

Dear Shareholder,

## PHARMAUST LIMITED 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FULLY VIRTUAL MEETING

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2020 Annual General Meeting of PharmAust Limited, which will be held at 3:00pm (WST) on 5 November 2020 (Meeting). In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines provided by the Commonwealth government, the Federal Treasurer has issued a Determination that permits companies to hold fully virtual annual general meetings. To protect the health and safety of our Shareholders and staff, and to allow for Shareholders who wish to attend the meeting, we will hold a fully virtual Meeting, which means there will not be a physical venue for you to attend.

In addition, the Determination issued by the Federal Treasurer permits a Notice of Meeting, and other information regarding a meeting to be provided online where it can be viewed and downloaded. Accordingly, this year the PharmAust Notice of Meeting will not be mailed to Shareholders. Instead, it is available for you to view and download on the PharmAust website at: <a href="https://pharmaust.com/news-announcements/">https://pharmaust.com/news-announcements/</a>

Your participation in the Meeting is important to us. The Meeting will be webcast live via the Lumi online platform. You will be able to listen to the proceedings, ask questions of the Board and vote in real-time. You may attend the Meeting online using your computer, your mobile phone or device.

If you use your computer to attend the Meeting, you should use the Lumi platform (by entering this URL in your browser: https://web.lumiagm.com and entering the Meeting ID **398 809 533**). If you use your mobile phone or device to attend the Meeting, you can either enter the URL in your browser: <a href="https://web.lumiagm.com">https://web.lumiagm.com</a> and entering the Meeting ID 398 809 533 or by using the Lumi AGM App (which you can download from the Apple App or Google Play stores by searching Lumi AGM). Further information on how to participate in the Meeting is provided in the Notice of Meeting.

If you will not be able to attend the Meeting online at the scheduled time, you can participate in the Meeting by appointing a proxy to attend and vote live at the Meeting.

Shareholders are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the Meeting to the Company by emailing the Company on <a href="mailto:sam@pharmaust.com">sam@pharmaust.com</a> Responses will be provided at the Meeting in respect of all valid questions received prior to the Proxy cut-off time.

You are encouraged to vote on each of the resolutions to be considered at the Meeting. You may do this by voting online at <a href="www.investorvote.com.au">www.investorvote.com.au</a> or by completing and returning the provided Proxy Form no later than 3:00pm (WST) on 3 November 2020 in accordance with instructions on the Proxy Form.

The situation regarding COVID-19 is constantly evolving. Shareholders are encouraged to monitor the Company's ASX announcements and website for any further updates in relation to the Meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr Roger Aston Chairman PharmAust Limited

Authorised for release by the Board of PharmAust Limited.

## **PHARMAUST LIMITED**

ACN 094 006 023

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

For the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held as a virtual meeting on 5 November 2020 at 3:00pm (WST)

Shareholders are urged to vote by lodging the Proxy Form attached to this Notice.

## TIME OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND HOW TO VOTE

## **Virtual Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of PharmAust Limited will be held as a virtual meeting commencing at 3:00pm (WST) on 5 November 2020.

## **Virtual Attendance**

Shareholders who wish to participate in the Meeting online may do so:

- from their computer, by entering the URL into their browser: <a href="https://web.lumiagm.com">https://web.lumiagm.com</a> and entering the Meeting ID 398-809-533 when prompted; and
- from their mobile device by either entering the URL in their browser: <a href="https://web.lumiagm.com">https://web.lumiagm.com</a> and entering the Meeting ID 398-809-533 when prompted or by using the Lumi AGM App, which is available by downloading the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

If you choose to participate in the Meeting online or through the Lumi AGM app, you can log in to the Meeting by entering the meeting ID, which is 398-809-533. Attending the Meeting online enables Shareholders to view the Meeting live and to cast votes on Resolutions at the appropriate times whilst the Meeting is in progress.

If you wish to ask the Chair a question with regards to the business of the Meeting, please submit your question in writing to the Company at sam@pharmaust.com at least 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting.

