

# DEMPSEY MINERALS LIMITED ACN 149 349 646

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TIME**: 10.00 am (WST)

**DATE**: 26 November 2015

PLACE: Level 2

38 Richardson Street WEST PERTH WA 6005

This Notice of Annual General Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum 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 Annual General Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on (+61 8) 9322 6418.

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders convened by this Notice of Meeting will be held at 10.00am (WST) on 26 November 2015 at:

Level 2 38 Richardson Street WEST PERTH WA 6005

## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

The business of the Annual General Meeting affects your Shareholding and your vote is important.

# ATTENDANCE AND VOTING ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) the Directors have determined that the Shares quoted on the ASX at 5.00pm WST on 24 November 2015 will be taken, for the purposes of this Annual General Meeting, to be held by the persons who held them at that time. Accordingly those persons are entitled to attend and vote (if not excluded) at the Meeting.

## **VOTING IN PERSON**

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

# **VOTING BY PROXY**

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the Proxy Form enclosed (and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed (or a certified copy)) and either:

- (a) deliver the Proxy Form to the Company's registered office at Level 2, 38 Richardson Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005;
- (b) send the Proxy Form by post to Dempsey Minerals Limited, PO Box 396, West Perth, Western Australia 6872; or
- (c) send the Proxy Form by facsimile to the Company on facsimile number (08) 9322 6398; or
- (d) email the Proxy Form to mrobbins@dempseyminerals.com.au

so that it is received not later than 10.00am (WST) on 24 November 2015.

Proxy Forms received later than this time will be invalid.

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## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Dempsey Minerals Limited will be held at Level 2, 38 Richardson Street, West Perth, Western Australia at 10.00am WST on Thursday 26 November 2015.

The Explanatory Memorandum to this Notice of Meeting provides additional information on matters to be considered at the Annual General Meeting. The Explanatory Memorandum and the Proxy Form are part of this Notice of Meeting.

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum (including the Annexures) are defined in the Glossary unless defined elsewhere in the Explanatory Memorandum.

#### **AGENDA**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

**To receive and consider** the 2015 Financial Report together with the declaration of the Directors, the Directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report thereon.

## **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 ordinary resolution**:

"That, for the purpose of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report."

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

## **Voting Prohibition Statement:**

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

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

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

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

## **RESOLUTION 2 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - MR CHRIS CHALWELL**

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

"That Mr Chris Chalwell, a Non-Executive Director, who retires by rotation in accordance with the Constitution, and being willing and eligible for re-election, is re-elected as a Director."

# **RESOLUTION 3 - APPROVAL OF 10% PLACEMENT CAPACITY**

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

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

## **Voting Exclusion Statement:**

The Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution by a person who may participate in the issue of Equity Securities under this Resolution and a person who might obtain a benefit, except a benefit solely in the capacity of a holder of ordinary securities, if the Resolution is passed and any associates of those persons. However, the Company need not disregard a vote if it is cast by a person as a proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the Proxy Form, or, it is cast by the Chair 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.

## **RESOLUTION 4 – APPROVAL OF THE PROPORTIONAL TAKEOVER PROVISIONS**

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

"That pursuant to sections 136 and 648G of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), the Company's Constitution be amended by inserting a new Clause 25 (Proportional Takeover Rule) in the form set out in the Explanatory Memorandum."

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

To deal with any business that may be lawfully brought forward.

## **PROXIES**

A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting has a right to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of the Shareholder. A proxy need not be a Shareholder and can be either an individual or a body corporate. If a Shareholder appoints a body corporate as a proxy that body corporate will need to ensure that it:

- a) appoints an individual as its corporate representative to exercise its powers at the Meeting, in accordance with section 250D of the Corporations Act; and
- b) provides the Company with satisfactory evidence of the appointment of its corporate representative prior to commencement of the Meeting.

If such evidence is not received before the Meeting, then the body corporate (through its representative) will not be permitted to act as proxy.

