# Notice of Annual General Meeting

to be held at 11:30am (Sydney time) on 22 November 2016 at History House Auditorium, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

# Ask Funding Limited

ACN 094 503 385

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Ask Funding Limited (**Company**) will be held on Tuesday, 22 November 2016 at 11:30am (Sydney time) at History House Auditorium, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Terms used in this Notice of Meeting, including in the resolutions set out below, have the same meaning as set out in the Glossary of the Explanatory Memorandum which accompanies this Notice of Meeting.

# **Ordinary Business**

#### 1. Financial statements and reports

To receive and consider the financial statements and reports of the Directors and the Auditors for the year ended 30 June 2016.

#### 2. Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution in accordance with section 250R(2) Corporations Act:

'That the Remuneration Report be adopted'.

**Note**: This resolution shall be determined under section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act. Votes must not be cast on this resolution by Key Management Personnel and Closely Related Parties in contravention of section 250R or 250BD of the Corporations Act. Restrictions apply to votes cast as proxy unless exceptions apply. A voting exclusion statement in relation to this resolution is set out in the 'Voting Exclusion Statement' section on page 4 of this Notice of Meeting.

#### 3. Resolution 2 - Re- election of Director - Mr Russell Templeton

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

'That, in accordance with rule 10.3(c) of the Constitution and Listing Rule 14.4, Mr Russell Templeton, being eligible, be re-elected as a Director of the Company'.

**Note:** Information about the candidate is set out in the Explanatory Memorandum which accompanies this Notice of Meeting.

#### 4. Resolution 3 – Appointment of Auditor

Resolution 3 will only be put to the meeting if ASIC has consented to the resignation of Grant Thornton Australia as the company's auditor.

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

'That, subject to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission granting its consent to the resignation of the Company's current auditor, Grant Thornton Australia, for the purposes of Section 327B of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, Pitcher Partners, having been nominated and having consented in writing to act as auditor of the Company, be appointed as auditor of the Company and the directors be authorised to set its remuneration."

**Note:** Information about the resignation of Grant Thornton Australia is set out in the Explanatory Memorandum which accompanies this Notice of Meeting.

### **Notes for Shareholders**

Shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting can vote by:

- (a) attending the Annual General Meeting and voting in person;
- (b) appointing an attorney to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote on their behalf, or, in the case of corporate shareholders, a corporate representative to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote on its behalf; or
- (c) appointing a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf in their place, using the proxy form accompanying this Notice of Meeting.

The Company has determined in accordance with regulation 7.11.37 Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) and ASTC Settlement Rule 5.6 that for the purpose of voting at the Annual General Meeting, Shares will be taken to be held by those persons recorded on the Company's share register as at 7.00pm (Sydney time) on 18 November 2016. Accordingly, share transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

The proxy need not be a member of the Company. 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 appointment does not specify the proportion or the number of the Shareholder's votes each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise one half of the votes.

Where a Shareholder appoints more than one proxy neither proxy is entitled to vote on a show of hands.

Subject to any voting exclusions set out below, if a proxy is not directed how to vote on an item of business, the proxy may vote, or abstain from voting as he or she thinks fit.

A proxy given by a Shareholder which is a company must be signed:

- (a) in accordance with their constitutions; and
- (b) under seal of the corporation;
- (c) by its duly authorised attorney;
- (d) by two directors of the corporation (or where the corporation has only one director, signed by that director); or
- (e) a director and secretary of the company.

To be effective, the Company must receive the completed Proxy Form and, if the form is signed by the Shareholder's attorney, the authority under which the Proxy Form is signed (or a certified copy of the authority) by no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

If you wish to appoint a proxy and are entitled to do so, then complete and return the enclosed proxy form. To be effective the proxy must be received by the Company no later than 11:30am (Sydney time) on 20 November 2016.

An additional proxy form is available on request from the Company's share registry.

A corporation may elect to appoint a corporate representative in accordance with section 250D of 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 Annual General Meeting.

A body corporate may appoint an individual as its representative to exercise all or any of the powers the body corporate may exercise at a meeting of Shareholders. The appointment may be a standing one. Unless

otherwise specified in the appointment, the representative may exercise, on the body corporate's behalf, all of the powers that the body corporate could exercise at a meeting or in voting on a resolution.

If voting by attorney, a proxy form and the original power of attorney (if any) under which the proxy form is signed (or a certified copy of that power of attorney or other authority) must be received by the Company no later than 11:30am (Sydney time) on 20 November 2016.

If more than one joint holder of Shares is present at the Annual General Meeting (whether personally, by proxy or by attorney or by representative) and tenders a vote, only the vote of the joint holder whose name appears first on the register will be counted.