Please note that if you have previously submitted a Proxy Form and you elect to vote online at the Meeting, your proxy's authority to vote will be revoked for any Resolutions where you have cast an online vote. For further instructions on how to participate online please view the online meeting user guide attached to this Notice of Meeting.

## **Voting by Proxy**

Instructions on how to vote by proxy are contained in the attached Proxy Form.

## PHARMAUST LIMITED ACN 094 006 023

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of PharmAust Limited will be held as a virtual meeting on 5 November 2020 at 3:00pm (WST) for the purpose of transacting the following business.

The attached Explanatory Statement is provided to supply Shareholders with information to enable Shareholders to make an informed decision regarding the Resolutions set out in this Notice. The Explanatory Statement is to be read in conjunction with this Notice.

## **AGENDA**

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS**

To receive and consider the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the remuneration report and the auditor's report.

## **RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass 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 in the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020."

## Voting exclusion:

A vote in respect of the Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of any of the following persons (the "voter"):

- (a) a member of the key management personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the remuneration report; or
- (b) a closely related party of such a member.

However, the voter may cast a vote on the Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described in paragraphs (a) or (b) and either:

- (c) the voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution; or
- (d) the voter is the chair of the meeting and the appointment of the chair as proxy:
  - (i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution; and
  - (ii) expressly authorises the chair to exercise the proxy even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the key management personnel for the company.

## **RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – DR ROGER ASTON**

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

"That Dr Roger Aston, who retires by rotation in accordance with rule 7.3 of the Constitution of the Company, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election, is hereby re-elected as a director of the Company."

## **RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL 10% CAPACITY**

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

"That, the Company have the additional capacity to issue equity securities provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A."

## **RESOLUTION 4 – ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION**

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

"That, the New Constitution (which includes proportional takeover provisions), in the form of the proposed constitution initialled by the Chairman of the Meeting for the purposes of identification, be approved and adopted, in accordance with section 136(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, as the Company's constitution in substitution for the Existing Constitution of the Company from the date of this Meeting."

#### **VOTING AND PROXIES**

- 1. A Shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies. Where more than one proxy is appointed, each proxy must be appointed to represent a specified proportion of the Shareholder's voting rights. If the Shareholder appoints two proxies and the appointment does not specify this proportion, each proxy may exercise half of the votes. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company.
- 2. Where a voting exclusion applies, the Company need not disregard a vote if it is cast by the person who is entitled to vote in accordance with the directions on the Proxy Form or it is cast by the chair of the Meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the Proxy Form to vote as the proxy decides.
- 3. The chair of the Meeting will vote undirected proxies on, and in favour of, all of the proposed resolutions, including Resolution 1. The Proxy Form expressly authorises the chair of the Meeting to exercise the proxy in relation to Resolution 1 even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel. Any undirected proxies held by a Director, any member of the key management personnel or any of their closely related parties (who are not the chair) will not be voted on Resolution 1.
- 4. Key management personnel of the Company are the Directors and those other persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling of the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly. Closely related parties are defined in the Corporations Act, and include certain family members, dependants and companies controlled by key management personnel.
- 5. In accordance with Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Act, the Directors have set a date to determine the identity of those entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting. The date is Tuesday 3 November 2020 at 5.00pm (WST).
- 6. A Proxy Form is attached. If required it should be completed, signed and returned to the Company's registered office in accordance with the instructions on that form.

By order of the Board

Sam Wright Director

Dated: 16 September 2020

## PHARMAUST LIMITED ACN 094 006 023

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Explanatory Statement is intended to provide Shareholders with sufficient information to assess the merits of the Resolutions contained in the Notice.

The Directors recommend that Shareholders read this Explanatory Statement in full before making any decision in relation to the Resolutions.

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

The business of the Annual General Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the remuneration report and the auditor's report.

The Company is not required to provide a hard copy of the Company's annual financial report to Shareholders unless a Shareholder has specifically elected to receive a printed copy.