A Shareholder who is entitled to cast two (2) or more votes may appoint two (2) proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If no proportion or number is specified, each proxy may exercise half of the Shareholder's votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded.

In order to vote on behalf of a company that is a Shareholder, a valid Power of Attorney in the name of the attendee, must be either lodged with the Company prior to the Meeting, or be presented at the Meeting before registering on the attendance register for the Meeting.

Forms to appoint proxies, and the Power of Attorney (if any) under which they are signed, must be posted or lodged at the registered office of the Company, at Level 2, 38 Richardson Street, West Perth WA 6005, or PO Box 396 West Perth WA 6872, or by facsimile to (61 8) 9322 6398, or by email to **mrobbins@dempseyminerals.com.au** not less than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting or resumption of an adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

An instrument appointing a proxy:

- a) shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney, or if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of a duly authorised officer or attorney;
- b) may specify the manner in which the proxy is to vote in respect of a particular Resolution and, where an instrument of proxy so provides, the proxy is not entitled to vote on the Resolution except as specified in the instrument;
- c) shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll;
- d) shall be in such form as the Directors determine and which complies with section 250A of the Corporations Act; and
- e) which appoints the Chair as proxy but does not specify the way in which the proxy is to vote on a particular Resolution will be recorded as voting in favour of the Resolutions (subject to the other provisions of these notes on proxies and any required voting exclusions including those in the Notice) as this is the Chair's voting intention.

# Corporations

A corporation may elect to appoint a representative in accordance with the Corporations Act in which case the Company will require written proof of the representative's appointment, which must be lodged with, or presented to, the Company before the commencement of the Meeting.

Proxies given by corporate Shareholders must be executed in accordance with their constitutions, or signed by a duly authorised attorney. A proxy may decide whether to vote on any motion, except where the proxy is required by law or the Constitution to vote, or abstain from voting, in their capacity as proxy.

The enclosed Proxy Form provides further details on appointing proxies and lodging Proxy Forms.

# **Proxy Restrictions**

Shareholders (who are not a member of the Key Management Personnel details of whose remuneration are including in the Remuneration Report or a Closely Related Party of that member) appointing a proxy for Resolution 1 should note the following:

# If you appoint a member of the Key Management Personnel as your proxy

If you elect to appoint a member of Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of that member, you must direct the proxy how they are to vote. Undirected proxies granted to these persons will not be included in any vote on Resolution 1.

# If you appoint the Chair as your proxy

If you elect to appoint the Chair as your proxy, you do not need to direct the Chair how you wish them to exercise your vote on Resolution 1 however if you do not direct the Chair how to vote, you acknowledge that the Chair may exercise his or her discretion in exercising your proxy even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of Key Management Personnel for the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for that entity.

The Chair intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1.

## If you appoint any other person as your proxy

You do not need to direct your proxy how to vote.

DATED: 21 OCTOBER 2015

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

MIKE ROBBINS
COMPANY SECRETARY

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared for the information of shareholders of Dempsey Minerals Limited in connection with the business specified to be conducted in the Notice of Annual General Meeting at the annual general meeting of Shareholders to be held at Level 2, 38 Richardson Street, West Perth, Western Australia 6005 at 10.00am WST on 26 November 2015.

The purpose of this Explanatory Memorandum is to provide information that the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions.

The Notice of Meeting, Explanatory Memorandum and Proxy Form are all important documents. The Directors recommend that Shareholders read them carefully in their entirety before making a decision on how to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

A Glossary of terms frequently used in this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum can be found at the end of this Explanatory Memorandum.

# 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Constitution, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the 2015 Financial Report together with the declaration of the Directors, the Directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report thereon.

The Company will not provide a hard copy of the 2015 Financial Report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The 2015 Financial Report is available on its website at www.demspeyminerals.com.au.

## 2. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

## 2.1 General

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

A reasonable opportunity will be provided for discussion of the Remuneration Report at the Annual General Meeting.

