



AUCTUS INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED
ABN 76 149 278 759

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form

Date of Meeting:
Tuesday, 28 November 2023

Time of Meeting:
10:00am (AEDT)

Location:
**Level 23,
101 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000**

*This Notice of Annual General Meeting and Explanatory Statement should be read in its entirety.
If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their
accountant, solicitor or other professional advisor without delay.*

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Registered Office: Level 23, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Auctus Investment Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at Level 23, 101 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000 on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 at 10.00am (AEDT) ("Annual General Meeting" or "Meeting").

AGENDA

The Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form which accompany and form part of this Notice, include defined terms and describe in more detail the matters to be considered. Please consider this Notice, the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form in their entirety.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Receipt and Consideration of Accounts & Reports

To receive and consider the Financial Report of the Company and the related reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report) and auditors for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Note: Except for as set out in Resolution 1, there is no requirement for Shareholders to approve these reports. Accordingly, no Resolution will be put to Shareholders on this item of business.

Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

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

"That for the purpose of Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Remuneration Report (included in the Directors' Report) for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 be adopted."

Resolution 2: Re-election of Mr Brian Delaney as a Director of the Company

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

"That Mr Brian Delaney, who retires by rotation pursuant to the Constitution of the Company and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Resolution 3: Approval of 10% Placement Facility

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That, pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the issue of Equity Securities up to 10% of the issued capital of the Company (at the time of the issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement accompanying this Notice."

Resolution 4: Renewal of Proportional Takeover Provisions in Constitution

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

"That, for the purposes of section 648G(4) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and for all other purposes, the members (shareholders) of the Company approve the renewal of the proportional takeover provisions in Article 28 of the constitution of the Company for a period of three (3) years from the date of the Meeting."

DATED: 27 October 2023

By order of the Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Justin', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Justin Mouchacca
Company Secretary

Notes

1. **Entire Notice:** The details of the Resolutions contained in the Explanatory Statement accompanying this Notice of Meeting should be read together with, and form part of, this Notice of Meeting.
2. **Record Date:** The Company has determined that for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting, Shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as holding the shares at 7.00pm (AEDT) on the date 48 hours before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Only those persons will be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Proxies

All voting will be conducted by poll.

The Directors instruct all Shareholders who would like to appoint a proxy to lodge a proxy form prior to Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 10:00am (AEDT) (**Proxy Cut-Off Time**). Please refer to the accompanying proxy form for further details on how to appoint a proxy.

Shareholders are strongly urged to appoint the Chair as their proxy. Shareholders can complete the Proxy Form to provide specific instructions on how a Shareholder's vote is to be cast on each item of business, and the Chair must follow your instructions. Lodgement instructions (which include the ability to lodge proxies online) are set out in the Proxy Form attached to the Notice. If a person other than the Chair is appointed as proxy, the proxy will revert to the Chair in the absence of the appointed proxy holder's attendance at the Meeting.

4. Corporate Representative

Any corporate shareholder who has appointed a person to act as its corporate representative at the Meeting should provide that person with a certificate or letter executed in accordance with the Corporations Act authorising him or her to act as that company's representative. The authority may be sent to the Company and/or registry in advance of the Meeting or handed in at the Meeting when registering as a corporate representative.

5. How the Chairman will vote undirected proxies

Subject to the restrictions set out below, the Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies on, and in favour of, all of the proposed Resolutions. If the Chair is appointed as your proxy and you have not specified the way the Chair is to vote on any of the Resolutions by signing and returning the Proxy Form, you are considered to have provided the Chair with an express authorisation for the Chair to vote the proxy in accordance with the Chair's intention, even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company.

6. Voting Exclusion Statement:

Resolution 1

The Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution (in any capacity) by or on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel (being those persons described as such in the Remuneration Report) or a closely related party of such a member (being **Restricted Voters**) unless the vote cast as proxy for a person entitled to vote:

- in accordance with a direction on the Proxy Form; or
- by the Chairman of the Meeting as proxy for a person entitled to vote and the Chairman has received express authority to vote undirected proxies as the Chairman sees fit.