Whilst the Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's annual financial report unless specifically requested to do so, Shareholders may view the Company annual financial report on its website at <a href="https://www.pharmaust.com">www.pharmaust.com</a>.

Shareholders will be offered the following opportunities:

- (a) discuss the annual financial report for the financial period ended 30 June 2020;
- (b) ask questions and make comment on the management of the Company; and
- (c) ask the auditor questions about the conduct of the audit, preparation and content of the auditor's report, the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements and the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

## 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 Directors or 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 the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

A reasonable opportunity will be provided for questions about or comments on the Remuneration Report at the Annual General Meeting.

## 2.2 Voting Consequences

Under the Corporations Act, if 25% or more of votes that are cast are voted against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive annual general meetings, Shareholders will be required to vote at the second of those annual general meetings on a resolution (a "Spill Resolution") that another general meeting be held within 90 days at which all of the Directors (other than the Managing Director) must go up for re-election.

## 2.3 Previous voting results

At the Company's previous annual general meeting, the votes cast against the Remuneration Report considered at that annual general meeting were less than 25%. Accordingly, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Meeting.

## 2.4 **Proxy restrictions**

If you choose to appoint a proxy, you are encouraged to direct your proxy how to vote on this Resolution (Remuneration Report) by marking either "For", "Against" or "Abstain" on the Proxy Form for this Resolution.

If you appoint a member of the key management personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report (who is not the Chairman) or a closely related party of that member as your proxy, and you do not direct that person on how to vote on this Resolution, the proxy cannot exercise your vote and your vote will not be counted in relation to this Resolution.

The Chairman intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of this Resolution. If the Chairman of the Meeting is appointed as your proxy and you have not specified the way the Chairman is to vote on this Resolution, by signing and returning the Proxy Form you are giving express authorisation for the Chairman to vote the proxy in accordance with the Chairman's intention.

Key management personnel of the Company are the Directors and those other persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly. The Remuneration Report identifies the Company's key management personnel for the financial year to 30 June 2020. Their closely related parties are defined in the Corporations Act, and include certain of their family members, dependants and companies they control.

## 3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – DR ROGER ASTON

Rule 7.3 of the Constitution requires that at each annual general meeting, one-third of directors for the time being (rounded down to the nearest whole number) shall retire from office. Additionally, Listing Rule 14.4 provides that a Director must retire from office no later than the longer of the third annual general meeting of the Company or 3 years following that Director's last election or appointment. The retirement rules do not apply to the managing director.

Dr Roger Aston was last re-elected as a Director at the 2017 annual general meeting. Dr Aston retires by rotation in accordance with the Constitution, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election as a Director.

Dr Aston is the Executive Chairman of the Company. Details of the qualifications and experience of Dr Aston is set out in the Company's 2020 Annual Report.

The Board of the Company recommends the re-election of Dr Aston as a Director.

## 4. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL 10% CAPACITY

## 4.1 Background

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.

Under Listing Rule 7.1A, however, an eligible entity can seek approval from its members, by way of a special resolution passed at its annual general meeting, to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25%.

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

This Resolution seeks Shareholder approval by way of special resolution for the Company to have the additional 10% capacity provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A to issue equity securities without Shareholder approval.

If this Resolution 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 this Resolution is not passed, the Company will not be able to access the additional 10% capacity to issue equity securities without shareholder approval provided for in 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 Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

## (i) Period for which approval is valid

An approval under Listing Rule 7.1A commences on the date of the annual general meeting at which the approval is obtained and expires on the first to occur of the following:

- (a) The date that is 12 months after the date of the annual general meeting at which the approval is obtained.
- (b) The time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting.
- (c) The time and date of the approval by Shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 or Listing Rule 11.2.

## (ii) Minimum price at which equity securities may be issued

Any equity securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be in an existing quoted class of the eligible entity's equity securities and issued for a cash consideration per security which is not less than 75% of the volume weighted average market price for securities in that class, calculated over the 15 Trading Days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- (a) the date on which the price at which the securities are to be issued is agreed by the entity and the recipient of the securities; or
- (b) if the securities are not issued within 10 Trading Days of the date in paragraph (a), the date on which the securities are issued.

