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# Widgie Nickel Limited Annual General Meeting

The Widgie Nickel Limited Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 25 November 2022 at 10:00am (AWST). You are encouraged to participate in the meeting using the following options:



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## ATTENDING THE MEETING IN PERSON

The meeting will be held at: Auditorium 2, Ground Floor Tower 2, Brookfield Place (Deloitte building), 123 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA 6000



# WIDGIE NICKEL

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# WIDGIE NICKEL LIMITED ACN 648 687 094 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at:

**TIME**: 10:00 am (WST)

DATE: Friday, 25 November 2022

PLACE: Auditorium 2, Ground Floor Tower 2, Brookfield Place (Deloitte building) 123 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

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 4:00PM (WST) on 23 November 2022.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

#### AGENDA

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and consider the annual financial report of the Company for the period commencing 15 March 2021 and ended 30 June 2022 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 period commencing 15 March 2021 and ended 30 June 2022."

# 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 – ANDREW PARKER**

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 8.1(f) of the Constitution, Listing Rule 14.5 and for all other purposes, Andrew Parker, 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 – ISSUE OF FY2023 STI PERFORMANCE RIGHTS TO MR STEVE NORREGAARD

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

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.14 and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue a total of 625,000 FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Steve Norregaard (or his nominee) under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

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

Dated: 17 October 2022

By order of the Board

Graeme Scott Company Secretary

#### **Voting Prohibition Statements**

		ion must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of persons:
(a)		of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose on are included in the Remuneration Report; or
(b)	a Closely Re	elated Party of such a member.
Resolutio	However, a person (the <b>voter</b> ) 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)		appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the ote on this Resolution; or
(b)	the voter is	the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy:
		bes not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this esolution; and
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.		
A person appointed as a proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on this Resolution if:		
(a)	the proxy is	either:
	(i) a	member of the Key Management Personnel; or
	(ii) a	
	(11) U	Closely Related Party of such a member; and
(b)		Closely Related Party of such a member; and ment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this
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#### **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 – Issue of	Any person referred to in Listing Rule 10.14.1, 10.14.2 or 10.14.3 who is eligible to
FY2023 STI Performance	participate in the employee incentive scheme in question or an associate of
Rights to Mr Steve	that person or those persons.
Norregaard	

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 +61 8 6381 7250.

# 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 period commencing 15 March 2021 and ended 30 June 2022 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 https://www.widgienickel.com.au/site/content/.

#### 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 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.

#### 3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – ANDREW PARKER

#### 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 Andrew Parker, who has served as a Director since 1 July 2021, retires by rotation and seeks re-election.

#### 3.2 Qualifications and other material directorships

Mr Parker holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Western Australia and has significant experience in the exploration and mining industry and a wealth of expertise in corporate advisory, strategic consultancy and capital raisings.

Mr Parker previously held various senior management roles, such as Director of Stadia Capital Pty Ltd and co-founder of Trident Capital Pty Ltd, a corporate advisory and venture capital firm where he held the position of Managing Director until 2008. In both instances Mr Parker was the Responsible Manager under the relevant AFSL.

Mr Parker has also held senior legal roles, such as General Counsel of previously ASX listed B Digital Ltd, Senior Associate of Price Sierakowski and Senior Associate of Summers Partners.

Mr Parker has held board positions with a number of ASX listed companies and is currently a Non-Executive Director of Boab Metals Limited (ASX:BML).

#### 3.3 Independence

If re-elected the Board considers Mr Andrew Parker will be an independent Director.

#### 3.4 Board recommendation

The Board has reviewed Mr Andrew Parker's performance since his appointment to the Board and considers that his skills and experience will continue to enhance the Board's ability to perform its role. Accordingly, the Board supports the reelection of Mr Andrew Parker 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 \$66,336,125 (based on the number of Shares on issue and the closing price of Shares on the ASX on 5 October 2022).

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.

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 5 October 2022.

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.

		Dilution			
				Issue Price	
	hares on Issue	Shares issued –	\$0.133	\$0.265	\$0.398
(Valiable A 7.1A.2)	in Listing Rule	10% voting dilution	50% decrease	Issue Price	50% increase
				Funds Raised	
Current	251,012,828 Shares	25,101,282 Shares	\$3,338,470	\$6,651,839	\$9,990,310
50% increase	376,519,242 Shares	37,651,924 Shares	\$5,007,705	\$9,977,959	\$14,985,465
100% increase	502,025,656 Shares	50,202,565 Shares	\$6,676,941	\$13,303,679	\$19,980,620

\*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 prorata 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 251,012,828 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 5 October (being \$0.265).
- 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 or Performance Rights are exercised or converted 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 previously obtained approval from its Shareholders pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1A at its annual general meeting held on 31 March 2022 (**Previous Approval**).

During the 12 month period preceding the date of this Meeting, the Company has not issued any Equity Securities pursuant to the Previous Approval.

# 5. RESOLUTION 4 – ISSUE OF FY2023 STI PERFORMANCE RIGHTS TO MR STEVE NORREGAARD

#### 5.1 General

The Company has agreed, subject to obtaining Shareholder approval, to issue 625,000 Performance Rights to the Company's Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer Mr Steve Norregaard (or his nominee) pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan (**Plan**) and on the terms and conditions set out below (**FY2023 STI Performance Rights**).

The FY2023 STI Performance Rights are to be issued to Mr Norregaard as a short term incentive pursuant to Mr Norregaard's employment agreement.

The Company provides the following background information in relation to the proposed issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard (or his nominee) as part of the Company's executive short term incentive scheme (STI Scheme) for the current financial year:

(a) The performance period relevant to the milestones for the FY2023 STI Performance Rights commenced on 1 July 2022, being the first day of the current financial year, and will run until the end of the current financial year on 30 June 2023.

- (b) The Company's entitlement offer prospectus dated 19 August 2021 outlined the remuneration and incentives for the Company's Directors and key management personnel in place as at listing. This included Options issued to Mr Norregaard (and other executives) under the Company's Plan as a long term incentive made as an award to cover the first three years of his employment. The Board had not made any decisions as to short term incentives prior to listing.
- (c) Mr Norregaard's executive services agreement entitles Mr Norregaard to a Short Term Incentive (STI) in the form of cash bonuses or equity based incentive payments to the value of 50% of base Salary depending on the achievement of annual stipulated milestones or Key Performance Indicators (KPI). Further details of Mr Norregaard's remuneration package is set out in the Company's Remuneration Report.
- (d) The background to the adoption of the STI Scheme post listing is set out in the Company's Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 1 March 2022 in relation to the Company's first Annual General Meeting held on 31 March 2022. At that Annual General Meeting, Shareholders approved the grant of 770,000 Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard under the Plan as part of the STI Scheme for the performance period ending on 30 June 2022, of which:
  - (i) 436,328 Performance Rights have vested and been exercised by Mr Norregaard; and
  - (ii) the remaining 333,672 Performance Rights have lapsed.
- (e) The Board considers that the STI Scheme remains appropriate and in line with the Company's remuneration policy and stated aims to align executive incentives with shareholder value. If the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights is not approved, the Board would look to other ways to incentivise Mr Norregaard, which would potentially include a cash arrangement with similar performance milestones.

#### 5.2 Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act

Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act requires that for a public company, or an entity that the public company controls, to give a financial benefit to a related party of the public company, the public company or entity must:

- (a) obtain the approval of the public company's members in the manner set out in sections 217 to 227 of the Corporations Act; and
- (b) give the benefit within 15 months following such approval,

unless the giving of the financial benefit falls within an exception set out in sections 210 to 216 of the Corporations Act.

The issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard (or his nominee) constitutes giving a financial benefit and Mr Norregaard is a related party of the Company by virtue of being a Director.

The Directors (other than Mr Norregaard) consider that Shareholder approval pursuant to Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act is not required in respect of the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights, because the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights constitutes reasonable remuneration payable to Mr

Norregaard, which is an exception to the requirement to seek Shareholder approval pursuant to section 211 of the Corporations Act.

#### 5.3 Listing Rule 10.14

Listing Rule 10.14 provides that an entity must not permit any of the following persons to acquire equity securities under an employee incentive scheme without the approval of the holders of its ordinary securities:

- 10.14.1 a director of the entity;
- 10.14.2 an associate of a director of the entity; or
- 10.14.3 a person whose relationship with the entity or a person referred to in Listing Rules 10.14.1 to 10.14.2 is such that, in ASX's opinion, the acquisition should be approved by security holders.

The issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard falls within Listing Rule 10.14.1 and therefore requires the approval of Shareholders under Listing Rule 10.14.

Resolution 5 seeks the required Shareholder approval for the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights under and for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.14.

#### 5.4 ASX Listing Rule 10.11

Listing Rule 10.11 provides that a listed company must not issue or agree to issue equity securities to, among other persons, a "related party" of the Company, without prior shareholder approval. As Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Mr Norregaard is a "related party" of the Company pursuant to the ASX Listing Rules definitions. ASX Listing Rule 10.12 (exception 8) provides that a company does not need to obtain prior shareholder approval for an issue or proposed issue of equity securities to a related party if shareholder approval is obtained for the issue or proposed issue under ASX Listing Rule 10.14. Accordingly, the Company is not seeking shareholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 10.11 for the proposed grant of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard.

#### 5.5 Technical information required by Listing Rule 14.1A

If Resolution 5 is passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard under the Plan within three years after the date of the Meeting (or such later date as permitted by any ASX waiver or modification of the Listing Rules). As approval pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1 is not required for the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights (because approval is being obtained under Listing Rule 10.14), the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights will not use up any of the Company's 15% annual placement capacity.

