



**HIGH-TECH METALS**  
LIMITED

26 September 2023

Dear Shareholders

**Annual General Meeting of High-tech Metals Limited**

You are invited to attend the annual general meeting of shareholders of High-tech Metals Limited (**Company**) (ASX: HTM) to be held at 22 Townshend Road, Subiaco WA 6008 (**Location**) on Monday, 30 October 2023 at 11:00am (AWST) (**Meeting**).

In accordance with section 253RA of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (the **Act**), the notice of meeting (**Notice**) is being made available to Shareholders by electronic means and the Company will not be dispatching physical copies of this Notice, other than to any Shareholder who has elected to receive notices of meeting in hard copy only pursuant to section 253RB of the Act, or who otherwise requests a hard copy of this Notice at least 48 hours before the Meeting.

The Notice can be viewed online and downloaded via:

- the Company's website at <https://hightechmetals.com.au/investor-center/>;
- if you have nominated an email address and have elected to receive electronic communications from the Company, via the electronic link that is sent to your nominated email address.

The Company will be conducting the Meeting at the Location without the use of video conferencing technology.

All the resolutions in the Notice will be voted upon by poll. If you wish to vote on any of the resolutions identified in the Notice, you must attend the Meeting in person or by proxy. If you do not wish to vote at the Meeting, you are encouraged to appoint the Chair as proxy prior to the Meeting. A proxy form is provided with this letter and should be filled out with specific instructions on how your vote is to be exercised in relation to each resolution, and the Chair must follow such instructions. The Notice sets out instructions on how to properly complete and send the proxy form to the Company.

If you are unable to access the Notice through the above means or for any other reason, please contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 9388 0051 or at [quinton@hightechmetals.com.au](mailto:quinton@hightechmetals.com.au) between 9:00am to 5:00pm (AWST) on Monday to Friday to arrange to access a copy of the Notice.

Yours sincerely,

*Quinton Meyers*

**Quinton Meyers**  
Company Secretary  
High-tech Metals Limited

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# **High-Tech Metals Limited**

## **(ACN 657 249 995)**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**Monday, 30 October 2023**

**11:00am AWST**

**To be held at**

**22 Townshend Road, Subiaco WA 6008**

The Annual Report is available online at [www.hightechmetals.com.au](http://www.hightechmetals.com.au)

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

Should you wish to discuss any matter please do not hesitate to contact the Company by telephone on + 61 (08) 9388 0051.

# NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of High-Tech Metals Limited (ACN 657 249 995) (**Company**) will be held in person at 22 Townshend Road, Subiaco, WA 6008 on Monday, 30 October 2023 commencing at 11:00am AWST (**Meeting**).

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

The Directors have determined pursuant to regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered as Shareholders at 11:00am AWST on Saturday, 28 October 2023.

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice and Explanatory Memorandum are defined in Schedule 1.

## AGENDA

### Annual Report

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To table and consider the Annual Report of the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, which includes the Financial Report, the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report.

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

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To consider and, if thought fit, to pass as a **non-binding resolution** the following:

*“That, for the purposes of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Remuneration Report that forms part of the Directors' Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 be adopted by the Shareholders on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Memorandum.”*

Please note that a vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

#### Voting Prohibition

In accordance with section 250R of the Corporations Act, a vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by, or on behalf of, a member of the Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of such member. However, a vote may be cast by such person if:

- (a) the person is acting as a proxy and the Proxy Form specifies how the proxy is to vote, and the vote is not cast on behalf of a person who is otherwise excluded from voting on this Resolution as described above; or
- (b) the person is the Chair voting an undirected proxy which expressly authorises the Chair to vote on a resolution connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

### 2. Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Mr Mitchell Smith

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

*“That, for the purpose of clause 14.2 of the Constitution, and for all other purposes, Mr Mitchell Smith, a Director who was appointed on 11 February 2022, retires, and being eligible for re-election, is elected as a Director with immediate effect.”*

### 3. Resolution 3 – Re-election of Director – Mr Charles Thomas

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

*“That, for the purpose of clause 14.2 of the Constitution, and for all other purposes, Mr Charles Thomas, a Director who was appointed on 11 February 2022, retires, and being eligible for re-election, is elected as a Director with immediate effect.”*

