



**ATLAS PEARLS LTD**

ABN 32 009 220 053

# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO SHAREHOLDERS**

**Date of Meeting**

Tuesday, 29 October 2024

**Time of Meeting**

9.30am (AWST)

**Place of Meeting**

At the offices of BDO, Level 9, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, 5 Spring Street, Perth, Western Australia

**A Proxy Form is enclosed or has otherwise been provided to you**

Please read this Notice and Explanatory Memorandum carefully.

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting please complete and return the Proxy Form in accordance with the specified directions.

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# Atlas Pearls Ltd

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Atlas Pearls Ltd ABN 32 009 220 053 will be held at the offices of BDO, Level 9, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, 5 Spring Street, Perth, Western Australia on Tuesday, 29 October 2024 at 9.30am (AWST) for the purpose of transacting the following business referred to in this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

### AGENDA

#### Financial Reports

To receive and consider the financial report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024, together with the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report as set out in the Annual Report.

#### 1 Resolution 1 – Non-Binding Resolution to adopt Remuneration Report

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

*"That the Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 as set out in the 2024 Annual Report be adopted."*

**Note:** The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. Shareholders are encouraged to read the Explanatory Memorandum for further details on the consequences of voting on this Resolution.

**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*
- (b) 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.*

## 2 Resolution 2 – Re-election of Mr Timothy Martin as a Director

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

*"That Mr Timothy Martin, who ceases to hold office in accordance with clause 10.7(a) of the Company's Constitution and Listing Rule 14.4, and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."*

## 3 Resolution 3 – Approval of Employee Awards Plan

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

*"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b) and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the Employee Awards Plan, a summary of the rules of which are set out in Annexure A to the Explanatory Memorandum, and the issue of up to a maximum of 21,800,000 Incentives under the Employee Awards Plan to employees and Directors known as "Eligible Employees" on the terms and conditions described in the Explanatory Memorandum."*

**Voting exclusion statement:** The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the Resolution by or on behalf of:

- (a) a person who is eligible to participate in the employee incentive scheme; or
- (b) an Associate of those persons.

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 of the Meeting as a 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;
- (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 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.

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.

## 4 Resolution 4 – Appointment of Auditor

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

*"That, for the purposes of section 327B(1) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, as a result of BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd restructuring its audit practice, BDO Audit Pty Ltd, having been nominated by a Shareholder and consented in writing to act as Auditor of the Company, be appointed as Auditor of the Company, effective immediately."*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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**To deal with any other business which may be brought forward in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act.**

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Details of the definitions and abbreviations used in this Notice are set out in the Glossary to the Explanatory Memorandum.

**By order of the Board**



**Susan Park**  
Company Secretary

Dated: 27 September 2024

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## How to vote

Shareholders can vote by either:

- attending the Meeting and voting in person or by attorney or, in the case of corporate Shareholders, by appointing a corporate representative to attend and vote; or
- appointing a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf using the Proxy Form accompanying this Notice and by submitting their proxy appointment and voting instructions in person, by post, electronically via the internet or by facsimile.

### Voting in person (or by attorney)

Shareholders, or their attorneys, who plan to attend the Meeting are asked to arrive at the venue 15 minutes prior to the time designated for the Meeting, if possible, so that their holding may be checked against the Company's share register and their attendance recorded. In accordance with the Corporations Act, to be effective a certified copy of the Power of Attorney, or the original Power of Attorney, must be received by the Company in the same manner, and by the same time as outlined for proxy forms below.

### Voting by a Corporation

A Shareholder that is a corporation may appoint an individual to act as its representative and vote in person at the Meeting. The appointment must comply with the requirements of section 250D of the Corporations Act.

### Voting by proxy

- A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies. Each proxy will have the right to vote on a poll and also to speak at the Meeting.
- The appointment of the proxy must specify the manner in which the proxy is to vote in respect of a particular Resolution. If a Shareholder appoints two proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or the number of votes each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half the vote.
- A proxy need not be a Shareholder.
- The proxy can be either an individual or a body corporate.
- If a proxy is not directed how to vote on an item of business, the proxy may generally vote, or abstain from voting, as they think fit. However, where a Restricted Voter is appointed as a proxy, the proxy may only vote on Resolutions 1 and 3 in accordance with a direction on how the proxy is to vote or, if the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment 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.