If Resolution 5 is not passed, the Company will not be able to proceed with the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard under the Plan, and the Company would need to consider alternatives for Mr Norregaard's remuneration to incentivise Mr Norregaard and align his interest with those of the Shareholders. Alternatives may involve a cash arrangement or acquiring Shares on market.

#### 5.6 Technical information required by Listing Rule 10.15

Pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of Listing Rule 10.15, the following information is provided in relation to Resolution 5:

- (a) The FY2023 STI Performance Rights will be issued to Mr Norregaard (or his nominee), who falls within the category set out in Listing Rule 10.14.1, by virtue of Mr Norregaard being the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Company;
- (b) the maximum number of Performance Rights to be issued to Mr Norregaard (or his nominee) is 625,000;
- (c) the current total annual cash remuneration package for Mr Norregaard is set out in the table below:

	30 June 2022	Projected 30 June 2023
Cash remuneration (salary and superannuation	\$366,667	\$442,000
Non-monetary (movement in annual leave accrual)	\$16,813	Nil
Non-monetary FY2022 STI Performance Rights <sup>1,2</sup>	\$269,392	\$200,000
Non-monetary FY2022 LTI Options expense <sup>1,3</sup>	\$241,868	\$97,576
Total	\$894,740	\$739,576

#### Notes:

- 1. Australian Accounting Standards Board Standard 2 "Share-based payment" requires that options and performance rights are valued at date of grant with reference to the Company's share price at that time. The calculated value is expensed as remuneration over the vesting period. The accounting valuation basis leads to a distorted view of individual remuneration, the ultimate realised reward to the participant being the market value of the Company's shares should, the options or performance rights vest, less any exercise price paid at the point of exercise.
- 2. Following the Board's vesting determination 436,328 of the Performance Rights vested and have been exercised. The value of shares issued on conversion at time of exercise was \$102,537. The balance of 333,672 Performance Rights lapsed due to not meeting the vesting criteria.
- 3. Refer to section 5.6(d)(i) below.
- (d) Mr Norregaard has been previously been granted:
  - (i) Share Options as a long term incentive, vesting subject to length of service vesting criteria, with a calculated share based payment value of \$350,113 reflected in remuneration as follows:
     \$241,868 for the period 22 September 2021 to 30 June 2022,
     \$97,576 for the year to 30 June 2023, and \$10,669 for the year to 30 June 2024; and
  - (ii) Performance Rights as a short term incentive for the period to 30 June 2022, vesting subject to the milestones set out in the Company's Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 1 March 2022, with a calculated share based payment value of \$269,392 (further details of which is set out in the Remuneration Report).

- (e) under the Plan, Mr Norregaard has previously been issued:
  - (i) 3,900,000 Options, for nil issue price, as set out in the Company's prospectus dated 19 August 2021; and
  - (ii) 770,000 Performance Rights on the terms and conditions set out in the Company's Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 1 March 2022;
- (f) a summary of the material terms and conditions of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights is set out in Schedule 1;
- (g) the FY2023 STI Performance Rights are unquoted performance rights. The Company has chosen to grant the FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard for the following reasons:
  - the FY2023 STI Performance Rights are unlisted equity securities convertible into Shares, therefore the grant of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights has no immediate dilutionary impact on Shareholders;
  - (ii) the issue of FY2023 STI Performance Rights to Mr Norregaard will align the interests of Mr Norregaard with those of Shareholders;
  - (iii) the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights is a reasonable and appropriate method to provide cost effective remuneration as the non-cash form of this benefit will allow the Company to spend a greater proportion of its cash reserves on its operations than it would if alternative cash forms of remuneration were given to Mr Norregaard; and
  - (iv) it is not considered that there are any significant opportunity costs to the Company or benefits foregone by the Company in granting the FY2023 STI Performance Rights on the terms proposed;
- (h) the Company has valued the FY2023 STI Performance Rights at \$200,000 (the 50% target for Mr Norregaard's annual STI pursuant to his employment contract), which would increase Mr Norregaard's total remuneration package for the current financial year to \$662,000, being the value of the Performance Rights at the beginning of the FY2023 STI Performance Right assessment period at 30 June 2022 as follows:

Underlying Share Price as at 30 June 2022:	\$0.320
Amount of Performance Rights:	625,000
Value of Performance Rights (\$0.320 multiplied by the amount of Performance Rights):	\$200,000

(i) at the Company's current share price, for illustrative purposes only, the FY2023 STI Performance Rights would be valued at \$165,625, which would increase Mr Norregaard's total remuneration package for the current financial year to \$607,625, being the value of the Performance Rights at 5 October 2022 as follows:

Underlying Share Price as at 5 October 2022:	\$0.265
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Amount of Performance Rights:	625,000
Value of Performance Rights (\$0.265 multiplied by the amount of Performance Rights):	\$165,625

the FY2023 STI Performance Rights are expected to be issued to Mr Norregaard (or his nominee) as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the Meeting (assuming Resolution 5 is passed) and, in any case, by no later than 3 months after the date of the Meeting (or such later date as permitted by any ASX waiver or modification of the Listing Rules) and it is anticipated the FY2023 STI Performance Rights will be issued on one date;

- (j) the issue price of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights will be nil, as such no funds will be raised from the issue of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights;
- (k) a summary of the material terms and conditions of the Plan is set out in Schedule 2;
- (I) no loan is being made to Mr Norregaard in connection with the acquisition of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights;
- (m) details of any Performance Rights issued under the Plan will be published in the annual report of the Company relating to the period in which they were issued, along with a statement that approval for the issue was obtained under Listing Rule 10.14;
- (n) any additional persons covered by Listing Rule 10.14 who become entitled to participate in an issue of Performance Rights under Plan after Resolution 5 is approved and who were not named in this Notice will not participate until approval is obtained under Listing Rule 10.14; and
- (o) a voting exclusion statement is set out on page 3 of this Notice of Meeting.

#### 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:

- (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) for the purposes of the definition of 'closely related party' in the Corporations Act.

Company means Widgie Nickel Limited (ACN 648 687 094).

**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.

FY2023 Performance Rights has the same meaning as at Section 5.1.

**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.

**Performance Rights** means rights to acquire Shares, subject to certain performance milestones.

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 2022.

**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 1 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FY2023 STI PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

A summary of the key terms and conditions of the FY2023 STI Performance Rights (**Performance Rights**) to be issued by the Company are set out below:

Feature	Approach
Maximum entitlement to Shares	The 625,000 Performance Rights proposed to be issued to Mr Norregaard will convert into Shares on a one for one basis. If all of the vesting conditions are satisfied, Mr Norregaard will be entitled to receive 625,000 Shares.
Vesting conditions	Refer to the table below for the vesting conditions which apply to the Performance Rights.
Milestone/KPI assessment date	30 June 2023 (for the performance period commencing on 1 July 2022 and ending on the Milestone/KPI assessment date). Participants must remain employed by the Company on the Milestone/KPI assessment date.
Milestone vesting date	Board assessment and determination completed by 30 September 2023.
Date of grant	Subject to Shareholder approval, the Performance Rights will be granted soon after the conclusion of the Meeting.
Exercise period	Where the Performance Rights vest, they may be exercised at any time on or before 30 September 2025. Any unexercised Performance Rights will lapse following this date, subject to any earlier lapse occurring pursuant to the rules of the Equity Incentive Plan ( <b>Plan</b> ).
Price payable on grant or vesting	No amount will be payable in respect of the grant or upon vesting of the Performance Rights.
Board discretion	The Board has discretion to vary outcomes pursuant to the rules of the Plan having regard to the circumstances at the time (including in the event the outcome would result in an inappropriate outcome).
Treatment on termination	The Performance Rights are granted on the basis that vested Performance Rights remain on foot on cessation of employment, and unvested Performance Rights will lapse in accordance with the Plan.
Change of control	100% of unvested Performance Rights will immediately vest on a Change of Control Event (as defined in the Plan), provided the participant remains employed by the Company at that time.
Transfer	The Performance Rights are not transferable.
Participation in new issues	A Performance Right does not entitle a holder (in their capacity as a holder of a Performance Right) to participate in new issues of capital offered to holders of Shares such as bonus issues and entitlement issues.
Return of capital	A Performance Right does not entitle the holder to a return of capital, whether in a winding up, upon a reduction of capital or otherwise.
Dividend and voting rights	The Performance Rights do not confer on the holder an entitlement to vote (except as otherwise required by law) or receive dividends.
Rights on winding up	A Performance Right does not entitle the holder to participate in the surplus profits or assets of the Company upon winding up of the Company.