### 4. Resolution 4 – Approval of 10% Placement Facility

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

*“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 issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and on terms and conditions in the Explanatory Memorandum.”*

#### **Voting Exclusion Statement**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the Resolution by or on behalf of:

- (a) any person who is expected to participate in, or who will obtain a material benefit as a result of, the proposed issue (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the entity); or
- (b) an Associate of that person or those persons.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of a Resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the Resolution, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the Resolution in that way; or
- (b) the Chair of the meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the Resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the Chair to vote on the Resolution as the Chair decides; or
- (c) a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an Associate of a person excluded from voting, on the Resolution; and
  - (ii) the holder votes on the Resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

Dated 26 September 2023

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

*Quinton Meyers*  
Quinton Meyers  
Company Secretary

# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

## 1. Introduction

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This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared for the information of Shareholders of the Company in connection with the business to be conducted at the Meeting to be held at 22 Townshend Road, Subiaco WA 6008 on Monday, 30 October 2023 commencing at 11:00am AWST.

This Explanatory Memorandum should be read in conjunction with and forms part of the accompanying Notice. The purpose of this Explanatory Memorandum is to provide information to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions in the Notice.

A Proxy Form is located at the end of the Explanatory Memorandum.

## 2. Action to be taken by Shareholders

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Shareholders should read the Notice and this Explanatory Memorandum carefully before deciding how to vote on the Resolutions.

### 2.1 Proxies

A Proxy Form is attached to the Notice. This is to be used by Shareholders if they wish to appoint a representative (a proxy) to vote in their place. All Shareholders are invited and encouraged to participate in the Meeting, and are encouraged to lodge a directed Proxy Form to the Company in accordance with the instructions thereon. Lodgement of a Proxy Form will not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting at the Meeting in person.

Please note that:

- (a) a member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy;
- (b) a proxy need not be a member of the Company; and
- (c) a member of the Company entitled to cast two or more votes may appoint two proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise, but where the proportion or number is not specified, each proxy may exercise half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that:

- (a) If proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as they are directed to; and
- (b) Any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

Further details are set out below.

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

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

- (a) the proxy need not vote on a show of hands, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and

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

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

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

- (a) an appointment of a proxy specifies the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution at a meeting of the Company's members; and
- (b) the appointed proxy is not the Chair of the meeting; and
- (c) at the meeting, a poll is duly demanded, or is otherwise required under section 250JA, on the question that the resolution be passed; and
- (d) either of the following applies:
  - (i) if a record of attendance is made for the meeting - the proxy is not recorded as attending;
  - (ii) the proxy does not vote on the resolution,

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

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

## **2.2 Proxy Holders and Voting Instructions**

If the Chair is appointed as your proxy and the Chair is not directed how to vote, you are authorising the Chair to cast your undirected vote on all proposed resolutions.

If a member of the Company's Key Management Personnel, or a Closely Related Party of such member, is appointed as your proxy, they will not be able to vote your proxy on Resolution 1.

If you intend to appoint a member of the Company's Key Management Personnel, or a Closely Related Party of such member, or the Chair, as your proxy, you are encouraged to direct them how to vote on Resolution 1, by marking "For", "Against" or "Abstain" for each of those resolutions.

## **2.3 Submit your Proxy Vote**

### **2.3.1 Online**

Vote online at <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah> and simply follow the instructions on the enclosed proxy form.

### **2.3.2 By Paper**

If you do not wish to vote online, then it is necessary to complete in accordance with the detailed instructions set out on the enclosed Proxy Form.

The return of your completed form (ONLY if you do NOT vote online) can be done by one of the following ways:

<b>BY MAIL</b>	Automic, GP Box 5193, Sydney NSW 2001
<b>BY FAX</b>	+61 2 8583 3040
<b>BY EMAIL</b>	<a href="mailto:meetings@automicgroup.com.au">meetings@automicgroup.com.au</a>

### 3. Annual Report

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There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve the Annual Report.

