# WHITEHAWK LIMITED ACN 620 459 823

## **CLEANSING PROSPECTUS**

For an offer of up to 10,000 New Options in the capital of the Company at an issue price of \$0.001 per New Option to raise up to \$10 (before expenses) (**Offer**).

This Prospectus has been prepared primarily for the purpose of section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act to remove any trading restrictions on the sale of New Options issued by the Company prior to the Closing Date.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This document is important and should be read in its entirety. If after reading this Prospectus you have any questions about the New Options being offered under this Prospectus or any other matter, then you should consult your professional advisers without delay.

The New Options offered by this Prospectus should be considered speculative.

## **CORPORATE DIRECTORY**

#### **Directors**

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#### 1. TIMETABLE AND IMPORTANT NOTES

#### 1.1 Timetable

Action	Date
Lodgement of Prospectus with the ASIC and ASX	8 May 2024
Opening Date	8 May 2024
Closing Date	5:00pm WST on 8 May 2024

<sup>\*</sup> The Directors reserve the right to bring forward or extend the Closing Date at any time after the Opening Date without notice.

## 1.2 Important Notes

This Prospectus is dated 8 May 2024 and was lodged with the ASIC on that date. The ASIC, ASX and their respective officers take no responsibility for the contents of this Prospectus or the merits of the investment to which this Prospectus relates.

No New Options may be issued on the basis of this Prospectus later than 13 months after the date of this Prospectus.

The Offer is only available to those who are personally invited to accept the Offer. Applications for New Options offered pursuant to this Prospectus can only be submitted on an original Application Form which accompanies this Prospectus.

This Prospectus is a transaction specific prospectus for an offer of options to acquire continuously quoted securities (as defined in the Corporations Act) and has been prepared in accordance with section 713 of the Corporations Act. It does not contain the same level of disclosure as an initial public offering prospectus. In making representations in this Prospectus regard has been had to the fact that the Company is a disclosing entity for the purposes of the Corporations Act and certain matters may reasonably be expected to be known to investors and professional advisers whom potential investors may consult.

#### 1.3 Website

A copy of this Prospectus can be downloaded from the website of the Company at <a href="www.whitehawk.com">www.whitehawk.com</a>. If you are accessing the electronic version of this Prospectus for the purpose of making an investment in the Company, you must be an Australian resident and must only access this Prospectus from within Australia.

The Corporations Act prohibits any person passing onto another person an Application Form unless it is attached to a hard copy of this Prospectus or it accompanies the complete and unaltered version of this Prospectus. Any person may obtain a hard copy of this Prospectus free of charge by contacting the Company.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Quotation of the New Options is subject to the Company being able to satisfy ASX of the quotation requirements set out in Chapter 2 of the ASX Listing Rules.

The Company reserves the right not to accept an Application Form from a person if it has reason to believe that when that person was given access to the electronic Application Form, it was not provided together with the electronic Prospectus and any relevant supplementary or replacement prospectus or any of those documents were incomplete or altered.

## 1.4 Risk Factors

Potential investors should be aware that subscribing for New Options in the Company involves a number of risks. The key risk factors of which investors should be aware are set out in Section 5 of this Prospectus. These risks together with other general risks applicable to all investments in listed securities not specifically referred to, may affect the value of the New Options in the future. Accordingly, an investment in the Company should be considered highly speculative. Investors should consider consulting their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for New Options pursuant to this Prospectus.

## 1.5 Overseas Investors

The distribution of this Prospectus in jurisdictions outside Australia may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession this document comes should seek advice on and observe any such restrictions. Any failure to comply with these restrictions constitutes a violation of those laws. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer of New Options in any jurisdiction where, or to any person to whom, it would be unlawful to issue in this Prospectus.

## 1.6 Target Market Determination

In accordance with the design and distribution obligations under the Corporations Act, the Company has determined the target market for the offer of New Options issued under this Prospectus. The Company will only distribute this Prospectus to those investors who fall within the target market determination (**TMD**) as set out on the Company's website (www.whitehawk.com).

By making an application under the Offer, you warrant that you have understood the TMD and that you fall within the target market set out in the TMD.

## 1.7 Forward-looking statements

This Prospectus contains forward-looking statements which are identified by words such as 'may', 'could', 'believes', 'estimates', 'targets', 'expects', or 'intends' and other similar words that involve risks and uncertainties.

These statements are based on an assessment of present economic and operating conditions, and on a number of assumptions regarding future events and actions that, as at the date of this Prospectus, are expected to take place.

Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other important factors, many of which are beyond the control of our Company, the Directors and our management.

We cannot and do not give any assurance that the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus will actually occur and investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

We have no intention to update or revise forward-looking statements, or to publish prospective financial information in the future, regardless of whether new information, future events or any other factors affect the information contained in this prospectus, except where required by law.

These forward looking statements are subject to various risk factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or anticipated in these statements. These risk factors are set out in Section 5 of this Prospectus.

#### 1.8 Disclaimer

No person is authorised to give any information or to make any representation in connection with the Offer described in this Prospectus which is not contained in this Prospectus. Any information not so contained may not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Company or any other person in connection with the Offer. You should rely only on information in this Prospectus.

#### 2. DETAILS OF THE OFFER

## 2.1 Background

On 29 February 2024, the Company announced that it was undertaking a placement to raise approximately \$2,000,000 through the issue of Shares at \$0.0225 per Share together with, subject to the receipt of Shareholder approval, one (1) free New Option for every two (2) Shares subscribed for and issued exercisable at \$0.0275 and expiring on the date that is one year from the date of issue (**Placement**). The Company also announced its intention to seek quotation of the Options.

Funds raised from the Placement will support business sales growth, leveraging interest in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in Cybersecurity and general working capital.

On 8 May 2024, Shareholders approved the issue of the New Options under the Placement.

