
VERTEX MINERALS LIMITED
ACN 650 116 153
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at:

TIME: 11am WST

DATE: 30 November 2023

PLACE: The Boardroom, U38/460 Stirling Highway, Peppermint Grove WA 6011

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

This Notice 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.

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 Shareholders at 7:00pm on 28 November 2023.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

AGENDA

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and consider the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Director's report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

2. 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 purposes 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 financial 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.

A voting prohibition statement applies to this Resolution. Please see below.

3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – TULLY RICHARDS

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 14.2 of the Constitution, Listing Rule 14.5 and for all other purposes, Tully Richards, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director.”

4. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF 7.1A MANDATE

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

“That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue up to that number of Equity Securities equal 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 otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement.”

5. RESOLUTION 4 – ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN

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

“That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)) and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to adopt an employee incentive scheme titled Employee Securities Incentive Plan and for the issue of a maximum of 3,336,667 securities under that Plan, on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement.”

A voting exclusion statement and voting prohibition statement apply to this Resolution. Please see below.

Voting Prohibition Statements

Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report	<p>A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of either of the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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. <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; and <p>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.</p>
Resolution 4 – Adoption of Securities Incentive Plan	<p>A person appointed as a proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on this Resolution if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the proxy is either:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) a member of the Key Management Personnel; or(ii) a Closely Related Party of such a member; and(b) the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution. <p>However, the above prohibition does not apply if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the proxy is the Chair; and <p>the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.</p>

Voting Exclusion Statements

In accordance with Listing Rule 14.11, the Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the Resolution set out below by or on behalf of the following persons:

Resolution 4 – Adoption of Securities Incentive Plan	A person who is eligible to participate in the employee incentive scheme or an associate of that person or those persons.
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However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of the Resolution by:

- (a) a person as a 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 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.

Voting by proxy

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

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

- each Shareholder has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company; and
- a Shareholder who is 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. If the Shareholder appoints two 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:

- 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.

Voting in person

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

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 6383 7828.

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.

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Corporations Act, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's annual financial report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The Company's annual financial report is available on its website at www.vertexminerals.com.

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 to 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 financial report of the company for a financial year.

The chair of the meeting must allow a reasonable opportunity for its shareholders to ask questions about or make comments on the remuneration report at the annual general meeting.

2.2 Voting consequences

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 (**Spill Resolution**) if, at 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 Meeting.

3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – TULLY RICHARDS

3.1 General

Listing Rule 14.5 provides that an entity which has directors must hold an election of directors at each annual general meeting.

The Constitution sets out the requirements for determining which Directors are to retire by rotation at an annual general meeting.

Mr Tully Richards, who has served as a Director since 1 June 2021, retires by rotation and seeks re-election.

3.2 Qualifications and other material directorships

Mr Richards is an experienced copper / gold geologist based in Orange, NSW. For the last 10 years, Tully has operated his own geological consulting business (Central West Scientific Pty Ltd) focused on NSW and in particular the Lachlan Fold belt.

Mr Richards has significant depth and breadth of experience in exploration in the Lachlan Fold district. A graduate in geology from Sydney University in 1993, initially he worked with Hargraves Resources on the Browns Creek mine and associated tenements, followed by four years in Western Australia from 1996-99 mining nickel and gold with Western Mining Corp. then Lion Ore.

Mr Richards then worked for Newcrest Mining at Cadia Valley until 2005 before working for two years with Rangott Mineral Exploration to 2007. Since that time, Tully has also held the Exploration Manager position with Gold and Copper Resources. Tully was also a director of ASX listed Augur Resources.

3.3 Independence

If re-elected the Board does not consider Mr Richards will be an independent Director.

3.4 Technical information required by Listing Rule 14.1A

If Resolution 2 is passed, Mr Richards will be re-elected to the Board as an executive Director.