Number of Performance Rights	Vesting condition		
125,000	Vesting upon the Company achieving an appreciation in Share price the is greater than the following nominated Peer Entities:		
	(a) Auroch Minerals Ltd (ASX: AOU);		
	b) Duketon Mining Ltd (ASX: DKM);		
	c) Lunnon Metals Ltd (ASX: LM8);		
	d) Poseidon Nickel Ltd (ASX: POS);		
	(e) Cannon Resources Ltd (ASX: CNR);		
	f) Blackstone Minerals Ltd (ASX: BSX);		
	g) Centaurus Metals Ltd (ASX: CTM);		
	h) St George Mining Ltd (ASX: SGQ); and		
	i) Ardea Resources Ltd (ASX: ARL),		
	together, the <b>Peer Entities</b> ).		
	The highest and lowest share price movement will be eliminated and t average share price increase amongst the five remaining Peer Entities be calculated.		
	The vesting schedule for the Performance Rights is as follows:		
	Relative percentage Performance Rights vesting		
	Same Share price percentage increase 0 as the average of the Peer Entities		
	Between the same Share price and Double the Share price percentage increase compared to the average of the Peer Entities Share price performance.	Э	
	Double or more Share price percentage 125,000 increase compared to average of the Peer Entities		
125,000	Vesting upon the Company achieving step target increases in the glob Ni or Ni equivalent Resources (inferred, indicated or measured) from t Company's Mt Edwards Project (in accordance with the JORC Cod pased on completed drilling undertaken between 1 July 2022 and 30 Ju 2023 at a cut-off grade of 1% Ni as follows:	the le),	
	Resource Target Performance Rights vesting		
	Ni equivalent value exceeds 62,500 10,000t of Ni value equivalent.		
	Ni equivalent value exceeds 93,750 20,000t of Ni value equivalent.		
	Ni equivalent value exceeds 125,000 30,000t of Ni value equivalent.		

Number of Performance Rights	Vesting condition			
125,000	Vesting upon the Company achieving the following development milestones for the Armstrong deposit as follows:			
	Milestone	Performance Rights vesting		
	The Company completing all permitting and all technical, commercial and regulatory impediments to commencement of mine construction having been removed by 30 June 2023.	62,500		
	The Company commencing development of a mine on the Armstrong deposit by 30 June 2023.	62,500		
125,000		dian percentage performance score to receive securities under the Plan		
	An example vesting schedule for the	Performance Rights is set out below:		
	Median percentage employee sco	pre Performance Rights vesting		
	100%	125,000		
	75%	93,750		
	50%	62,500		
	25%	31,250		
	0%	0		
	As at the date of this Notice, the Executive KMPs are the Managing Director, and each of the line reports to the Managing Director, being:			
	<ol> <li>the CFO;</li> <li>the Exploration Manager; and</li> <li>the Geology Manager.</li> </ol>			
	Executive KMP performance is set and assessed through a balanced scorecard which includes a range of key measures that directly affect shareholder value.			
	Each scorecard measure is weighted according to its importance, and is assessed quantitatively and qualitatively, and as is applicable to the Executive's role.			
	At the start of the performance period, the Board determines the performance requirements and planned and maximum levels of performance that form the STI scorecard.			
	The levels of performance set by the Board are challenging and are determined by the extent to which the objectives of each scorecard are achieved.			
	Achievement of the planned levels of performance will deliver an employee score between 0% and 100% on a linear basis consistent with the level of performance attained as determined by the Board.			

Number of Performance Rights	Vesting condition		
125,000	Vesting based on the overall performance of Mr Norregaard (including marketing, corporate or strategic and corporate outcomes) as determined by other members of the Board.		
	Mr Norregaard percentage employee score	Performance Rights vesting	
	100%	125,000	
	75%	93,750	
	50%	62,500	
	0%	0	
	As for other Executives, Mr Norregaard's p through a balanced scorecard which inc that directly affect shareholder value.		
	Each scorecard measure is weighted acc assessed quantitatively and qualitatively.	ording to its importance, and is	
	The Board will review Mr Norregaard's performance in accordance with the scorecard set out below.		
	At the start of the performance period, the Board determines the performance requirements and planned and maximum levels of performance that form the STI scorecard.		
	The levels of performance set by the Board are challenging and are determined by the extent to which the objectives of each scorecard are achieved.		
	Achievement of planned levels of performance delivers the award of 50% of maximum opportunity for the relevant scorecard category.		
	Awards from 50% to 100% of opportunity are on a linear basis consistent with the level of performance attained.		
	<b>Meets Expectations performance:</b> represe plans for the financial year. Such performance of the maximum number of Performance	ince results in the vesting of 50%	
	<b>Exceeds Expectations performance:</b> exceptional outcomes that are above ex results in the award of more than 50% Performance Rights under this milestone up on the level of achievement.	pectations. Such performance of the maximum number of	
	Scorecard category	Weighting	
	Market engagement	33.34%	
	Environmental, social and governance	33.33%	
	Investment process, systems and procedures	33.33%	

SCHEDULE 2 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

# Equity Incentive Plan Rules

Widgie Nickel Limited ACN 648 687 094

Adopted by the Board on 1 July 2021

# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Equity Incentive Plan (**EIP**) is to allow the Board to make Offers of Incentive Securities to Eligible Employees.

These Rules outline the terms and conditions upon which Offers will be made, including:

- the process for making and accepting Offers (**Part A**);
- the type of securities that may be offered (being Rights, Options and Restricted Shares) (**Part B**); and
- the general terms and conditions that apply to Incentive Securities (Part C).

Capitalised terms are defined in Part D of these Rules.

# PART A

# 1 Offers of Incentive Securities

#### **1.1** Board to make invitations

- (a) The Board may, from time to time, in its absolute discretion invite Eligible Employees to participate in a grant of Incentive Securities, which may comprise any one or more of:
  - Rights;
  - Options; and
  - Restricted Shares,

(Offer).

(b) Offers will be made on the terms set out in these Rules and/or on any additional or alternative terms as the Board determines, as specified in the terms of an Offer.

#### 1.2 Information to be provided to Participants

Without limiting the Board's discretion, each Eligible Employee should be advised of the following information in connection with an Offer:

- (a) the type and number of Incentive Securities being offered, or the method by which the number will be calculated;
- (b) the amount (if any) that will be payable for the grant of Incentive Securities;
- (c) any Vesting Conditions or other conditions that apply, including any Vesting Period;
- (d) the terms of exercise for an Option or a Right (where exercisable), including the period(s) during which exercise is permitted;

- (e) that Rights or Options will only be settled through an allocation of Shares or by making a cash payment (as applicable) where the Board has made a determination pursuant to rules 2.2(g) or 3.2(g) at the time of the Offer;
- (f) the circumstances in which Rights and/or Options may lapse, Shares (including Restricted Shares) allocated under the EIP may be forfeited or a Participant's entitlement to Incentive Securities may be reduced;
- (g) how Incentive Securities may be treated if the Eligible Employee ceases employment with a Group company;
- (h) any restrictions (including the period of restriction) on Dealing in relation to a Restricted Share or Share allocated to the Eligible Employee under the EIP; and
- (i) where all or part of an Offer is made as a salary sacrifice offer under rule 4.2 or as a tax-exempt offer under rule 4.3 of these Rules, the Offer should specify this.

#### 1.3 Acceptance of Offer

- (a) Acceptance of an Offer must be made by the Eligible Employee in accordance with the instructions that accompany the Offer, or in any other way the Board determines.
- (b) The Board may, at its discretion, refuse to allow the participation of an Eligible Employee where that Eligible Employee ceases to be an Eligible Employee, or ceases to satisfy any other conditions imposed by the Board, before the grant is made.
- (c) Nothing limits the Board's ability to treat the conduct of an Eligible Employee in respect of an Offer (including the failure of an Eligible Employee to lodge an election not to participate within the time specified in the instructions accompanying the Offer) as valid acceptance of that Offer under these Rules.

#### 1.4 Offer terms and conditions take precedence

To the extent of any inconsistency, the terms and conditions advised to an Eligible Employee in an Offer will prevail over any other provision of these Rules.

## PART B

#### 2 Rights

#### 2.1 Grant

- (a) Where an Eligible Employee has accepted an Offer to participate in a grant of Rights in accordance with rule 1.3(a), the Board will, subject to its discretion under rule 1.3(b), grant Rights to the Eligible Employee.
- (b) Unless the Board determines otherwise:
  - (1) no payment is required for the grant of a Right;

- (2) Rights may not be registered in any name other than that of the Eligible Employee; and
- (3) subdivision 83A-C of the Tax Act applies to the Rights (subject to the requirements of the Tax Act).

#### 2.2 Vesting

- (a) Subject to any express rule to the contrary, a Right will only Vest (and if applicable, become exercisable) where each Vesting Condition, and all other relevant conditions advised to the Participant by the Board pursuant to rule 1.2, have been satisfied or otherwise waived by the Board.
- (b) Where the Board notifies a Participant that a Right is exercisable, the exercise of the Right will be effected in the form and manner determined by the Board and notified to the Participant.
- (c) If the Vesting of a Right would arise in a period where Dealings by a Participant would be prohibited or the Board determines that the Vesting of a Right would otherwise be inappropriate in the circumstances, the Board may determine that Vesting will be delayed until such time as Dealings are permitted or appropriate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may determine that Vesting will be delayed only in relation to the affected Participant or in relation to some or all Participants (irrespective of whether they are subject to the Dealing restriction).
- (d) Subject to rule 2.2(e), the Vesting of a Right (and, if applicable, exercise) will be satisfied by the Company allocating Shares to the Participant pursuant to rule 2.3.
- (e) The Board may determine that the Vesting (and, if applicable, exercise) of a Right will be satisfied by the Company making a cash payment in lieu of an allocation of Shares pursuant to rule 2.4. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may determine that some or all of a Participant's Rights will be settled in this way.
- (f) The Participant has no entitlement to receive a Share under rule 2.2(d) or a cash payment under rule 2.2(e) until the Rights have Vested, and if applicable, been exercised.
- (g) The Board may exercise its discretion to determine whether Rights that Vest will be satisfied by an allocation of Shares or by making a cash payment at any time prior to Vesting or exercise (if applicable), including, for the avoidance of doubt, at the time an Offer is made.
- (h) Vesting occurs upon notification from the Company to the Participant that a Right has Vested pursuant to this rule 2.2.