The Company agreed to issue up to 62,222,197 New Options pursuant to the Placement comprising:

- (a) 44,444,420 New Options to participants of the Placement; and
- (b) 17,777,777 New Options to Alpine Capital Pty Ltd (or its nominees) who acted as lead manager to the Placement.

The Company has also agreed to issue 12,500,000 New Options to Viaticus Capital Pty Ltd (or its nominees) who was appointed by the Company to, among other things, develop and implement international investor relations, business development and review corporate opportunities and capital requirements.

These New Options to be issued pursuant to the Placement and agreement with Viaticus Capital Pty Ltd. The New Options will be issued before the Closing Date of this Prospectus.

The Company is now applying for quotation of the New Options issued in conjunction with the Placement on ASX. The purpose of this Offer is to ensure that the New Options can be freely tradable from the date they are quoted on ASX.

#### 2.2 The Offer

Pursuant to this Prospectus, the Company invites investors identified by the Directors to apply for up to 10,000 New Options at an issue price of \$0.001 per Option, to raise up to \$10 (before expenses).

The Offer will only be extended to specific parties on invitation from the Directors. Application Forms will only be provided by the Company to these parties.

The full terms and conditions of the New Options to be offered under this Prospectus are set out in Section 4.1. Subject to the Company being able to satisfy ASX of the requirements for quotation as per Chapter 2 of the Listing Rules, the New Options will form a new class of quoted securities of the Company.

#### 2.3 Objective

The Company is seeking to raise only a nominal amount of \$10 under this Prospectus and, accordingly, the purpose of this Prospectus is not to raise capital.

The primary purpose of this Prospectus is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to New Options issued by the Company without disclosure under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act prior to the Closing Date (including prior to lodgement of this Prospectus) so that, following quotation of the New Options, any on-sale of New Options issued before the Closing Date does not breach section 707(3) of the Corporations Act.

Relevantly, section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act provides that a sale offer does not need disclosure to investors if:

- (a) the relevant securities are in a class of securities that are quoted securities of the body;
- (b) either:
  - (i) a prospectus is lodged with the ASIC on or after the day on which the relevant securities were issued but before the day on which the sale offer is made; or
  - (ii) a prospectus is lodged with ASIC before the day on which the relevant securities are issued and offers of securities that have been made under the prospectus are still open for acceptance on the day on which the relevant securities were issued; and
- (c) the prospectus is for an offer of securities issued by the body that are in the same class of securities as the relevant securities.

The New Options are not currently in a class of quoted securities. However, the Company will apply for quotation of the New Options (including Options on issue in the same class of the New Options) within 7 days following the date of this Prospectus and the issue of New Options under the Offer is conditional upon ASX granting Official Quotation to Options the New Options and Options on issue in the same class as the New Options.

## 2.4 Application for New Options

Applications for New Options must be made by investors at the direction of the Company and must be made using the Application Form accompanying this Prospectus.

Payment for the New Options must be made in full at the issue price of \$0.001 per New Option, by no later than the Closing Date, following the instructions on the Application Form.

Completed Application Forms must be mailed or delivered to the Company as follows:

Delivery by hand	Delivery by post
Level 28	Level 28
140 St Georges Terrace	140 St Georges Terrace
PERTH WA 6000	PERTH WA 6000

## 2.5 Minimum subscription

There is no minimum subscription.

#### 2.6 Issue of New Options

As set out in Section 2.2, the primary purpose of the Offer is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to New Options issued by the Company without disclosure under Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act prior to the Closing Date of the Offer (including prior to the date of this Prospectus).

If the Directors decide to issue New Options under the Offer, the issue of New Options under the Offer will take place as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Application moneys will be held in a separate subscription account until the New Options are issued. This account will be established and kept by the Company in trust for each Applicant. Any interest earned on the application moneys will be for the benefit of the Company and will be retained by the Company irrespective of whether any New Options are issued and each Applicant waives the right to claim any interest.

The Directors will determine the recipients of all the New Options. The Directors reserve the right to reject any application or to allocate any Applicant fewer New Options than the number applied for.

Where the number of New Options issued is less than the number applied for, the surplus moneys will be returned by cheque as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Where no issue of New Options is made, the amount tendered on application will be returned in full by cheque as soon as practicable after the Closing Date. Interest will not be paid on moneys refunded.

The Company's decision on the number of New Options to be allocated to an applicant will be final.

Holding statements for New Options issued under this Prospectus will be mailed to the investors under the Offer.

## 2.7 ASX listing

Application for Official Quotation of the New Options offered pursuant to this Prospectus will be made within 7 days of the date of this Prospectus. If ASX does not grant Official Quotation of the New Options offered pursuant to this Prospectus before the expiration of 3 months after the date of issue of the Prospectus, (or such period as varied by the ASIC), the Company will not issue any New Options.

The fact that ASX may grant Official Quotation to the New Options is not to be taken in any way as an indication of the merits of the Company or the New Options now offered for subscription.

## 2.8 Restrictions on the distribution of the Prospectus

The distribution of this Prospectus outside the Commonwealth of Australia may be restricted by law.

This Offer does not, and is not intended to, constitute an offer in any place or jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it would not be lawful to make such an offer or to issue this Prospectus.

Residents of countries outside Australia should consult their professional advisers as to whether any government or other consents are required, or whether any formalities need to be observed should they wish to make an application to take up New Options on the basis of this Prospectus. The return of a duly completed Application Form will be taken to constitute a representation and warranty that there has been no breach of such laws and that all approvals and consents have been obtained.

## 2.9 Enquiries

Any questions concerning the Offer should be directed to Kevin Kye, Company Secretary, on +61 8 6311 4636.

