
PROTEAN ENERGY LTD

ACN 119 267 391

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TIME: 10:00am (WST)

DATE: Monday, 13 November 2023

PLACE: Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd
Level 3, 101 St Georges Tce
Perth WA 6000

This Notice of Annual General Meeting should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their professional advisers prior to voting.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Annual General Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on (+61 8) 6558 0886

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Protean Energy Ltd (ACN 119 267 391) (**Company**) to which this Notice of Meeting relates will be held at 10:00am (WST) on Monday, 13 November 2023 at:

Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd
Level 3, 101 St Georges Tce
Perth WA 6000

(Annual General Meeting).

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

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

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 10:00am (WST) on Saturday, 11 November 2023.

VOTING IN PERSON

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

VOTING BY PROXY

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the Proxy Form if you have received a copy in the mail and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

Or

Lodge online at <https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com>, instructions as follows:

Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Voting' and follow the prompts to lodge your vote. To use the online lodgement facility, you will need your Security Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN) (which is shown on the front of your proxy form). You will be taken to have signed your Proxy Form if you lodge it in accordance with the instructions given on the website;

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, members are advised that:

- each member has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a member of the Company; and
- a member who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that changes to the Corporations Act made in 2011 mean that:

- if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

Further details on these changes is 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**:

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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:

- 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
- the appointed proxy is not the chair of the meeting; and
- at the meeting, a poll is duly demanded on the resolution; and
- either of the following applies:
 - the proxy is not recorded as attending the meeting;
 - 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.

Corporate Representation

Shareholders can download the 'Appointment of Corporate Representation' form from the Share Registry's website: www.linkmarketservices.com.au.

Hover over 'Resources', click on 'Forms' and then select 'Holding Management'.

Voting Prohibition

In accordance with section 250BD of the Corporations Act, a person appointed as a proxy must not vote on the basis of that appointment on Resolution 1 if the person is either:

- a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company; or
- a Closely Related Party of such a member, and

the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1.

However, the prohibition does not apply if the proxy is the Chair and the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

AGENDA

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Financial Statements and Reports

To table and consider the Annual Report of the Company 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

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

"That, for the purpose of Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023."

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

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

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

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

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

2. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – MR GIUSEPPE GRAZIANO

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

"That, for the purpose of clause 12.3 of the Constitution, ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, Mr Giuseppe Graziano, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

DATED: 12 OCTOBER 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**MR TIM SLATE
JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions which are the subject of the business of the Meeting.

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

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

Shareholders will be offered the following opportunities:

- (a) to discuss the Annual Report which is available online at <http://proteanenergy.com/investorcentre>
- (b) to ask questions or make comment on the management of the Company; and
- (c) to 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 regarding 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 of 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 (five) Business Days before the Meeting to the Company Secretary at the Company's Registered Office.

2. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

2.1 General

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

The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the directors and senior management of the Company. The Remuneration Report is part of the Directors' Report contained in the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

The Chair of the meeting will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders to ask questions about or make comments on the Remuneration Report at the Meeting.

2.2 Voting consequences

Under changes to the Corporations Act which came into effect on 1 July 2011, a company is required to put to its shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of another meeting of shareholders to consider the appointment of directors of the company (other than the managing director) who were in office at the date of approval of the applicable directors' report (**Spill Resolution**) if, at two consecutive annual general meetings, at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report and at the first of those annual general meetings a Spill Resolution was not put to vote. If required, the Spill Resolution must be put to vote at the second of those annual general meetings.

If more than 50% of votes cast are in favour of the Spill Resolution, the company must convene a shareholder meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the second annual general meeting.

All of the directors of the company who were in office when the directors' report (as included in the company's annual financial report for the most recent financial year) was approved, other than the managing director of the company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting.

Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as directors of the company is approved will be the directors of the company.

2.3 Previous voting results

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, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

2.4 Chair voting undirected proxies

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, 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.

3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – MR GIUSEPPE GRAZIANO

Clause 12.3 of the Constitution provides that there must be an election of Directors at each annual general meeting. Further, clause 12.3 provides that a Director must not hold office without re-election past the third annual general meeting following the Director's appointment or last election or for more than three years whichever is the longer.

ASX Listing Rule 14.4 provides that a director of an entity must not hold office (without re-election) past the third annual general meeting following the director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is longer. Mr Giuseppe Graziano (**Mr Graziano**), having been appointed on 14 October 2020 and re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 15 December 2020, will retire in accordance with clause 12.3 of the Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.4.

Details of Mr Graziano's background and experience are set out in the Annual Report.

The Board (other than Mr Graziano) unanimously supports the re-election of Mr Graziano and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2. The Chair of the Annual General Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 2.

GLOSSARY

\$ means Australian dollars.

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

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

ASIC means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

ASX means ASX Limited.

ASX Listing Rules means the Listing Rules of ASX.

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

Board means the current board of directors of the Company.

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

Chair means the Chair of the Meeting.