Shareholders will be offered the following opportunities:

- (a) discuss the Annual Report which is available online at [www.hightechmetals.com.au](http://www.hightechmetals.com.au);
- (b) ask questions or make comment on the management of the Company;
- (c) ask the auditor questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report.

In addition to taking questions at the Meeting, written questions to the Chair about the management of the Company, or to the Company's auditor about:

- (a) the preparation and the content of the Auditor's Report;
- (b) the conduct of the audit;
- (c) accounting policies by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (d) the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit,

may be submitted no later than 5 Business Days before the Meeting to the Company Secretary at the Company's registered office.

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

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Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act provides that the Company is required to put the Remuneration Report to the vote of Shareholders. The Directors' Report contains the Remuneration Report which sets out the remuneration policy for the Company and reports the remuneration arrangements in place for the executive Directors, specified executives and non-executive Directors.

Section 250R(3) of Corporations Act provides that Resolution 1 is advisory only and does not bind the Directors of the Company of itself, a failure of Shareholders to pass Resolution 1 will not require the Directors to alter any of the arrangements in the Remuneration Report.

However, the Corporations Act also gives Shareholders the opportunity to remove the Board if the Remuneration Report receives a 'no' vote of 25% or more at two consecutive annual general meetings (**Two Strikes Rule**).

Under the Two Strikes Rule, where a resolution on the Remuneration Report receives a 'no' vote of 25% or more at two consecutive annual general meetings, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders at the second annual general meeting a resolution on whether another meeting should be held (within 90 days) at which all Directors (other than the

managing director) who were in office at the date of approval of the applicable Directors' Report will cease to hold office immediately before that further meeting but may stand for re-election.

At the Company's previous annual general meeting the votes cast against the Remuneration Report considered at that annual general meeting were less than 25%. Accordingly, a further resolution relating to the Two Strikes Rule is not relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

The Chair will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders as a whole to ask about, or make comments on the Remuneration Report.

The Chair intends to exercise all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1. If the Chair of the Meeting is appointed as your proxy and you have not specified the way the Chair is to vote on Resolution 1, by signing and returning the Proxy Form, the Shareholder is considered to have provided the Chair with an express authorisation for the Chair to vote the proxy in accordance with the Chair's intention.

## **5. Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Mr Mitchell Smith**

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### **5.1 General**

Clause 14.2 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 3, then the number nearest one-third (rounded up to the nearest whole number), shall retire from office, provided always that no Director (except a managing director) shall hold office for a period in excess of 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 the 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 14.2 of the Constitution is eligible for re-election.

Mr Mitchell Smith (**Mr Smith**) will retire in accordance with clause 14.2 of the Constitution and being eligible, seeks re-election.

### **5.2 Qualifications and experience**

Mitchell Smith is the Founder, CEO and Director of Global Energy Metals Corp. (TSXV: GEMC | OTCQB: GBLEF), a publicly listed company providing shareholders investment exposure to the battery metals supply chain through a growing portfolio of jurisdictionally safe exploration critical mineral projects in close proximity to end-use application.

Mitchell is also a Director of the Battery Metals Association of Canada, a trade organization of entrepreneurs, explorers, developers and producers of battery metals and materials, who have joined together to support a rapidly changing energy landscape leading an effort to ensure Canada fully captures the abundant economic potential of its massive resources through the responsible and sustainable growth of Canada's battery metals supply chain.

Mitchell is an important stakeholder and board member for several private and public natural resource companies having over 15 years of executive leadership, entrepreneurship and capital markets experience at all stages of the junior mining lifecycle, and is experienced with start-ups and mature companies in diverse industries both private and public.



Through his network, knowledge and passion for the natural resource space is presently leveraging his unique skills to enable and strengthen awareness around the battery and energy metals sector. His experience and strong understanding of the battery supply chain has resulted in successfully identifying and negotiating the acquisition of multi-jurisdictional mining exploration and development projects in North America, Europe, and Australia. Through his network of strong international relationships, Mitchell was responsible for establishing off-take and EPC contracts with leading lithium-ion battery cathode material companies that are suppliers to some of the world's largest battery manufacturers.