# 2.2 Voting Consequences

Under changes to the Corporations Act which came into effect on 1 July 2011, if at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report at the two consecutive annual general meetings, the company will be required to put to shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of an extraordinary general meeting to consider the appointment of directors of the Company (Spill Resolution).

If more than 50% of shareholders vote in favour of the Spill Resolution, the company must convene the extraordinary general meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the company's 2016 annual general meeting. All of the directors who were in office when the company's 2016 directors' report 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 is approved will be 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 2015 Financial Report.

At the Company's previous annual general meeting, less than 25% of votes were cast against the remuneration report at that meeting. Accordingly the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

## 3. RESOLUTION 2 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - MR CHRIS CHALWELL

## 3.1 Background

Clause 11.1 of the Constitution requires that at the Company's annual general meeting in every year, one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office, provided always that no Director (except a Managing Director) shall hold office for a period in excess of three (3) years, or until the third annual general meeting following his or her appointment, whichever is the longer, without submitting himself or herself for re-election.

The Directors to retire at an annual general meeting are those who have been longest in office since their last election, but, as between persons who became Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by drawing lots.

A Director who retires by rotation under clause 11.1 of the Constitution is eligible for re-election.

The Company currently has three (3) Directors and accordingly one (1) must retire by rotation.

Mr Chris Chalwell retires by rotation in accordance with the Constitution and, being willing and eligible for reelection, seeks re-election. The profile of Mr Chris Chalwell is set out in the 2015 Financial Report.

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

The Directors (other than Mr Chris Chalwell) recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

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

# 4.1 Purpose of resolution

The purpose of this special resolution is to authorise the Directors to seek Shareholder approval to allow it to issue a further 10% of the Company's issued share capital under Listing Rule 7.1A during the 10% Placement Period in addition to and without using the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

The additional 10% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1A is in addition to the existing 15% annual placement capacity available under Listing Rule 7.1.

## 4.2 General information

Listing Rule 7.1A came into effect on 1 August 2012 and enables "eligible entities" to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued share capital through placements over a 12 month period after the annual general meeting if the Equity Securities are in an existing quoted class of the Company's securities ("10% Placement Facility"). The 10% Placement Facility is in addition to the Company's 15% placement annual capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

An "eligible entity" for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A is an entity that is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$300 million or less.

The Company is an eligible entity (market capitalisation at 20 October 2015 was \$2.212 million).

The Company is seeking Shareholder approval by way of a special resolution to have the ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility during the period up to 12 months after the Meeting. As Resolution 3 is a special resolution 75% of votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote at the Meeting must be in favour of Resolution 3 for it to be passed.

If Shareholders approve Resolution 3 the exact number of Equity Securities that may be issued under the 10% Placement Facility will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (refer to 4.3 (c) below).

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A.4 and 3.10.5A upon the issue of any Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility.

# 4.3 Description of Listing Rule 7.1A

# (a) Shareholder approval

The ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility is subject to shareholder approval by way of a special resolution at an annual general meeting, which is in addition to its 15% annual placement capacity.

## (b) Equity Securities

Any Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Facility must be in the same class as an existing quoted class of Equity Securities of the Company.

The Company, as at the date of the Notice, has on issue one class of Equity Securities, namely Shares.

# (c) Formula for calculating Additional 10% Placement Facility

Listing rule 7.1A.2 provides that eligible entities which have obtained shareholder approval at an annual general meeting may issue or agree to issue, during the 12 month period after the date of the annual general meeting, a number of Equity Securities calculated in accordance with the following formula:

## $(a \times d) - e$

**a** is the number of shares on issue 12 months before the date of issue or agreement:

- (i) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the 12 months under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2;
- (ii) plus the number of partly paid shares that became fully paid in the 12 months;
- (iii) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the 12 months with approval of holders of shares under Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.4. This does not include an issue of fully paid shares under the entity's 15% annual placement capacity without shareholder approval;
- (iv) less the number of fully paid shares cancelled in the 12 months.

Note that  $\bf A$  has the same meaning in Listing Rule 7.1 when calculating an entity's 15% annual placement capacity.