#### 3. PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFER

## 3.1 Purpose of the Offer

The primary purpose of this Prospectus is to remove any trading restrictions that may have attached to New Options issued by the Company prior to the Closing Date (including prior to the date of this Prospectus). All of the funds raised from the Offer will be applied towards the expenses of the Offer. Refer to Section 6.8 of this Prospectus for further details relating to the estimated expenses of the Offer.

#### 3.2 Effect on capital structure

The effect of the Offer on the capital structure of the Company is set out below.

Shares <sup>1</sup>	Number
Shares currently on issue	462,476,279
Shares offered under this Prospectus	Nil
Total Shares on issue after completion of the Offer	462,476,279

#### Notes:

1. The rights and liabilities attaching to the Shares are summarised in Section 4 of this Prospectus.

Options	Number
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.30 each on or before 24 September 2024	5,000,000
Unlisted Options exercisable at \$0.10 each on or before 12 May 2026	22,500,000
Options offered under this Prospectus <sup>1</sup>	10,000
Total Options on issue after completion of the Offer <sup>2</sup>	27,510,000

#### Notes:

- 1. The rights and liabilities attaching to the New Options are summarised in Section 4.1 of this Prospectus.
- 2. The Company intends to issue up to:
  - a. 44,444,420 New Options to participants of the Placement;
  - b. 17,777,777 New Options to Alpine Capital Pty Ltd (or its nominees) who acted as lead manager to the Placement; and
  - c. 12,500,000 New Options to Viaticus Capital Pty Ltd (or its nominees),

Before the Closing Date of the Offer, bringing the total Options on issue to 102,232,197.

Performance Rights	Number
Performance Rights currently on issue	885,480
Performance Rights offered under this Prospectus	Nil
Total Performance Rights on issue after completion of the Offer	885,480

Share Appreciation Rights	Number
Share Appreciation Rights currently on issue	30,179,711
Share Appreciation Rights offered under this Prospectus	Nil
Total Performance Rights on issue after completion of the Offer	30,179,711

#### 3.3 Financial effect of the Offer

After expenses of the Offer of approximately \$10,706, there will be no proceeds from the Offer. The expenses of the Offer will be met from the Company's existing cash reserves.

#### 4. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES ATTACHING TO NEW OPTIONS

## 4.1 New Options

The following is a summary of the terms and conditions of the New Options being offered pursuant to this Prospectus.

#### (a) **Entitlement**

Each New Option entitles the holder to subscribe for one Share upon exercise of the New Option.

## (b) Exercise Price

Subject to paragraph (i), the amount payable upon exercise of each New Option will be \$0.0275 (**Exercise Price**)

## (c) Expiry Date

Each New Option will expire at 5:00pm (AEST) on the date which is one (1) year from the date of issue (**Expiry Date**). A New Option not exercised before the Expiry Date will automatically lapse on the Expiry Date.

## (d) Exercise Period

The New Options are exercisable at any time on or prior to the Expiry Date (Exercise Period).

## (e) Notice of Exercise

The New Options may be exercised during the Exercise Period by notice in writing to the Company in the manner specified on the New Option Exercise Form (**Notice of Exercise**) and payment of the Exercise Price for each New Option being exercised in Australian currency by electronic funds transfer or other means of payment acceptable to the Company.

#### (f) Exercise Date

A Notice of Exercise is only effective on and from the later of the date of receipt of the Notice of Exercise and the date of receipt of the payment of the Exercise Price for each New Option being exercised in cleared funds (Exercise Date).

## (g) Timing of issue of Shares on exercise

Within five Business Days after the Exercise Date, the Company will:

- (i) issue the number of Shares required under these terms and conditions in respect of the number of New Options specified in the Notice of Exercise and for which cleared funds have been received by the Company;
- (ii) if required, give ASX a notice that complies with section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act, or, if the Company is unable to issue such a notice, lodge with ASIC a prospectus prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act and do all such things necessary to satisfy section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act to ensure that an offer for sale of the Shares does not require disclosure to investors; and
- (iii) if admitted to the official list of ASX at the time, apply for official quotation on ASX of Shares issued pursuant to the exercise of the Options.

If a notice delivered under (g) (ii) for any reason is not effective to ensure that an offer for sale of the Shares does not require disclosure to investors, the Company must, no later than 20 Business Days after becoming aware of such notice being ineffective, lodge with ASIC a prospectus prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act and do all such things necessary to satisfy section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act to ensure that an offer for sale of the Shares does not require disclosure to investors.

#### (h) Shares issued on exercise

Shares issued on exercise of the New Options rank equally with the then issued shares of the Company.

#### (i) Reconstruction of capital

If at any time the issued capital of the Company is reconstructed, all rights of an Optionholder are to be changed in a manner consistent with the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules at the time of the reconstruction.

## (j) Participation in new issues

There are no participation rights or entitlements inherent in the New Options and holders will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to Shareholders during the currency of the New Options without exercising the New Options.

## (k) Change in exercise price

A New Option does not confer the right to a change in Exercise Price or a change in the number of underlying securities over which the New Option can be exercised.

## (I) Transferability

The New Options are transferable subject to any restriction or escrow arrangements imposed by ASX or under applicable Australian securities laws.

#### 4.2 Shares

The following is a summary of the more significant rights and liabilities attaching to Shares that may be issued subject to exercise of the New Options. This summary is not exhaustive and does not constitute a definitive statement of the rights and liabilities of Shareholders. To obtain such a statement, persons should seek independent legal advice.

Full details of the rights and liabilities attaching to Shares are set out in the Constitution, a copy of which is available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours.

## (a) General meeting and notices

Each member is entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, general meetings of the Company and to receive all notices, accounts and other documents required to be sent to members under the Constitution, the Corporations Act or the Listing Rules.

