# BIRON APPAREL LIMITED ACN 009 087 469

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Year Ended: 30 June 2010

TIME: 1.15 pm EST

**DATE**: 14 July 2015

PLACE: Level 17, 499 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004

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

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on (+61 3) 9866 7889.

# Business of the Annual General Meeting (setting out the proposed resolution) Explanatory Statement (explaining the proposed resolution) Glossary Proxy Form IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

An Annual General Meeting of Shareholders for the financial year ending 30 June 2010 will be held at Level 17, 499 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004 on 14 July 2015, at 1.15pm EST.

The Explanatory Statement to this Notice of Meeting provides additional information on the matters to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice of Meeting and the Explanatory Statement are defined in the Glossary.

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

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

#### **VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 1.15pm EST on 12 July 2015.

#### **VOTING IN PERSON**

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

#### **VOTING BY PROXY**

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

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

- each member has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a member of the Company; and
- a member who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

New sections 250BB and 250BC of the Corporations Act came into effect on 1 August 2011 and apply to voting by proxy on or after that date. Shareholders and their proxies should be aware of these changes to the Corporations Act, as they will apply to this Annual General Meeting. Broadly, the changes mean that:

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

Further details on these changes is set out below.

#### Proxy vote if appointment specifies way to vote

Section 250BB(1) of the Corporations Act provides that an appointment of a proxy may specify the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution and, **if it does**:

- the proxy need not vote on a show of hands, but if the proxy does so, the proxy
  must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy has 2 or more appointments that specify different ways to vote on the resolution the proxy must not vote on a show of hands; and
- if the proxy is the chair of the meeting at which the resolution is voted on the proxy must vote on a poll, and must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy is not the chair the proxy need not vote on the poll, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed).

#### Transfer of non-chair proxy to chair in certain circumstances

Section 250BC of the Corporations Act provides that, if:

- an appointment of a proxy specifies the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution at a meeting of the Company's members; and
- the appointed proxy is not the chair of the meeting; and
- at the meeting, a poll is duly demanded on the resolution; and
- either of the following applies:
  - o the proxy is not recorded as attending the meeting;
  - o the proxy does not vote on the resolution,

the chair of the meeting is taken, before voting on the resolution closes, to have been appointed as the proxy for the purposes of voting on the resolution at the meeting.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and consider the annual financial reports of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2010 together with the declaration of the directors, the director's report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

#### RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

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

"That, for the purposes of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2010."

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

#### **Voting Prohibition Statement:**

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

- (i) a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or
- (ii) a Closely Related Party of such a member.

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

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

#### 3. RESOLUTION 2 – SPILL RESOLUTION

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

"That, for the purposes of section 250V(1) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for:

(i) the Company to hold another meeting of Shareholders within 90 days of the date of this Meeting (**Spill Meeting**); and

- (ii) all Vacating Directors to cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting; and
- (iii) resolutions to appoint persons to offices that will be vacated pursuant to (ii) to be put to vote at the Spill Meeting."

#### **Voting Prohibition Statement:**

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

- (i) a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or
- (ii) a Closely Related Party of such a member.

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

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

**DATED: 11 JUNE 2015** 

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

GEORGE KARAFOTIAS DIRECTOR

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions which are the subject of the business of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

#### 4. BACKGROUND

#### 4.1 Background on Company

Biron Apparel Limited (**Biron** or the **Company**) was incorporated on 1 March 1984 and has been suspended from trading on ASX since 15 June 2006.

The Company was placed into administration on 14 July 2010, with Giovanni (John) Carrello appointed as Administrator. During the period of 14 July 2010 until 8 September 2011, the Company was controlled by the Administrator. The Company entered into a Deed of Company Arrangement with its creditors dated 8 November 2010, which was subsequently amended on 14 April 2011.

The Company has not prepared annual financial reports since the financial year ending 30 June 2006 due to it being suspended and subsequently placed in administration. Rothsay Chartered Accounts (**Rothsay**) was appointed as the Company's auditor at the Company's general meeting of 27 January 2015. Rothsay has audited the outstanding annual financial reports for the financial years ending 30 June 2007 to 30 June 2014.