Accordingly, if you intend to appoint a Restricted Voter as your proxy, please ensure that you direct them how to vote. If you intend to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, you can direct him to vote by marking the box for Resolution 1. By marking the Chairman's box on the Proxy Form, you acknowledge that the Chairman of the Meeting will vote in favour of this item of business as your proxy.

Resolution 2 and 4

There are no voting exclusions on these Resolutions.

Resolution 3

As at the date of dispatch of this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and, therefore, a voting exclusion statement on this resolution is not currently required by Listing Rule 7.3A.7.

7. Asking questions

A discussion will be held on all items of business to be considered at the Meeting.

Shareholders will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions during the Meeting, including an opportunity to ask questions of the Company's external auditor. To ensure that as many Shareholders as possible have the opportunity to speak, we ask that all shareholders observe the following when asking questions:

- (a) all Shareholder questions should be stated clearly and should be relevant to the business of the Meeting, including matters arising from the Annual Report, Directors' Report (including the Remuneration Report) and Auditor's Report, and general questions about the performance, business or management of the Company;
- (b) if a Shareholder has more than one question on an item, all questions should be asked at the one time; and
- (c) Shareholders should not ask questions at the Meeting regarding personal matters or those that are commercial in confidence.

If you wish to register questions in advance of the Meeting, you are invited to do so by sending your questions at least two business days prior to the Meeting by email to justin@auctusinvest.com.

We will attempt to address the more frequently asked questions at the Meeting.

8. Enquiries

Shareholders are invited to contact the Company Secretary, Justin Mouchacca on (03) 8630 3321 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Receipt and Consideration of Accounts & Reports

A copy of the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 which incorporates the Company's Financial Report, reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report and the Auditors Report) is not enclosed as there is no longer a requirement for the Company to incur the printing and distribution cost associated with doing so for all shareholders. A hard copy of the Annual Report has, however, been sent to those Shareholders who have made a positive election to receive the Annual Report in hard copy form.

You may obtain a copy free of charge in hard copy form by contacting the Company by phone at (03) 8630 3321, and you may request that this occurs on a standing basis for future years. Alternatively, you may access the Annual Report at the Company's website: www.auctusinvest.com or via the Company's announcement platform on ASX. Except as set out in Resolution 1, no resolution is required on these reports.

Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

Background

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act requires that a non-binding resolution to adopt the Remuneration Report must be put to the vote at the Meeting. The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

The Remuneration Report is set out in the Directors' Report in the Company's 2023 Annual Report. The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the Company.

In accordance with Section 250SA of the Corporations Act 2001, Shareholders will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to ask questions concerning, or make comments on, the Remuneration Report at the Meeting.

The Corporations Act requires the Company to put a resolution to Shareholders that, in accordance with Division 9 of Part 2G.2 of the Corporations Act, if twenty five (25%) per cent or more of votes that are cast are voted against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive annual general meetings, Shareholders will be required to vote at the second of those annual general meetings on a resolution (a "**Spill Resolution**") that another meeting be held within 90 days at which all of the Company's Directors (other than the Managing Director) must go up for re-election.

It is noted that at the Company's 2022 annual general meeting, the votes cast against the remuneration report represented less than twenty-five (25%) per cent of the total votes cast and accordingly, a Spill Resolution will not under any circumstances be required for this Meeting.

Board Recommendation

The Board encourages all eligible Shareholders to cast their votes in favour of Resolution 1. The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1.

Resolution 2: Re-election of Mr Brian Delaney as a Director of the Company

Background

The Constitution of the Company requires that at every annual general meeting one third of the Directors or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not more than one third of the Directors must retire from office and will be eligible for re-election. Further, the ASX listing rules require that a director must not hold office past the third annual general meeting following the director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is longer. Mr Delaney, having been last elected at the 2021 Annual General Meeting, offers himself for re-election.