## (iii) Purposes for which funds raised may be used

Equity securities can only be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A for a cash consideration. Funds raised by the issue of equity securities under Listing Rule 7.1A may be used for the continued development of the Company's current assets, the acquisition of new assets or other investments (including expenses associated with such acquisition), and for general working capital.

## (iv) Risk of economic and voting dilution

If this Resolution is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues equity securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, the existing Shareholders' voting power in the Company will be diluted.

There is a risk that:

- (a) the market price for the equity securities in that class may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A; and
- (b) the equity securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for those equity securities on the issue date.

The table below shows the potential dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of 3 different assumed issue prices and values for variable "A" in the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A.2. This includes one example that assumes that "A" is double the number of Shares on issue at the time of the approval under Listing Rule 7.1A and that the price of Shares has fallen by 50%.

	Number of Shares issued under additional 10% capacity	Dilution			
Number of Shares on Issue (Variable "A" in Listing Rule 7.1A.2)		Funds raised based on issue price of 6.25 cents	Funds raised based on issue price of 12.5 cents	Funds raised based on issue price of 25 cents	
		(50% decrease in current issue price)	(Current issue price)	(100% increase in current issue price)	
315,846,053 (Current)*	31,584,605	1,974,038	3,948,076	7,896,151	
473,769,080 (50% increase)*	47,376,908	2,961,057	5,922,114	11,844,227	
631,692,106 (100% increase)*	63,169,211	3,948,076	7,896,151	15,792,303	

\*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 has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- 1. The current Shares on issue are the Shares on issue as at 16 September 2020.
- 2. The issue price set out above is the closing price of the Shares on the ASX on 16 September 2020.
- 3. The Company issues the maximum number of equity securities available under the additional 10% capacity.

4. No Options are exercised into Shares before the date of the issue of the equity securities.

## (v) Allocation Policy

The Company's allocation policy for the issue of equity securities under the additional 10% capacity will depend on the prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue. The identity of the allottees of equity securities will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors including but not limited to the following:

- (a) the methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including but not limited to, a rights issue or other issue in which existing security holders can participate;
- (b) the effect of the issue of the equity securities on the control of the Company;
- (c) the financial situation and solvency of the Company; and
- (d) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

The allottees under the additional 10% capacity have not been determined as at the date of this Notice but may include existing substantial shareholders and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company and may include new investors who have not previously been Shareholders.

## (vi) Equity securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the previous 12 months

The Company has not issued or agreed to issue any equity securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the 12 months preceding this Meeting.

## (vii) Voting Exclusion Statement

A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice. At the date of the Notice, the Company has not approached any particular existing shareholder or security holder or an identifiable class of existing security holder to participate in the issue of the equity securities. No existing shareholder's votes will therefore be excluded under the voting exclusion in the Notice.

## 5. RESOLUTION 4 – ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION

## 5.1 **Background**

This Resolution is a special resolution proposing to replace the Existing Constitution in its entirety.

Section 136 of the Corporations Act allows a company to adopt a new constitution by a special resolution passed at a general meeting of the company. A special resolution must be passed by at least 75% of the votes cast by Shareholders who are entitled to vote on the Resolution.

## 5.2 Reasons for the Resolution

The Existing Constitution was adopted by the Company on 14 November 2005.

Since this time there have been amendments to the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules and other applicable laws and rules which impact on the Company and for which provision has not been made in the Existing Constitution. Additionally, the ASX amended Listing Rule 15.12 (restricted securities) from 1 December 2019. The New Constitution includes the terms of new

Listing Rule 15.12. Thereby, the Company intends to seek to adopt the New Constitution to both update for best practice reasons (best practice) and to include the terms of the new Listing Rule 15.12 (ASX modified escrow regime). Each of these reasons are expanded upon below.

#### Best Practice

The Company has conducted a review of the Existing Constitution with a view to making it consistent with current law and best market practice. It is proposed that the New Constitution be adopted rather than amending the Existing Constitution.

