

Genetic Signatures Limited (ACN 095 913 205) (Company)

Corporate Governance Statement

This Corporate Governance Statement sets out the Company's current compliance with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's 3rd edition Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**Recommendations**). The Recommendations are not mandatory. However, the Company will be required to provide a statement in future annual reports disclosing the extent to which the Company has followed the Recommendations.

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1.	Lay solid foundations for management and oversight		
1.1	A listed entity should disclose: (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its Board and management; and (b) those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.	Complies	The Company's Board Policy sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board and management.
1.2	A listed entity should: (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	Complies	The Company's Board Policy requires the entity to undertake background checks and to provide security holders with all relevant information.
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Complies	The Company's Board policy requires there to be a letter of appointment which will form the basis of the written agreement between the Company and the director.
1.4	The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the Board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.	Complies	The Company's Board Policy states that the company secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.
1.5	A listed entity should: (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the Board or a relevant committee of the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them; (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and (c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity	Complies / will comply	The Company has a Diversity Policy. The Board is responsible for and will develop measurable objectives and strategies to meet the objectives of the Diversity Policy (Measurable Objectives) and monitoring the progress of the Measurable Objectives through the monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms listed in the Diversity Policy. The Diversity Policy will be disclosed on the Company website. The Board will include the Measurable Objectives (if any) set by the Board and

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	<p>set by the Board or a relevant committee of the Board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them, and either:</p> <p>(1) the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</p> <p>(2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</p>		progress against the Objectives in the Annual Report each year.
1.6	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	Complies	The Company's Board Policy requires the Board to be responsible for the evaluation of its performance and its individual directors and executives.
1.7	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	Complies	See 1.6 above.

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2.	Structure of the Board to add value		
2.1	<p>The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address Board succession issues and to ensure that the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	Part complies	<p>The Board has a Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprising 3 members, the majority of whom (including the Chairman) are independent directors. The members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are Nick Samaras (chairman), Phillip Isaacs and John Melki.</p> <p>The main functions of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are to assess and make recommendations to the Board regarding Board composition with a view to:</p> <p>(a) ensuring it is able to operate effectively and efficiently, to adequately discharge its responsibilities and duties; and</p> <p>(b) advising and assisting the Board to ensure that the Company has fair, responsible and competitive remuneration arrangements and other employee policies and procedures which attract, motivate and retain appropriately skilled persons.</p> <p>The Nomination and Remuneration Committee may prepare a charter and if it does so, it will disclose it on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board will include details of the number of times the committee met throughout the year and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings in each the Annual Report.</p>
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a Board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	Complies	See Section 5.1 of the Prospectus which discloses the skills and diversity of the Company's Board members.
2.3	<p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the names of the directors considered by the Board to be independent directors;</p> <p>(b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 of the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations but the Board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the Board is of that opinion; and</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each director.</p>	Complies	See Sections 5.1 and 9.8 of the Prospectus which disclose the names of the directors that the Board considers to be independent, the interests of each director and the length of service of each director.
2.4	A majority of the Board of a listed entity should be	Does not	The Company does not comply with ASX Recommendation 2.4, being that the

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	independent directors.	comply	majority of the Board are independent Directors. However, the Company considers that the Board is appropriately structured notwithstanding this ASX Recommendation given the extensive knowledge of each of the directors regarding the Company and its business and their substantial experience and recognition in the molecular diagnostics industry and other industries relevant to the Company's operations. For these reasons, and the stage of the development of the Company, Genetic Signatures takes the view that it is in the best interests of members that the current directors, with their extensive background and experience, be directors of the Board.
2.5	The chair of the Board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	Complies	See Section 5.1 of the Prospectus, the Chair is independent and is not the same person as the CEO.
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	Complies	The Company's Board Policy provides that the Company Secretary is responsible for induction of and information for new directors.
3.	Act ethically and responsibly		
3.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	Complies/ Will comply	The Company has adopted a formal code of conduct. This is incorporated into the Company's Corporate Governance Charter. The Company requires all its directors, executives and employees to comply with the standards of behavior and business ethics in accordance with the law and the code of conduct. These include acting honestly and with integrity and fairness in all dealings. The Company will make its Corporate Governance Charter publicly available on its website.
4.	Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting		
4.1	The Board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the Board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and	Does not comply	The Board has an Audit and Risk Management Committee comprising 3 members. The members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are Phillip Isaacs (chairman), Nick Samaras and Robert Birrell and it therefore comprises 2 non-executive Directors and the CFO. However, notwithstanding that ASX Recommendation 4.1 recommends that the audit committee be comprised solely of non-executive Directors, the Company considers that the Audit and Risk Management Committee is appropriately structured, given that a majority of the members are independent non-executive directors and they have the accounting and financial expertise and a sufficient understanding of the industry in which the Company operates