Brian Delaney – Professional Experience

Mr Delaney is a non-executive director and has more than 35 years of global funds management experience across Strategy, M & A and Business Development with a focus across Private Equity, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Listed Markets.

His most recent executive role was at the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) as an Executive Director of Strategy, Clients & Global Markets in Australia and as the Managing Director of the US business located in Los Angeles.

Mr Delaney is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program, a life member of the Association of Superannuation Funds (ASFA), as well as a Fellow of ASFA and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

Mr Delaney serves as a Director of the Trawalla Group, Qualitas (QAL) as well as the Chair of the Fund Executives Association Limited (FEAL) and Armitage Associates. His previous director roles include Basketball Australia and Lonsec Financial Group.

Board Recommendation

The Board (with Mr Delaney abstaining), recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2. The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Mr Delaney's re-election.

Resolution 3: Approval of 10% Placement Facility

Background

Listing Rule 7.1A 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 ("**10% Placement Facility**"). The 10% Placement Facility is in addition to the Company's 15% placement 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.

The Company is now seeking shareholder approval by way of a special resolution to have the ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility. The Company obtained shareholder approval for the 10% placement facility at its 2022 Annual General Meeting on 25 November 2022.

If Shareholders approve Resolution 3, then the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility for the 10% Placement Period (defined below). If shareholders do not approve Resolution 3 then the Company will not be able to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility for which approval is sought at the Meeting.

The exact number of Equity Securities to be issued under the 10% Placement Facility will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (see below).

The Company continues actively seeking to enhance the value of its assets and new investments. Should the Company utilise the 10% Placement Facility, it anticipates using the funds to either raise additional funds for to apply to its current investments, acquire new assets or investments, or to meet additional working capital requirements.

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. This means it requires approval of 75% of the votes cast by shareholders present and eligible to vote (in person, by proxy, by attorney or, in the case of a corporate shareholder, by a corporate representative).

(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 one class of quoted securities on issue, being Fully Paid Ordinary Shares.

(c) Formula for calculating 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 at the commencement of the “relevant period” (which, for the Company, is the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of the issue or agreement):
- (A) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2, other than exception 9, 16 or 17;
 - (B) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period on the conversion of convertible securities within rule 7.2 exception 9 where:
 - (i) the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the relevant period; or
 - (ii) the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved, under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
 - (C) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period under an agreement to issue securities within rule 7.2 exception 16 where:
 - (i) the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the relevant period; or
 - (ii) the agreement or issue was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved, under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
 - (D) plus the number of any other fully paid shares issued in the relevant period with approval of holders of shares under Listing Rules 7.1 or 7.4.;
 - (E) plus the number of partly paid shares that became fully paid in the relevant period;
 - (F) less the number of fully paid shares cancelled in the relevant period.

Note that A has the same meaning in Listing Rule 7.1 when calculating an entity's 15% 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 the issue or agreement to issue that has not been subsequently approved by shareholders under Listing Rule 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.

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 in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2

(e) *Nature and Consideration for issue and Minimum Issue Price*

The Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be issued for a cash consideration per security which must be not less than 75% of the VWAP of Equity Securities in the same class calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the Company and the recipient of the relevant Equity Securities; or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

(f) *10% Placement Period*

Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A is valid from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained and expires on the earlier to occur of:

- (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting after the Annual General meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (iii) the time and 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).

(10% Placement Period).

Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

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

- (a) The period for which the Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A commences on the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained, being 28 November 2023, and expires on the first to occur of the following:
 - (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained, being 28 November 2024 if shareholders approve Resolution 3;
 - (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting after the Annual General meeting at which the approval is obtained;
 - (iii) the time and 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).
- (b) The Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price of not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's Equity Securities in the same class calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:
 - (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the Company and the recipient of the relevant Equity Securities; or
 - (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.
- (c) The purposes for which the funds raised by an issue of Equity Securities under rule 7.1A.2 (for cash consideration only) may be used by the Company include:
 - (i) consideration for the acquisition(s) of the new assets and investments, including the expenses associated with such acquisition(s) (provided the Equity Securities are issued for cash); and
 - (ii) continued expenditure on the Company's current business and/or general working capital.
- (d) If this resolution 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 below table. Shareholders may also be exposed to economic risk and voting dilution, including the following:
 - (i) the market price for the Company's Equity Securities may be significantly lower on the date of the issue of the Equity Securities than on the date of the Annual General Meeting; and
 - (ii) the Equity Securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for the Company's Equity Securities on the issue date.

which may have an effect on the amount of funds raised by the issue of the Equity Securities.

The below table shows the dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the market price of Shares as at 18 October 2023 (**Current Share Price**) 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.

The table also shows:

- two examples where variable "A" has increased, by 50% and 100%. Variable "A" is based on the number of ordinary securities the Company has on issue. The number of ordinary securities on issue may increase as a result of issues of ordinary securities that do not require Shareholder approval (for example, a pro rata entitlements issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or future specific placements under Listing Rule 7.1 that are approved at a future Shareholders' meeting; and

- two examples of where the issue price of ordinary securities has decreased by 50% and increased by 100% as against the current market price.

Variable 'A' in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		Issue Price		
		\$0.350 50% decrease in Current Share Price	\$0.70 Current Share Price	\$1.40 100% increase in Current Share Price
Current Variable A 75,531,741 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	7,553,174 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$2,643,611	\$5,287,222	\$10,574,444
50% increase in current Variable A 113,297,612 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	11,329,761 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$3,965,416	\$7,930,833	\$15,861,666
100% increase in current Variable A 151,063,482 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	15,106,348 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$5,287,222	\$10,574,444	\$21,148,887

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
 - No Options are exercised into Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities.
 - The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue. This is why the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
 - The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 10% Placement Facility, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Annual General Meeting.
 - The table shows only the effect of issues of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, not under the 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.
 - The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility consists only of Shares.
 - The Current Share Price is \$0.70 (70 cents), being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 18 October 2023.
- (e) The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A(4) and 3.10.5A upon issue of any Equity Securities.

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 methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including but not limited to, rights 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 financial situation and solvency of the Company; 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 substantial Shareholders and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

Further, if the Company is successful in acquiring new businesses, assets or investments, it is possible that the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility will be the vendors of the new businesses, assets or investments (provided that the Equity Securities are issued for cash consideration).

Equity Issues over the Last 12 Months – Listing Rule 7.3A.6

Due to the forward looking nature of the approval, the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of the Notice but may include existing shareholders and/or new shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

The Company has previously obtained shareholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A at its 2022 AGM.

During the 12-month period preceding the proposed date of the Meeting, being on and from 28 November 2022, the Company did not issue any Equity Securities under the Company's 10% Placement Facility under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.

At the date of that Notice, the Company has not approached any particular existing shareholder or security holder or an identifiable class of existing security holder to participate in the issue of the equity securities. Accordingly, no existing shareholder's votes will therefore be excluded and there is no voting exclusion for Resolution 3 in the Notice.

Board Recommendation

The Board believes that Resolution 3 is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution. The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of this Resolution.

Resolution 4: Renewal of proportional takeover provisions in the Constitution

Article 28 of the Constitution contains provisions dealing with member approval requirements if there was to be any proportional takeover bids for the Company's securities ("**Proportional Bid Provisions**").

A "proportional takeover bid" means an off-market bid for a specified proportion of the Company's securities held by each shareholder in a class for which a takeover bid has been made. It is not a bid for all securities held by all members of that class, only part of the securities each holds.