In the event that Resolution 2 is not passed, Mr Richards will not continue in their role as executive Director. The Company may seek nominations or otherwise identify suitably qualified candidates to join the Company. As an additional consequence, this may detract from the Board and Company's ability to execute on its strategic vision.

3.5 Board recommendation

The Board has reviewed Mr Richards' performance since his appointment to the Board and considers that their skills and experience will continue to enhance the

Board's ability to perform its role. Accordingly, the Board supports the re-election of Mr Richards and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

4. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF 7.1A MANDATE

4.1 General

Broadly speaking, and subject to a number of exceptions, Listing Rule 7.1 limits the amount of Equity Securities that a listed company can issue without the approval of its shareholders over any 12 month period to 15% of the fully paid ordinary securities it had on issue at the start of that period.

However, under Listing Rule 7.1A, an eligible entity may seek shareholder approval by way of a special resolution passed at its annual general meeting to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25% (**7.1A Mandate**).

An 'eligible entity' means an entity which is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$300,000,000 or less. The Company is an eligible entity for these purposes.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is an eligible entity as it is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a current market capitalisation of \$10,677,333 (based on the number of Shares on issue and the closing price of Shares on the ASX on 24 October 2023).

Resolution 3 seeks Shareholder approval by way of special resolution for the Company to have the additional 10% placement capacity provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A to issue Equity Securities without Shareholder approval.

For note, a special resolution is a resolution requiring at least 75% of votes cast by shareholders present and eligible to vote at the meeting in favour of the resolution.

If Resolution 3 is passed, the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities up to the combined 25% limit in Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A without any further Shareholder approval.

If Resolution 3 is not passed, the Company will not be able to access the additional 10% capacity to issue Equity Securities without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A, and will remain subject to the 15% limit on issuing Equity Securities without Shareholder approval set out in Listing Rule 7.1.

4.2 Technical information required by Listing Rule 7.1A

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, the information below is provided in relation to Resolution 3:

(a) **Period for which the 7.1A Mandate is valid**

The 7.1A Mandate will commence on the date of the Meeting and expire on the first to occur of the following:

- (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of this Meeting;
- (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting; and
- (iii) the time and date of approval by Shareholders of any transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 (a significant change in the

nature or scale of activities) or Listing Rule 11.2 (disposal of the main undertaking).

(b) **Minimum price**

Any Equity Securities issued under the 7.1A Mandate must be in an existing quoted class of Equity Securities and be issued for cash consideration at a minimum price of 75% of the volume weighted average price of Equity Securities in that 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 entity and the recipient of the Equity Securities; or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in Section 4.2(b)(i), the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

(c) **Use of funds raised under the 7.1A Mandate**

The Company intends to use funds raised from issues of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate for:

- (i) the acquisition of new resources, assets and investments (including expenses associated with such an acquisition);
- (ii) continued exploration expenditure on the Company's current assets/or projects (funds would then be used for project, feasibility studies and ongoing project administration);
- (iii) the development of the Company's current business; and
- (iv) general working capital.

(d) **Risk of Economic and Voting Dilution**

Any issue of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate will dilute the interests of Shareholders who do not receive any Shares under the issue.

If Resolution 3 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 7.1A Mandate, the economic and voting dilution of existing Shares would be as shown in the table below.

The table below shows the dilution of existing Shareholders calculated in accordance with the formula outlined in Listing Rule 7.1A.2, on the basis of the closing market price of Shares and the number of Equity Securities on issue or proposed to be issued as at 24 October 2023.

The table also shows the voting dilution impact where the number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) changes and the economic dilution where there are changes in the issue price of Shares issued under the 7.1A Mandate.

