# GREAT WESTERN EXPLORATION LIMITED ACN 123 631 470 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at:

TIME: 8.30am (AWST)

**DATE**: Thursday, 30 November 2023

PLACE: Level 2

160 St Georges Terrace

PERTH WA 6000

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

Note: A poll will be called on all resolutions being considered at this Meeting.

This Notice of Meeting 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 4.00pm (AWST) on 28 November 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.

# 3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – MR KEVIN SOMES

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, ASX Listing Rule 14.5 and for all other purposes, Mr Kevin Somes retires, and being eligible, is elected as a Director."

#### 4. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF 7.1A MANDATE

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a **special** resolution:

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue up to that number of Equity Securities equal to 10% of the issued capital of the Company at the time of issue, calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

# 5. RESOLUTION 4 – RE-ADOPTION OF INCENTIVE PERFORMANCE RIGHTS AND OPTION PLAN

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

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)) and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to re-adopt the employee incentive scheme titled 'Incentive Performance Rights and Options Plan' and for the issue of securities under that Plan, on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

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

# 7. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The accompanying Explanatory Statement forms part of this Notice of Annual General Meeting and should be read in conjunction with it.

Shareholders are specifically referred to the Glossary in the Explanatory Statement which contains definitions of capitalised terms used in this Notice of Annual General Meeting and the Explanatory Statement.

Dated: 12 October 2023

By order of the Board

Tony Walsh Company Secretary

#### **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 wremuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or		
	(b)	a Closely Related Party of such a member.		
	Resolution	er, a person (the <b>voter</b> ) described above may cast a vote on this on as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described 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 – Re-Adoption of Incentive Performance Rights and Option Plan	on this R (a) the p (b) the	n appointed as a proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, Resolution if: proxy is either: (i) a member of the Key Management Personnel; or (ii) a Closely Related Party of such a member; and appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution. er, the above prohibition does not apply if: 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 Resolutions set out below by or on behalf of the following persons:

Resolution 3 – Approval of 7.1A Mandate	A person who is expected to participate in, or who will obtain a material benefit as a result of, the proposed issue (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the Company) or an associate of that person (or those persons).
Resolution 4 – Re-Adoption of Incentive Performance Rights and Option Plan	A person who is eligible to participate in the employee incentive scheme or an associate of that person or those persons.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of the Resolutions 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

Voting by proxy can be completed in one of the following ways:

- Online: at www.investorvote.com.au
- Mobile: scan the QR Code on the enclosed Proxy Form and follow the prompts
- **By mail**: complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return the form to:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited

GPO Box 242, Melbourne VIC 3001 Australia

• **By Fax**: complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and fax the form to:

If you are in Australia, 1800 783 447

If you are outside Australia, +61 3 9473 2555

• **Custodian voting**: For Intermediary Online subscribers only (custodians) please visit www.intermediaryonline.com to submit your voting intentions.

Proxy Forms must be received no later than 2.00pm (AWST) on 28 November 2023.

## Proxy Forms received later than this time will be invalid.

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.

If you sign the enclosed Proxy Form and no direction is given, the Chair will be appointed as your proxy. The Chair intends to vote undirected proxies on, and in favour of, all resolutions.

#### Voting in person

Shareholders are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the Meeting to the Company by emailing the Company on: enquiries@greatwesternexploration.com.au. Shareholders and their proxies are encouraged to lodge their votes in accordance with the instructions set out in the Proxy Form.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 6311 2852.

#### **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 Constitution, 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 www.greatwesternexploration.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.

## 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 Annual General Meeting.

#### 3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – MR KEVIN SOMES

#### 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.

Mr Kevin Somes, who has served as a Director since 11 October 2013 and was last re-elected on 30 November 2021, retires by rotation at this Annual General Meeting and seeks re-election.

# 3.2 Qualifications and other material directorships

Mr Somes is a Chartered Accountant (FCA) of 50 years and a founding partner of Somes and Cooke Chartered Accountants which specialised in auditing and advising mining and exploration companies. Mr Somes' career includes numerous business ventures spanning pearl farming, aquaculture, taverns and hotels, whiskey production and bakeries. Mr Somes is also actively involved with the local community as past President of the Claremont Football Club and currently President of the Rotary Club of Mosman Park – Cottesloe.