- Should any resolution, other than those specified in this Notice, be proposed at the Meeting, a proxy may vote on that resolution as they think fit.
  - If a proxy is instructed to abstain from voting on an item of business, they are directed not to vote on the Shareholder's behalf on the poll and the Shares that are the subject of the proxy appointment will not be counted in calculating the required majority.
  - Shareholders who return their Proxy Forms with a direction how to vote, but who do not nominate the identity of their proxy, will be taken to have appointed the Chair of the Meeting as their proxy to vote on their behalf. If a Proxy Form is returned but the nominated proxy does not attend the Meeting, the Chair of the Meeting will act in place of the nominated proxy and vote in accordance with any instructions. Proxy appointments in favour of the Chair of the Meeting, the secretary or any Director that do not contain a direction how to vote will be used, where possible, to support each of the Resolutions proposed in this Notice, provided they are entitled to cast votes as a proxy under the voting exclusion rules which apply to some of the proposed Resolutions. These rules are explained in this Notice.
  - To be effective, proxies must be received by 9.30am (AWST) on Sunday, 27 October 2024. Proxies received after this time will be invalid. Proxies may be lodged using any of the following methods:
    - Online:**  
Lodge your vote online at [www.investorvote.com.au](http://www.investorvote.com.au) using your secure access information or use your mobile device to scan the personalised QR code on your Proxy Form.
    - By post:**  
Mail to Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited, GPO Box 242, Melbourne Victoria 3001, Australia
    - By fax:**  
Fax to 1800 783 447 within Australia or +61 3 9473 2555 outside Australia.
- The Proxy Form must be signed by the Shareholder or the Shareholder's attorney. Proxies given by corporations must be executed in accordance with the Corporations Act. Where the appointment of a proxy is signed by the appointer's attorney, a certified copy of the Power of Attorney, or the power itself, must be received by the Company at the above address, or by facsimile, and by 9.30am (AWST) on Sunday, 27 October 2024. If facsimile transmission is used, the Power of Attorney must be certified.

**Shareholders who are entitled to vote**

In accordance with paragraphs 7.11.37 and 7.11.38 of the Corporations Regulations, the Board has determined that a person's entitlement to vote at the Annual General Meeting will be the entitlement of that person set out in the Register of Shareholders as at 4:00pm (AWST) on Sunday, 27 October 2024.

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Explanatory Memorandum is intended to provide Shareholders with sufficient information to assess the merits of the Resolutions contained in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Certain abbreviations and other defined terms are used throughout this Explanatory Memorandum. Defined terms are generally identifiable by the use of an upper case first letter. Details of the definitions and abbreviations are set out in the Glossary to the Explanatory Memorandum.

### **1 Financial Reports**

The first item of the Notice deals with the presentation of the consolidated annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, together with the Directors' declaration and report in relation to that financial year and the Auditor's Report on the financial report. Shareholders should consider these documents and raise any matters of interest with the Directors when this item is being considered.

No resolution is required to be moved in respect of this item.

Shareholders will be given a reasonable opportunity at the Annual General Meeting to ask questions and make comments on the accounts and on the management of the Company.

The Chair will also give Shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask the Auditor or the Auditor's representative questions relevant to:

- (a) the conduct of the audit;
- (b) the preparation and content of the independent audit report;
- (c) the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (d) the independence of the Auditor by the Company in relation to the conduct of the audit.

The Chair will also allow a reasonable opportunity for the Auditor or their representative to answer any written questions submitted to the Auditor under section 250PA of the Corporations Act.

### **2 Resolution 1 – Non-Binding Resolution to Adopt Remuneration Report**

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act requires the Company to put to its Shareholders a resolution that the Remuneration Report as disclosed in the Company's 2024 Annual Report be adopted. The Remuneration Report is set out in the Company's 2024 Annual Report and is also available on the Company's website (<https://atlaspearls.com.au/pages/annual-report-fy24>).