**d** is 10%

**e** is the number of Equity Securities issued or agreed to be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the 12 months before the date of issue or agreement to issue that are not issued with the approval of shareholders under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4.

## (d) Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.1A

The ability of an entity to issue Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A is in addition to the entity's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

At the date of this Notice, the Company has on issue 29,500,001 Shares and therefore has a capacity to issue:

- (i) 15% or 4,425,000 Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1; and
- (ii) 10% or 2,950,000 Equity Securities subject to Shareholder approval being sought under this Resolution 3 under Listing Rule 7.1A.

The actual number of Equity Securities that the Company will have capacity to issue under Listing Rule 7.1A will be calculated at the date of issue of the Equity Securities, or the agreement date, in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (refer to 4.3(c) above).

## (e) Information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, the below information is provided in relation to the approval of the 10% Placement Facility:

## Minimum Price

The issue price of the new Equity Securities will be no lower than 75% of the VWAP for the relevant class of securities calculated over the 15 Trading Days immediately before:

- the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed;
   or
- if the Equity Securities are not issued within 5 Trading Days of the date above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

## Date of Issue

The Equity Securities may be issued under the 10% Placement Facility commencing on the date of the Meeting and expires on the earlier to occur of:

- the date that is 12 months after the date of this Meeting; or
- the date of the approval by Shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).

## Risk of economic and voting dilution

If Resolution 3 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility, the existing Shareholders' voting power in the Company will be diluted as shown in the table below.

Shareholders should note that there is a risk that:

- the market price for the Equity Securities to be issued may be significantly lower on the date of the issue of the Equity Securities than on the date of the Meeting; and
- 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.
  - a) Any issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility will dilute the interests of Shareholders who do not receive any Shares under the issue. If Resolution 3 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility, the economic and voting dilution of existing Shares would be as shown in the table below.
  - b) The table below shows the dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the current market price of Shares and the current number of ordinary securities for variable "A" calculated in accordance with the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 as at the date of this Notice, assuming the full 10% dilution.
  - c) The table also shows the voting dilution impact where the number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) changes and the economic dilution where there are changes in the issue price of Shares issued under the 10% Placement Facility.

Variable "A" in Listing Rule 7.1 A.2		Dilution		
		\$0.0375 50% decrease in Issue Price	\$0.075 Issue Price	\$0.1125 50% increase in Issue Price
Current Variable A	Shares issued	2,950,000 Shares	2,950,000 Shares	2,950,000 Shares
29,500,001 Shares	Funds raised	\$110,625	\$221,250	\$331,875
50% increase* in current Variable A	Shares issued	4,425,000 Shares	4,425,000 Shares	4,425,000 Shares
44,250,002 Shares	Funds raised	\$165,938	\$331,875	\$497,813
100% increase* in current Variable A	Shares issued	5,900,000 Shares	5,900,000 Shares	5,900,000 Shares
59,000,002 Shares	Funds raised	\$221,250	\$442,500	\$663,750

<sup>\*</sup>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 under Listing Rule 7.1.

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- The current Shares on issue are the Shares on issue at 20 October 2015.
- The issue price set out above is the closing price of the Shares on the ASX on 20 October 2015.
- The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility hence the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
- The calculations above do not show the dilution that any one particular Shareholder will be subject to. All Shareholders should consider the dilution caused to their own shareholding depending on their specific circumstances, and if necessary seek advice from their professional advisers.
- No unlisted options of the Company are exercised into Shares before the date of issue of the Equity Securities.
- The table shows only the effect of issues of Equity Securities under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A, and not dilution under the 15% placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1, under ASX Listing Rule 7.2, or Shareholder approvals under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.
- The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility consists only of Shares.

