

ABN 32 009 220 053

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND PROXY FORM

■ Date of Meeting: Thursday, 9 November 2023

Time of Meeting: 10.00am (WST)

Place of Meeting: At the offices of BDO,

Level 9, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2

5 Spring Street, Perth, Western Australia

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

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Annual General Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 9284 4249.

# ATLAS PEARLS LTD

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Atlas Pearls Ltd ("Atlas Pearls" or "the Company") will be held as follows:

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Words and phrases used in the Resolutions are defined in Section 4 of the accompanying Explanatory Statement and these words and phrases have the same meaning in this Notice of Annual General Meeting as defined in the Explanatory Statement.

#### **AGENDA**

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

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

#### **RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT**

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

"That, for the purpose of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023."

Note: Pursuant to section 250R(3) of the Corporations Act, the vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

#### **Voting Exclusion Statement**

The Company will disregard any votes cast on the Resolution by or on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or their Closely Related Parties. However, the Company need not disregard a vote if:

- a) it is cast by a person as a proxy appointed by writing that specifies how the proxy is to vote on the proposed Resolution or the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment of the Chair as proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the resolution and expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if the resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel; and
- it is not cast on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or their Closely Related Parties.



Further, a Restricted Voter who is appointed as a proxy will not vote on the Resolution unless:

- a) the appointment specifies the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution; or
- b) the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel. Shareholders should note that the Chair intends to vote any undirected proxies in favour of the Resolution.

Shareholders may also choose to direct the Chair to vote against the Resolution or to abstain from voting.

If any of the persons named above purport to cast a vote other than as permitted above, that vote will be disregarded by the Company (as indicated above) and those persons may be liable for breaching the voting restrictions that apply to them under the Corporations Act.

#### RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR MR CADELL BUSS

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

"That, Mr Cadell Buss, who retires by rotation in accordance with section 10.7(b) of the Company's Constitution and Listing Rule 14.5 and, being eligible, offers himself for election, be re-elected as a Director."

#### **RESOLUTION 3 – ELECTION OF DIRECTOR MR JOSÉ MARTINS**

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

"That, for the purpose of section 10.3 of the Company's Constitution, Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, Mr José Martins, a Director appointed on 17 May 2023 retires and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

#### **Questions and Comments**

The Chairman will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders to ask questions about or make comments on the management of the Company.

Dated this 6 October 2023

By order of the Board of Directors

Susan Park Company Secretary



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **QUESTIONS**

Shareholders may submit questions in advance of the Meeting by email to the Company Secretary at atlas@atlaspearls.com.au by 5.00pm (WST) on Tuesday, 7 November 2023. Shareholders who physically attend the Meeting will also have the opportunity to submit questions during the Meeting.

Shareholders should contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 9284 4249 if they have any queries in relation to the Meeting arrangements.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Shareholders are referred to the Explanatory Statement accompanying and forming part of this Notice of Annual General Meeting for further explanation of the Resolutions.

#### **PROXIES**

Members are encouraged to attend the meeting, but if you are unable to attend the meeting, we encourage you to complete and return the enclosed Proxy Form.

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

- each Shareholder has the 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 member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

To be effective, a Proxy Form and, if the Proxy Form is signed by the shareholder's attorney, the authority under which the appointment is signed (or a certified copy of that authority) must be received by the Company not later than 48 hours before the time specified for the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES**

A body corporate that is a Shareholder, or which has been appointed as proxy, may appoint an individual to act as its representative at the Annual General Meeting. The appointment must comply with the requirements of section 250D of the Corporations Act. The representative should bring to the meeting evidence of his or her appointment, including any authority under which it is signed, unless it has previously been given to the Company.

#### DATE FOR DETERMINING HOLDERS OF SHARES

In accordance with Regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth), the Directors have set a date to determine the identity of those entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. For the purposes of determining voting entitlements at the Annual General Meeting, Shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as holding at 4.00pm (WST) on Tuesday, 7 November 2023. Accordingly, transactions registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.



# ATLAS PEARLS LTD

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# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to assist Shareholders with their consideration of the Resolutions proposed for the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at the offices of BDO, Level 9, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, 5 Spring Street, Perth, Western Australia at 10.00am (WST) on Thursday, 9 November 2023.

The purpose of this Explanatory Statement is to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions. Terms and abbreviations used in this Explanatory Statement are defined in the Glossary.

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Corporations Act, the business of the Annual General Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the Company's financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, together with the declaration of the directors, Directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the Auditor's report. The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The Annual Report is available on the Company's website at www.atlaspearls.com.au.

There is no formal resolution to be put in respect of this matter. However, Shareholders will be given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions in respect of the above reports.

A representative of the Company's Auditor will be present at the Meeting and Shareholders will have the opportunity to ask the Auditor questions in relation to the conduct of the audit, the Auditor's report, the Company's accounting policies and the independence of the Auditor.

#### 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 Company's Remuneration Report is set out in the Company's Annual Report which is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.atlaspearls.com.au/pages/annual-reports">https://www.atlaspearls.com.au/pages/annual-reports</a>.