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

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

Company means Protean Energy Ltd (ACN 119 267 391).

Constitution means the Company's constitution.

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

Directors means the current directors 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.

Explanatory Statement means the explanatory statement accompanying 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 has the same meaning as in the accounting standards and broadly includes those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company.

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

Ordinary Securities has the meaning set out in the ASX Listing Rules.

Proxy Form means the proxy form accompanying the Notice.

Remuneration Report means the Remuneration Report of the Company contained in the Directors' Report.

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

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

Shareholder means a holder of a Share.

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

LODGE YOUR VOTE

 **ONLINE**
<https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com>

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PROXY FORM

I/We being a member(s) of Protean Energy Ltd and entitled to participate in and vote hereby appoint:

APPOINT A PROXY

the Chairman of the Meeting (mark box)

OR if you are **NOT** appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy

or failing the person or body corporate named, or if no person or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act on my/our behalf (including to vote in accordance with the following directions or, if no directions have been given and to the extent permitted by the law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at **9:00am (WST) on Monday, 13 November 2023 at Pathways Corporate Pty Ltd, Level 3, 101 St Georges Tce, Perth WA 6000**(the Meeting) and at any postponement or adjournment of the Meeting.

Important for Resolution 1: If the Chairman of the Meeting is your proxy, either by appointment or by default, and you have not indicated your voting intention below, you expressly authorise the Chairman of the Meeting to exercise the proxy in respect of Resolution 1, even though the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Company's Key Management Personnel (**KMP**).

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business.

VOTING DIRECTIONS

Proxies will only be valid and accepted by the Company if they are signed and received no later than 48 hours before the Meeting. Please read the voting instructions overleaf before marking any boxes with an

Resolutions

	For	Against	Abstain*
1 Adoption of Remuneration Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Re-Election of Director – Mr Giuseppe Graziano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

SIGNATURE OF SHAREHOLDERS – THIS MUST BE COMPLETED

Shareholder 1 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 2 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 3 (Individual)

Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary

Director/Company Secretary (Delete one)

Director

This form should be signed by the shareholder. If a joint holding, either shareholder may sign. If signed by the shareholder's attorney, the power of attorney must have been previously noted by the registry or a certified copy attached to this form. If executed by a company, the form must be executed in accordance with the company's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).



HOW TO COMPLETE THIS SHAREHOLDER PROXY FORM

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

This is your name and address as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, please make the correction on the form. Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes. **Please note: you cannot change ownership of your shares using this form.**

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

If you wish to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box in Step 1. If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of that individual or body corporate in Step 1. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

DEFAULT TO CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

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

VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS – PROXY APPOINTMENT

You may direct your proxy how to vote by placing a mark in 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 A SECOND PROXY

You are entitled to appoint up to two persons as proxies to participate in the Meeting and vote on a poll. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, an additional Proxy Form may be obtained by telephoning the Company's share registry or you may copy this form and return them both together.

To appoint a second proxy you must:

- on each of the first Proxy Form and the second Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or number of shares applicable to that form. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded; and
- return both forms together.

SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

You must sign this form as follows in the spaces provided:

Individual: where the holding is in one name, the holder must sign.

Joint Holding: where the holding is in more than one name, either shareholder may sign.

Power of Attorney: to sign under Power of Attorney, you must lodge the Power of Attorney with the registry. If you have not previously lodged this document for notation, 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 indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

If a representative of the corporation is to participate in the Meeting the appropriate "Certificate of Appointment of Corporate Representative" must be produced prior to admission in accordance with the Notice of Meeting. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's share registry or online at www.linkmarketservices.com.au.

LODGEMENT OF A PROXY FORM

This Proxy Form (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received at an address given below by **9:00am (WST) on Saturday, 11 November 2023**, being not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

Proxy Forms may be lodged using the reply paid envelope or:



ONLINE

<https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com>

Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Voting' and follow the prompts to lodge your vote. To use the online lodgement facility, shareholders will need their "Holder Identifier" - Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN).



BY MOBILE DEVICE

Our voting website is designed specifically for voting online. You can now lodge your proxy by scanning the QR code adjacent or enter the voting link <https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com> into your mobile device. Log in using the Holder Identifier and postcode for your shareholding.

QR Code



To scan the code you will need a QR code reader application which can be downloaded for free on your mobile device.



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*during business hours Monday to Friday (9:00am - 5:00pm)



COMMUNICATIONS PREFERENCE

We encourage you to receive all your shareholder communication via email. This communication method allows us to keep you informed without delay, is environmentally friendly and reduces print and mail costs.



ONLINE

www.linkmarketservices.com.au

Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Communications' and click the first button to receive all communications electronically and enter your email address. To use the online facility, Shareholders will need their "Holder Identifier" - Shareholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN).

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN AND VOTE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PLEASE BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU.
THIS WILL ASSIST IN REGISTERING YOUR ATTENDANCE.**