#### 3.3 Independence

If re-elected, the Board considers Mr Somes will be a non-executive director of the Company, and will be considered an independent director.

#### 3.4 Board recommendation

The Board has reviewed Mr Somes' performance since his re-election to the Board in November 2021 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 Mr Somes as a Director of the Company and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

#### 4. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF 7.1A MANDATE

#### 4.1 General

Broadly speaking, and subject to a number of exceptions, Listing Rule 7.1 limits the amount of Equity Securities that a listed company can issue without the approval of its shareholders over any 12 month period to 15% of the fully paid ordinary securities it had on issue at the start of that period.

However, under Listing Rule 7.1A, an eligible entity may seek shareholder approval by way of a special resolution passed at its annual general meeting to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25% in aggregate (**7.1A Mandate**).

An 'eligible entity' means an entity which is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$300,000,000 or less. The Company is an eligible entity for these purposes.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is an Eligible Entity as it is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a current market capitalisation of \$11,371,415 (based on the number of Shares on issue and the closing price of Shares on the ASX on 11 October 2023 and excluding any restricted securities that may be on issue).

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

Under the Company's Constitution, a special resolution is a resolution requiring at least 75% of votes cast by shareholders present and eligible to vote at the meeting to be voted in favour of the resolution.

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

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

## 4.2 Technical information required by Listing Rule 7.1A

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, the information below is provided in relation to Resolution 3.

#### (a) Period for which the 7.1A Mandate is valid

The 7.1A Mandate will commence on the date of the Meeting and expire on the first to occur of the following:

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

#### (b) Minimum price

Any Equity Securities issued under the 7.1A Mandate must be in an existing quoted class of Equity Securities and be issued at a minimum price of 75% of the volume weighted average price of Equity Securities in that class, calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

(i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the entity and the recipient of the Equity Securities; or

(ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in Section 4.2(b)(i), the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

#### (c) Use of funds raised under the 7.1A Mandate

The Company intends to use funds raised from issues of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate on exploration on the Company's current assets, general working capital, and towards any possible acquisition of new assets or investments (including expenses associated with such acquisitions).

# (d) Risk of Economic and Voting Dilution

Any issue of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate will dilute the interests of Shareholders who do not receive any Shares under the issue.

If Resolution 3 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 7.1A Mandate, the economic and voting dilution of existing Shares would be as shown in the table below.

The table below shows the dilution of existing Shareholders calculated in accordance with the formula outlined in Listing Rule 7.1A.2, on the basis of the closing market price of Shares and the number of Equity Securities on issue or proposed to be issued as at 11 October 2023.

The table also shows the voting dilution impact where the number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) changes and the economic dilution where there are changes in the issue price of Shares issued under the 7.1A Mandate.

		Dilution				
Number of Shares on Issue (Variable A in Listing Rule 7.1A.2)			Issue Price			
		Shares issued – 10% voting dilution	\$0.0225	\$0.045	\$0.0675	
			50% decrease	Issue Price	50% increase	
			Funds Raised			
Current	252,698,117 Shares	25,269,811 Shares	\$568,571	\$1,137,142	\$1,705,712	
50% increase	379,047,176 Shares	37,904,717 Shares	\$852,856	\$1,705,712	\$2,558,568	
100% increase	505,396,234 Shares	50,539,623 Shares	\$1,137,142	\$2,274,283	\$3,411,425	

#### Notes:

The number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) could increase as a result of the issue of Shares that do not require Shareholder approval (such as under a pro-rata rights issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or that are issued with Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.

#### The table above uses the following assumptions:

- There are currently 252,698,117 Shares on issue as at the date of this Notice of Meeting.
- 2. The issue price set out above is the closing market price of the Shares on the ASX on 11 October 2023 (being \$0.045).