#### 2.3 Allocation

- (a) Subject to rules 2.2(e) and 2.3(b), as soon as practicable following Vesting (and if applicable, exercise) of a Right the Board must issue to, procure the transfer to, or procure the setting aside for, the Participant the number of Shares in respect of which Rights have Vested or have been exercised (as applicable). No further action is required on the part of the Participant.
- (b) In the case of Rights held by or on behalf of a Participant who is a Director, Vested Rights must be satisfied by Shares that have been purchased on market, unless:
  - (1) no shareholder approval is required under the Listing Rules in respect of the Director's participation in the EIP; or

(2) shareholders have approved the Director's participation in the EIP to the extent required under the Listing Rules.

#### 2.4 Payment of cash equivalent

- (a) Where the Board exercises its discretion under rule 2.2(e) to make a cash payment to a Participant in lieu of an allocation of Shares, the Company must pay to the Participant an amount in Australian dollars (or any other currency determined by the Board in its absolute discretion) equivalent to the value of the Shares underlying the relevant Rights that the Board determines will be settled by a cash payment.
- (b) The amount of the cash payment referred to in rule 2.4(a) will be calculated by multiplying the number of Shares underlying the relevant Rights that the Board determines will be settled by a cash payment by the Current Market Price.
- (c) If the Board determines that the payment under rule 2.4(a) is to be made in a currency other than Australian dollars, unless the Board determines otherwise, the foreign exchange rate applied will be the average closing exchange rate of the relevant currency for the 5 days prior to the date of Vesting (or, if applicable, exercise).

#### 2.5 Lapse of Rights

A Right will lapse upon the earliest to occur of:

- (a) 15 years after the date on which the Rights were allocated to the Participant, or any other date nominated as the expiry date in the Offer, other than a Vested but unexercised Right which will be automatically exercised on the expiry date;
- (b) the Right lapsing in accordance with a provision of these Rules (including in accordance with a term of an Offer);
- (c) failure to meet a Vesting Condition or any other condition applicable to the Right within the Vesting Period; or
- (d) the receipt by the Company of a notice in writing from a Participant to the effect that the Participant has elected to surrender the Right.

#### 3 Options

#### 3.1 Grant

- (a) Where an Eligible Employee has accepted an Offer to participate in a grant of Options in accordance with rule 1.3(a), the Board will, subject to its discretion under rule 1.3(b), grant Options to the Eligible Employee.
- (b) Unless the Board determines otherwise:
  - (1) no payment is required for the grant of an Option; and
  - (2) Options may not be registered in any name other than that of the Eligible Employee; and
  - (3) subdivision 83A-C of the Tax Act applies to the Options (subject to the requirements of the Tax Act).

#### 3.2 Vesting

- (a) Subject to any express rule to the contrary, an Option granted under the EIP will only Vest and become exercisable where each Vesting Condition, and all other relevant conditions advised to the Participant by the Board pursuant to rule 1.2, have been satisfied or otherwise waived by the Board.
- (b) If the Vesting of an Option would arise in a period where Dealings by a Participant would be prohibited, or the Board determines that the Vesting of an Option would otherwise be inappropriate in the circumstances, the Board may determine that Vesting will be delayed until such time as Dealings are permitted or appropriate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may determine that Vesting will be delayed only in relation to the affected Participant or in relation to some or all Participants (irrespective of whether they are subject to the Dealing restriction).
- (c) The exercise of any Option granted under the EIP will be effected in the form and manner determined by the Board and notified to the Participant and, subject to rule 3.4, must be accompanied by payment of the relevant Exercise Price (if any) either in cleared funds or by a cashless exercise facility provided for under this rule 3.2(c) (Cashless Exercise Mechanism). Unless the Board determines otherwise, the Cashless Exercise Mechanism will operate as follows:
  - (1) the value of Shares the Participant will receive will be calculated by multiplying the Current Market Price of the Shares underlying the relevant Vested Options less the aggregate Exercise Price for those Options.
  - (2) only that number of Vested Options that will result in the Participant being allocated a number of Shares equal to the value calculated in rule 3.2(c)(1) will be allocated to the Participant (rounded down to the nearest whole number), and the balance of the Vested Options that the Participant has requested to exercise will lapse.
  - (3) the Participant will not be required to pay the Exercise Price in respect of the exercise of the Vested Options referred to in rule 3.4(b).
- (d) Subject to rule 3.2(e), the exercise of an Option will be satisfied by the Company allocating Shares to the Participant pursuant to rule 3.3.
- (e) The Board may determine that the exercise of an Option will be satisfied by the Company making a cash payment in lieu of an allocation of Shares pursuant to rule 3.4. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may determine that some or all of a Participant's Options will be settled in this way.
- (f) The Participant has no entitlement to receive a Share under rule 3.2(d) or a cash payment under rule 3.2(e) until the Options have been exercised.
- (g) The Board may exercise its discretion to determine whether Options that Vest will be satisfied by an allocation of Shares or by making a cash payment at any time including at time of exercise or at the time an Offer is made.
- (h) Vesting occurs upon notification from the Company to the Participant that an Option has Vested pursuant to this rule 3.2.

#### 3.3 Allocation following exercise

(a) Subject to rules 3.2(e) and 3.3(b), as soon as practicable following the exercise of an Option, the Board must issue to, procure the transfer to, or procure the setting aside for, the Participant the number of Shares in respect of which

Options have been exercised. No further action is required on the part of the Participant.

- (b) In the case of Options held by or on behalf of a Participant who is a Director, Vested Options must be satisfied by Shares that have been purchased on market, unless:
  - (1) no shareholder approval is required under the Listing Rules in respect of the Director's participation in the EIP; or
  - (2) shareholders have approved the Director's participation in the EIP to the extent required under the Listing Rules.

#### 3.4 Payment of cash equivalent

- (a) Where the Board exercises its discretion under rule 3.2(e) to make a cash payment to a Participant in lieu of an allocation of Shares, the Company must:
  - (1) refund any amount paid by the Participant to exercise those Options; and
  - (2) as soon as reasonably practicable, pay to the Participant an amount in Australian dollars (or any other currency determined by the Board in its absolute discretion) determined under rule 3.4(b).
- (b) The amount of the cash payment referred to in rule 3.4(a)(2) will be calculated by multiplying the number of Shares underlying the relevant Options by the Current Market Price, less any Exercise Price that would otherwise have been payable in respect of those Options.
- (c) If the Board determines that the payment under rule 3.4(a)(2) is to be made in a currency other than Australian dollars, unless the Board determines otherwise, the foreign exchange rate applied will be the average closing exchange rate of the relevant currency for the 5 days prior to the date of exercise.

#### 3.5 Lapse of Options

An Option will lapse upon the earliest to occur of:

- (a) 15 years after the date on which the Options were allocated to the Participant, or any other date nominated as the expiry date in the Offer (unless the Board determines that the Options will be exercised on the expiry date by way of a cashless exercise arrangement);
- (b) the Option lapsing in accordance with a provision of these Rules (including in accordance with a term of an Offer);
- (c) failure to meet a Vesting Condition or any other condition applicable to the Option within the Vesting Period; or
- (d) the receipt by the Company of a notice in writing from a Participant to the effect that the Participant has elected to surrender the Option.

#### 4 Restricted Shares

#### 4.1 Allocation

(a) After an Eligible Employee has accepted an Offer to participate in a grant of Restricted Shares in accordance with rule 1.3(a), the Board must, subject to its

discretion under rule 1.3(b) and rule 4.1(b), allocate the Restricted Shares in accordance with any timeframe specified in the Offer by either:

- (1) issuing Restricted Shares to;
- (2) procuring the transfer of Restricted Shares to; or
- (3) procuring the setting aside of Restricted Shares for,

the Eligible Employee.

- (b) If the allocation of a Restricted Share would arise in a period where Dealings by a Participant would be prohibited or the Board determines that the allocation of a Restricted Share would otherwise be inappropriate in the circumstances, the Board may determine that allocation will be delayed until such time as Dealings are permitted or appropriate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may determine that allocation will be delayed only in relation to the affected Participant or in relation to some or all Participants (irrespective of whether they are subject to the Dealing restriction).
- (c) Unless the Board determines otherwise:
  - (1) no payment is required for the grant of a Restricted Share (other than a Restricted Share purchased pursuant to rule 4.2); and
  - (2) Restricted Shares may not be registered in any name other than that of the Eligible Employee or the Trustee.

#### 4.2 Restricted Shares purchased by salary sacrifice

Notwithstanding anything else in these Rules:

- (a) Offers of Restricted Shares made pursuant to this rule 4.2 constitute Offers made under a separate salary sacrifice provision of these Rules.
- (b) Subdivision 83A-C of the Tax Act applies to Offers made pursuant to this separate salary sacrifice provision of these Rules.
- (c) Offers made pursuant to this separate provision will allow a Participant to agree to acquire Restricted Shares in return for a reduction in the Participant's pre-tax remuneration that would not have happened apart from that Offer of not more than A\$5,000 per year ending 30 June (or such other amount specified by subsection 83A-105(4) of subdivision 83A-C of the Tax Act to be the maximum amount of discount to which that subsection can apply).