The New Constitution reflects a public company constitution and is drafted in a modern, clear style. It is further appropriate for a company listed on ASX.

The New Constitution updates the definitions used to reflect the current terminology and where possible relies upon terms defined in the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules and ASX Settlement Operating Rules.

The New Constitution further includes provisions on proportional takeover bids. Separate information on the proportional takeover provisions and approval in this regard is set out below.

Shareholders are invited to contact the Company if they have any queries or concerns in respect of adopting the New Constitution. For this purpose, a copy of the New Constitution is available for review by Shareholders at the office of the Company or, upon request, can be sent to Shareholders. Adoption of the New Constitution will provide consistency between the Company's constitution and the Listing Rules and the Corporations Act.

## ASX modified escrow regime

In accordance with ASX's Public Consultation Paper of 28 November 2018 titled "Simplifying, clarifying and enhancing the integrity and efficiency of the ASX Listing Rules", the ASX proposed a number of changes to the Listing Rules.

One efficiency measure the ASX proposed was to amend the Listing Rules to give effect to a modified escrow regime to make aspects of the listing process and ongoing compliance with the Listing Rules more efficient.

ASX's modified escrow regime came into effect from 1 December 2019. A two-tiered escrow regime was introduced.

The first tier of escrow involves ASX requiring certain more significant holders of restricted securities and their controllers to execute a formal escrow agreement in the form of an ASX compliant restriction agreement (Appendix 9A). The expectation is a restriction agreement requirement will be imposed on related parties, promoters, substantial holders, service providers and their associates.

However, for less significant holders, a second tier applies where ASX will instead allow listed entities to rely on a provision in their constitution imposing appropriate escrow restrictions on the holder of restricted securities and to provide a notice to the holder of restricted securities in the form of a new Appendix 9C advising them of those restrictions. Securities in a class of quoted securities will be made the subject of a holding lock for the duration of the escrow period.

This two-tier escrow regime replaced the previous requirement where all holders of restricted securities were required to enter into a formal escrow agreement.

Listing Rule 15.12 from 1 December 2019 requires the constitution of listed entities to reflect the modified escrow regime. This includes the constitution expressly providing for securities to be the subject of a holding lock where they are in a class of quoted securities and further providing

that the holder of restricted securities will not be entitled to participate in any return of capital during the escrow period.

Rule 2.11 of the New Constitution reflects the new Listing Rule 15.12 and is in the following terms:

#### "2.11 Restricted Securities

- (a) The Company must comply with the Listing Rules in respect of Restricted Securities.
- (b) Notwithstanding the generality of Rule 2.11(a):
  - (i) a holder of Restricted Securities must not dispose of, or agree or offer to dispose of, the securities during the escrow period applicable to those securities except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX;
  - (ii) if the securities are in the same class as quoted securities, the holder will be taken to have agreed in writing that the Restricted Securities are to be kept on the Company's issuer sponsored subregister and are to have a Holding Lock applied for the duration of the escrow period applicable to those securities;
  - (iii) the Company will refuse to acknowledge any disposal (including, without limitation, to register any transfer) of Restricted Securities during the escrow period applicable to those securities except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX;
  - (iv) a holder of Restricted Securities will not be entitled to participate in any return of capital on those securities during the escrow period applicable to those securities except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX; and
  - (v) if a holder of Restricted Securities breaches a restriction deed or a provision of this Constitution restricting a disposal of those securities, the holder will not be entitled to any dividend or distribution, or to exercise any voting rights, in respect of those securities for so long as the breach continues."

Rule 2.11 of the New Constitution provides the constitutional underpinning for ASX's modified escrow regime.

The changes to Listing Rule 15.12 (which are reflected in the above new rule) took effect from 1 December 2019 and apply to restricted securities after this date. Any restricted securities issued before 1 December 2019 must continue to comply with the provisions of Listing Rule 15.12 in force immediately prior to this date.