- 3. The Company issues the maximum possible number of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate.
- 4. The Company has not issued any Equity Securities in the 12 months prior to the Meeting that were not issued under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2 or with approval under Listing Rule 7.1.
- 5. The issue of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate consists only of Shares. It is assumed that no Options are exercised into Shares before the date of issue of the Equity Securities. If the issue of Equity Securities includes quoted Options, it is assumed that those quoted Options are exercised into Shares for the purpose of calculating the voting dilution effect on existing Shareholders.
- 6. The calculations above do not show the dilution that any one particular Shareholder will be subject to. All Shareholders should consider the dilution caused to their own shareholding depending on their specific circumstances.
- 7. This table does not set out any dilution pursuant to approvals under Listing Rule 7.1 unless otherwise disclosed.
- 8. The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue. This is why the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
- 9. The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 7.1A Mandate, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Meeting.

Shareholders should note that there is a risk that:

- (i) the market price for the Company's Shares may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the Meeting; and
- (ii) the Shares may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for those Shares on the date of issue.

#### (e) Allocation policy under the 7.1A Mandate

The recipients of the Equity Securities to be issued under the 7.1A Mandate have not yet been determined. However, the recipients of Equity Securities could consist of current Shareholders or new investors (or both), none of whom will be related parties of the Company.

The Company will determine the recipients at the time of the issue under the 7.1A Mandate, having regard to the following factors:

- (i) the purpose of the issue;
- (ii) alternative methods for raising funds available to the Company at that time, including, but not limited to, an entitlement issue, share purchase plan, placement or other offer where existing Shareholders may participate;
- (iii) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- (iv) the circumstances of the Company, including, but not limited to, the financial position and solvency of the Company;
- (v) prevailing market conditions; and
- (vi) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

# (f) Previous approval under Listing Rule 7.1A

The Company previously obtained approval from its Shareholders pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1A at its annual general meeting held on 30 November 2022 (**Previous Approval**).

During the 12-month period preceding the date of the Meeting, being on and from 30 November 2022, the Company issued 18,144,811 Shares on 6 April 2023 (out of a total 45,300,000 Shares issued that day) utilising the Previous Approval (**Previous Issue**), which represented approximately 10% of the total diluted number of Equity Securities on issue in the Company on 30 November 2022, which was 181,448,117. The Company ratified the Previous Issue for the purpose of Listing Rule 7.4 at a general meeting held on 16 May 2023.

Further details of the issues of Equity Securities by the Company pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1A.2 during the 12 month period preceding the date of the Meeting are set out below.

The following information is provided in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A.6(b) in respect of the Previous Issue:

Date of Issue and	Date of Issue: 6 April 2023		
Appendix 2A	Date of Appendix 2A: 6 April 2023		
Recipients	Professional and sophisticated investors as part of a two-tranche placement announced on 30 March 2023. The placement participants were identified through a bookbuild process, which involved Peloton Limited and Euroz Hartleys Limited seeking expressions of interest to participate in the placement from non-related parties of the Company.		
Number and Class of Equity Securities Issued	18,144,811 Shares <sup>2</sup>		
Issue Price and discount to Market Price <sup>1</sup> (if any)	\$0.04 per Share (11.1% discount to market price of \$0.045 on 30 March 2023)		
Total Cash Consideration and	<b>Amount raised</b> : \$752,792 (as part of a two-tranche placement raising \$2.8 million)		
Use of Funds	<b>Amount spent:</b> \$2,192,000		
	<b>Use of funds</b> : drilling priority targets, further exploration activities, capital raising costs and I working capital.		
	<b>Amount remaining</b> : \$2,018,000 in cash at 30 September 2023		
	<b>Proposed use of remaining funds</b> <sup>3</sup> : Exploration on the Company's existing projects, payment of creditors and general working capital.		

#### Notes:

- Market Price means the closing price of Shares on ASX (excluding special crossings, overnight sales and exchange traded option exercises). For the purposes of this table the discount is calculated on the Market Price on the last trading day on which a sale was recorded prior to the date of issue of the relevant Equity Securities.
- 2. Fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company, ASX Code: GTE (terms are set out in the Constitution).

3. This is a statement of current intentions as at the date of this Notice. As with any budget, intervening events and new circumstances have the potential to affect the manner in which the funds are ultimately applied. The Board reserves the right to after the way the funds are applied on this basis.

#### 4.3 Voting Exclusion Statement

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A. Accordingly, a voting exclusion statement is not included in this Notice.