Part 6.5 Subdivision 5C of the Corporations Act provides that these Proportional Bid Provisions cease to apply at the end of 3 years from their adoption (or last renewal), but that they may be renewed by special resolution of the members. The Board believes it is appropriate that the Proportional Bid Provisions of the Constitution (Article 28) be renewed.

A soft copy of the Constitution can be sent via email to any shareholder upon request made to Justin Mouchacca, the Company Secretary, by email to justin@auctusinvest.com.

The Resolution to renew the Proportional Bid Provisions is proposed as a special resolution. Accordingly, to be passed at least 75% of the votes validly cast on the Resolution by shareholders eligible to vote of the Resolution by number of shares must be in favour of the Resolution.

If Resolution 4 is passed, shareholders holding at least 10% of the Company's issued ordinary shares may, within 21 days after the Meeting, apply to a court to have the purported renewal of the Proportional Bid Provisions set aside. The court may make an order setting aside the purported renewal of the Proportional Bid Provisions if it is satisfied that it is appropriate in the circumstances to do so.

In seeking the members' approval for the renewal of the Proportional Bid Provisions, the Corporations Act requires the below information to be provided to members.

Effect of provisions proposed to be renewed

Article 28 of the Constitution provides that the Company is prohibited from registering any transfer of shares giving effect to a contract of sale pursuant to a proportional takeover bid unless and until after the proposed transfer has been approved by the members at a general meeting of the Company ("**Prescribed Resolution**"). The person making the offer for the securities ("**Offeror**") (and their associates) cannot vote on the Prescribed Resolution and the Prescribed Resolution requires the approval of more than 50% of members who are entitled to vote at that meeting.

Article 28 also provides that if a Prescribed Resolution is not voted upon at the end of the day before the relevant day in relation to the off-market bid under which offers have been made, the Prescribed Resolution is deemed approved and, if the Prescribed Resolution is rejected, all unaccepted offers under the proportional takeover bid

are deemed withdrawn and the Offeror must rescind each contract created as a result of the acceptance of an offer under that proportional takeover bid.

If shareholders pass this Resolution 4, then Article 28 as described above will continue to have effect for a period of three years from the date of the Meeting. If the resolution is approved or deemed to have been approved, a transfer of Shares under the proportional takeover bid may be registered provided it complies with the other provisions of the Corporations Act and the Constitution. If the resolution is rejected, the registration of any transfer of Shares resulting from the proportional takeover bid is prohibited and the proportional takeover bid is deemed by the Corporations Act to have been withdrawn.

Reasons for the resolution

Section 648(G)(1) of the Corporations Act provides that Proportional Bid Provisions such as provided in Article 28 cease to apply at the end of 3 years from their adoption (or their last renewal).

The Proportional Bid Provisions were last renewed more than 3 years ago and are therefore required to be renewed.

Section 648(G)(4) enables the members to approve a renewal of Proportional Bid Provisions.

The Directors believe that the members should continue to have the choice of considering whether to accept a bid for what might become control of the Company without the members having the opportunity to dispose of **all** of their securities (rather than just some of their securities, as would be the case under a proportional takeover bid). To preserve this choice, Article 28 needs to be renewed. If Article 28 is renewed and any proportional takeover bid (if any) is subsequently approved by members, each member will still have the right to make a separate decision whether that member wishes to accept the (proportional takeover) bid for their own securities.

Awareness of current acquisition proposals

As at the date of the Notice, none of the Directors is aware of any proposal for any person to acquire (or increase the extent of) a substantial interest in the Company.

Advantages and disadvantages of the Proportional Bid Provisions since last renewed

As there have been no takeover bids made for any of the shares in the Company since the initial adoption of the Proportional Bid Provisions, there has been no application of Article 28 with respect to the Company as at the date of the notice of meeting. It may be considered that the potential advantages and disadvantages described below have applied for the period since adoption of Article 28 as part of the Constitution.