# Purpose of issue under 10% Placement Facility

The Company may seek to issue the Equity Securities for the following purposes:

- as cash consideration, in which case the Company intends to use the funds raised towards continued exploration and development of the Company's projects, the evaluation and acquisition of new opportunities and general working capital; or
- as non-cash consideration for the exploration and development of the Company's projects, the evaluation and acquisition of new assets and other investments. In such circumstances the Company will provide a valuation of the non-cash consideration as required by Listing Rule 7.1A.3.

## Allocation under the 10% Placement Facility

The Company's allocation policy is dependent on the prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue pursuant to the 10% Placement Facility. 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:

- the purpose of the issue;
- the alternative methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including but not limited to, an entitlement issue or other issue in which existing security holders can participate;
- the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- the circumstances of the Company, including but not limited to the financial situation and solvency of the Company;
- prevailing market conditions; and
- advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

The allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of this Notice but may include existing Shareholders and/or new Shareholders, who are not related parties of the Company or their associates.

# Previous Approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A

The Company last obtained Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at its Annual General Meeting held on 27 November 2014.

# **Voting Exclusive**

A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice. At the date of the Notice, the Company has not invited any particular existing Shareholder or security holder or an identifiable class of existing security holder to participate in an issue of Equity Securities under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A. No existing Shareholder's votes will therefore be excluded under the voting exclusion in the Notice.

# 4.4 Listing Rule 7.3A.6 Details of Equity Securities issued during last 12 months

No Equity Securities were issued during the last 12 months.

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A.6 (a), the total number of Equity Securities issued since the date of the last AGM held on 27 November 2014 are as follows:

Class/Type	On Issue 27 November 2014	Number Issued Since 27 November 2014	% Issued Since 27 November 2014
Ordinary Shares	29,500,001	-	-%
Unlisted Options	200,000	-	-%

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

The Directors consider that the approval of the issue of the 10% Placement Facility described above is beneficial for the Company as it provides the Company with the flexibility to issue up to the maximum number of securities permitted under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A in the next 12 months (without further Shareholder approval), should it be required and which will be in addition to, and without using, the Company's 15% annual placement capacity. At the date of the Notice, the Company has no plans to use the 10% Placement Facility should it be approved. Accordingly the Directors recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

## 5. RESOLUTION 4 – APPROVAL OF THE PROPORTIONAL TAKEOVER PROVISIONS

# 5.1 Background

The Corporations Act permits a company's constitution to include a provision that enables it to refuse to register the transfer of shares acquired under a proportional takeover bid unless shareholders in a general meeting approve the bid.

The Directors consider it in the interest of Shareholders to introduce a proportional takeover provision for the maximum period permitted by law, being three years. The form of the proposed rule to be inserted in the Company's constitution is set out in Annexure A to this Explanatory Memorandum.

Resolution 4 would, if passed, amend the constitution of the Company to insert the rule set out in Annexure A concerning proportional takeover approval under section 648D of the Corporations Act. The amendment would operate for three years and would then cease to apply unless renewed by a further special resolution of Shareholders. Resolution 4 is a special resolution which means that a vote to pass this Resolution is decided on a 75% majority of the votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on this Resolution. If Resolution 4 is passed, then for 21 days after the Meeting the holders of 10% of the Company's shares would have the right to apply to the court to have the Resolution set aside. The court may set aside the Resolution if the court is satisfied in all the circumstances that it is appropriate to do so.

Proportional takeover provisions were originally adopted by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting on 23 November 2012 and the Constitution was amended accordingly. Shareholder approval for the Constitution to contain those proportional takeover provisions was not refreshed on or before 22 November 2015. Under section 648G of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), if the proportional takeover provisions are not refreshed as required (i.e. every three years or such shorter period as may be specified), they will cease to have effect and the company's constitution will be amended by force of law to remove those provisions. Accordingly the proportional takeover provisions inserted in the Constitution by virtue of Shareholder approval being obtained at the annual general meeting of Shareholders on 23 November 2012 will be removed from the Constitution by the operation of the Act. The Company wishes to rectify this situation and seek Shareholder approval to amend the Constitution by inserting the proportional takeover provisions, as stated in Annexure A, into the Constitution.

