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# AMENDMENT TO SCHEME IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

Dated 16 April 2021

### **Parties**

PISA OBLIGOR CO 1 PTY LTD (ACN 648 537 017) (the "Acquirer")

TILT RENEWABLES LIMITED (Company Number 1212113) (the "Company")

MERCURY NZ LIMITED (Company Number 936901) ("Mercury")

# **Background**

- A. The parties entered into a scheme implementation agreement ("SIA") on 14 March 2021, which they wish to amend on the terms set out in this amendment agreement in accordance with clause 20.1 of the SIA.
- B. Capitalised terms used but not defined in this amendment agreement have the meanings given to them in the SIA.

# **Agreement**

## 1. DISCONTINUATION OF OTHER DISCUSSIONS

1.1 The Company acknowledges and agrees that upon execution of this amendment agreement it will discontinue, and will not recommence or resume, any discussions with any person (other than the Acquirer and Mercury) ("**Third Party**") in relation to a Competing Proposal or Superior Proposal, and has exercised or will immediately exercise its rights under clause 13.12 ("Return of confidential information") of the SIA in respect of any information provided to the Third Party (as if clause 13.12 applied, with all necessary modifications).

#### 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE SIA

- 2.1 The parties agree that the SIA is amended with immediate effect as follows:
  - (a) in the definition of "Break Fee" in clause 1.1, replacing the reference to "\$29,564,240" with "\$30,701,327";
  - (b) in the definition of "Consideration" in clause 1.1, replacing the reference to "\$7.80" with "\$8.10" and deleting the words "or by virtue of any Counter Proposal that is given effect to";
  - (c) in clause 2.4, deleting the words from and including "For clarity," to and including "fiduciary duties";
  - (d) in clause 2.6, deleting the reference to "14.5(b)";

- (e) in clause 3.4(b)(iii), deleting the words from and including "and provided that" to and including the words "clause 13";
- (f) in clause 5.1(b)(i), deleting the words "(other than correspondence relating to a Competing Proposal)";
- (g) in clause 5.1(b)(ii), deleting the words "(other than correspondence relating to a Competing Proposal)";
- (h) in clause 5.1(b)(iii), deleting the words "(other than issues relating to a Competing Proposal)";
- (i) in clause 6.2, deleting the words "subject to there being no Superior Proposal and";
- (j) deleting clause 8.1(c);
- (k) in clause 8.2(a), deleting the words "Company receives a Superior Proposal or the";
- (l) in clause 8.3(a), deleting the words "in the absence of a Superior Proposal and";
- (m) by deleting clause 9.4(f);
- (n) in clause 13.2, deleting the words "clause 13.3 and";
- (o) by deleting clause 13.3 and substituting for it, the words "Intentionally Omitted";
- (p) in clause 13.4, deleting the words "clause 13.5 and";
- (q) by deleting clause 13.5 and substituting for it, the words "Intentionally Omitted";
- (r) by deleting clause 13.6(b);
- (s) in clause 13.7, deleting from the first sentence the words from and including ", other than in circumstances" to and ending with the words "Competing Proposal";
- (t) in clause 13.8, deleting the words "Matching Rights" from the heading and including the words "Terms of the Scheme" in their place;
- (u) in clause 13.8, deleting the words "which is, or is reasonably likely to constitute, a Superior Proposal";
- (v) by deleting clause 13.8(b) and replacing it with the following:
  - "the Acquirer may at any time offer to amend the terms of the Scheme and this agreement."
- (w) by deleting clause 13.9 and replacing it with the following:
  - "Company response: If the Acquirer makes an offer in terms of clause 13.8(b) the Company must procure that the Board considers the offer in good faith and if the Board determines that the offer is in the best interests of Shareholders then must use their reasonable endeavours to agree and enter into such documentation as is necessary to give effect to the proposal resulting from the offer as soon as reasonably practicable."
- (x) in clause 13.10(a), adding the words "or clause 13.8(a)" after the words "clause 13.6(a)";
- (y) in clause 13.10(b), by deleting the words "subject to clause 13.11,";

- (z) in clause 13.10, by inserting ",13.8(a)" after "clauses 13.6" and before "and 13.9";
- (aa) by deleting clause 13.11 and substituting for it, the words "Intentionally Omitted";
- (bb) in clause 13.12, by deleting the final sentence;
- (cc) by deleting clause 14.5(b);
- (dd) in clause 15.2, by deleting the words "this agreement is terminated and" in the first sentence, and inserting those words at the beginning of clause 15.2(b) before the words "the majority of";
- (ee) by inserting the following after the word "agreement" in line one of clause 15.2(a) ", other than under clause 3.10, 14.2, 14.3, 14.6, 14.7 or where the exception to clause 15.2(c) applies,";
- (ff) in clause 15.2(b), by inserting the words "or accept a takeover offer under the Takeovers Code" after the words "recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of a Competing Proposal";
- (gg) in clause 4 of Schedule 1, by adding the words ", other than any action, claim, litigation, arbitration, prosecution or investigation relating to any Competing Proposal which was notified by the Company to the Acquirer and Mercury prior to 16 April 2021 or by the Company agreeing to enter into the amendment to scheme implementation agreement dated on or about 16 April 2021".

# 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME PLAN

- 3.1 The parties agree that the Scheme Plan is amended with immediate effect as follows:
  - (a) in the definition of "Consideration" in clause 1.1, replacing the reference to "\$7.80" with "\$8.10".

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENT

4.1 The parties agree that immediately after execution of this amendment agreement, the Company will release to NZX and ASX a public announcement in the form set out in the Schedule to this amendment agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the announcement contemplated by this clause 4.1 is an agreed announcement for the purposes of clause 16.2(b) of the SIA.

# 5. GENERAL

- 5.1 The parties agree that the SIA be amended to reflect any consequential renumbering as a result of the amendments in this amendment agreement as well as by removing any defined terms that are no longer used as a result of the amendments in this amendment agreement.
- 5.2 In the event of any conflict and inconsistency between the SIA and this amendment agreement, the SIA will be construed in such manner as required to ensure consistency with this amendment agreement.
- 5.3 Other than as amended by this amendment agreement, the SIA (including the schedules thereto) shall continue in full force and effect.
- 5.4 Clauses 20.1 20.12 (inclusive) of the SIA apply to this amendment agreement, with necessary modifications.

# **Signatures**

TILT RENEWABLES LIMITED by:

Signature of director

Bruce Harker

Name of director

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Signature of director

Anne Urlwin

Name of director

Signed by PISA OBLIGOR CO 1 PTY LTD in accordance with section 127 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) by:

Signature of director

CHERYL BART

Name of director (print)

Signature of director/secretary

Name of director/secretary (print)

MERCURY NZ LIMITED by:

Signature of duly authorised signatory

# WILLIAM MEEK CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Name of signatory

in the presence of:

Name: Samuel More Occupation: Head of MIA Address: ALELA, NZ

# **SCHEDULE**

**Announcement (clause 4.1)** 



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