Number of Shares on Issue (Variable A in Listing Rule 7.1A.2)		Shares issued – 10% voting dilution	Dilution		
			Issue Price		
			\$0.08	\$0.16	\$0.24
			50% decrease	Issue Price	50% increase
		Funds Raised			
Current	66,733,332 Shares	6,673,333 Shares	\$533,866	\$1,067,733	\$1,601,599
50% increase	100,099,998 Shares	10,009,999 Shares	\$800,799	\$1,601,599	\$2,402,399
100% increase	133,466,664 Shares	13,346,666 Shares	\$1,067,733	\$2,135,466	\$3,203,199

*The number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) could increase as a result of the issue of Shares that do not require Shareholder approval (such as under a pro-rata rights issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or that are issued with Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.

The table above uses the following assumptions:

1. There are currently 66,733,332 Shares on issue as at the date of this Notice:
2. The issue price set out above is the closing market price of the Shares on the ASX on 24 October 2023 (being \$0.16).
3. The Company issues the maximum possible number of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate.
4. The Company has not issued any Equity Securities in the 12 months prior to the Meeting that were not issued under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2 or with approval under Listing Rule 7.1.
5. The issue of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate consists only of Shares. It is assumed that no Options are exercised into Shares before the date of issue of the Equity Securities. If the issue of Equity Securities includes quoted Options, it is assumed that those quoted Options are exercised into Shares for the purpose of calculating the voting dilution effect on existing Shareholders.
6. The calculations above do not show the dilution that any one particular Shareholder will be subject to. All Shareholders should consider the dilution caused to their own shareholding depending on their specific circumstances.
7. This table does not set out any dilution pursuant to approvals under Listing Rule 7.1 unless otherwise disclosed.
8. 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%.
9. The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 7.1A Mandate, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Meeting.

Shareholders should note that there is a risk that:

- (i) the market price for the Company's Shares may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the Meeting; and
- (ii) the Shares may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for those Shares on the date of issue.

(e) **Allocation policy under the 7.1A Mandate**

The recipients of the Equity Securities to be issued under the 7.1A Mandate have not yet been determined. However, the recipients of Equity Securities could consist of current Shareholders or new investors (or both), none of whom will be related parties of the Company.

The Company will determine the recipients at the time of the issue under the 7.1A Mandate, having regard to the following factors:

- (i) the purpose of the issue;
 - (ii) alternative methods for raising funds available to the Company at that time, including, but not limited to, an entitlement issue, share purchase plan, placement or other offer where existing Shareholders may participate;
 - (iii) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
 - (iv) the circumstances of the Company, including, but not limited to, the financial position and solvency of the Company;
 - (v) prevailing market conditions; and
 - (vi) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).
- (f) **Previous approval under Listing Rule 7.1A**

The Company did not obtain approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at its annual general meeting held on 30 November 2022. Accordingly, the Company has not issued any Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the twelve months preceding the date of the Meeting.

4.3 Voting Exclusion Statement

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A. Accordingly, a voting exclusion statement is not included in this Notice.

5. RESOLUTION 4 – ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN

5.1 General

Resolution 4 seeks Shareholder approval for the adoption of the employee incentive scheme titled "Employee Securities Incentive Plan" (**Plan**) and for the issue of up to a maximum of 3,336,667 securities, excluding issues approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 10.14 or Listing Rule 10.11, under the Incentive Plan in accordance with Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)).

The objective of the Plan is to attract, motivate and retain key employees and the Company considers that the adoption of the Plan and the future issue of securities under the Plan will provide selected employees with the opportunity to participate in the future growth of the Company.

5.2 Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b)

Broadly speaking, and subject to a number of exceptions set out in Listing Rule 7.2, Listing Rule 7.1 limits the amount of equity securities that a listed company can

issue without the approval of its shareholders over any 12 month period to 15% of the fully paid ordinary shares it had on issue at the start of that period.]

Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)) provides that Listing Rule 7.1 does not apply to an issue of securities under an employee incentive scheme if, within three years before the date of issue of the securities, the holders of the entity's ordinary securities have approved the issue of equity securities under the scheme as exception to Listing Rule 7.1.