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

However, if at least 25% of the votes cast are against adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive annual general meetings, the Company will be required to put a resolution to the second Annual General Meeting (**Spill Resolution**), to approve calling a general meeting (**Spill Meeting**). If more than 50% of Shareholders vote in favour of the Spill Resolution, the Company must then convene a Spill Meeting within 90 days of the second Annual General Meeting. All of the Directors who were in office when the applicable Directors' Report was approved, other than the Managing Director, will need to stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting if they wish to continue as Directors.

The remuneration report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 did not receive a vote of more than 25% against its adoption at the Company's last general meeting held on 9 November 2023. Accordingly, if at least 25% of the votes cast on this Resolution are against adoption of the Remuneration Report it will not result in the Company putting a Spill Resolution to Shareholders.

The Remuneration Report explains the Board policies in relation to the nature and level of remuneration paid to Directors, sets out remuneration details for each Director and any service agreements and sets out the details of any equity based compensation.

The Chair will give Shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about, or make comments on, the Remuneration Report.

### **Voting**

Note that a voting exclusion applies to this Resolution in the terms set out in the Notice.

Shareholders are urged to carefully read the Proxy Form and provide a direction to the proxy on how to vote on this Resolution.

### **3 Resolution 2 – Re-Election of Mr Timothy Martin as a Director**

Resolution 2 seeks approval for the re-election of Mr Timothy Martin as a Director with effect from the end of the Meeting.

Pursuant to clause 10.7(a) of the Constitution and Listing Rule 14.4, Mr Timothy Martin retires by way of rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election as a Director.

#### **Qualifications**

Mr Timothy Martin has been an executive manager at Coogee Chemicals Pty Ltd since 2005. He held the position of Managing Director from 2012 to 2015 and was appointed Executive Chairman in July 2015. Prior to working at Coogee, Mr Martin worked in management roles within the packaged food manufacturing sector, supplying to national supermarket chains, and has ongoing interests in commercial property development. In 2013, Mr Martin graduated from Harvard University completing their OPM (Owner/President Management) Program.

Mr Martin is a former Director of Plastics and Chemicals Industries Association (PACIA) and a former Director of the Kwinana Industries Council.

#### **Other material directorships**

Mr Timothy Martin does not currently hold any other material directorship positions.

#### **Independence**

The Board considers that Mr Timothy Martin, if elected, will not be classified as an independent director as Mr Martin and his associates (as that term is defined in the Corporations Act) hold a substantial shareholding in the Company.

#### **Board recommendation**

The Board, in the absence of Mr Timothy Martin, supports the election of Mr Timothy Martin as a director of the Company.



## 4 Resolution 3 – Approval of Employee Awards Plan

### 4.1 Purpose of the Plan

The Directors considered that it was desirable to establish an updated incentive plan under which persons who are employees or directors of, or individuals who provide services to, a Group Company (**Eligible Employees**) may be offered the opportunity to subscribe for Shares, Options or Performance Rights (**Incentives**) in the Company in order to increase the range of potential incentives available to them and to strengthen links between the Company and its employees and Directors and accordingly adopted the Employee Awards Plan (**Plan**).

The Board has decided to update the Plan to align with the requirements of Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act, which was introduced in late 2022.

The Plan is designed to provide incentives to the employees and Directors of the Company and to recognise their contribution to the Company's success. Under the Company's current circumstances, the Directors consider that the proposed incentives under the Plan to employees and Directors are a cost effective and efficient incentive for the Company as opposed to alternative forms of incentives such as cash bonuses or increased remuneration. To enable the Company to secure employees and Directors who can assist the Company in achieving its objectives, it is necessary to provide remuneration and incentives to such personnel. The Plan is designed to achieve this objective, by encouraging continued improvement in performance over time and by encouraging personnel to acquire and retain significant shareholdings in the Company.

Under the Plan, the Board may offer to Eligible Employees the opportunity to subscribe for such number of Incentives in the Company as the Board may decide and on the terms set out in the rules of the Plan, a summary of which is set out in Annexure A to this Explanatory Memorandum and in the offer made to the Eligible Employees under the Plan. Incentives granted under the Plan will be offered to Eligible Employees on the basis of the Board's view of the contribution of that Eligible Employee to the Company.

The maximum number of Incentives proposed to be issued under the Plan following Shareholder approval is expected to be 21,800,000 Incentives. Once this number is reached, the Company will need to seek fresh approval from Shareholders if the subsequent issue of Incentives is to fall within Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13.