Potential advantages and disadvantages of the proposed resolution for directors and members

The potential advantages and disadvantages of renewing the Proportional Bid Provisions to directors include:

- (a) If the Directors consider a partial bid should be opposed they will be assisted in preventing the bidder from securing control of the Company as the bidder requires a majority of votes to be cast in its favour by the independent shareholders before the bid can succeed.
- (b) With the Proportional Bid Provisions in place, the Directors must call a meeting to seek the members' view if any partial takeover offer is made, even if the Directors believe the offer should be accepted.
- (c) Under the Proportional Bid Provisions, the most effective view on a partial bid is the view expressed by the vote of the shareholders themselves, at the meeting.
- (d) The Proportional Bid Provisions may make it easier for Directors to discharge their fiduciary and statutory duties as Directors in the event of a partial takeover bid.
- (e) The Directors remain free to make a recommendation on whether a proportional takeover bid should be accepted.

The potential advantages of the renewal of the Proportional Bid Provisions for members include:

- (a) All members have an opportunity to study a proportional takeover bid, if made, and to attend or be represented by proxy at a meeting called specifically to vote on the proposal. A majority of shares voted at the meeting, excluding the shares of the bidder and its associates, will be required for the applicable resolution to be passed, following which members will be able to decide whether to accept the bid that may result in a change of the control of the Company.

- (b) Members are able to prevent a proportional takeover bid proceeding if they believe that control of the Company should not be permitted to pass under the bid and, accordingly, the terms of any future proportional takeover bid is likely to be structured in a manner that is attractive to a majority of members.
- (c) The Proportional Bid Provisions enable shareholders to act together to avoid the coercion of members that might otherwise arise where they believe a partial offer is inadequate, but nevertheless accept due to concerns that a significant number of shareholders may accept.
- (d) Members are protected against being coerced into accepting a partial bid at a high premium where the bidder indicates its intention to mount a subsequent bid for the remaining shares at a much reduced price, putting members under pressure to accept the initial bid to maximise returns.
- (e) If a partial bid is made, the Proportional Bid Provisions may make it more probable that a bidder will set its offer price at a level that is attractive to members.
- (f) members, as a group, may more effectively advise, contribute to or guide the Directors' response to a partial bid.
- (g) The Proportional Bid Provisions may increase the likelihood that any takeover offer will be a full bid for the whole shareholding of each member, so that member will have the opportunity to dispose of all of their shares rather than only a portion.

The potential disadvantages to members of renewing the Proportional Bid Provisions include:

- (a) By placing obstacles in the way of partial offers, the proposal may tend to discourage partial offers, thus reducing the opportunity for members to sell a portion of their holdings.
- (b) The continued existence of the Proportional Bid Provisions might adversely affect the market value of the Company's shares by making a partial offer less likely, thus reducing any takeover speculation element in the share price.
- (c) An individual member that wishes to accept the partial offer will be unable to sell to the offeror unless a majority of members vote in favour of the partial takeover bid.
- (d) If a partial takeover bid is made, the Company will incur the costs of calling a shareholders meeting.

Recommendation for Resolution 4

Balancing the above advantages and disadvantages, the Directors are of the view that the advantages of renewing the Proportional Bid Provisions outweigh any disadvantages and unanimously recommend the renewal.

GLOSSARY

The following terms have the following meanings in this Explanatory Statement:

“\$” means Australian Dollars;

“**10% Placement Facility**” has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 3;

“**10% Placement Period**” has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 3;

“**AEDT**” means Australian Eastern Daylight Time;

“**Annual Report**” means the Directors’ Report, the Financial Report, and Auditor’s Report, in respect to the year ended 30 June 2023;

“**ASX**” means ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the context requires;

“**Auditor’s Report**” means the auditor’s report on the Financial Report;

“**Board**” means the Directors acting as the board of Directors of the Company;

“**Chairman**” means the person appointed to chair the Meeting of the Company convened by the Notice;

“**Closely Related Party**” means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member; or
- (b) has the meaning given in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