On 15 May 2015, the Company announced that it had entered into a heads of agreement with Elect Performance Group Pty Ltd (Elect) trading as JC Tonloden for the proposed acquisition of 100% of the issued share capital of Elect (Acquisition). Elect undertakes the processing, trading and exporting of hay for animal feed. The Acquisition will result in a significant change to the nature and scale of the Company's activities as the Company will become an agribusiness company. The Company will therefore seek Shareholder approval pursuant to Listing Rule 11.1.2 at a general meeting and seek to re-comply with Chapters 1 and 2 of the ASX Listing Rules (Transaction). It is currently proposed that the Company will hold a general meeting to consider the Transaction in August 2015.

The Company intends to table the financial reports, directors' report, Remuneration Report and auditor's report for each financial year from (and including) the year ending 30 June 2007 before its Shareholders at consecutive annual general meetings in anticipation of completion of the Transaction.

#### 5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Constitution, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2010 together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's annual financial report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The Company's annual financial report is available on its online ASX Platform http://www.asx.com.au/asx/statistics/announcements.do?by=asxCode&asxCode=bic&timeframe=Y&year=2015.

#### RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

#### 1.1 General

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

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

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

#### 1.2 Voting consequences

Under changes to the Corporations Act which came into effect on 1 July 2011, a company is required to put to its shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of another meeting of shareholders to consider the appointment of directors of the company (**Spill Resolution**) if, at consecutive annual general meetings, at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report and at the first of those annual general meetings a Spill Resolution was not put to vote. If required, the Spill Resolution must be put to vote at the second of those annual general meetings.

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

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

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

#### 1.3 Previous voting results

Before the date of the Meeting, the Company had not held an annual general meeting for the financial years since the 2006 financial year due to the Company's suspension from trading on ASX and it subsequently being placed into administration.

The Company has called for annual general meetings for financial years 2007 to 2009 to be held consecutively prior to this Meeting.

In the event that at the Company's previous annual general meeting the votes cast against the remuneration report considered at that annual general meeting were more than 25%, a Spill Resolution will be relevant for this Annual General Meeting, if at least 25% of the votes cast on Resolution 1 are voted against adoption of the Remuneration Report. Refer to Resolution 2 below.

In the event that 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%, a Spill Resolution will not be relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

#### 1.4 Proxy voting restrictions

Shareholders appointing a proxy for this Resolution should note the following:

Proxy	Directed	Undirected			
Key Management Personnel <sup>1</sup>	Voted	Not voted <sup>3</sup>			
Chair <sup>2</sup>	Voted	Voted at discretion of Proxy <sup>4</sup>			
Other	Voted	Voted at discretion of Proxy			

#### Notes:

#### 2. RESOLUTION 2 – SPILL RESOLUTION

If less than 25% of the votes cast on the remuneration report of the previous annual general meeting are voted against adoption of the remuneration report considered at that annual general meeting, the Chair will withdraw Resolution 2.

Additionally, if less than 25% of the votes cast on Resolution 1 are voted against adoption of the Remuneration Report, the Chair will withdraw Resolution 2.

#### 2.1 General

The Corporations Act requirements for this Resolution to be put to vote are set out in Section 3.2.

The effect of this Resolution being passed is the Company will be required to hold a Spill Meeting within 90 days of the date of this Meeting and the Vacating Directors will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting. The business of the Spill Meeting will be to put to vote resolutions to appoint persons to offices vacated by the Vacating Directors.

In the event a Spill Meeting is required a separate notice of meeting will be distributed to Shareholders with details about those persons that will seek election as directors of the Company at the Spill Meeting.

#### 2.2 Proxy voting restrictions

Shareholders appointing a proxy for this Resolution should note the voting restrictions set out in Section 3.5 apply in the same manner to this Resolution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refers to Key Management Personnel (other than the Chair) whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of such a member.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refers to the Chair (where he/she is also a member of the Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report), or a Closely Related Party of such a member).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Undirected proxies granted to these persons will not be voted and will not be counted in calculating the required majority if a poll is called on this Resolution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Proxy Form notes it is the Chair's intention to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1 and to vote all undirected proxies against Resolution 2.

#### **GLOSSARY**

**Acquisition** has the meaning given in Section 1.1.

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

**ASX** means ASX Limited.

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

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

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

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

Company or Biron means Biron Apparel Limited (ACN 009 087 469).

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

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

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

**Elect** has the meaning given in Section 1.1.

**EST** means Eastern Standard Time as observed in Melbourne, Victoria.

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

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

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

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

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report set out in the Directors' report section of the Company's annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2010.