# 5. RESOLUTION 4 – RE-ADOPTION OF INCENTIVE PERFORMANCE RIGHTS AND OPTION PLAN

#### 5.1 General

Resolution 4 seeks Shareholder approval for the re-adoption of the employee incentive scheme titled "Incentive Performance Rights and Options Plan" (**Plan**) which was first approved at the annual general meeting held on 19 October 2020 and for the issue of Performance Rights and Options under the Plan in accordance with Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)).

The objective of the Plan is to attract, motivate and retain key employees and the Company considers that the adoption of the Plan and the future issue of Performance Rights or Options under the Plan will provide selected employees with the opportunity to participate in the future growth of the Company.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Plan is materially the same as the existing Incentive Performance Rights and Options Plan which was approved by Shareholders in 2020.

As summarised in Section 4.1, Listing Rule 7.1 limits the amount of Equity Securities that a listed company can issue without the approval of its shareholders over any 12 month period to 15% of the fully paid ordinary shares it had on issue at the start of that period.

Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)) provides that Listing Rule 7.1 does not apply to an issue of securities under an employee incentive scheme if, within three years before the date of issue of the securities, the holders of the entity's ordinary securities have approved the issue of Equity Securities under the scheme as exception to Listing Rule 7.1.

Exception 13(b) is only available if and to the extent that the number of Equity Securities issued under the scheme does not exceed the maximum number set out in the entity's notice of meeting dispatched to shareholders in respect of the meeting at which shareholder approval was obtained pursuant to Exception 13(b). Exception 13(b) also ceases to be available if there is a material change to the terms of the scheme from those set out in the notice of meeting.

If Resolution 4 is passed, the Company will be able to issue Performance Rights and Options under the Plan to Eligible Participants over a period of 3 years. The issue of any Performance Rights or Options to Eligible Participants under the Plan (up to the maximum number of Equity Securities stated in Section 5.2(c) below) will be excluded from the calculation of the number of Equity Securities that the Company can issue without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.

No Directors will be issued any Equity Securities pursuant to this Resolution. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company must seek separate Shareholder approval for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.14 in respect of any future issues of Performance

Rights or Options under the Plan to a Director or any other related party or a person whose relationship with the Company or the related party is, in ASX's opinion, such that approval should be obtained.

If Resolution 4 is not passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of Performance Rights and Options under the Plan to Eligible Participants, but any issues of Performance Rights or Options will reduce, to that extent, the Company's capacity to issue Equity Securities without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1 for the 12 month period following the issue of the Performance Rights or Options.

# 5.2 Technical information required by Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13)

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13), the following information is provided in relation to Resolution 4:

- (a) a summary of the key terms and conditions of the Plan is set out in Schedule 1;
- (b) since the Company first received Shareholder approval for the adoption of the Plan on 19 October 2020, it has issued:
  - (i) on 29 December 2020, 1,200,000 Options at an exercise price of \$0.31 each and expiring on or before 29 December 2023;
  - (ii) on 29 March 2021:
    - (A) 1,500,000 Options at an exercise price of \$0.37 each and expiring on or before 31 March 2024; and
    - (B) 1,250,000 Options at an exercise price of \$0.52 each and expiring on or before 31 March 2024.

The Company has not issued any other Performance Rights or Options under the Plan since it first received Shareholder approval for the adoption of the Plan on 19 October 2020;

- (c) The maximum number of Equity Securities to be issued under the Plan, following Shareholder approval, is set at 5% of the Company's issued Shares, which based on the Company's current issued Shares of 252,698,117 Shares is 12,634,905 Equity Securities. It is not envisaged that the maximum number of Equity Securities will be issued immediately; and
- (d) a voting exclusion statement is included in Resolution 4 of this Notice.

#### **GLOSSARY**

\$ means Australian dollars.

**7.1A Mandate** has the meaning given in Section 4.1.

**10% Placement Capacity** has the meaning given in Section 4.1.

**Annual General Meeting** or **Meeting** means the meeting convened by the Notice.

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

# **Associated Body Corporate** means:

- (a) a related body corporate (as defined in the Corporations Act) of the Company;
- (b) a body corporate which has an entitlement to not less than 20% of the voting Shares of the Company; and
- (c) a body corporate in which the Company has an entitlement to not less than 20% of the voting shares.

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

ASX Listing Rules means the Listing Rules of ASX.