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. That information is set out below.

# **Proportional Takeover Bid**

A proportional takeover bid is a takeover bid where the offer made to each shareholder is only for a proportion of that shareholder's shares (i.e. less than 100%).

# Effect of a Proportional Takeover Bid Provision

If a proportional takeover bid is made, the Directors must ensure that a meeting of Shareholders is held and the Shareholders vote on a resolution to approve the takeover bid at least 14 days before the last day of the bid period. Each Shareholder has one vote for each fully paid Share held. The vote is decided on a simple majority. The bidder and its associates are not allowed to vote. If the resolution is not passed, no transfer will be registered as a result of the takeover bid and the offer will be taken to have been withdrawn. If the resolution is not voted on by the deadline, the resolution approving the bid is taken to have been passed. If the bid is approved (or taken to have been approved) all valid transfers must be registered, providing they comply with the other provisions of the Company's constitution.

The proportional takeover approval provisions do not apply to full takeover bids and will only apply for 3 years after the date of the adoption of the proposed Constitution (i.e. until 25 November 2018) unless again renewed by Shareholders.

# **Knowledge of any Acquisition Proposals**

At the date of this Notice, no Director of executive officer is aware of any current proposal by any person to acquire or to increase the extent of a substantial interest in the Company.

# Reasons for and Potential Advantages and Disadvantages of Rule

The Directors consider that the takeover approval provisions have no potential advantages for them. The reasons for and potential advantages of the proposed proportional takeover approval rule for Shareholder include:

- Shareholder have the right to decide by majority vote whether to accept a proportional takeover bid;
- It may help Shareholders to avoid being locked in as a minority and avoid the bidder acquiring control of the Company without paying an adequate control premium (ie. not being required to pay for all of the Shares on issue);
- It increases Shareholders' bargaining power and may assist in ensuring that any proportional takeover bid is adequately priced; and
- Knowing the view of the majority of Shareholders may help each individual Shareholder to form and opinion on whether to accept or reject an offer under the bid.

The potential disadvantages of the proposed proportional takeover approval rule for Shareholders include:

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

On balance, the Directors consider that the possible advantages outweigh the possible disadvantages such that the approval of the proportional takeover provisions is in the interests of Shareholders.

## **Directors' Recommendation**

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4.

## **GLOSSARY**

In the Notice of Meeting (including the Annexures thereto) and the Proxy Form, the following terms have the following meanings unless they are otherwise defined or the context otherwise requires:

\$ means Australian dollars.

**2015 Financial Report** means the Company's financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2015, which can be downloaded from the Company's website at www.dempseyminerals.com.au.

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

**Annexure** means an annexure to this Explanatory Memorandum.

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

ASX means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 or the market operated by it, as the context requires.

**ASX Listing Rules** or **Listing Rules** means the Listing Rules of ASX and any other rules of ASX which are applicable while the Company is admitted to the official list of ASX, each as amended or replaced from time to time, except to the extent of any express written waiver by ASX.

**Board** means the board of Directors.

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

Chair means the chairperson of the Meeting.

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

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (C) a dependent of the member or the member's spouse;
- (d) anyone else who is one of the member's family and may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealing with the Company;
- (e) a company the member controls; or
- (f) a person prescribed by the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that may be made for this purpose.

**Company** or **Dempsey** means Dempsey Minerals Limited ACN 149 349 646.

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

**Corporations Act** means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the regulations promulgated under it, each as amended from time to time.

**Director** means a director of the Company.

**Equity Securities** has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules.

**Explanatory Memorandum** means the explanatory memorandum accompanying and forming part of the Notice.

**Key Management Personnel** has the same meaning as in the accounting standards and broadly includes those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company.

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

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

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form accompanying and forming part of the Notice.

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report set out in the Director's report section of the 2015 Financial Report.