## 5.3 Adoption of proportional takeover provisions

A proportional takeover bid is where the bidder offers to buy a proportion only of each shareholder's shares in the Company. This means that control of the Company may pass without members having the chance to sell all their shares to the bidder.

The law regarding takeovers allows companies to amend their constitutions to prohibit the registration of a transfer of shares resulting from an offer made under a proportional takeover bid, unless shareholders in a general meeting approve the bid.

The New Constitution (as with the Existing Constitution) contains proportional takeover provisions.

Section 648G of the Corporations Act requires certain information to be included in the notice of meeting where the approval of members is sought to adopt proportional takeover provisions. The Company is seeking member approval to adopt proportional takeover provisions for the statutory period of 3 years after the date of approval. Information in relation to this approval is set out below.

## Effect of the proposed provisions

The effect of the proposed provisions is that where offers have been made under an off market bid in respect of shares included in a class of shares in the Company, the registration of a transfer giving effect to a contract resulting from the acceptance of an offer made under the off market bid is prohibited unless and until a resolution to approve an off market bid is passed by Shareholders.

If a proportional takeover bid is made, the Directors must ensure that Shareholders vote on a resolution to approve the bid more than 14 days before the bid period closes.

The vote is decided on a simple majority. Each person who, as at the end of the day on which the first offer under the bid was made, held bid class securities is entitled to vote, but the bidder and its associates are not allowed to vote. If the resolution is not passed, transfers which would have resulted from the acceptance of a bid will not be registered and the bid will be taken to have been withdrawn. If the bid is approved (or taken to have been approved), the transfers must be registered if they comply with the Corporations Act and the Company's New Constitution.

The proportional takeover approval provisions do not apply to full takeover bids and only apply for 3 years after the date of approval (for this Resolution, being 3 years from the date of this Meeting). The provisions may be renewed, but only by further Shareholder resolution.

## Reasons for proportional takeover provisions

The Directors consider that proportional takeover approval provisions should be included in the New Constitution. Without the inclusion of such a provision, a proportional takeover bid for the Company may enable effective control of the Company to be acquired without Shareholders having the opportunity to dispose of all of their Shares to the bidder. Accordingly, Shareholders could be at risk of passing control to the bidder without payment of an adequate control premium for all their Shares whilst leaving themselves as part of a minority interest in the Company.

The proposed provisions deal with this possibility by providing that if a proportional takeover bid is made for Shares in the Company, Shareholders must vote on whether or not a proportional takeover bid should be permitted to proceed.

The benefit of the provision is that Shareholders are able to decide collectively whether the proportional offer is acceptable in principle and it may ensure that any partial offer is appropriately priced.

## No knowledge of any acquisition proposals

As at the date on this Notice the Directors are not aware of any proposal by a person to acquire, or to increase the extent of, a substantial interest in the Company.

## Potential advantages and disadvantages

The Directors consider that the proportional takeover provisions have no potential advantages or disadvantages for them and that they remain free to make a recommendation on whether an offer under a proportional takeover bid should be accepted.

The potential advantages for Shareholders include the following:

- (a) Shareholders have the right to decide by majority vote whether an offer under a proportional takeover bid should proceed;
- (b) they may assist Shareholders from being locked in as a minority;
- (c) they increase the bargaining power of Shareholders and may assist in ensuring that any proportional takeover bid is adequately priced; and
- (d) each individual Shareholder may better assess the likely outcome of the proportional takeover bid by knowing the view of the majority of Shareholders and assist in deciding whether to accept or reject an offer under the takeover bid.

The potential disadvantages for Shareholders including the following:

- (a) proportional takeover bids for Shares in the Company may be discouraged;
- (b) Shareholders may lose an opportunity to sell some of their Shares at a premium; and
- (c) the likelihood of a proportional takeover bid succeeding may be reduced.

The Board of Directors considers that the potential advantages for Shareholders of adopting the proportional takeover approval provisions outweigh the potential disadvantages of not adopting the provisions.

#### 5.4 **Board recommendation**

The Directors consider that the proposed proportional takeover provisions are in the interests of Shareholders and unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution.