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	<p>(5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p>		<p>to be able to discharge the Audit and Risk Management Committee's mandate effectively.</p> <p>The role of the Audit and Risk Management Committee is to oversee the processes for financial reporting, internal control, financial and non-financial risk management and compliance and external audit; monitoring the Company's compliance with laws, regulations and its own policies; and evaluating the adequacy of processes and controls established to identify and manage areas of potential risk.</p> <p>The relevant qualifications and experience of the members of this committee are set out in the Prospectus in section 5.1.</p> <p>The Audit and Risk Management Committee may prepare a charter and if it does so, it will disclose it on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board will include details of the number of times the committee met throughout the year and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings in each the Annual Report.</p>
4.2	The Board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.	Will comply	The Board undertakes as part of its risk management and reporting function, to monitor and appraise the Company's financial performance including providing the approval of annual and half year financial reports.
4.3	A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	Will comply	The Company's external auditor and will attend the AGM and will be available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit at the annual general meetings.
5.	Make timely and balanced disclosure		
5.1	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>	Complies	The Company has a written Continuous Disclosure Policy for complying with its continuous obligations under the Listing Rules. The Company will make this policy publicly available on its website.
6.	Respect the rights of security holders		
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Complies	The Company's website contains information about the company and its governance (http://geneticsignatures.com/)

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6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	Complies	See 6.1 above. The Company's website allows investors to communicate with the Company. Contact details are also included in the Corporate Directory of the Prospectus.
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	Will comply	The Company will publish its policy on communication with shareholders as part of the Corporate Governance Charter published on the website.
6.4	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Will comply	The Company will publish its policy on communication with shareholders as part of the Corporate Governance Charter published on the website. Under this policy the Company undertakes to provide Shareholders with the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company and its share registry electronically.
7.	Recognise and manage risk		
7.1	<p>The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	Part complies	<p>The Board has an Audit and Risk Management Committee comprising 3 members. The members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are Phillip Isaacs (chairman), Nick Samaras and Robert Birrell and it therefore comprises 2 non-executive Directors and the CFO.</p> <p>The role of the Audit and Risk Management Committee is to oversee the processes for financial reporting, internal control, financial and non-financial risk management and compliance and external audit; monitoring the Company's compliance with laws, regulations and its own policies; and evaluating the adequacy of processes and controls established to identify and manage areas of potential risk.</p> <p>The Audit and Risk Management Committee may prepare a charter and if it does so, it will disclose it on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board will include details of the number of times the committee met throughout the year and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings in each the Annual Report.</p>
7.2	<p>The Board or a committee of the Board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	Will comply	The Audit and Risk Management Committee intends to review the Company's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and will disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.
7.3	A listed entity should disclose:	Will comply	Prior to being a public company, the Board was responsible for reviewing risk

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	(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.		and performing the audit function. Going forward, the Company's Audit and Risk Management Committee will review and oversee the operation of systems of risk management in order to ensure that risks are identified and managed properly.
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	Complies	See Section 4 of the Prospectus, which discloses the risks faced by the Company, including specific to its business activities and other risks of a more general nature.
8.	Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
8.1	The Board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which: (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the members of the committee; and (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	Part complies	The Board has a Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprising 3 members, the majority of whom (including the Chairman) are independent directors. The members of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are Nick Samaras (chairman), Phillip Isaacs and John Melki. The main functions of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are to assess and make recommendations to the Board regarding Board composition with a view to: (a) ensuring it is able to operate effectively and efficiently, to adequately discharge its responsibilities and duties; and (b) advising and assisting the Board to ensure that the Company has fair, responsible and competitive remuneration arrangements and other employee policies and procedures which attract, motivate and retain appropriately skilled persons. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee may prepare a charter and if it does so, it will disclose it on the Company's website. The Board will include details of the number of times the committee met throughout the year and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings in each the Annual Report.
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	Complies	See Section 9.8(b) of the Prospectus which sets out the remuneration of executive and non-executive directors and the policies applicable to those.
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:	Complies/Will comply	The Company's Share Trading Policy prohibits a "restricted person" (which is defined to include any person who is entitled to receive shares, equity

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	<p>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>		<p>performance rights and/or options as part of any equity incentive based scheme of the Company) from entering into hedging arrangements with respect to securities in the Company (being transactions in financial products that operate to limit the economic risk associated with holding securities in the Company) and from include his or her securities in the Company in a margin loan portfolio or otherwise dealing in securities in the Company pursuant to a margin lending arrangement, without first obtaining the Company's consent.</p> <p>The Company will publish its Share Trading Policy as part of the Corporate Governance Charter published on the website.</p>