A proxy form accompanies this Notice of Meeting and to be effective must be received at the Company's corporate registry by:

- (a) mail to GPO Box 242 Melbourne Victoria 3001 Australia; or
- (b) facsimile on (within Australia) 1800 783 447 or (outside Australia) +61 3 9473 2555,

at least 48 hours before the appointed time of the Annual General Meeting.

The Company reserves the right to declare invalid any proxy not received in this manner.

# Voting exclusion statement

### Resolution 1 (Adoption of Remuneration Report)

The Company will disregard votes cast (in any capacity) on Resolution 1 by or on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of such a member, in contravention of section 250R or 250BD of the Corporations Act. Restrictions also apply to votes cast as proxy unless exceptions apply.

However, the Company need not disregard a vote if:

- (a) it is cast by such a person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 1, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form; or
- (b) it is cast as proxy by the Chairman where the Chairman has been expressly authorised to exercise the proxy (even though the resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel).

By order of the Board

**Mark Licciardo** 

**Company Secretary** 

14 October 2016

# Explanatory memorandum Ask Funding Limited

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This Explanatory Memorandum accompanies and forms part of the notice of Annual General Meeting of the Company and is intended to provide shareholders of the Company with information to assess the merits of the Resolutions contained in the business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 22 November 2016.

The Directors of the Company recommend that shareholders read this Explanatory Memorandum before making any decisions in relation to the Resolutions.

# Key dates for Shareholders

Event	Date
Date and time for deciding eligibility to vote at Annual General Meeting	7.00pm (Sydney time) 18 November 2016
Last date and time to lodge proxies for Annual General Meeting	11:30am (Sydney time) 20 November 2016
Annual General Meeting	11:30am (Sydney time) 22 November 2016

## **Ordinary Business**

### **Financial Statements and Reports**

The Corporations Act requires that the report of the Directors, the Auditor's report and the financial report be laid before the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Constitution provides for such reports and statements to be received and considered at the meeting. Apart from the matters involving remuneration which are required to be voted upon, neither the Corporations Act nor the Constitution requires a vote of Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on such reports or statements, however Shareholders will be given ample opportunity to raise questions with respect to these reports and statements at the meeting.

In addition to asking questions at the meeting, Shareholders may address written questions to the Chairman about the management of the Company, or to the Company's Auditor which are relevant to the:

- (a) content of the Auditor's Report to be considered at the meeting; or
- (b) conduct of the audit of the annual financial report to be considered at the meeting.

Pursuant to section 250PA of the Corporations Act, any written questions must be submitted to the Company Secretary on or before 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 15 November 2016 to:

By post: By fax:

The Company Secretary
Level 7, 330 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

The Company Secretary
(03) 9602 4709

### Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report

The Corporations Act requires that members be asked to vote on the Remuneration Report contained in the 2016 Annual Report.

This report sets out the remuneration policy of the Company and reports on the remuneration arrangements in place for Non-Executive Directors, Executive Directors and other Key Management Personnel.

Note that under section 250R(3) of the Corporations Act, the vote by members is advisory only and is not binding on the Directors or the Company. The Board will consider the outcome of the vote and comments made by Shareholders on the Remuneration Report at this meeting when reviewing the Company's remuneration policies.

The voting exclusion statement for this resolution is set out in the Notice of Meeting. Please refer to the Notes for Shareholders in relation to important information relating to voting on this item.

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

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

As the resolution relates to matters including the remuneration of the Directors, the Board, as a matter of good corporate governance and in accordance with the spirit of section 250R(4) of the Corporations Act, makes no recommendation regarding this resolution. The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of this resolution.

### Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Mr Russell Templeton

In accordance with rule 10.3(c) of the Constitution, Mr Russell Templeton, who was appointed as a Non-Executive Director on  $1^{st}$  June 2015, retires from office under rule 10.3(c) of the Constitution and stands for election.

#### Mr Russell Templeton (Non-Executive Director)

Managing Director since 16 November 2004. Resigned 31 May 2015. Independent Non-Executive Director since 1 June 2015.

Mr Templeton has been in practice as a lawyer for over twenty years, has extensive commercial and litigation experience and has also been involved with a network of legal practitioners; owned licensed commercial agencies; and been consultant to and then Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Collection House Limited, an ASX listed debt portfolio manager.

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

The Directors (with Mr Templeton abstaining), recommend the appointment of Mr Templeton to the Board. The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of this resolution.

### **Resolution 3 – Appointment of Auditor**

The Company is now a controlled entity of Mercantile Investment Company Limited, in the interests of auditing efficiency it is thought prudent to appoint Mercantile Investment Company Limited's auditor to replace Grant Thornton Australia. It has been agreed for Grant Thornton Australia to retire as auditor of the Company. Grant Thornton Australia is in the process of seeking consent from ASIC to resign as auditor of the Company.