## (b) Voting rights

Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at a general meeting of the Company:

- (i) each Shareholder entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy, attorney or representative;
- (ii) on a show of hands, every person present who is a Shareholder or a proxy, attorney or representative of a Shareholder has one vote; and
- (iii) on a poll, every person present who is a Shareholder or a proxy, attorney or representative of a Shareholder shall, in respect of each fully paid Share held by him, or in respect of which he is appointed a proxy, attorney or representative, have one vote for each Share held, but in respect of partly paid shares shall have such number of votes as bears the same proportion to the total of such Shares registered in the Shareholder's name as the amount paid (not credited) bears to the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited).

## (c) **Dividend rights**

Subject to the rights of any preference Shareholders and to the rights of the holders of any shares created or raised under any special arrangement as to dividend, the Directors may from time to time declare a dividend to be paid to the Shareholders entitled to the dividend which shall be payable on all Shares according to the proportion that the amount paid (not credited) is of the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited) in respect of such Shares.

The Directors may from time to time pay to the Shareholders any interim dividends as they may determine. No dividend shall carry interest as against the Company. The Directors may set aside out of the profits of the Company any amounts that they may determine as reserves, to be applied at the discretion of the Directors, for any purpose for which the profits of the Company may be properly applied.

Subject to the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act, the Company may, by resolution of the Directors, implement a dividend reinvestment plan on such terms and conditions as the Directors think fit and which provides for any dividend which the Directors may declare from time to time payable on Shares which are participating Shares in the dividend reinvestment plan, less any amount which the Company shall either pursuant to the Constitution or any law be entitled or obliged to retain, be applied by the Company to the payment of the subscription price of Shares.

## (e) Winding-up

If the Company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution, divide among the Shareholders in kind the whole or any part of the property of the Company, and may for that purpose set such value as he considers fair upon any property to be so divided, and may determine how the division is to be carried out as between the Shareholders or different classes of Shareholders.

The liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution, vest the whole or any part of any such property in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidator thinks fit, but so that no Shareholder is compelled to accept any shares or other securities in respect of which there is any liability.

#### (f) Shareholder liability

As the Shares issued will be fully paid shares, they will not be subject to any calls for money by the Directors and will therefore not become liable for forfeiture.

#### (g) Transfer of shares

Generally, shares in the Company are freely transferable, subject to formal requirements, the registration of the transfer not resulting in a contravention of or failure to observe the provisions of a law of Australia and the transfer not being in breach of the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules.

#### (h) Future increase in capital

The issue of any new Shares is under the control of the Directors of the Company. Subject to restrictions on the issue or grant of securities contained in the ASX Listing Rules, the Constitution and the Corporations Act (and without affecting any special right previously conferred on the holder of an existing share or class of shares), the Directors may issue Shares as they shall, in their absolute discretion, determine.

## (i) Variation of rights

Under section 246B of the Corporations Act, the Company may, with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a meeting of Shareholders vary or abrogate the rights attaching to Shares.

If at any time the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class), whether or not the Company is being wound up, may be varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of three quarters of the issued shares of that class, or if authorised by a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the shares of that class.

## (j) Alteration of constitution

In accordance with the Corporations Act, the Constitution can only be amended by a special resolution passed by at least three quarters of Shareholders present and voting at the general meeting. In addition, at least 28 days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution must be given.

#### 5. RISK FACTORS

#### 5.1 Introduction

The New Options offered under this Prospectus are considered highly speculative. An investment in the Company is not risk free and the Directors strongly recommend potential investors to consider the risk factors described below, together with information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus and to consult their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for New Options pursuant to this Prospectus.

There are specific risks which relate directly to the Company's business. In addition, there are other general risks, many of which are largely beyond the control of the Company and the Directors. The risks identified in this Section, or other risk factors, may have a material impact on the financial performance of the Company and the market price of the New Options.

The following is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the risk factors to which the Company is exposed.

## 5.2 Company specific

## (a) **Technology Risk**

Whitehawk's market involves rapidly evolving products and technological change. The Company cannot guarantee that it will be able to engage in research and development at the requisite levels. The Company cannot assure investors that it will successfully identify new technological opportunities and continue to have the needed financial resources to develop new products in a timely or cost-effective manner. At the same time, products, services and technologies developed by others may render the Company's products and services obsolete or noncompetitive.

#### (b) Research and Development and Technical Risk

Whitehawk's products and services are the subject of continuous research and development and necessarily need to be substantially developed further in order to gain and maintain competitive and technological advantage, and in order to meaningfully improve the products' and services' usability, scalability and accuracy. There are no guarantees that the Company will be able to undertake such research and development successfully. Failure to successfully undertake such research and development, anticipate technical problems, or estimate research and development costs or timeframes accurately will adversely affect the Company's results and viability.

## (C) Intellectual Property Rights

A substantial part of the Company's commercial success will depend on its ability to establish and protect Whitehawk's intellectual property to maintain trade secret protection and operate without infringing the proprietary rights of third parties.

Further, the commercial value of the Company's intellectual property assets is dependent on any relevant legal protections. These legal mechanisms, however, do not guarantee that the intellectual property will be protected or that the Company's competitive position will be

maintained. No assurance can be given that employees or third parties will not breach confidentiality agreements, infringe or misappropriate the Company's intellectual property or commercially sensitive information, or that competitors will not be able to produce non-infringing competitive products. Competition in retaining and sustaining protection of technologies and the complex nature of technologies can lead to expensive and lengthy disputes for which there can be no guaranteed outcome. There can be no assurance that any intellectual property which the Company (or entities it deals with) may have an interest in now or in the future will afford the Company commercially significant protection of technologies, or that any of the projects that may arise from technologies will have commercial applications.

It is possible that third parties may assert intellectual property infringement, unfair competition or like claims against the Company under copyright, trade secret, patent, or other laws. While the Company is not aware of any claims of this nature in relation to any of the intellectual property rights in which it has or will acquire an interest, such claims, if made, may harm, directly or indirectly, the Company's business. If the Company is forced to defend claims of intellectual property infringement, whether they are with or without merit or are determined in the Company's favour, the costs of such litigation will be potentially significant and may divert management's attention from normal commercial operations.