**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 Great Western Exploration Limited (ACN 123 631 470).

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

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

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

Eligible Entity means an entity that, at the date of the relevant general meeting:

- (a) is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index; and
- (b) has a maximum market capitalisation (excluding restricted securities and securities quoted on a deferred settlement basis) of \$300,000,000.

Eligible Participant has the meaning given to it in Schedule 1.

**Equity Securities** includes a Share, a right to a Share or Option, an Option, a convertible security and any security that ASX decides to classify as an Equity Security.

**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.

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

**Option** means an option to acquire a Share.

**Optionholder** means a holder of an Option.

**Performance Right** means a right to acquire a Share, subject to satisfaction of any vesting conditions.

**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.

**Variable A** means "A" as set out in the formula in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A(2).

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

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

The material terms and conditions of the Performance Rights and Options Plan (**Plan**) are as follows:

- (a) **Eligibility**: Participants in the Plan may be:
  - a Director (whether executive or non-executive) of the Company and any Associated Body Corporate of the Company (each, a Group Company);
  - (i) a full or part time employee of any Group Company;
  - (ii) a casual employee or contractor of a Group Company to the extent permitted by ASIC Class Order 14/1000 as amended or replaced (Class Order); or
  - (iii) a prospective participant, being a person to whom the offer is made but who can only accept the offer if an arrangement has been entered into that will result in the person becoming a participant under subparagraphs (i), (ii), or (iii) above,

who is declared by the Board to be eligible to receive grants of Options or Performance Rights (Awards) under the Plan (**Eligible Participant**).

- (b) **Offer:** The Board may, from time to time, in its absolute discretion, make a written offer to any Eligible Participant to apply for Awards, upon the terms set out in the Plan and upon such additional terms and conditions as the Board determines.
- (c) **Plan limit:** The Company must have reasonable grounds to believe, when making an offer, that the number of Shares to be received on exercise of Awards offered under an offer, when aggregated with the number of Shares issued or that may be issued as a result of offers made in reliance on the Class Order at any time during the previous 3 year period under an employee incentive scheme covered by the Class Order or an ASIC exempt arrangement of a similar kind to an employee incentive scheme, will not exceed 5% of the total number of Shares on issue at the date of the offer.
- (d) **Issue price:** Performance Rights granted under the Plan will be issued for nil cash consideration. Unless the Options are quoted on the ASX, Options issued under the Plan will be issued for no more than nominal cash consideration.
- (e) **Exercise price**: The Board may determine the Option exercise price (if any) for an Option offered under that Offer in its absolute discretion. To the extent the Listing Rules specify or require a minimum price, the Option exercise price must not be less than any minimum price specified in the Listing Rules.
- (f) **Vesting conditions:** An Award may be made subject to vesting conditions as determined by the Board in its discretion and as specified in the offer for the Awards (**Vesting Conditions**).
- (g) **Vesting**: The Board may in its absolute discretion by written notice to a Participant (being an Eligible Participant to whom Awards have been granted under the Plan or their nominee where the Awards have been granted to the nominee of the Eligible Participant (**Relevant Person**)), resolve to waive any of the Vesting Conditions applying to Awards due to:

- (i) special circumstances arising in relation to a Relevant Person in respect of those Awards, being:
  - (A) a Relevant Person ceasing to be an Eligible Participant due to:
    - (I) death or total or permanent disability of a Relevant Person; or
    - (II) retirement or redundancy of a Relevant Person;
  - (B) a Relevant Person suffering severe financial hardship;
  - (C) any other circumstance stated to constitute "special circumstances" in the terms of the relevant offer made to and accepted by the Participant; or
  - (D) any other circumstances determined by the Board at any time (whether before or after the offer) and notified to the relevant Participant which circumstances may relate to the Participant, a class of Participant, including the Participant or particular circumstances or class of circumstances applying to the Participant,