Exception 13(b) is only available if and to the extent that the number of equity securities issued under the scheme does not exceed the maximum number set out in the entity's notice of meeting dispatched to shareholders in respect of the meeting at which shareholder approval was obtained pursuant to Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)). Exception 13(b) also ceases to be available if there is a material change to the terms of the scheme from those set out in the notice of meeting.

If Resolution 4 is passed, the Company will be able to issue securities under the Plan to eligible participants over a period of 3 years from the date of the Meeting. The issue of any securities to eligible participants under the Plan (up to the maximum number of securities stated in Section 5.3(b) below) will be excluded from the calculation of the number of equity securities that the Company can issue without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Company must seek Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.14 in respect of any future issues of securities under the Plan to a related party or a person whose relationship with the Company or the related party is, in ASX's opinion, such that approval should be obtained.

If Resolution 4 is not passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of securities under the Plan to eligible participants, but any issues of securities will reduce, to that extent, the Company's capacity to issue equity securities without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1 for the 12 month period following the issue of those securities.

5.3 Technical information required by Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13)

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13), the following information is provided in relation to Resolution 4:

- (a) a summary of the key terms and conditions of the Plan is set out in Schedule 1;
- (b) the Company has not issued any securities under its previous plan titled Employee Securities Incentive Plan, which was adopted in connection with its application to be admitted to the official list of the ASX which occurred on 12 January 2022;
- (c) The Company is seeking Shareholder approval to adopt the Plan to include the new terms and conditions required by Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act, which replaced the previous relief provided by ASIC Class Order 14/1000 (Employee Incentive Scheme); and
- (d) the maximum number of securities proposed to be issued under the Plan in reliance on Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)), is 3,336,667 securities. It is not envisaged that the maximum number of securities for which approval is sought will be issued immediately.

GLOSSARY

\$ means Australian dollars.

7.1A Mandate has the meaning given in Section 4.1.

ASIC means the Australian Securities & Investments Commission.

ASX means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by ASX Limited, as the context requires.

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:

- (e) a spouse or child of the member;
- (f) a child of the member's spouse;
- (g) a dependent of the member or the member's spouse;
- (h) 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;
- (i) a company the member controls; or
- (j) a person prescribed by the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) for the purposes of the definition of 'closely related party' in the Corporations Act.

Company means Vertex Minerals Limited (ACN 650 116 153).

Constitution means the Company's constitution.

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

Directors means the current directors of the Company.

Equity Securities includes a Share, a right to a Share or Option, an Option, a convertible security and any security that ASX decides to classify as an Equity Security.

Explanatory Statement means the explanatory statement accompanying the Notice.

Key Management Personnel has the same meaning as in the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and means those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of the consolidated entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of an entity within the consolidated group.

Listing Rules means the Listing Rules of ASX.

Meeting means the meeting convened by the Notice.

Notice means this notice of meeting including the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form.

Option means an option to acquire a Share.

Optionholder means a holder of an Option.

Performance Right means a right to acquire a Share, subject to satisfaction of any vesting conditions.

Proxy Form means the proxy form accompanying the Notice.

Remuneration Report means the remuneration report set out in the Director's report section of the Company's annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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

Section means a section of the Explanatory Statement.

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

Shareholder means a registered holder of a Share.

Variable A means "A" as set out in the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A.2.

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

SCHEDULE – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN

A summary of the material terms of the Company's Employee Securities Incentive Plan (**Plan**) is set out below.