Additionally, securing rights to (or developing) technologies complementing Whitehawk's existing intellectual property will also play an important part in the commercial success of the Company. There is no guarantee that such rights can be secured or such technologies can be developed.

## (d) Data loss, theft or corruption

Whitehawk stores data in its own systems and networks and also with a variety of third party service providers. Corruption, theft or loss of the data as a result of misuse, exploitation or hacking of any of these systems or networks could lead to corruption, theft or loss of the data which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results. Further, if Whitehawk's systems, networks or technology are subject to any type of 'cyber' crime, its technology may be perceived as unsecure which may lead to a decrease in the number of customers.

#### (e) Reliance on Key Personnel Risk

The Company depends on the expertise, experience and efforts of its executive officers and other key employees. A failure to attract and retain executive, business development, technical and other key personnel could reduce the Company's revenues and operational effectiveness. There is a continuing demand for relevant qualified personnel, and the Company believes that its future growth and success will depend upon its ability to attract, train and retain such personnel. Competition for personnel in the Company's industry is intense, and there is a limited number of persons with knowledge of, and experience in, this industry. An inability to attract or maintain a sufficient number of requisite personnel could have a material adverse effect on the Company's performance or on the Company's ability to capitalise on market opportunities.

## (f) Foreign exchange

The Company will be operating in a variety of jurisdictions and as such, expects to generate revenue and incur costs and expenses in more than one currency. Consequently, movements in currency exchange rates may adversely or beneficially affect the Company's results or operations and cash flows. Any depreciation of currencies in foreign jurisdictions in which the Company operates may result in lower than anticipated revenue, profit and earnings of the Company.

## (g) Climate

There are a number of climate-related factors that may affect the operations and proposed activities of the Company. The climate change risks particularly attributable to the Company include:

- the emergence of new or expanded regulations associated with the transitioning to a lower-carbon economy and market changes related to climate change mitigation. The Company may be impacted by changes to local or international compliance regulations related to climate change mitigation efforts, or by specific taxation or penalties for carbon emissions or environmental damage. These examples sit amongst an array of possible restraints on industry that may further impact the Company and its business viability. While the Company will endeavour to manage these risks and limit any consequential impacts, there can be no guarantee that the Company will not be impacted by these occurrences; and
- (ii) climate change may cause certain physical and environmental risks that cannot be predicted by the Company, including events such as increased severity of weather patterns and incidence of extreme weather events and longer-term physical risks such as shifting climate patterns. All these risks associated with climate change may significantly change the industry in which the Company operates.

#### 5.3 Industry specific

#### (a) User experience risk

The Company's business model is based on recurring revenue arising from customers. A poor user experience may not necessarily be anticipated and may affect growth of customer numbers and repeat purchases or ongoing contracts with the Company for use of its software services. Factors which may contribute to poor customer experience include:

- (i) ease of setting up and commencing use of the products offered:
- (ii) simplicity and reliability of customer usage; and
- (iii) quality of services provided.

Poor user experiences may result in the loss of customers, adverse publicity, litigation, regulatory enquiries and customers reducing the use

of the Company's products. If any of these occur, it may adversely impact the Company's revenues.

## (b) Scalability

Scalability is the key to any company that is looking at a potential global market. While the Company believes that the Whitehawk Exchange, other products, software and its service architecture have been built for scalability, there are no guarantees that its products will be able to meet future demand and requirements of consumers.

## (c) Information technology risk

With any technical project there are risks with the chosen technology, vendors and employees and in execution. Whilst Whitehawk has employed and engaged subject-matter experts, employs experienced persons, standard security technologies and approaches there are risks that delivery will fail to meet expectations or deadlines, that technologies become obsolete, natural disasters occur, the Company is the subject of a fraud or malicious attack or platforms are compromised resulting in a negative impact on the Company's performance.

#### (d) Reliance on third party providers

The Company intends to develop its products so that they can be utilised with a number of operating systems, internet platforms and other hardware devices. While the Company will therefore depend on its products being able to operate on a range of systems, platforms and devices, it is unable to control third party developers of such systems. Any changes to external platforms, systems or devices that give preference to competing products or adversely impact on the functionality of the Company's products may render consumers less likely to use the Company's products, which may have a detrimental impact on the Company's financial performance. Likewise, the Company's products are predicated on consumers being able to access the internet and cellular networks. If third party providers raise the cost of these networks or restrict the ability of consumers to access these networks via the Company's products, this is likely to detrimentally affect the Company's financial performance.

#### (e) Brand risks

Whitehawk has established its trademarks. The Company believes that to have global branding is critical for the long term success of its business. Negative commentary or a complaint regardless of accuracy via social media, media in general and or word of mouth may have a damaging impact on the ability of the Company to reach its potential, and may not necessarily be based on accurate data or real experience.

## (f) Future capital requirements

There is no certainty regarding the ability of the Company to raise sufficient funds to meet its needs into the future. The Company's future capital requirements depend on a number of factors including the Company's ability to generate income from its operations. The Company may need to raise additional capital from equity or debt sources due to unforeseen circumstances. There can be no assurance

that the Company will be able to raise such capital on favourable terms or at all. If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms the Company may not be able to develop its business and this may have an adverse impact on the Company's operations.

## (g) Regulatory compliance

The Company is required to comply with the laws governing privacy, taxation and consumer trade practices in each jurisdiction in which it operates. The Company may be subject to other laws in jurisdictions in which it plans to operate and the applicable laws may change from time to time.