Once consent has been obtained from ASIC, Grant Thornton Australia will give its notice of resignation to the Company with effect from the close of the Annual General Meeting.

The Company has reviewed Pitcher Partners suitability for the role of external auditor. The outcome of this review was a recommendation that Pitcher Partners be appointed as the new auditor of the Company.

The Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) requires that Shareholders approve the appointment of a new auditor.

Nomination of Pitcher Partners

Pitcher Partners was nominated by Mercantile OFM Pty Ltd. The notice of nomination of Pitcher Partners as auditor of the Company is included in Appendix A to this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

Pitcher Partners has consented to act as auditor of the Company.

#### **Directors' Recommendation**

The Directors recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the appointment of Pitcher Partners as the Company's auditors. The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of this resolution.

## Glossary

**Annual General Meeting or AGM** means the meeting of Shareholders to be held at 11:30am on 22

November 2016 at History House Auditorium, 133 Macquarie

Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

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

**Closely Related Parties** has the meaning given to it in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

**Company** means Ask Funding Limited ACN 094 503 385.

**Constitution** means the constitution of the Company.

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

**Director** means a director of the Company (from time to time).

**Explanatory Memorandum** means this explanatory memorandum.

**Key Management Personnel** means 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).

**Notice of Meeting** means the notice of meeting for the Annual General Meeting.

**Remuneration Report** means the section of the Directors' report for the 2016 financial

year that is included under section 300A(1) Corporations Act.

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

**Shareholder** means a person who is the registered holder of one of more

Shares.

To: Ask Funding Limited

Level 11, 139 Macquarie Street

Sydney NSW 2000

RE: NOTICE OF NOMINATION OF AUDITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 328B OF THE

CORPORATIONS ACT 2011 (Cth)

Mercantile OFM Pty Ltd of Level 11, 139 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, being a member of Ask Funding Limited nominates Pitcher Partners of Level 22, MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW, 2000, for appointment to the position of Auditor of the Company at the next Annual General Meeting.

Date: /3/10/2016

Gabriel Razyminski

James Chirnside



# Ask Funding Limited



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MR SAM SAMPLE **FLAT 123** 123 SAMPLE STREET THE SAMPLE HILL SAMPLE ESTATE SAMPLEVILLE VIC 3030



### Lodge your vote:



By Mail:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited GPO Box 242 Melbourne Victoria 3001 Australia

Alternatively you can fax your form to (within Australia) 1800 783 447 (outside Australia) +61 3 9473 2555

#### For all enquiries call:

(within Australia) 1300 850 505 (outside Australia) +61 3 9415 4000

# **Proxy Form**

☆☆ For your vote to be effective it must be received by 11:30am (Sydney time) Sunday 20 November 2016

#### How to Vote on Items of Business

All your securities will be voted in accordance with your directions.

#### Appointment of Proxy

Voting 100% of your holding: Direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. If you do not mark a box your proxy may vote or abstain as they choose (to the extent permitted by law). If you mark more than one box on an item your vote will be invalid on that item.

Voting a portion of your holding: Indicate a portion of your voting rights by inserting the percentage or number of securities you wish to vote in the For, Against or Abstain box or boxes. The sum of the votes cast must not exceed your voting entitlement or

Appointing a second proxy: You are entitled to appoint up to two proxies to attend the meeting and vote on a poll. If you appoint two proxies you must specify the percentage of votes or number of securities for each proxy, otherwise each proxy may exercise half of the votes. When appointing a second proxy write both names and the percentage of votes or number of securities for each in Step 1 overleaf.

A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company.

### **Signing Instructions**

Individual: Where the holding is in one name, the securityholder must sign.

Joint Holding: Where the holding is in more than one name, all of the securityholders should sign.

Power of Attorney: If you have not already lodged the Power of Attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

Companies: Where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form must be signed by that person. If the company (pursuant to section 204A of the Corporations Act 2001) does not have a Company Secretary, a Sole Director can also sign alone. Otherwise this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Please sign in the appropriate place to indicate the office held. Delete titles as applicable.

### Attending the Meeting

Bring this form to assist registration. If a representative of a corporate securityholder or proxy is to attend the meeting you will need to provide the appropriate "Certificate of Appointment of Corporate Representative" prior to admission. A form of the certificate may be obtained from Computershare or online at www.investorcentre.com under the help tab, "Printable Forms".

Comments & Questions: If you have any comments or questions for the company, please write them on a separate sheet of paper and return with this form.

Turn over to complete the form





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1 Adoption of Remuneration R	eport		
2 Re-election of Director - Mr I	Russell Templeton		
3 Appointment of Auditor			

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Meeting may change his/her voting intention on any resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made.

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