#### 4.3 Restricted Shares that are tax-exempt

Notwithstanding anything else in these Rules:

- (a) Offers of Restricted Shares made pursuant to this rule 4.3 constitute Offers made under a separate tax-exempt provision of these Rules.
- (b) Subdivision 83A-B of the Tax Act applies to Offers made pursuant to this tax exempt provision of these Rules.
- (c) A Restricted Share allocated to a Participant under this rule 4.3 will be subject to a restriction period from the date that the Restricted Shares are allocated until the earlier of:
  - (1) the date that is three years from the date of allocation (or such other period that may be required under Subdivision 83A-B of the Tax Act, including such earlier time as the Commissioner of Taxation allows in accordance with section 83A-45(5) of the Tax Act); and

- (2) the date on which the Participant ceases to be employed by the Group.
- (d) Restricted Shares allocated to a Participant under this tax-exempt provision of the Rules cannot be forfeited.

#### 4.4 Cessation of restrictions

- (a) Subject to any express rule to the contrary, a Share only ceases to be a Restricted Share (i.e. Vests) where:
  - (1) the Vesting Period and each other relevant condition (including all Vesting Conditions) advised to the Participant by the Board pursuant to rule 1.2 have been satisfied or otherwise waived by the Board; and
  - (2) the Company notifies the Participant that the restrictions in respect of the Restricted Share have ceased or no longer apply.
- (b) Subject to the terms of an Offer and the Securities Dealing Policy, when a Share ceases to be a Restricted Share, all restrictions on disposing of, or otherwise Dealing with, that Share, as set out in these Rules or the terms of an Offer, will cease.
- (c) If the Vesting of a Restricted Share would arise in a period where Dealings by a Participant would be prohibited or would otherwise be inappropriate in the circumstances, the Board may determine that Vesting will be delayed until such time as Dealings are permitted or appropriate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may determine that Vesting will be delayed only in relation to the affected Participant or in relation to some or all of Participants (irrespective of whether they are subject to the Dealing restriction).
- (d) Unless provided otherwise in the terms of an Offer, when a Share that is held by the Trustee on behalf of a Participant ceases to be a Restricted Share, the Trustee will continue to hold the Share on trust on behalf of the Participant until such time as the Participant, or the Company on behalf of the Participant, directs the Trustee to:
  - (1) transfer the Share into the Participant's name or another account to be held on the Participant's behalf; or
  - (2) sell the Share and pay the proceeds of sale (net of any applicable brokerage, commission, stamp duty or other transaction costs) to the Participant.

#### 4.5 Forfeiture of Restricted Shares

Subject to rule 4.3(d), a Restricted Share will be forfeited upon the earliest to occur of:

- (a) the Restricted Share being forfeited in accordance with a provision of these Rules (including in accordance with a term of an Offer);
- (b) the failure to meet a Vesting Condition or any other condition applicable to the Restricted Share within the Vesting Period; or
- (c) the receipt by the Company of a notice in writing from a Participant to the effect that the Participant has elected to surrender the Restricted Share.

# 5 Prohibited Dealings

- (a) Subject to the Securities Dealing Policy, any Dealing in respect of an Incentive Security prior to Vesting is prohibited unless:
  - (1) the Board determines otherwise; or
  - (2) the Dealing is required by law and the Participant has provided satisfactory evidence to the Company of that fact.
- (b) Where, in the opinion of the Board, a Participant Deals with a Right or an Option in contravention of rule 5(a), the Right or Option will immediately lapse.
- (c) Where, in the opinion of the Board, the Participant (or the Trustee at the Participant's direction) Deals with a Restricted Share in contravention of rule 5(a), the Restricted Share is deemed to immediately be forfeited.
- (d) The Board may, at its discretion, impose restrictions on Dealing in respect of any Shares allocated under the EIP at any time prior to Vesting or exercise of Rights or Options, and may implement any procedure it considers appropriate to enforce such restrictions.
- (e) If permitted by the terms of an Offer, a Participant may request that the Board impose restrictions on Dealing in respect of any Shares allocated under the Plan (including upon Vesting or exercise of Rights or Options). The Board has the discretion to accept or reject such a request and to implement any procedure it considers appropriate to enforce such restrictions.

# 6 Preventing inappropriate benefits

- (a) The Board may do any of the things in rule 6(b) where, in the opinion of the Board:
  - (1) a Participant:
    - (A) has acted fraudulently or dishonestly;
    - (B) has engaged in gross misconduct;
    - (C) has engaged in an act which has brought the Company, the Group or any Group company into disrepute;
    - (D) has breached their duties or obligations to the Group (including acting in breach of the terms and conditions of their employment and / or the Group's Code of Conduct, as amended or replaced from time to time);
    - (E) is convicted of an offence or has a judgment entered against them in connection with the affairs of the Group; or
  - (2) a Participant's Incentive Securities Vest or may Vest as a result of the fraud, dishonesty, negligence or breach of duties or obligations of any other person and, in the opinion of the Board, the Incentive Securities will not or would not have otherwise Vested; or
  - (3) there is a Financial Misstatement Circumstance; or

- (4) a significant unexpected or unintended consequence or outcome has occurred which impacts the Group or a Group company, including where the original expected performance outcomes which the Incentive Securities were intended to incentivise have not been realised; or
- (5) the Company (or another Group company) is required or entitled to reclaim remuneration from a Participant or reduce a Participant's remuneration outcome under one or more of the following:
  - (A) law;
  - (B) regulation, including a direction from a regulator;
  - (C) contract; or
  - (D) Group policy.
- (b) Subject to rule 4.3(d), the Board may determine that any or all of the following occur:
  - (1) some or all of the following held by or on behalf of the Participant:
    - (A) unvested Rights or Options;
    - (B) Vested but unexercised Rights or Options; and/or
    - (C) Restricted Shares and/or Shares allocated under this EIP,

will lapse or be deemed to be forfeited (as the case may be), and/or

- (2) a Participant must pay or repay (as the case may be) to the Company as a debt:
  - (A) all or part of the net proceeds of sale where Shares allocated under the EIP have been sold;
  - (B) any cash payment received pursuant to these Rules; and/or
  - (C) any dividends or distributions received in respect of Shares allocated under the EIP; and/or
- (3) the restrictions on disposing or otherwise Dealing with a Participant's Restricted Shares are extended.
- (c) In circumstances where:
  - (1) the Board is considering the application of this rule 6;
  - (2) a Participant is under investigation by the Group, a Group company or an external third party; or
  - (3) such other circumstances specified in an Offer,

the Board may determine that any or all of the following will occur:

- (4) the Vesting, exercise and/or allocation of a Participant's Incentive Securities may be delayed or suspended (as appropriate); or
- (5) the restrictions on disposing or otherwise Dealing with a Participant's Restricted Shares are extended.

## 7 Forfeiture of Shares

(a) Where Shares (including Restricted Shares) are forfeited in accordance with these Rules and the Shares are held by the Participant, the Participant is

deemed to have agreed to dispose of their legal and/or beneficial interest (as appropriate) in such Shares for nil consideration for all of their Shares and the Shares will be transferred into the name of the Company's nominee who will then hold full legal and beneficial title to those Shares.

- (b) Where Shares (including Restricted Shares) are forfeited in accordance with these Rules and the Shares are held by the Trustee, the Participant's rights in the Shares will be extinguished for nil consideration and the Shares will be held as general trust property in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed. The Board may, at any time in the future, direct the Trustee to hold the Shares for the benefit of a different or new Participant.
- (c) Where a Participant forfeits Shares allocated to him or her on exercise of Options pursuant to these Rules, the Company will repay to the Participant any Exercise Price paid by the Participant in respect of the forfeited Shares.

## 8 Cessation of employment

#### 8.1 Board discretion on cessation

- (a) The Board, in its discretion, may determine that some or all of a Participant's unvested Incentive Securities, as applicable:
  - (1) lapse;
  - (2) are forfeited;
  - (3) Vest (immediately or subject to conditions);
  - (4) are only exercisable for a prescribed period and will otherwise lapse; and/or
  - (5) are no longer subject to some of the restrictions (including any Vesting Condition) that previously applied,

as a result of the Participant ceasing to be an employee of the Group.

- (b) The Board may specify in the Offer to the Participant (in accordance with rule 1.2) how the Participant's Incentive Securities will be treated on cessation of employment. The applicable treatment may vary depending on the circumstances in which the Participant's employment ceases. In specifying a cessation treatment to apply to an Offer, the Board may preserve some or all of its discretion under rule 8.1.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything else in this rule 8, where:
  - (1) a Participant ceases their employment with a Group company; and
  - (2) the reason for the cessation is due to the transfer of the Participant's employment to another Group company or to a joint venture in which a Group company participates;

the Participant will be treated as though their employment did not cease and rules 8.1(a) and 8.2 do not apply, unless the Board determines otherwise.

#### 8.2 Post cessation discretions

- (a) The Board may exercise any of the post cessation discretions in rule 8.2(b) in respect of a Participant who has:
  - (1) ceased to be employed by the Group; and
(2) received or may receive remuneration or favourable treatment under the EIP or any other plan or agreement with the Group in connection with their cessation of employment (including where entitlements Vest or remain on foot after cessation of employment in accordance with their terms),

where the Board determines in good faith that:

- (3) the Participant has breached a Post Cessation Covenant; or
- (4) a change in the Participant's circumstances since he or she ceased to be employed by the Group means it is no longer appropriate for the Participant to retain the benefits outlined in rule 8.2(a)(2) above. Such circumstances may include, for example, where the Participant commences employment with a Competitor, or where the Participant purported to retire from the workforce and subsequently recommences employment.
- (b) For the purposes of rule 8.2(a), the Board may do any one or more of the following:
  - deem any unvested Incentive Securities of the Participant to have lapsed or be forfeited with effect from the date determined by the Board;
  - (2) deem all or any Shares (including Restricted Shares) allocated to a Participant on Vesting of Incentive Securities, which are still held by or on behalf of the Participant, to be forfeited;
  - (3) where any Shares allocated to a Participant on Vesting of Incentive Securities have been sold by or on behalf of the Participant, require the Participant to pay all or part of the net proceeds of that sale to the Company as a debt; and/or
  - (4) where cash has been allocated to a Participant on Vesting of Incentive Securities, including in the form of a dividend or equivalent payment made under rule 11, require the Participant to repay all or part of the cash to the Company as a debt.