These laws and applicable regulations give rise to risks and compliance costs for the Company. Non-compliance with such regulations, changes in the interpretation of current regulations, loss or failure to secure renewal of an accreditation, or the introduction of new laws or regulations may lead to fines imposed on the Company by the relevant regulatory authority or Governmental body, revocation of permits or licenses, or damage to the Company's reputation and may have a material adverse effect on the Company's costs, business model and competitive environment and therefore could materially adversely affect the Company's future financial performance and position.

## (h) **Doing business outside of Australia**

The Company currently has all of its operations in the USA. For operational reasons the company may also establish operations in other jurisdictions.

Wherever the Company sets up operations the Company is exposed to a range of multi-jurisdictional risks such as risks relating to currency exchange rates, labour practices, environmental matters, difficulty in enforcing contracts, changes to or uncertainty in the relevant legal and regulatory regime (including in relation to taxation and foreign investment and practices of government and regulatory authorities) and other issues in foreign jurisdictions in which the Company operates. Businesses that operate across multiple jurisdictions face additional complexities from the unique business requirements in each jurisdiction.

Management experience will help to mitigate, but will not remove, this risk.

## (i) Insurance

The Company seeks to maintain appropriate policies of insurance consistent with those customarily carried by organisations in their industry sector. Any increase in the cost of the insurance policies of the Company or the industry in which they operate could adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and operational results. The Company's insurance coverage may also be inadequate to cover losses it sustains. Uninsured loss or a loss in excess of the Company's insured limits could adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and operational results.

## (j) Contractual disputes

The Company's business model is dependent in part on contractual agreements with third parties that have an interaction with the Company's target market. The Company is aware that there are associated risks when dealing with third parties including but not limited to insolvency, fraud and management failure. Should a third party contract fail, there is the potential for negative financial and brand damage for the Company.

## (k) Credit risks

The Company will be exposed to credit risks relating to delayed or non-payments from its customers. A failure by the Company to adequately assess and manage credit risk may result in credit losses potentially resulting in a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating and financial performance, including decreased operating cash flows.

#### 5.4 General risks

## (a) General economic conditions

Economic conditions, both domestic and global, may affect the performance of the Company. Factors such as fluctuations in currencies, commodity prices, inflation, interest rates, supply and demand and industrial disruption may have an impact on operating costs and share market prices. The Company's future possible revenues and Share price can be affected by these factors, all of which are beyond the control of the Company or its Directors.

#### (b) Equity market conditions

Securities listed on the stock market can experience extreme price and volume fluctuations that are often unrelated to the operating performances of such companies. The market price of Shares may fall as well as rise and may be subject to varied and unpredictable influences on the market for equities in general.

General factors that may affect the market price of Shares include economic conditions in both Australia and internationally (particularly Australian, US and Chinese economic conditions), investor sentiment, local and international share market conditions, changes in interest rates and the rate of inflation, variations in commodity prices, the global security situation and the possibility of terrorist disturbances, changes to government regulation, policy or legislation, changes which may occur to the taxation of companies as a result of changes in Australian and foreign taxation laws, changes to the system of dividend imputation in Australia, and changes in exchange rates.

#### (c) Change in government policy and legislation

Any material adverse changes in relevant government policies or legislation of Australia may affect the viability and profitability of the Company, and consequent returns to investors. The activities of the Company are subject to various federal, state and local laws governing

prospecting, development, production, taxes, labour standards and occupational health and safety, and other matters.

## 5.5 Speculative investment

The above list of risk factors ought not to be taken as exhaustive of the risks faced by the Company or by investors in the Company. The above factors, and others not specifically referred to above, may in the future materially affect the financial performance of the Company and the value of the New Options offered under this Prospectus.

Therefore, the New Options to be issued pursuant to this Prospectus carry no guarantee with respect to the payment of dividends, returns of capital or the market value of those New Options.

Potential investors should consider that the investment in the Company is speculative and should consult their professional advisers before deciding whether to apply for New Options pursuant to this Prospectus.

#### 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## 6.1 Litigation

The Company is currently seeking payment of an outstanding invoice by a third party. As at the date of this Prospectus, the Company has paused litigation proceedings whilst pursuing additional contract opportunities with the same third party as repayment of the debt.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Company is not involved in any other legal proceedings and the Directors are not aware of any legal proceedings pending or threatened against the Company.

## 6.2 Continuous disclosure obligations

The Company is a "disclosing entity" (as defined in section 111AC of the Corporations Act) for the purposes of section 713 of the Corporations Act and, as such, is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Specifically, like all listed companies, the Company is required to continuously disclose any information it has to the market which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or the value of the Company's securities.

This Prospectus is a "transaction specific prospectus". In general terms a "transaction specific prospectus" is only required to contain information in relation to the effect of the issue of securities on the Company and the rights attaching to the securities. It is not necessary to include general information in relation to all of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses or prospects of the issuing company.

This Prospectus is intended to be read in conjunction with the publicly available information in relation to the Company which has been notified to ASX and does not include all of the information that would be included in a prospectus for an initial public offering of securities in an entity that is not already listed on a stock exchange. Investors should therefore have regard to the other publicly available information in relation to the Company before making a decision whether or not to invest.

Having taken such precautions and having made such enquires as are reasonable, the Company believes that it has complied with the general and specific requirements of ASX as applicable from time to time throughout the 3 months before the issue of this Prospectus which required the Company to notify ASX of information about specified events or matters as they arise for the purpose of ASX making that information available to the stock market conducted by ASX.

Information that is already in the public domain has not been reported in this Prospectus other than that which is considered necessary to make this Prospectus complete.