Mitchell has given keynote speeches on cobalt, battery metals, energy storage, renewable energy and critical mineral supply chain security issues at events hosted by Cobalt Institute, CRU, Metal Bulletin, FastMarkets, and Benchmark Mineral Intelligence. He is often invited to speak at other mining industry conferences including Mines and Money, Cambridge House and the PDAC.

Mitchell has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, Bloomberg, Reuters and other notable news sources where he provided insight to the critical role that cobalt and battery materials play in the global shift towards a lower-carbon economy. Mitchell ranked fourth globally in 2020 as the top ten most influential people and companies in the battery minerals sector on social media.

### **5.3 Board recommendation**

The Board (excluding Mr Mitchell Smith) recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2. The Chair of the meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 2.

## **6. Resolution 3 – Re-election of Director – Mr Charles Thomas**

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### **6.1 General**

Clause 14.2 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 3, then the number nearest one-third (rounded up to the nearest whole number), shall retire from office, provided always that no Director (except a managing director) shall hold office for a period in excess of 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 the 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 14.2 of the Constitution is eligible for re-election.

Mr Charles Thomas (**Mr Thomas**) will retire in accordance with clause 14.2 of the Constitution and being eligible, seeks re-election.

### **6.2 Qualifications and experience**

Mr Thomas holds a Bachelor of Commerce from UWA majoring in Corporate Finance. Mr Thomas is an Executive Director of GTT Ventures Pty Ltd a boutique corporate advisory firm based in Australia.

Mr Thomas has worked in the financial service industry for more than 18 years and has extensive experience in capital markets as well as the structuring of corporate transactions.

Mr Thomas has significant experience sitting on numerous ASX boards spanning the mining, resources and technology space.

Mr Thomas is currently Executive Chairman of Marquee Resources Limited (ASX:MQR), Non-executive Chairman of Viking Mines Limited (ASX: VKA) and Non-executive Director of Green Critical Minerals Limited Ltd (ASX:GCM).

## 6.3 Board recommendation

The Board (excluding Mr Thomas) recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3. The Chair of the meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 3.

## 7. Resolution 4 – Approval of 10% Placement Facility

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### 7.1 General

Listing Rule 7.1A enables eligible entities to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued share capital through placements commencing from the date of the Meeting where the Company obtains the approval until the earlier of the following:

- (a) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (b) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting; or
- (c) the time and date of the approval of Shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 or 11.2 in respect of the Company,

**(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 currently has a market capitalisation of \$5,911,201 and 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 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 (refer Section 7.2(c) below).

### 7.2 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. Accordingly, at least 75% of votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote at the Meeting must be in favour of Resolution 4 for it to be passed.

#### (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 two classes of quoted Equity Securities, being Shares (ASX: HTM) and Listed Options (ASX: HTMO).

(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 annual general meeting, a number of Equity Securities calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$(A \times D) - E$$

Where:

**A** is the number of fully paid ordinary securities on issue at the commencement of the relevant period:

- (A) plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities 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 ordinary securities issued in relevant period on the conversion of convertible securities within Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 9 where:
  - (1) the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - (2) the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities approved, or taken to have been approved, under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4;
- (C) plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in relevant period under an agreement to issue securities within Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 16 where:
  - (1) the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - (2) the agreement or issue was approved, or taken under these rules to have been approved, under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
- (D) plus the number of any other fully paid ordinary securities issued in the relevant period with approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
- (E) plus the number of partly paid ordinary securities 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 relevant period where the issue or agreement has not been subsequently approved by the holders of its ordinary securities under Listing Rule 7.4.

(d) **Listing Rule 7.1A and Listing Rule 7.3A**

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 32,840,010 Shares and therefore has a capacity to issue:

- (i) 4,926,001 Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1; and
- (ii) 3,284,001 Equity Securities 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 in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (refer to Section 7.2(c) above).

(e) **Minimum Issue Price**

The issue price of Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A 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; 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 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 Meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (ii) the time and date of the entity's next annual general meeting; or
- (iii) the time and date of the approval by shareholders of the eligible entity's ordinary securities 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).**

## **7.3 Listing Rule 7.1A**

The effect of Resolution 4 will be to allow the Directors to issue the Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A during the 10% Placement Period without using the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

Resolution 4 is a special resolution and therefore 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) on the Resolution.