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

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

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

**Trading Day** means a day determined by ASX to be a trading day and notified to market participants being:

- (f) a day other than:
  - (i) a Saturday, Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day; and
  - (ii) any other day which ASX declares and publishes is not a trading day; and
- (g) notwithstanding (a), a day which for the purposes of settlement, ASX declares is a trading day notwithstanding that dealings between market participants are suspended on that day.

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

Where a word or phrase is given a defined meaning, another part of speech or other grammatical form in respect of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning.

# **ANNEXURE A**

## Part 25 of the Dempsey Constitution (in relation to the Proportional Takeover Provisions)

## 25.1 Definitions

approving resolution has the same meaning as in section 648D of the Corporations Act;

approving resolution deadline has the same meaning as in section 648D of the Corporations Act;

**associate** has the meaning specified in section 9 of the Corporations Act for the purposes of Chapter 6 of the Corporations Act;

proportional takeover bid has the meaning specified in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

## 25.2 Prohibition on registration of transfers without approval

Where a proportional takeover bid in respect of shares included in a class of shares in the Company has been made:

- a) the registration of a transfer giving effect to a contract resulting from the acceptance of an offer made under the proportional takeover bid is prohibited unless and until a resolution to approve the proportional takeover bid is passed in accordance with this Constitution;
- b) a person (other than the bidder or an associate of the bidder) who, as at the end of the day on which the first offer under the proportional takeover bid was made, held shares included in that class is entitled to vote on an approving resolution and, for the purposes of so voting, is entitled to 1 vote for each such share;
- c) neither the bidder nor an associate of the bidder may vote on an approving resolution;
- d) an approving resolution must be voted on at a meeting, convened and conducted by the Company, of the persons entitled to vote on the resolution under the Corporations Act; and
- e) an approving resolution is taken to have been passed if the proportion which the number of votes in favour of the resolution bears to the total number of votes on the resolution is greater than 50%, and otherwise is taken to have been rejected.

## 25.3 Meetings

- a) The provisions of this Constitution relating to a general meeting of the Company apply, with such modifications as the circumstances require (including, without limitation, to the requisite notice period to ensure that the meeting is convened on or before the approving resolution deadline), in relation to a meeting that is convened for the purposes of this Clause 25.
- b) Where takeover offers have been made under a proportional takeover bid, then the Directors must ensure that a resolution to approve the proportional takeover bid is voted on in accordance with this Clause 25 before the approving resolution deadline in relation to the proportional takeover bid.
- c) Where a resolution to approve a proportional takeover bid is voted on in accordance with this Clause 25 before the approving resolution deadline in relation to the proportional takeover bid, the Company must, on or before the approving resolution deadline:
  - i) give to the bidder; and
  - ii) serve on the Exchange,

A written notice stating that a resolution to approve the proportional takeover bid has been voted on and that the resolution has been passed or has been rejected, as the case requires.

## 25.4 Approving resolution deemed to have been passed

Where, as at the end of the day before the approving resolution deadline in relation to a proportional takeover bid under which offers have been made, no resolution to approve the proportional takeover bid has been voted on in accordance with this Clause 25, then a resolution to approve the proportional takeover bid is, for the purposes of this Clause 25, deemed to have been passed in accordance with this rule.

# 25.5 Proportional takeover bid rejected

Where an approving resolution is voted on and is rejected then:

- a) despite section 652A of the Corporations Act, all offers under the proportional takeover bid that have not, as a the end of the approving resolution deadline, resulted in binding contracts are deemed to be withdrawn at the end of the approving resolution deadline;
- b) the bidder must immediately, after the end of the approving resolution deadline, return to each Member any documents that were sent by the Member to the bidder with the acceptance of the offer;
- the bidder may rescind and must, as soon as practicable after the end of the approving resolution deadline, rescind each contract resulting from the acceptance of the offer made under the proportional takeover bid; and
- d) a Member who has accepted an offer made under the proportional takeover bid is entitled to rescind the contract (if any) resulting from that acceptance.

# 25.6 Effect of this Clause

This Clause 25 ceases to have any effect on the third anniversary of the later of the date of its adoption or of its most recent renewal.