The Company, as a disclosing entity under the Corporations Act states that:

- (a) it is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations;
- (b) copies of documents lodged with the ASIC in relation to the Company (not being documents referred to in section 1274(2)(a) of the Corporations Act) may be obtained from, or inspected at, the offices of the ASIC; and

- (c) it will provide a copy of each of the following documents, free of charge, to any person on request between the date of issue of this Prospectus and the Closing Date:
  - (i) the annual financial report most recently lodged by the Company with the ASIC;
  - (ii) any half-year financial report lodged by the Company with the ASIC after the lodgement of the annual financial report referred to in (i) and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC; and
  - (iii) any continuous disclosure documents given by the Company to ASX in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules as referred to in section 674(1) of the Corporations Act after the lodgement of the annual financial report referred to in (i) and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

Copies of all documents lodged with the ASIC in relation to the Company can be inspected at the registered office of the Company or an ASIC office during normal office hours.

Details of documents lodged with ASX since the date of lodgement of the Company's latest annual financial report and before the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC are set out in the table below:

Date	Description of Announcement
8 May 2024	Application for quotation of securities - WHK
8 May 2024	Results of Meeting
8 May 2024	CEO AGM Presentation
30 April 2024	Quarterly Activities Report and Appendix 4C - quarterly
12 April 2024	Ceasing to be a substantial holder
12 April 2024	Cleansing Notice
12 April 2024	Application for quotation of securities - WHK
4 April 2024	Notice of Annual General Meeting/Proxy Form
28 March 2024	Proposed issue of securities - WHK
28 March 2024	Appendix 4G & Corporate Governance Statement
28 March 2024	Annual Report to shareholders

ASX maintains files containing publicly available information for all listed companies. The Company's file is available for inspection at ASX during normal office hours.

The announcements are also available through the Company's website, www.whitehawk.com.

## 6.3 Market price of Shares

The Company is a disclosing entity for the purposes of the Corporations Act and its Shares are enhanced disclosure securities quoted on ASX.

The highest, lowest and last market sale prices of the Shares on ASX during the three months immediately preceding the date of lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC and the most recent dates of those sales were:

	Price	Date
Highest	\$0.058	4 March 2024
Lowest	\$0.011	14 February 2024
Last	\$0.02	7 May 2024

The New Options are not currently quoted on ASX.

## 6.4 Details of substantial Shareholders

Based on publicly available information as at the date of this Prospectus, there are no persons which (together with their associates) have a relevant interest in 5% or more of the Shares on issue.

#### 6.5 Directors' interests

Other than as set out in this Prospectus, no Director or proposed Director holds, or has held within the 2 years preceding lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, any interest in:

- (a) the formation or promotion of the Company;
- (b) any property acquired or proposed to be acquired by the Company in connection with:
  - (i) its formation or promotion; or
  - (ii) the Offer; or
- (c) the Offer,

and no amounts have been paid or agreed to be paid and no benefits have been given or agreed to be given to a Director or proposed Director:

- (a) as an inducement to become, or to qualify as, a Director; or
- (b) for services provided in connection with:
  - (i) the formation or promotion of the Company; or
  - (ii) the Offer.

## Security holdings

The relevant interest of each of the Directors in the Securities of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus is set out in the table below.

Director	Shares	Options	Performance Rights
Terry Roberts <sup>1</sup>	22,520,999	Nil	Nil
Philip George	1,000,000	Nil	Nil
Melissa King	765,246	Nil	362,740
Brian Hibbeln	3,023,470	Nil	522,740

#### **Notes**

1. Terry Roberts also holds 25,029,711 Stock Appreciation Rights.

No Director or any of their associates intend to participate in the Offer.

#### Remuneration

The Constitution and the ASX Listing Rules specify that the aggregate remuneration of non-executive directors shall be determined from time to time by a general meeting. An amount not exceeding the amount determined is then divided between the directors as agreed. The maximum aggregate remuneration for non-executive Directors has been set at \$350,000.

In addition, a Director may be paid fees or other amounts as the Directors determine where a Director performs special duties or otherwise performs services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director.

The table below shows the total annual remuneration paid to both executive and non-executive directors and proposed directors in each of the past two financial years and the proposed remuneration for the current financial year.

Director	FY ended 31 December 2022	FY ended 31 December 2023	FY ending 31 December 2024
	US\$	US\$	US\$
Terry Roberts	232,5431	278,6932	278,6933
Philip George	33,3374	27,9645	27,9643
Melissa King	58,7686	43,4727	43,4723
Brian Hibbeln	54,3498	42,5619	42,5613

#### Notes:

- 1. Comprising salary and fees of \$214,231 and other fees of \$18,312.
- Comprising salary and fees of \$175,000, other fees of \$19,470 and share based payments of \$84,223.
- 3. It is intended that the salary and fees that the Board will receive remain the same as the 2023 financial year and no securities will be issued without Shareholder approval. The total remuneration amounts are subject to change depending on the prevailing exchange rates and recognition of share-based payment of Securities already issued, as required by the relevant accounting standards.

- 4. Comprising salary and fees of \$25,000, other fees of \$2,520 and share based payments of \$5,817.
- 5. Comprising salary and fees of \$25,000, other fees of \$2,688 and share based payments of \$276.
- 6. Comprising salary and fees of \$25,000, other fees of \$2,520 and share based payments of \$31,248.
- 7. Comprising salary and fees of \$25,000, other fees of \$2,688 and share based payments of \$15,784.
- 8. Comprising salary and fees of \$25,000 and share based payments of \$29,349.
- 9. Comprising salary and fees of \$25,000 and share based payments of \$17,561.

#### 6.6 Interests of experts and advisers

Other than as set out below or elsewhere in this Prospectus, no:

- (a) person named in this Prospectus as performing a function in a professional, advisory or other capacity in connection with the preparation or distribution of this Prospectus;
- (b) promoter of the Company; or
- (c) underwriter (but not a sub-underwriter) to the issue or a financial services licensee named in this Prospectus as a financial services licensee involved in the issue,

holds, or has held within the 2 years preceding lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC, any interest in:

- (d) the formation or promotion of the Company;
- (e) any property acquired or proposed to be acquired by the Company in connection with:
  - (i) its formation or promotion; or
  - (ii) the Offer; or
- (f) the Offer,

and no amounts have been paid or agreed to be paid and no benefits have been given or agreed to be given to any of these persons for services provided in connection with:

- (g) the formation or promotion of the Company; or
- (h) the Offer.