## 7.4 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 Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price of not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's Equity Securities 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; 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.
- (b) If Resolution 4 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 (in the case of Listed Options, only if the Listed Options are exercised). There is a risk that:
  - (i) the market price for the Company's Equity Securities in that class may be significantly lower on the date of the issue of the Equity Securities than of the date of the 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 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.

The table shows:

- (i) 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
- (ii) 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		Dilution		
		\$0.090 50% decrease in Issue Price	\$0.18 Issue Price	\$0.36 100% increase in Issue Price
<b>Current Variable "A"</b> <b>32,840,010 Shares</b>	10% Voting Dilution	3,284,001 Shares	3,284,001 Shares	3,284,001 Shares
	Funds raised	\$295,560	\$591,120	\$1,182,240
<b>50% increase in current Variable "A"</b> <b>49,260,015 Shares</b>	10% Voting Dilution	4,926,002 Shares	4,926,002 Shares	4,926,002 Shares
	Funds raised	\$443,340	\$886,680	\$1,773,361
<b>100% increase in current Variable "A"</b> <b>65,680,020 Shares</b>	10% Voting Dilution	6,568,002 Shares	6,568,002 Shares	6,568,002 Shares
	Funds raised	\$591,120	\$1,182,240	\$2,364,481

**Note**

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

1. The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
  2. No Options (including any Options issued under the 10% Placement Facility) are exercised into Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities;
  3. 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 at 10%.
  4. 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 the Shareholder's holding at the date of the Meeting.
  5. The table shows only the effect of issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, not under the 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.
  6. The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility consists only of Shares. If the issue of Equity Securities includes Listed Options, it is assumed that those Listed Options are exercised into Shares for the purpose of calculating the voting dilution effect on existing Shareholders.
  7. The issue price is \$0.18, being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 8 September 2023.
- (c) The Company will only issue and allot the Equity Securities during the 10% Placement Period. The approval under Resolution 4 for the issue of the Equity Securities will cease to be valid in the event that Shareholders approve a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 (a significant change to a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).
- (d) The Company can only issue Equity Securities for cash consideration. In such circumstances, the Company intends to use the funds raised towards an acquisition of new assets or investments (including expenses associated with such acquisition), continued exploration and general working capital.
- (e) The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under the Listing Rule 7.1A(4) upon issue of any Equity Securities.
- (f) 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 the Equity Securities will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors including but not limited to the following:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- (iii) the financial situation and solvency of the Company; and
- (iv) 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 assets or investments, it is likely that the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility will be the vendors of the new assets or investments.

- (g) The Company has not previously obtained Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A.
- (h) For the purpose of ASX Listing Rule 14.1A (and in addition to the disclosure in clause 7.4(b) above):
  - (i) if Resolution 4 is passed, the Directors will be able to issue the Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A during the 10% Placement Period without using the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1; and
  - (ii) if Resolution 4 is not passed, the Directors will not be able to issue the Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, and will have to either rely on the Company's existing 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1 (from time to time), or (in the event that the Company's 15% placement capacity is exhausted) the Company will be required to obtain prior shareholder approval under Listing Rules 7.1 before being able to issue such Equity Securities (which may result in the Company incurring further time and expense).

At the date of the 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.

The Directors of the Company believe Resolution 4 is in the best interest of the Company and its Shareholders and unanimously recommend that the Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution.

# SCHEDULE 1 – Definitions

In this Notice and the Explanatory Memorandum:

**\$** means Australian Dollars.

**10% Placement Facility** has the meaning given in Section 7.1.

**10% Placement Period** has the meaning given in Section 7.1.

**Annual Report** means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report in respect to the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

**Associate** has the meaning given in sections 12 and 16 of the Corporations Act. Section 12 is to be applied as if paragraph 12(1)(a) included a reference to the Listing Rules and on the basis that the Company is the "designated body" for the purposes of that section. A related party of a director or officer of the Company or of a Child Entity of the Company is to be taken to be an associate of the director or officer unless the contrary is established.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) and, where the context permits, the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX.