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

**Rothsay** has the meaning given in Section 1.1.

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

**Spill Meeting** has the meaning given in Section 3.2.

**Spill Resolution** has the meaning given in Section 3.2.

**Transaction** has the meaning given in Section 1.1.

#### PROXY FORM

## BIRON APPAREL LIMITED ACN 009 087 469

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

I/We									
of:									
being a Sha	eing a Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, hereby appoint:								
Name:									
OR:	the Chair of the Annual General Meeting as my/our proxy.								
or failing the person so named or, if no person is named, the Chair, or the Chair's nominee, to vote in accordance with the following directions, or, if no directions have been given, and subject to the relevant laws as the proxy sees fit, at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 1.15pm EST, 14 July 2015 at Level 17, 499 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004, and at any adjournment thereof.									
AUTHORITY FOR	R CHAIR TO VOTE UND	IRECTED PROXIES ON F	REMUNERATION	N RELATED RE	SOLUTIONS				
Where I/we have appointed the Chair as my/our proxy (or where the Chair becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chair to exercise my/our proxy on Resolutions 1 and 2 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention below) even though Resolutions 1 and 2 are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel, which includes the Chair.									
CHAIR'S VOTIN	G INTENTION IN RELAT	ION TO UNDIRECTED P	ROXIES						
The Chair intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1 and the Chair intends to vote undirected proxies against Resolution 2. In exceptional circumstances the Chair may change his/her voting intention on any Resolution. In the event this occurs an ASX announcement will be made immediately disclosing the reasons for the change.									
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Voting on Busir	ness of the Annual Ge	neral Meeting		FOR					
	esolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report esolution 2 – Spill Resolution				AGAINST	ABSTAIN			
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If two proxies are	e being appointed, the p	proportion of voting rights	s this proxy repre	esents is					
Signature of Me	ember(s):			Date:					
Individual or I	Member 1	Member 2		Member 3					
Sole Director/ Secretary	Company	Director		Director/Co	ompany Sec	cretary			
Contact Name	ne:Contact Ph (daytime):								
E-mail addres	Consent for contact by e-mail in relation to this Proxy Form: YES \( \subseteq NO \subseteq \)								

### BIRON APPAREL LIMITED ACN 009 087 469

- 1. (Appointing a proxy): A Shareholder entitled to attend and cast a vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting. If a Shareholder is entitled to cast 2 or more votes at the Meeting, the Shareholder may appoint a second proxy to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting. However, where both proxies attend the Meeting, voting may only be exercised on a poll. The appointment of a second proxy must be done on a separate copy of the Proxy Form. A Shareholder who appoints 2 proxies may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If a Shareholder appoints 2 proxies and the appointments do not specify the proportion or number of the Shareholder's votes each proxy is appointed to exercise, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes. Any fractions of votes resulting from the application of these principles will be disregarded. A duly appointed proxy need not be a Shareholder.
- 2. (**Direction to vote**): A Shareholder may direct a proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. The direction may specify the proportion or number of votes that the proxy may exercise by writing the percentage or number of Shares next to the box marked for the relevant item of business. Where a box is not marked the proxy may vote as they choose subject to the relevant laws. Where more than one box is marked on an item the vote will be invalid on that item.

#### 3. **(Signing instructions)**:

- (Individual): Where the holding is in one name, the Shareholder must sign.
- (Joint holding): Where the holding is in more than one name, all of the Shareholders should sign.
- (Power of attorney): If you have not already provided the power of attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the power of attorney to this Proxy Form when you return it.
- (Companies): Where the company has a sole director who is also the sole company secretary, that person must sign. Where the company (pursuant to Section 204A of the Corporations Act) does not have a company secretary, a sole director can also sign alone. Otherwise, a director jointly with either another director or a company secretary must sign. Please sign in the appropriate place to indicate the office held. In addition, if a representative of a company is appointed pursuant to Section 250D of the Corporations Act to attend the Meeting, the documentation evidencing such appointment should be produced prior to admission to the Meeting. A form of a certificate evidencing the appointment may be obtained from the Company.
- 4. (Attending the Meeting): Completion of a Proxy Form will not prevent individual Shareholders from attending the Meeting in person if they wish. Where a Shareholder completes and lodges a valid Proxy Form and attends the Meeting in person, then the proxy's authority to speak and vote for that Shareholder is suspended while the Shareholder is present at the Meeting.
- 5. **(Return of Proxy Form)**: To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by:
  - (a) post to Level 17, 499 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004; or
  - (b) facsimile to the Company on facsimile number +61 3 9866 5859; so that it is received not less than 48 hours prior to commencement of the Meeting.

Proxy forms received later than this time will be invalid.