“**Company**” means Auctus Alternative Investments Limited ABN 76 149 278 759;

“**Constitution**” means the constitution of the Company as at the date of the Meeting;

“**Corporations Act**” means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);

“**Director**” means a Director of the Company;

“**Equity Security**” has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules and Equity Securities has a corresponding meaning;

“**Explanatory Statement**” means the explanatory statement which forms part of the Notice;

“**Financial Report**” means the annual financial report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities;

“**Key Management Personnel**” means 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;

“**Listing Rules**” means the Listing Rules of the ASX;

“**Meeting**” has the meaning given in the introductory paragraph of the Notice;

“**Notice**” means this Notice of Meeting including the Explanatory Statement;

“**Proxy Form**” means the proxy form attached to the Notice;

“**Remuneration Report**” means the remuneration report which forms part of the Directors’ Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and which is set out in the 2023 Annual Report.

“**Resolution**” means a resolution referred to in the Notice;

“**Section**” means a section of the Explanatory Statement;

“**Share**” means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company;

“**Shareholder**” means shareholder of the Company;

“**Trading Day**” means a day determined by ASX to be a trading day in accordance with the Listing Rules; and

“**VWAP**” means volume weighted average price.



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YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by **10:00am (AEDT) on Sunday, 26 November 2023.**

Proxy Form

How to Vote on Items of Business

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

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

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

Voting a portion of your holding: Indicate a portion of your voting rights by inserting the percentage or number of securities you wish to vote in the For, Against or Abstain box or boxes. The sum of the votes cast must not exceed your voting entitlement or 100%.

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

A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company.

SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL FORMS

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

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

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

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

PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

Corporate Representative

If a representative of a corporate securityholder or proxy is to participate in the meeting you will need to provide the appropriate "Appointment of Corporate Representative". A form may be obtained from Computershare or online at www.investorcentre.com/au and select "Printable Forms".

Lodge your Proxy Form:

Online:

Lodge your vote online at www.investorvote.com.au using your secure access information or use your mobile device to scan the personalised QR code.

Your secure access information is



For Intermediary Online subscribers (custodians) go to www.intermediaryonline.com

By Mail:

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Australia

By Fax:

1800 783 447 within Australia or
+61 3 9473 2555 outside Australia



PLEASE NOTE: For security reasons it is important that you keep your SRN/HIN confidential.

You may elect to receive meeting-related documents, or request a particular one, in electronic or physical form and may elect not to receive annual reports. To do so, contact Computershare.

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

Proxy Form

Please mark ☒ to indicate your directions

Step 1 Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

I/We being a member/s of Auctus Investment Group Limited hereby appoint

☐ the Chairman of the Meeting **OR**

PLEASE NOTE: Leave this box blank if you have selected the Chairman of the Meeting. Do not insert your own name(s).

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no directions have been given, and to the extent permitted by law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of Auctus Investment Group Limited to be held at Level 23, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000 on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 at 10:00am (AEDT) and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting.

Chairman authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related resolutions: Where I/we have appointed the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairman becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise my/our proxy on Resolution 1 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel, which includes the Chairman.

Important Note: If the Chairman of the Meeting is (or becomes) your proxy you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolution 1 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

Step 2 Items of Business

PLEASE NOTE: If you mark the **Abstain** box for an item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands or a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority.

		For	Against	Abstain
Resolution 1	Adoption of Remuneration Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution 2	Re-election of Mr Brian Delaney as a Director of the Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution 3	Approval of 10% Placement Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution 4	Renewal of Proportional Takeover Provisions in Constitution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

Step 3 Signature of Securityholder(s) *This section must be completed.*

Individual or Securityholder 1

Sole Director & Sole Company Secretary

Securityholder 2

Director

Securityholder 3

Director/Company Secretary

/ /

Date

Update your communication details (Optional)

Mobile Number

Email Address

By providing your email address, you consent to receive future Notice of Meeting & Proxy communications electronically