### 8.3 Approved leave of absence

Subject to applicable laws, at the discretion of the Board (acting reasonably), a Participant who is granted an approved leave of absence and who exercises their right to return to work under any applicable award, enterprise agreement, other agreement, statute or regulation may be treated as not having ceased to be an employee for the purposes of this rule 8. Whether a Participant who is granted leave without pay is deemed to have ceased employment will be determined with reference to the Group's policies and any applicable laws.

# 9 Change of Control

### 9.1 Change of Control Events

- (a) Where there is a Change of Control Event, the Board may determine that all or a specified number of a Participant's Incentive Securities Vest or cease to be subject to restrictions (as applicable). For the avoidance of doubt:
  - (1) a Change of Control Event does not include an internal reorganisation of the structure, business and/or assets of the Group; and

- (2) subject to rule 9.1(b), if the Board does not make a determination pursuant to this rule 9.1(a), then all of a Participant's Incentive Securities will remain on foot subject to the original terms of grant.
- (b) Without limiting rule 9.1(a), where there is an actual change in the Control of the Company then, unless the Board determines otherwise, all unvested Incentive Securities will immediately Vest or cease to be subject to restrictions (as applicable) on a pro rata basis having regard to the portion of the Vesting Period that has elapsed.
- (c) Any unvested Incentive Securities that do not Vest under rule 9.1(a) or 9.1(b), will lapse, unless the Board determines a different treatment.
- (d) Notwithstanding the default treatment set out in these Rules, the Board may specify in the Offer to the Participant (in accordance with rule 1.2) a particular treatment that will apply to unvested Incentive Securities in the context of a Change of Control Event.

### 9.2 Notification of Vesting

Where some or all of a Participant's Incentive Securities Vest pursuant to rule 9.1, the Board will, as soon as reasonably practicable, give written notice to each Participant of the number of Incentive Securities that have Vested.

### 9.3 Treatment of Vested Incentive Securities

- (a) The Board has the discretion to determine the treatment of all Vested Incentive Securities (including those that Vest in accordance with rule 9.1) where a Change of Control Event occurs.
- (b) Without limiting rule 9.3(a), where there is an actual change in the Control of the Company then, unless the Board determines otherwise:
  - (1) all Vested Options, and where Rights are exercisable, all Vested Rights, will be exercisable for a period of 6 months from the actual change in the Control of the Company and will lapse if not exercised within the specified period; and
  - (2) any restrictions on Dealing imposed by the Board on Vested Incentive Securities will cease to have effect.

# 9.4 Acquisition of shares in Acquiring Company

- (a) If:
  - (1) a company (**Acquiring Company**) obtains Control of the Company as a result of a Change of Control Event; and
  - (2) the Company and the Acquiring Company agree,

subject to applicable laws (including the Listing Rules) a Participant may, upon:

- (3) Vesting (and, if applicable, exercise) of Rights; or
- (4) exercise of Options,

be provided with shares of the Acquiring Company or its parent or subsidiary in lieu of Shares in such manner as the Company and the Acquiring Company may agree (including by a replacement security or exchange of Shares issued on Vesting or exercise) and on substantially the same terms and on substantially the same conditions but with any necessary or appropriate adjustments to the number and kind of shares. (b) If rule 9.4(a) applies, the Participant appoints the Company as their agent to do anything needed to give effect to this arrangement, including agreeing to become a member of the Acquiring Company or its parent (as applicable).

### 9.5 Divestment of material business or subsidiary

- (a) Where the Company divests a business designated by the Board for this purpose as "material", the Board may make special rules that apply to some or all of the Participant's Incentive Securities.
- (b) Without limiting the Board's discretion in rule 9.5(a), such rules may include varying the Vesting Condition and/or any other relevant conditions advised to a Participant and deeming that a Participant remain an employee of the Group for a specific period for the purposes of the relevant Offers.
- As soon as reasonably practicable after making any special rules under this rule 9.5, the Board will give notice in writing of those special rules to any affected Participant.

# 10 Power to adjust Rights and/or Options and the Exercise Price

- (a) Options and Rights carry no entitlement to participate in new issues of Shares by the Company prior to the Vesting and exercise (if applicable) of the Right or Option.
- (b) Subject to rule 10(c), prior to the allocation of Shares (or payment of a cash equivalent) to a Participant upon Vesting (and, if applicable, exercise) of Rights or exercise of Options, the Board may grant additional Rights or Options or make any adjustments it considers appropriate to the terms of a Right and/or Option granted to that Participant in order to minimise or eliminate any material advantage or disadvantage to a Participant resulting from a corporate action by, or capital reconstruction in relation to, the Company, including but not limited to any return of capital. Adjustments that may be made include adjustments to:
  - (1) the number of Rights or Options to which the Participant is entitled;
  - (2) the number of Shares to which the Participant is entitled upon Vesting (and, if applicable, exercise) of Rights or exercise of Options;
  - (3) any amount payable on Vesting of Rights (and if applicable exercise) or exercise of Options (including the Exercise Price); or
  - (4) a combination of paragraphs (1), (2) and/or (3) above.
- (c) Without limiting rule 10(b), if:
  - (1) Shares are issued pro rata to the Company's shareholders generally by way of a rights issue, Options will be adjusted in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 6.22.2 (or any replacement rule);
  - (2) Shares are issued pro rata to the Company's shareholders generally by way of a bonus issue (other than an issue in lieu of dividends or by way of a dividend reinvestment) involving capitalisation of reserves or distributable profits, Options and Rights will be adjusted in the manner allowed or required by the ASX Listing Rules; or
  - (3) any reorganisation (including consolidation, subdivision, reduction or return) of the issued capital of the Company is effected, Options and Rights will be adjusted in the manner required by the ASX Listing Rules.

- (d) Where additional Rights or Options are granted to the Participant under this rule 10, such Rights or Options will be subject to the same terms and conditions as the original Rights or Options granted to the Participant (including without limitation, any Vesting Conditions), unless the Board determines otherwise.
- (e) The Board must, as soon as reasonably practicable after making any additional grants or adjustments under this rule 10, give notice in writing to any affected Participant.

# 11 Dividends and other rights

### 11.1 Dividends and other rights associated with Shares

- (a) Subject to the terms of any Trust Deed (if applicable) or Offer, the following rules apply in respect of Shares allocated to, or on behalf of, a Participant under this EIP (including Restricted Shares allocated under rule 4.1):
  - the Participant is entitled to receive all dividends and other distributions or benefits payable to the Participant or to the Trustee in respect of the Shares;
  - (2) the Participant is entitled to exercise, or to direct the Trustee in writing how to exercise, the voting rights attaching to the Shares, either generally or in a particular case;
  - (3) any bonus shares that are issued in respect of the Shares will be issued to the Participant, or to the Trustee on the Participant's behalf, and will be held by the Participant or Trustee as Shares subject to the same terms, conditions and restrictions on Dealing (if any) as the Shares in respect of which they were issued; and
  - (4) if rights arise on a rights issue in respect of the Shares, the Participant may Deal with or exercise those rights, or instruct the Trustee (if applicable) in relation to those rights in accordance with the Trust Deed. If the Shares are held by the Trustee on the Participant's behalf and the Participant does not instruct the Trustee how to Deal with the rights, the rights will be Dealt with in accordance with the Trust Deed.

# 11.2 Dividend equivalent payments and other rights associated with Rights and Options

- (a) Unless or until Shares are allocated to a Participant following Vesting or exercise of their Rights or Options (as applicable), the Participant has no interest in those Shares in respect of which the Right or Option was granted.
- (b) Notwithstanding rule 11.2(a), the Board may determine at the time an Offer is made that a dividend equivalent payment will be paid to a Participant who becomes entitled to an allocation of Shares (or equivalent cash amount) following the Vesting or exercise of Rights or Options under that Offer (minus any applicable tax).
- (c) A Participant will have no right to receive a dividend equivalent payment made in respect of any Rights or Options that lapse in accordance with the EIP.
- (d) Subject to the terms of any Offer, a dividend equivalent payment:
  - (1) will be an amount determined by the Company that will be approximately equal to the amount of dividends that would have been

payable to the Participant had they been the owner of the Shares referred to in rule 11.2(b) during the Vesting Period;

- (2) will not be grossed up or otherwise adjusted to account for any tax consequences which would have applied if the Participant had actually been paid a dividend; and
- (3) may be satisfied through the allocation of Shares or payment of cash.

# 12 Withholding

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Rules, if a Group company, the Trustee or a plan administrator is obliged, or reasonably believes it may have an obligation, as a result of or in connection with any:
  - (1) grant of Incentive Securities;
  - (2) allocation of Shares under the EIP;
  - (3) payment of a cash equivalent amount; or
  - (4) payment of a dividend equivalent amount,

to account for the following liability of a Participant:

- (5) income tax or employment taxes under any wage, withholding or other arrangements; or
- (6) any other tax, social security contributions or levy or charge of a similar nature,

then the relevant Group company, Trustee or plan administrator is entitled to withhold or be reimbursed by the Participant for the amount or amounts so paid or payable.