Eligible Participant	Eligible Participant means a person that is a 'primary participant' (as that term is defined in Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act) in relation to the Company or an Associated Body Corporate (as defined in the Corporations Act) and has been determined by the Board to be eligible to participate in the Plan from time to time.
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the Plan is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1.1 assist in the reward, retention and motivation of Eligible Participants; 1.1.2 link the reward of Eligible Participants to Shareholder value creation; and 1.1.3 align the interests of Eligible Participants with shareholders of the Group (being the Company and each of its Associated Bodies Corporate), by providing an opportunity to Eligible Participants to receive an equity interest in the Company in the form of Shares, Options and Performance Rights (Securities).
Maximum number of Convertible Securities	The Company will not make an invitation under the Plan which involves monetary consideration if the number of Shares that may be issued, or acquired upon exercise of Convertible Securities offered under an invitation, when aggregated with the number of Shares issued or that may be issued as a result of all invitations under the Plan during the 3 year period ending on the day of the invitation, will exceed 5% of the total number of issued Shares at the date of the invitation (unless the Constitution specifies a different percentage and subject to any limits approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b) [– refer to Resolution 4 and Section 5.1.
Plan administration	The Plan will be administered by the Board. The Board may exercise any power or discretion conferred on it by the Plan rules in its sole and absolute discretion (except to the extent that it prevents the Participant relying on the deferred tax concessions under Subdivision 83A-C of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cth)). The Board may delegate its powers and discretion.
Eligibility, invitation and application	<p>The Board may from time to time determine that an Eligible Participant may participate in the Plan and make an invitation to that Eligible Participant to apply for any (or any combination of) the Securities provided under the Plan on such terms and conditions as the Board decides.</p> <p>On receipt of an invitation, an Eligible Participant may apply for the Securities the subject of the invitation by sending a completed application form to the Company. The Board may accept an application from an Eligible Participant in whole or in part.</p> <p>If an Eligible Participant is permitted in the invitation, the Eligible Participant may, by notice in writing to the Board, nominate a party in whose favour the Eligible Participant wishes to renounce the invitation.</p>

Grant of Securities	The Company will, to the extent that it has accepted a duly completed application, grant the Participant the relevant number and type of Securities, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the invitation, the Plan rules and any ancillary documentation required.
Rights attaching to Convertible Securities	<p>A Convertible Security represents a right to acquire one or more Plan Shares in accordance with the Plan (for example, an Option or a Performance Right).</p> <p>Prior to a Convertible Security being exercised, the holder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) does not have any interest (legal, equitable or otherwise) in any Share the subject of the Convertible Security other than as expressly set out in the Plan; (a) is not entitled to receive notice of, vote at or attend a meeting of the shareholders of the Company; (b) is not entitled to receive any dividends declared by the Company; and (c) is not entitled to participate in any new issue of Shares (see Adjustment of Convertible Securities section below).
Restrictions on dealing with Convertible Securities	<p>Convertible Securities issued under the Plan cannot be sold, assigned, transferred, have a security interest granted over or otherwise dealt with unless in Special Circumstances as defined under the Plan (including in the case of death or total or permanent disability of the holder) with the consent of the Board in which case the Convertible Securities may be exercisable on terms determined by the Board.</p> <p>A holder must not enter into any arrangement for the purpose of hedging their economic exposure to a Convertible Security that has been granted to them.</p>
Vesting of Convertible Securities	Any vesting conditions applicable to the Convertible Securities will be described in the invitation. If all the vesting conditions are satisfied and/or otherwise waived by the Board, a vesting notice will be sent to the Participant by the Company informing them that the relevant Convertible Securities have vested. Unless and until the vesting notice is issued by the Company, the Convertible Securities will not be considered to have vested. For the avoidance of doubt, if the vesting conditions relevant to a Convertible Security are not satisfied and/or otherwise waived by the Board, that security will lapse.
Forfeiture of Convertible Securities	<p>Convertible Securities will be forfeited in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) where a Participant acts fraudulently, dishonestly, negligently, in contravention of any Group policy or wilfully breaches their duties to the Group and the Board exercises its discretion to deem some or all of the Convertible Securities held by a Participant to have been forfeited; (b) where there is a failure to satisfy the vesting conditions in accordance with the Plan; (c) on the date the Participant becomes insolvent; or (d) on the Expiry Date,