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.

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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.

At the Company's previous annual general meeting, the votes cast against the remuneration report were less than 25%.

#### 3. RESOLUTION 2 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR MR CADELL BUSS

Clause 10.7(b) of the Constitution requires that when required to do so by the Corporations Act or the Listing Rules, the Company must hold an election of directors. Listing Rule 14.5 requires the Company to hold an election of Directors at each annual general meeting.

Mr Buss was last re-elected a Director of the Company at the 2020 annual general meeting. In accordance with clause 10.7(b) of the Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.5, Mr Buss is required to retire and being eligible for election, offers himself for re-election.

Mr Buss was appointed to the Board as an independent Non-Executive Director on 1 February 2018. Details on Mr Buss' qualifications and experience are included below:

#### CADELL BUSS MBA, MPM, GAICD

Mr Buss is a multi-industry senior executive with over 20 years' experience locally and internationally in marketing, project development and capital markets.

Mr Buss' career commenced in sales, progressing into senior leadership engagements at leading commercial enterprises, including Fosters Group Limited and Guinness International. He is the former Chief Executive Officer of DJ Carmichael Pty Ltd in Perth. He is currently the Managing Director of ASX listed Chilwa Minerals Limited (ASX:CML).

Mr Buss brings to the Board skills ranging from corporate branding and marketing, new business development as well as strategic mergers and financial acuity. He has honed his skills overseeing international brand launches in his previous roles and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, holds a Masters of Project Management and a Masters of Business Administration from Murdoch University.

If elected, the Board considers Mr Buss will be an independent Non-executive Director.

Based on Mr Buss' relevant experience and qualifications the members of the Board, in the absence of Mr Buss, support the re-election of Mr Buss as a director of the Company and recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

#### 4. RESOLUTION 3 – ELECTION OF DIRECTOR MR JOSÉ MARTINS

Section 10.2(b) of the Constitution allows the Directors to appoint a natural person to be a Director, either to fill a causal vacancy or as an addition to the existing number of Directors. Under section 10.3, any Director so appointed holds office only until the following annual general meeting of the Company and is then eligible for re-election.

Mr José Martins was appointed to the Board as an independent Non-Executive Director on 17 May 2023.

Mr Martins will retire in accordance with clause 10.3 of the Constitution and, being eligible, seeks election.

Details on Mr Martins' qualifications and experience are included below:



## JOSÉ MARTINS BAcc, GAICD

Mr Martins is a highly regarded finance executive with over 25 years' experience in the management of public and private companies. He has previously held CFO roles with Macmahon Holdings Limited, Ausdrill Limited (now part of Perenti), and Alliance Mining Commodities Limited.

Mr Martins qualified as a Chartered Accountant in South Africa, and holds a Bachelor of Accountancy (with distinction) from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

If elected, the Board considers Mr Martins will be an independent Director.

Based on Mr Martins' relevant experience and qualifications the members of the Board, in the absence of Mr Martins, support the re-election of Mr Martins as a director of the Company and recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

#### 5. **GLOSSARY**

**Annual Report** means the Company's annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**Annual General** Meeting or Meeting

means the annual general meeting of Shareholders to be held at the offices of BDO, Level 9, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, 5 Spring Street, Perth, Western

Australia at 10.00am (WST) on Thursday, 9 November 2023.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691), or as the context requires, the

financial market operated by it.

Atlas or Atlas

**Pearls** 

means Atlas Pearls Ltd (ABN 32 009 220 053).

**Auditor** means BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd.

**Board** means the board of Directors of the Company. **Chair or Chairman** means the chair of the Annual General Meeting.

**Closely Related** 

**Party** 

has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.

means Atlas Pearls Ltd (ABN 32 009 220 053). Company

Constitution means the Company's constitution.

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

**Explanatory** means this explanatory statement attached to the Notice of Annual General

Statement Meeting.

**Key Management** Personnel

**Corporations Act** 

has the same meaning as in Australian accounting standards. Broadly speaking this includes those persons with the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company (whether directly or

indirectly), and includes any Directors.

means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

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

**Notice or Notice** of Annual General Meeting

means the notice of Annual General Meeting accompanying this Explanatory Statement.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form enclosed with the Notice of Annual General Meeting.

**Related Party** means a party so defined by section 228 of the Corporations Act. Remuneration means the remuneration report as contained in the Annual Report.

Report

Resolution means a resolution proposed to be passed at the Annual General Meeting and

contained in the Notice of Annual General Meeting.

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Restricted Voter means Key Management Personnel and their Closely Related Parties as at the

date of the Meeting.

**Section** means a section of the Explanatory Statement.

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

Shareholder means a person, corporation or body holding a Share on the register of

shareholders.

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



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## Need assistance?



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#### Online:

www.investorcentre.com/contact



# YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by 10:00am (WST) on Tuesday, 7 November 2023.

# **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



**Control Number:** 

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For Intermediary Online subscribers (custodians) go to www.intermediaryonline.com

#### By Mail:

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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