- (b) Where rule 12(a) applies, the relevant Group company, the Trustee or plan administrator is not obliged to grant any Incentive Securities, to allocate Shares or to make a cash payment in accordance with these Rules unless the Company is satisfied that arrangements for payment or reimbursement of the amounts referred to in rule 12(a) have been made. Those arrangements may include, without limitation:
  - the provision by the Participant of sufficient funds to reimburse the relevant Group company, Trustee or plan administrator for the amount (by salary deduction, reduction of any amount owed by the Group to the Participant or otherwise);
  - (2) the sale on behalf of the Participant of Shares allocated pursuant to these Rules for payment or reimbursement of these amounts, as well as the costs of any such sale;
  - (3) a reduction in any amount payable to the Participant in lieu of an allocation of Shares under these Rules;
  - (4) the Participant forgoing their entitlement to an equivalent number of Shares that would otherwise be allocated to the Participant; or
  - (5) lapse or forfeiture of a sufficient number of Rights, Options and/or Shares to satisfy the debt the Participant owes to the relevant Group company, Trustee or plan administrator. Unless the Group company, Trustee or plan administrator (as applicable) and the Participant agree to use a different valuation, any Rights, Options and/or Shares lapsed

or forfeited (as applicable) under this rule will be valued at the Current Market Price on the date of lapse or forfeiture.

(c) Any amounts which are paid or payable for the purposes of these Rules are inclusive of the Group's compulsory superannuation contribution (if applicable).

### 13 Amendments

### 13.1 Power to make amendments

- (a) Subject to rule 13.2, the Board may at any time by resolution:
  - (1) amend or add to (**amend**) all or any of the provisions of the EIP;
  - (2) amend the terms or conditions of any Incentive Security granted under the EIP; or
  - (3) suspend or terminate the operation of the EIP.
- (b) Notwithstanding rule 13.2, the Board may waive, amend or replace any Vesting Condition attaching to an Incentive Security if the Board determines that the original Vesting Condition is no longer appropriate or applicable (including, without limitation, where a Vesting Condition refers to a particular stock market index that is no longer published or there is a corporate action by the Company, including a discounted rights issue, which impacts on the Vesting Condition), provided that the interests of the relevant Participant are not, in the opinion of the Board, materially prejudiced or advantaged relative to the position reasonably anticipated at the time of the grant.

### 13.2 Restrictions on amendments

Without the consent of the Participant, the Board may not exercise its powers under rule 13.1(a) in a manner which reduces the rights of the Participant in respect of any Incentive Security or Share already granted other than an amendment introduced primarily:

- (a) for the purpose of complying with or addressing present or future laws or regulatory developments that apply to one or more of the following:
  - (1) the remuneration and benefits of Participants (collectively or individually);
  - (2) awards of Incentive Securities; and
  - (3) the EIP or incentive plans generally;
- (b) to correct any manifest error or mistake; or
- (c) to take into consideration possible adverse tax implications in respect of the EIP arising from, amongst others, adverse rulings, changes to tax legislation and/or changes in the interpretation of tax legislation by a court of competent jurisdiction.

### 13.3 Notice of amendment

As soon as reasonably practicable after making any amendment under rule 13.1, the Board will give notice in writing of that amendment to any Participant affected by the amendment.

# 14.1 Overseas transfers

If a Participant is transferred to work in another country and, as a result of that transfer:

- the Participant or any Group company would suffer a tax disadvantage in relation to their Incentive Securities (this being demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board);
- (b) the Company would be restricted in its ability to Vest Incentive Securities and/or allocate Shares to the Participant; or
- (c) the Participant would become subject to restrictions on their ability to Deal with the Incentive Securities or any Shares allocated to the Participant in respect of those Incentive Securities because of the security laws or exchange control laws of the country to which he or she is transferred,

then, if the Participant continues to hold an office or employment with the Group, the Board may decide that:

- (d) some or all of the Participant's Restricted Shares will Vest or will be forfeited and replaced with cash or an entitlement to a future cash amount;
- (e) some or all of the Participant's Options or Rights will Vest and, if applicable, become exercisable;
- (f) some or all of the Participant's Options or Rights will be settled in cash in lieu of Shares; or
- (g) any other treatment that the Board determines will apply in relation to some or all of a Participant's Incentive Securities,

with the balance (if any) continuing to be held on the original terms.

### 14.2 Non-Australian residents

The Board may adopt additional rules of the EIP that will apply to a grant made to an Eligible Employee who is a resident in a jurisdiction other than Australia. The remaining provisions of these Rules will apply subject to whatever alterations or additions the Board may determine having regard to any securities, exchange control, taxation or other laws and/or regulations or any other matter that the Board considers directly or indirectly relevant. To the extent of any inconsistency, any additional rules adopted by the Board under this rule will prevail over any other provision of these Rules.

# 15 Miscellaneous

### 15.1 Shares issued under the EIP

- (a) Any Shares issued under the EIP will rank equally in all respects with other Shares for the time being on issue by the Company (for example, having rights with respect to voting, dividends and other distributions, and in the event of a winding up of the Company), except
  - (1) in relation to any rights attaching to such Shares by reference to a record date prior to the date of their issue; or
  - (2) as provided for in accordance with rule 11.1.

(b) If the Company is listed, the Company will apply for quotation of Shares issued under the EIP within the period required by the Listing Rules.

### 15.2 Rights and obligations of Participants

- (a) Unless the subject of an express provision in an employment contract, the rights and obligations of any Participant under the terms of their office, employment or contract with the Group are not affected by their participation in the EIP.
- (b) Participation in the EIP does not confer on any Participant any right to future employment and does not affect any rights which any member of the Group may have to terminate the employment of any Participant.
- (c) These Rules will not form part of and are not incorporated into any contract of any Participant (whether or not they are an employee of the Group).
- (d) The grant of Incentive Securities on a particular basis in any year does not create any right or expectation of the grant of Incentive Securities on the same basis, or at all, in any future year.
- (e) No Participant has any right to compensation for any loss in relation to the EIP, including:
  - any loss or reduction of any rights or expectations under the EIP in any circumstances or for any reason (including termination of employment or the employment relationship);
  - (2) any exercise of a discretion or a decision taken in relation to a grant of Incentive Securities or in relation to the EIP, or any failure to exercise a discretion under these Rules;
  - (3) the operation, suspension, termination or amendment of the EIP; or
  - (4) lapse or forfeiture (as applicable) of any Incentive Securities.
- (f) The Participant irrevocably appoints each company secretary of the Company (or any other officer of the Company authorised by the Board for this purpose) as their attorney to do anything necessary to:
  - (1) allocate Shares to the Participant in accordance with these Rules;
  - (2) effect a forfeiture of Shares in accordance with these Rules (including rule 7 or the terms of an Offer); and
  - (3) execute transfers of Shares in accordance with these Rules,

and the Participant acknowledges that this irrevocable attorney is deemed to be given for valuable consideration.

### 15.3 Power of the Board to administer the EIP

- (a) The EIP is administered by the Board which has power to:
  - (1) determine procedures for administration of the EIP consistent with these Rules including to implement an employee share trust for the purposes of delivering and holding Shares on behalf of Participants upon the grant of Restricted Shares or the Vesting (and, if applicable, exercise) of Rights or exercise of Options; and
  - (2) delegate to any one or more persons for such period and on such conditions as it may determine the exercise of any of its powers or discretions arising under the EIP.

(b) Except as otherwise expressly provided in the EIP, the Board has absolute and unfettered discretion to act or refrain from acting under or in connection with the EIP and in the exercise of any power or discretion under the EIP.

### 15.4 Waiver of terms and conditions

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the EIP, the Board may at any time waive in whole or in part any terms or conditions (including any Vesting Condition) in relation to any Incentive Securities or Shares granted to a Participant.

# 15.5 Application of the constitution of the Company, Corporations Act, and Listing Rules

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the EIP, Incentive Securities and Shares will not be allocated, issued, acquired, transferred or otherwise dealt with under the EIP, and no other benefit will be deliverable under the EIP, if to do so would:
  - (1) contravene the constitution of the Company, the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules, or any other applicable laws (including any applicable foreign law); or
  - (2) require the Company or any Group company to pay, provide, or procure the payment or provision of, any money or benefits to the Participant which would require shareholder approval under Part 2D.2, Division 2 of the Corporations Act.
- (b) Neither the Company nor any Group company has any obligation to seek shareholder approval to deliver any benefit under the EIP that cannot be delivered without shareholder approval.
- (c) The EIP must be operated in accordance with the constitution of the Company, the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules, other applicable laws and regulations (Australian or foreign).

### **15.6 Error in Allocation**

- (a) If any Incentive Security is provided under the EIP in error or by mistake to a person (Mistaken Recipient) who is not the intended recipient, the Mistaken Recipient will have no right or interest, and will be taken never to have had any right or interest in, that Incentive Security and the Incentive Security will immediately lapse or be forfeited (as applicable).
- (b) If any cash payment is paid under the EIP in error or by mistake to a person who is not the intended recipient (**Mistaken Recipient**), the Mistaken Recipient will have no right to retain that cash payment and the Company may take whatever steps it deems reasonably necessary to seek repayment of that cash payment as a debt.