	subject to the discretion of the Board.
Listing of Convertible Securities	Convertible Securities granted under the Plan will not be quoted on the ASX or any other recognised exchange. The Board reserves the right in its absolute discretion to apply for quotation of Convertible Securities granted under the Plan on the ASX or any other recognised exchange.
Exercise of Convertible Securities and cashless exercise	<p>To exercise a security, the Participant must deliver a signed notice of exercise and, subject to a cashless exercise (see next paragraph below), pay the exercise price (if any) to or as directed by the Company, at any time following vesting of the Convertible Securities (if subject to vesting conditions) and prior to the expiry date as set out in the invitation or vesting notice.</p> <p>An invitation to apply for Convertible Securities may specify that at the time of exercise of the Convertible Securities, the Participant may elect not to be required to provide payment of the exercise price for the number of Convertible Securities specified in a notice of exercise, but that on exercise of those Convertible Securities the Company will transfer or issue to the Participant that number of Shares equal in value to the positive difference between the Market Value of the Shares at the time of exercise and the exercise price that would otherwise be payable to exercise those Convertible Securities.</p> <p>Market Value means, at any given date, the volume weighted average price per Share traded on the ASX over the 5 trading days immediately preceding that given date, unless otherwise specified in an invitation.</p> <p>Convertible Securities may not be exercised unless and until that security has vested in accordance with the Plan rules, or such earlier date as set out in the Plan rules.</p>
Timing of issue of Shares and quotation of Shares on exercise	Within five business days after the issue of a valid notice of exercise by a Participant, the Company will issue or cause to be transferred to that Participant the number of Shares to which the Participant is entitled under the Plan rules and issue a substitute certificate for any remaining unexercised Convertible Securities held by that Participant.
Restriction periods and restrictions on transfer of Shares on exercise	<p>If the invitation provides that any Shares issued upon the valid exercise of a Convertible Security are subject to any restrictions as to the disposal or other dealing by a Participant for a period, the Board may implement any procedure it deems appropriate to ensure the compliance by the Participant with this restriction.</p> <p>Additionally, Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities are subject to the following restrictions:</p> <p>(a) if the Company is required but is unable to give ASX a notice that complies with section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act, Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities may not be traded until 12 months after their issue unless the Company, at its sole discretion, elects to issue a prospectus pursuant to section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act;</p>

	<p>(b) all Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities are subject to restrictions imposed by applicable law on dealing in Shares by persons who possess material information likely to affect the value of the Shares and which is not generally available; and</p> <p>(c) all Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities are subject to the terms of the Company's Securities Trading Policy.</p>
Rights attaching to Shares on exercise	All Shares issued upon exercise of Convertible Securities will rank equally in all respects with the then Shares of the Company.
Change of control	If a change of control event occurs (being an event which results in any person (either alone or together with associates) owning more than 50% of the Company's issued capital), unvested Convertible Securities will vest unless the Board determines in its discretion otherwise. The Board's discretion in determining the treatment of any unvested Convertible Securities on a change of control event is limited to vesting or varying any vesting conditions in respect to the Convertible Securities and does not include a discretion to lapse or forfeit unvested Convertible Securities for less than fair value.
Participation entitlements in bonus issues and	Subject always to the rights under the following two paragraphs, Participants will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to holders of Shares such as bonus issues and entitlement issues.
Adjustment for bonus issue	If Shares are issued by the Company by way of bonus issue (other than an issue in lieu of dividends or by way of dividend reinvestment), the Participant is entitled, upon exercise of the Convertible Securities, to receive an issue of as many additional Shares as would have been issued to the holder if the holder held Shares equal in number to the Shares in respect of which the Convertible Securities are exercised.
Reorganisation	If there is a reorganisation of the issued share capital of the Company (including any subdivision, consolidation, reduction, return or cancellation of such issued capital of the Company), the rights of each Participant holding Convertible Securities will be changed to the extent necessary to comply with the ASX Listing Rules applicable to a reorganisation of capital at the time of the reorganisation.
Buy-Back	Subject to applicable law, the Company may at any time buy-back Securities in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
Employee Share Trust	The Board may in its sole and absolute discretion use an employee share trust or other mechanism for the purposes of holding Convertible Securities for holders under the Plan and delivering Shares on behalf of holders upon exercise of Convertible Securities.
Amendment of Plan	Subject to the following paragraph, the Board may at any time amend any provisions of the Plan rules, including (without limitation) the terms and conditions upon which any Securities have been granted under the Plan and determine that any amendments to the Plan rules be given retrospective effect, immediate effect or future effect.

