or mistake, amongst other things, or is agreed to in writing by all Participants.

#### Plan duration

The Plan continues in operation until the Board decides to end it. The Board may from time to time suspend the operation of the Plan for a fixed period or indefinitely and may end any suspension. If the Plan is terminated or suspended for any reason, that termination or suspension must not prejudice the accrued rights of the Participants.

If a Participant and the Company (acting by the Board) agree in writing that some or all of the Securities granted to that Participant are to be cancelled on a specified date or on the occurrence of a particular event, then those Securities may be cancelled in the manner agreed between the Company and the Participant.

#### Income Tax Assessment Act

The Plan is a plan to which Subdivision 83A-C of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth) applies (subject to the conditions in that Act) except to the extent an invitation provides otherwise.