#### (Special Circumstances), or

- (ii) a change of control occurring; or
- (iii) the Company passing a resolution for voluntary winding up, or an order is made for the compulsory winding up of the Company.
- (h) Lapse of an Award: An Award will lapse upon the earlier to occur of:
  - (i) an unauthorised dealing, or hedging of, the Award occurring;
  - (ii) a Vesting Condition in relation to the Award is not satisfied by its due date, or becomes incapable of satisfaction, as determined by the Board in its absolute discretion, unless the Board exercises its discretion to vest the Award in the circumstances set out in paragraph (g) or the Board resolves, in its absolute discretion, to allow the unvested Awards to remain unvested after the Relevant Person ceases to be an Eligible Participant;
  - (iii) in respect of unvested Awards only, a Relevant Person ceases to be an Eligible Participant, unless the Board exercises its discretion to vest the Award in the circumstances set out in paragraph (g) or the Board resolves, in its absolute discretion, to allow the unvested Awards to remain unvested after the Relevant Person ceases to be an Eligible Participant;
  - (iv) in respect of vested Awards only, a Relevant Person ceases to be an Eligible Participant and the Award granted in respect of that Relevant Person is not exercised within a one (1) month period (or such later date as the Board determines) of the date that person ceases to be an Eligible Participant:
  - (v) the Board deems that an Award lapses due to fraud, dishonesty or other improper behaviour of the Eligible Participant;
  - (vi) the Company undergoes a change of control or a winding up resolution or order is made and the Board does not exercise its discretion to vest the

- (vii) the expiry date of the Award.
- (i) **Not transferrable**: Subject to the Listing Rules, Awards are only transferrable in Special Circumstances with the prior written consent of the Board (which may be withheld in its absolute discretion) or by force of law upon death, to the Participant's legal personal representative or upon bankruptcy to the participant's trustee in bankruptcy.
- (j) **Shares**: Shares resulting from the exercise of the Awards shall, subject to any Sale Restrictions (refer paragraph (k)) from the date of issue, rank on equal terms with all other Shares on issue.
- (k) Sale restrictions: The Board may, in its discretion, determine at any time up until exercise of Awards, that a restriction period will apply to some or all of the Shares issued to a Participant on exercise of those Awards (Restriction Period). In addition, the Board may, in its sole discretion, having regard to the circumstances at the time, waive any such Restriction Period.
- (I) **Quotation of Shares:** If Shares of the same class as those issued under the Plan are quoted on the ASX, the Company will, subject to the Listing Rules, apply to the ASX for those Shares to be quoted on ASX within 10 business days of the later of the date the Shares are issued and the date any Restriction Period applying to the Shares ends.
- (m) **No participation rights:** There are no participation rights or entitlements inherent in the Awards and Participants will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to Shareholders during the currency of the Awards without exercising the Award.
- (n) Change in exercise price of number of underlying securities: An Award does not confer the right to a change in exercise price or in the number of underlying Shares over which the Award can be exercised.
- (o) **Reorganisation**: If, at any time, the issued capital of the Company is reorganised (including consolidation, subdivision, reduction or return), all rights of a Participant are to be changed in a manner consistent with the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules at the time of the reorganisation.
- (p) Amendments: Subject to express restrictions set out in the Plan and complying with the Corporations Act, Listing Rules and any other applicable law, the Board may, at any time, by resolution amend or add to all or any of the provisions of the Plan, or the terms or conditions of any Award granted under the Plan including giving any amendment retrospective effect.



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## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by 8:30am (AWST) on Tuesday, 28 November 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:

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.

Your secure access information is



Control Number: 183343

For Intermediary Online subscribers (custodians) go to www.intermediaryonline.com

#### By Mail:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited GPO Box 242 Melbourne VIC 3001 Australia

## By Fax:

1800 783 447 within Australia or +61 3 9473 2555 outside Australia



**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.

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# Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

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the Chairman of the Meeting	PLEASE NOTE: Leave this box blank if you have selected the Chairman of the Meeting. Do not insert your own name(s
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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 Great Western Exploration Limited to be held at Level 2, 160 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA 6000 on Thursday, 30 November 2023 at 8:30am (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 Resolutions 1 and 4 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolutions 1 and 4 are 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 Resolutions 1 and 4 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

# Step 2

#### **Items of Business**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you mark the **Abstain** 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	Adoption of Remuneration Report			
Resolution 2	Re-election of Director – Mr Kevin Somes			
Resolution 3	Approval of 7.1A Mandate			
Resolution 4	Re-adoption of Incentive Performance Rights and Option Plan			

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.

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## Signature of Securityholder(s)

This section 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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