**Auditor's Report** means the auditor's report on the Financial Report.

**Board** means the board of Directors.

**Business Day** means:

- (i) for determining when a notice, consent or other communication is given, a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the place to which the notice, consent or other communication is sent; and
- (j) for any other purpose, a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which banks are open for general banking business in Perth.

**Chair** means the person appointed to chair the Meeting convened by this 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 High-Tech Metals Limited (ACN 657 249 995).

**Constitution** means the constitution of the Company as at the commencement of the Meeting.

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

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

**Directors' Report** means the annual directors' report prepared under chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities contained in the Annual Report.

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

**Explanatory Memorandum** means the explanatory memorandum attached to the Notice.

**Financial Report** means the annual financial report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act of 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.

**Listed Options** means listed options of the Company each with an exercise price of \$0.25 and expiry date of 19 January 2026.

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

**Meeting** has the meaning in the introductory paragraph of the Notice.

**Notice** means this notice of meeting.

**Option** means an option which entitles the holder to subscribe for one Share.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form attached to the Notice.

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report of the Company contained in the Directors' Report.

**Resolution** means resolution contained in the Notice.

**Schedule** means a schedule to this Notice.

**Section** means a section contained in this Explanatory Memorandum.

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

**Shareholder** means a shareholder of the Company.

**Trading Day** means a day determined by ASX to be a trading day in accordance with the Listing Rules.

**Two Strikes Rule** has the meaning in Section 4.

**VWAP** means volume weight average price.

**WST** means Western Standard Time, being the time in Perth, Western Australia.

In this Notice and the Explanatory Memorandum words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.



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# Proxy Voting Form

If you are attending the Meeting in person, please bring this with you for Securityholder registration.

Your proxy voting instruction must be received by **11.00am (AWST) on Saturday, 28 October 2023**, being **not later than 48 hours** before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Voting instructions received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

## SUBMIT YOUR PROXY

Complete the form overleaf in accordance with the instructions set out below.

### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and address shown above is as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, and you have an Issuer Sponsored holding, you can update your address through the investor portal: <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home> Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes.

### STEP 1 – APPOINT A PROXY

If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of that Individual or body corporate. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company. Otherwise if you leave this box blank, the Chair of the Meeting will be appointed as your proxy by default.

### DEFAULT TO THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING

Any directed proxies that are not voted on a poll at the Meeting will default to the Chair of the Meeting, who is required to vote these proxies as directed. Any undirected proxies that default to the Chair of the Meeting will be voted according to the instructions set out in this Proxy Voting Form, including where the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of KMP.

### STEP 2 - VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS

You may direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. All your shares will be voted in accordance with such a direction unless you indicate only a portion of voting rights are to be voted on any item by inserting the percentage or number of shares you wish to vote in the appropriate box or boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes on the items of business, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses. If you mark more than one box on an item your vote on that item will be invalid.

### APPOINTMENT OF SECOND PROXY

You may appoint up to two proxies. If you appoint two proxies, you should complete two separate Proxy Voting Forms and specify the percentage or number each proxy may exercise. If you do not specify a percentage or number, each proxy may exercise half the votes. You must return both Proxy Voting Forms together. If you require an additional Proxy Voting Form, contact Automic Registry Services.

### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

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

**Joint holding:** Where the holding is in more than one name, all Shareholders 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 Proxy Voting Form when you return it.

**Companies:** To be signed in accordance with your Constitution. Please sign in the appropriate box which indicates the office held by you.

**Email Address:** Please provide your email address in the space provided.

**By providing your email address, you elect to receive all communications despatched by the Company electronically (where legally permissible) such as a Notice of Meeting, Proxy Voting Form and Annual Report via email.**

### CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting the appropriate 'Appointment of Corporate Representative' should be produced prior to admission. A form may be obtained from the Company's share registry online at <https://automic.com.au>.

### Lodging your Proxy Voting Form:

#### Online

Use your computer or smartphone to appoint a proxy at <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah> or scan the QR code below using your smartphone

**Login & Click on 'Meetings'. Use the Holder Number as shown at the top of this Proxy Voting Form.**



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