	<p>No amendment to any provision of the Plan rules may be made if the amendment materially reduces the rights of any Participant as they existed before the date of the amendment, other than an amendment introduced primarily for the purpose of complying with legislation or to correct manifest error or mistake, amongst other things, or is agreed to in writing by all Participants.</p>
<p>Plan duration</p>	<p>The Plan continues in operation until the Board decides to end it. The Board may from time to time suspend the operation of the Plan for a fixed period or indefinitely and may end any suspension. If the Plan is terminated or suspended for any reason, that termination or suspension must not prejudice the accrued rights of the Participants.</p> <p>If a Participant and the Company (acting by the Board) agree in writing that some or all of the Securities granted to that Participant are to be cancelled on a specified date or on the occurrence of a particular event, then those Securities may be cancelled in the manner agreed between the Company and the Participant.</p>
<p>Income Tax Assessment Act</p>	<p>The Plan is a plan to which Subdivision 83A-C of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cth) applies (subject to the conditions in that Act) except to the extent an invitation provides otherwise.</p>

Your proxy voting instruction must be received by **11.00am (AWST) on Tuesday, 28 November 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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26 October 2023

Dear Shareholder,

Vertex Minerals Limited 2023 Annual General Meeting – Notice and Proxy Form

You are invited to attend the 2022 Annual General Meeting of shareholders (**'Meeting'**) of Vertex Minerals Limited (**'Vertex'** or the **'Company'**) to be held at Unit 38, 460 Stirling highway, Peppermint Grove WA 6011 on Thursday, 30 November 2023 at 11:00 am (WST).

In accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) the Company will not be dispatching physical copies of the Notice of Annual General Meeting (**'Notice'**) unless individual shareholders have made a valid election to receive documents in hard copy. Instead, the Notice and accompanying explanatory statement (**Meeting Materials**) are being made available to shareholders electronically and can be viewed and downloaded from:

- the Company's website at www.vertexminerals.com; and
- the ASX market announcements page under the Company's code "VTX"

If you have nominated an email address and have elected to receive electronic communications from the Company, you will also receive an email to your nominated email address with a link to an electronic copy of the Notice of Meeting.

The Notice is important and should be read in its entirety. If you are in doubt as to the course of action you should follow, you should consult your adviser. If you have any difficulties obtaining a copy of the Notice, please contact the Company's share registry, Automic on 1300 288 664 (within Australia) or +61 2 9698 5414 (from overseas).

Voting at the Meeting or by proxy

Shareholders are encouraged to vote by lodging a proxy form which is attached.

Proxy forms can be lodged:

- Online: <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah>
- By mail: Automic, GPO Box 5193, Sydney, NSW 2001
- In-person: Automic, Level 5, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000
- By email: meetings@automicgroup.com.au
- By fax: +61 2 8583 3040
- By mobile: scan the QR Code on your Proxy Form and follow the prompts.

Your proxy voting instructions for the Meeting must be received by 11:00 am (WST) on Tuesday, 28 November 2023, being not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any proxy voting received after that time will not be valid for the Meeting.

In order to be able to receive electronic communication from the Company in future, please update your details online at <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home> and login with your unique shareholder identification number and postcode (or country for overseas residents) that you can locate on your enclosed personalised proxy form.

We look forward to and urge your participation at the Meeting in the manner outlined above and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Alex Neuling
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