Steinepreis Paganin has acted as the solicitors to the Company in relation to the Offer. The Company estimates it will pay Steinepreis Paganin \$7,500 (excluding GST and disbursements) for these services.

#### 6.7 Consents

Chapter 6D of the Corporations Act imposes a liability regime on the Company (as the offeror of the Shares), the Directors, the persons named in the Prospectus with their consent as proposed directors, any underwriters, persons named in the Prospectus with their consent having made a statement in the Prospectus and persons involved in a contravention in relation to the Prospectus, with regard to misleading and deceptive statements made in the Prospectus. Although the Company bears primary responsibility for the Prospectus, the other parties involved in the preparation of the Prospectus can also be responsible for certain statements made in it.

Each of the parties referred to in this Section:

- (a) does not make, or purport to make, any statement in this Prospectus other than those referred to in this Section;
- (b) in light of the above, only to the maximum extent permitted by law, expressly disclaim and take no responsibility for any part of this Prospectus other than a reference to its name and a statement included in this Prospectus with the consent of that party as specified in this Section; and
- (c) has not withdrawn its consent prior to the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

Steinepreis Paganin has given its written consent to being named as the solicitors to the Company in this Prospectus.

#### 6.8 Expenses of the Offer

The total expenses of the Offer are estimated to be approximately \$10,206 (excluding GST) and are expected to be applied towards the items set out in the table below:

Expense	(\$)
ASIC fees	3,206
Legal fees	7,500
Total	10,206

## 6.9 Electronic Prospectus

ASIC has exempted compliance with certain provisions of the Corporations Act to allow distribution of an electronic prospectus and electronic application form on the basis of a paper prospectus lodged with the ASIC, and the publication of notices referring to an electronic prospectus or electronic application form, subject to compliance with certain conditions.

If you have received this Prospectus as an electronic Prospectus, please ensure that you have received the entire Prospectus accompanied by the Application Form. If you have not, please phone the Company on +61 8 6311 4636 and the Company will send you, for free, either a hard copy or a further electronic copy of the Prospectus, or both.

The Company reserves the right not to accept an Application Form from a person if it has reason to believe that when that person was given access to the electronic Application Form, it was not provided together with the electronic Prospectus and any relevant supplementary or Prospectus or any of those documents were incomplete or altered.

## 6.10 Clearing House Electronic Sub-Register System (CHESS) and Issuer Sponsorship

The Company will not be issuing Share certificates. The Company is a participant in CHESS, for those investors who have, or wish to have, a sponsoring stockbroker. Investors who do not wish to participate through CHESS will be issuer sponsored by the Company. Because the sub-registers are electronic, ownership of securities can be transferred without having to rely upon paper documentation.

Electronic registers mean that the Company will not be issuing certificates to investors. Instead, investors will be provided with a statement (similar to a bank account statement) that sets out the number of New Options issued to them under this Prospectus. The notice will also advise holders of their Holder Identification Number or Security Holder Reference Number and explain, for future reference, the sale and purchase procedures under CHESS and issuer sponsorship.

Further monthly statements will be provided to holders if there have been any changes in their security holding in the Company during the preceding month.

## 6.11 Privacy Act

If you complete an application for New Options, you will be providing personal information to the Company. The Company collects, holds and will use that information to assess your application, service your needs as a Shareholder, facilitate distribution payments and corporate communications to you as a Shareholder and carry out administration.

The information may also be used from time to time and disclosed to persons inspecting the register, bidders for your securities in the context of takeovers, regulatory bodies, including the Australian Taxation Office, authorised securities brokers, print service providers, mail houses and the Company's Share Registry.

You can access, correct and update the personal information that we hold about you. Please contact the Company if you wish to do so at the relevant contact numbers set out in this Prospectus.

Collection, maintenance and disclosure of certain personal information is governed by legislation including the *Privacy Act* 1988 (Cth) (as amended), the Corporations Act and certain rules such as the ASX Settlement Operating Rules. You should note that if you do not provide the information required on the application for New Options, the Company may not be able to accept or process your application.

# 7. DIRECTORS' AUTHORISATION

This Prospectus is issued by the Company and its issue has been authorised by a resolution of the Directors.

In accordance with section 720 of the Corporations Act, each Director has consented to the lodgement of this Prospectus with the ASIC.

#### 8. GLOSSARY

\$ means Australian dollars unless otherwise stated.

**Applicant** means an investor who applies for New Options pursuant to the Offer.

**Application** means an application for New Options made on an Application Form.

**Application Form** means an application form either attached to or accompanying this Prospectus.

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

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

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

**ASX Settlement Operating Rules** means the settlement rules of the securities clearing house which operates CHESS.

**Board** means the board of Directors unless the context indicates otherwise.

**Closing Date** means the date specified in the timetable set out in Section 1.1 of this Prospectus (unless varied).

**Company or Whitehawk** means Whitehawk Limited (ACN 620 459 823), and its subsidiaries.

**Constitution** means the constitution of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus.

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

**Directors** means the directors of the Company as at the date of this Prospectus.

**New Option** means an Option with the terms and conditions set out in Section 4.1.

**Offer** means the offer of New Options referred to in the "Details of the Offer" Section of this Prospectus.

Official Quotation means official quotation on ASX.

**Opening Date** means the date specified in the timetable set out in Section 1.1 of this Prospectus (unless varied).

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

**Prospectus** means this prospectus.

**Section** means a section of this Prospectus.

Securities means Shares and/or Options as the context requires.

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

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

<b>WST</b> means Western Standard Time as observed in Perth, Western Australia.