### 15.7 Dispute or disagreement

In the event of any dispute, disagreement or uncertainty as to the interpretation of the EIP or these Rules, or as to any question or right arising from or related to the EIP or to any Incentive Securities or Shares granted under it, the decision of the Board is final and binding.

# 15.8 Communication

Any notice or other communication provided to a Participant under or in connection with the EIP may be given by personal delivery, by post or email, or by posting it on the Company's intranet.

# 15.9 Data protection

Subject to any applicable laws, by participating in the EIP, the Participant consents to the holding and processing of personal data provided by the Participant to the Group, the plan administrator or the Trustee, for all purposes with regard to the operation of the EIP. These include, but are not limited to:

- (a) administering and maintaining Participant records;
- (b) providing information to the Trustee, registrars, brokers, printers or third party administrators of the EIP;
- (c) providing information to any regulatory authority (including the Australian Tax Office) where required under law; and
- (d) providing information to future purchasers of a Group company or the business in which the Participant works.

# 15.10 Tax

Unless otherwise required by law, no Group company is responsible for any Tax which may become payable by a Participant as a consequence of or in connection with the grant of any Incentive Securities, the allocation of any Shares or any Dealing with any Incentive Securities or any Shares.

# 15.11 Laws governing these Rules and the EIP

These Rules, the EIP, and any Incentive Securities granted and Shares allocated under it, are governed by the laws of Western Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia.

# 16 Definition and Interpretation

# 16.1 Definitions

Term	Meaning					
Acquiring Company	has the meaning given in rule 9.4(a).					
ASX	ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the context requires.					
Board	the board of directors of the Company, any committee of the board or a duly authorised person or body to which the board has delegated its powers under these Rules.					
Change of Control	where there is a:					
Event	1 Takeover Bid for Shares; or					
	2 other transaction, event or state of affairs,					
	that, in the Board's opinion, is likely to result in, or should otherwise be treated as, a change in the Control of the Company.					
Code of Conduct	the Company's code of conduct as applicable from time to time.					
Company	Widgie Nickel Limited (ACN 648 687 094).					
Competitor	any business that competes with the Group or a Group company.					
Control	has the meaning given in section 50AA of the Corporations Act.					
Corporations Act	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).					
Current Market Price	the arithmetic average of the daily volume weighted average market price (rounded to the nearest cent) of all Shares traded on the ASX during the previous 20 trading days, or any other					

Term	Meaning				
	calculation as determined by the Board.				
Deal or Dealing	in relation to an Incentive Security or Share (as the case may be), any dealing, including but not limited to:				
	1 a sale, transfer, assignment, encumbrance, option, swap, or any other alienation of all or any part of the rights attaching to the Incentive Security or Share;				
	2 any attempt to do any of the actions set out in paragraph 1 above; and				
	3 any hedging (including any dealing with a derivative instrument) intended to "lock in" a profit relating to an Incentive Security, and any other transactions in financial products that operate to limit the economic risk associated with holding an Incentive Security.				
Director	a director of the Company.				
EIP	Equity Incentive Plan.				
Eligible Employee	an employee of the Group (including a Director employed in an executive capacity) or any other person who is declared by the Board to be eligible to receive a grant of Incentive Securities under the EIP.				
Exercise Price	the amount payable to exercise an Option following Vesting as set out in an Offer (as adjusted or amended in accordance with these Rules).				
Financial Misstatement Circumstance	a material misstatement or omission in the financial statements of a Group company or any other circumstances or events which, in the opinion of the Board, may, or are likely to require re-statement of the Group's financial accounts, including, without limitation, as a result of misrepresentations, errors, omissions, or negligence.				
Group	the Company and each Related Body Corporate of the Company.				
Group company	a member of the Group or any other company designated by the Board to be a Group company for the purposes of these Rules.				
Incentive Security	a Restricted Share, Right and/or Option (as the case may be)				

Term	Meaning					
Listing Rules	the official Listing Rules of the ASX and any other exchange on which the Company is listed as they apply to the Company from time to time.					
Offer	an invitation to an Eligible Employee made by the Board under rule 1.1 to apply for, participate in, or receive (as applicable), a grant of Incentive Securities.					
Option	an entitlement to receive a Share or, in certain circumstances, to a cash payment, subject to satisfaction of applicable conditions (including any Vesting Condition) and compliance with the applicable exercise procedure (including payment of any applicable Exercise Price or compliance with any cashless exercise arrangement approved by the Board).					
Participant	a person who has been allocated an Incentive Security or Share under the terms of these Rules from time to time.					
Post Cessation Covenant	<ul> <li>In respect of a Participant means:</li> <li>a restriction or undertaking owed to the Group in connection with the Participant's former employment with the Group; or</li> <li>any compromise or contractual arrangement in relation to the cessation of the Participant's employment with the Group.</li> </ul>					
Related Body Corporate	has the meaning given in section 50 of the Corporations Act.					
Restricted Share	a Share allocated in accordance with rule 4.1 that is subject to restrictions on Dealing, Vesting Conditions and/or other restrictions or conditions.					
Right	an entitlement to a Share or, in certain circumstances, to a cash payment, subject to satisfaction of applicable conditions (including any Vesting Condition) and compliance with any applicable exercise procedure.					
Rules	the terms and conditions of the EIP as set out in this document as amended from time to time.					
Securities Dealing Policy	the Group policy for Dealing in securities (as amended or replaced from time to time).					

Term	Meaning					
Share	a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company. A reference to a Share includes a reference to a Restricted Share.					
Takeover Bid	has the meaning given in section 9 of the Corporations Act.					
Tax	includes any tax, levy, impost, goods and services tax, deduction, charge, rate, contribution, duty or withholding which is assessed (or deemed to be assessed), levied, imposed or made by any government or any governmental, semi-governmental or judicial entity or authority together with any interest, penalty, fine, charge, fee or other amount assessed (or deemed to be assessed), levied, imposed or made on or in respect of any or all of the foregoing.					
Tax Act	the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth).					
Trust Deed	in relation to an Offer, any trust deed nominated by the Company as the Trust Deed for the purposes of the Offer, as amended from time to time.					
Trustee	the trustee under the Trust Deed.					
Vest or Vesting	the process by which the holder of an Incentive Security becomes entitled to:					
	1 in the case of a Right, exercise the Right (if applicable) or be allocated a Share (or equivalent cash payment) in accordance with rules 2.2 and 2.3;					
	2 in the case of an Option, exercise the Option in accordance with rules 3.2 and 3.3;					
	3 in the case of a Restricted Share, have all restrictions on disposing of or otherwise Dealing with the Restricted Share cease in accordance with rule 4.3 (other than any additional restrictions imposed by the Board under rule 5(d)),					
	following the satisfaction of all Vesting Conditions that apply to that Incentive Security.					
Vesting Condition	performance, service or other conditions that must be satisfied or circumstances which must exist before an Incentive Security Vests under these Rules.					
Vesting Period	the prescribed period for satisfaction of a Vesting Condition, advised to a Participant by the Board under rule 1.2.					

# 16.2 Interpretation

In the EIP, the following rules apply unless a contrary intention appears:

- (a) headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of these Rules unless the context requires otherwise;
- (b) any reference in these Rules to any statute or statutory instrument includes a reference to that statute or statutory instrument as amended, consolidated, reenacted or replaced from time to time;
- (c) a reference to any agreement or document includes a reference to that agreement or document as amended, novated, supplemented or amended from time to time;
- (d) any words denoting the singular include the plural and words denoting the plural include the singular;
- (e) where any word or phrase is given a definite meaning in these Rules, any part of speech or other grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;
- (f) the word "includes" in any form is not a word of limitation; and
- (g) any determination, decision or exercise of power, by the Board will be at its absolute discretion.



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# YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by **10:00am (AWST) on** Wednesday, 23 November 2022.

# **Proxy Form**

### How to Vote on Items of Business

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

### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

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

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

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

A proxy need not be a securityholder of the Company.

### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL FORMS

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

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

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

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

### PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING

#### **Corporate Representative**

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

### Lodge your Proxy Form:

### Online:

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

Your secure access information is



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

By Fax:

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



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

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

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

**Proxy Form** 

Please mark 🗶 to indicate your directions

# Step 1 Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

I/We being a member/s of Widgie Nickel Limited hereby appoint

the Chairman of the Meeting OR	PLEASE NOTE: Leave this box blank if you have selected the Chairman of the Meeting. Do not insert your own name(s).
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or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no directions have been given, and to the extent permitted by law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of Widgie Nickel Limited to be held at Auditorium 2, Ground Floor Tower 2, Brookfield Place (Deloitte building), 123 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA 6000 on Friday, 25 November 2022 at 10:00am (AWST) and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting.

**Chairman authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related resolutions:** Where I/we have appointed the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairman becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise my/our proxy on Resolutions 1 and 4 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolutions 1 and 4 are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel, which includes the Chairman.

**Important Note:** If the Chairman of the Meeting is (or becomes) your proxy you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolutions 1 and 4 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

Step 2	Items of Business	<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> If you mark the <b>Abstain</b> box for an item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands or a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority.					
			For	Against	Abstain		
Resolution 1	Adoption of Remuneration Rep	ort					
Resolution 2	Re-election of Director – Andrew	w Parker					
Resolution 3	Approval of 7.1A Mandate						
Resolution 4	Issue of FY2023 STI Performar	nce Rights to Mr Steve Norregaard					

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

Step 3 Signature o	f Securityhold	er(s) This se	ection must be completed.		
Individual or Securityholder 1	Securityholder 2		Securityholder 3		1 1
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