## PHARMAUST LIMITED ACN 094 006 023

#### **GLOSSARY**

In the Notice and this Explanatory Statement the following expressions have the following meanings:

- "Annual General Meeting" or "Meeting" means the meeting convened by this Notice.
- "ASX" means the ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691).
- "ASX Listing Rules" or "Listing Rules" means the Listing Rules of the ASX.
- "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- "Chair" or "Chairman" means the chairperson of the Company.
- "Company" or "PAA" means PharmAust Limited (ACN 094 006 023).
- "Constitution" or "Existing Constitution" means the constitution of the Company.
- "Corporations Act" means Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
- "Directors" mean the directors of the Company from time to time.
- "equity securities" has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules.
- "Explanatory Statement" means this Explanatory Statement.
- "New Constitution" means the constitution proposed to be adopted by Resolution 4.
- "Notice" means the notice of meeting that accompanies this Explanatory Statement.
- "Option" means an option to subscribe for a Share.
- "Resolution" means a resolution referred to in the Notice.
- "Share" means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.
- "Shareholder" means a registered holder of Shares in the Company.
- "Trading Day" has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules.
- "WST" means Western Standard Time, Perth, Western Australia.
- "A\$" or "\$" means Australian dollars unless otherwise stated.



## Need assistance?



Phone:

1300 722 909 (within Australia) +61 3 9415 4000 (outside Australia)



Online:

www.investorcentre.com/contact



## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by 3:00 PM (AWST) on Tuesday, 3 November 2020.

## **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 under the help tab, "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: 184353 SRN/HIN:

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

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

Proxy Form			Please ma	rk 🗶 to indica	te your dir	ections	
Step 1 Appoint a Pro	xy to Vote o	n Your Beh	alf				
I/We being a member/s of PharmAus	at Limited hereby a	ppoint					
the Chairman of the Meeting OR you have s					OTE: Leave this box blank if elected the Chairman of the o not insert your own name(s).		
or failing the individual or body corpora act generally at the meeting on my/our the extent permitted by law, as the prox Thursday, 5 November 2020 at 3:00 Pt Chairman authorised to exercise und Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairm on Item 1 (except where I/we have indiremuneration of a member of key mana Important Note: If the Chairman of the voting on Item 1 by marking the approp	behalf and to vote it sy sees fit) at the Ar M (AWST) and at ar directed proxies of man becomes my/or cated a different votagement personnel, a Meeting is (or becominate box in step 2.	n accordance with nual General Mee ny adjournment or n remuneration re ur proxy by default ting intention in ste which includes the omes) your proxy y	the following directions (or if n ting of PharmAust Limited to b postponement of that meeting. elated resolutions: Where I/w ), I/we expressly authorise the p 2) even though Item 1 is core Chairman.	an of the Meeting to directions have be held as a virtua. The have appointed Chairman to exernnected directly or vote for or agains	, as my/our been giver I meeting o the Chairm cise my/our indirectly v	r proxy to n, and to nn nan of the r proxy with the n from	
Step 2 Items of Busin	1066	-	e <b>Abstain</b> box for an item, you are poll and your votes will not be cou			-	
				For	Against	Abstain	
1 Adoption of Remuneration Report							
2 Re-election of Director – Dr Roger	Aston						
3 Approval of Additional 10% Capac	city						
4 Adoption of New Constitution							
The Chairman of the Meeting intends to of the Meeting may change his/her voti	ng intention on any	resolution, in whic		•	aces, the Cl	hairman	
Step 3 Signature of S	•	er(s) This sec	·				
Individual or Securityholder 1	Securityholder 2		Securityholder 3				
Cala Divastav & Cala Commence Constitution	Dim et ex		Diversity (Comments of Comments of Comment		1		
Sole Director & Sole Company Secretary  Update your communication det	Director ails (Optional)		Director/Company Secreta	•	Dat		
Mobile Number	(Optional)	Email Address	By providing your email address, yof Meeting & Proxy communication	•	ve tuture Not	iice	