### 4.2 Shareholder approval requirements

Shareholder approval is sought under Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b) and for all other purposes for the approval of the Plan and the grant of Incentives under the Plan.

Shareholder approval is required if any issue of Incentives pursuant to the Plan is to fall within the exception to the calculation of the 15% limit imposed by Listing Rule 7.1 on the number of Equity Securities which may be issued without Shareholder approval. Accordingly, Shareholder approval is sought for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b) which provides that Listing Rule 7.1 does not apply to an issue of Equity Securities under an employee incentive scheme that has been approved by the holders of ordinary securities within three years of the date of issue.

Prior Shareholder approval will be required before any Director or related party of the Company can participate in the Plan.

Section 257B(1) of the Corporations Act sets out the procedure for various forms of share buy-backs, including an "employee share buy-back". In order for the Company to undertake a buy-back of Incentives under the Plan (for example, if Incentives held by an Eligible Employee become subject to compulsory divestiture in accordance with the Plan) using this simplified procedure, the Plan must be approved by Shareholders.

### 4.3 Information requirements under Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b)

In accordance with the requirements of Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b), the following information is provided to Shareholders:

- (a) a summary of the terms of the Plan is contained in Annexure A to this Explanatory Memorandum;
- (b) a previous employee incentive plan was approved by Shareholders on 29 April 2022;
- (c) no Equity Securities have been issued under the Plan;
- (d) a total of 4,000,000 Equity Securities have been issued pursuant to the previous employee incentive plan;
- (e) the maximum number of Incentives proposed to be issued under the Plan under Exception 13(b) to Listing Rule 7.2 following approval of this Resolution is 21,800,000 Incentives; and
- (f) a voting exclusion statement has been included in the Notice for the purposes of this Resolution.

### 4.4 Consequences of passing the Resolution

If the Resolution is passed, the Company will be able to issue Incentives under the Plan up the maximum number set out in this Notice. In addition, those issues of Incentives will be excluded from the calculation of the number of Equity Securities that the Company can issue without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1. In addition, any share buy-back undertaken in accordance with the terms of the Plan will constitute an "employee share buy-back" for the purposes of the Corporations Act, enabling the Company to undertake a buy-back of Incentives without the need for separate shareholder approval at the time of the buy-back, subject to any applicable limits imposed by the Corporations Act. This would apply to both Incentives currently on issue and any Incentives issued after Shareholder approval is obtained at the Meeting.

If the Resolution is not passed, the Company will be able to proceed to issue Incentives under the Plan, however the issue of those Incentives will not fall within the exception to the calculation of the 15% limit imposed by Listing Rule 7.1 and therefore effectively decreasing the number of Equity Securities which may be issued without Shareholder approval. In addition, the Company will not be able to undertake a share buy-back in relation to the Incentives for the purposes of the Corporations Act without obtaining separate shareholder approval for each buy-back.

The Company has no specific plan to undertake an employee share buy-back in relation to any Incentives currently on issue, however Resolution 3 provides the Company the authority to do so in an efficient manner if it is necessary to do so in the future.

## 5 Resolution 4 – Appointment of Auditor

### 5.1 Background

As announced on 17 June 2024, the Company appointed BDO Audit Pty Ltd (**BDO Audit**) as the new auditor of the Company following the resignation of the Company's previous auditor, BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd (**BDO WA**) after it had received consent from ASIC to resign as the Company's auditor in accordance with section 329(5) of the Corporations Act.

The change to the Company's auditor is a result of BDO WA restructuring its audit practice whereby the Company's audits will be conducted by BDO Audit, an authorised audit company, rather than BDO WA. In effect, there will be no change to the auditor of the Company.

Under section 327C(2) of the Corporations Act, any auditor appointed under section 327C(1) of the Corporations Act holds office until the company's next annual general meeting. The Company is therefore required to appoint an auditor of the Company to fill the vacancy in the office of auditor at this Meeting pursuant to section 327B of the Corporations Act.

Section 328B(1) of the Corporations Act requires that written notice of nomination of a new auditor be received from a member of the Company. The Company has received such a nomination from Cadon Holdings Pty Ltd in capacity as a member of the Company. A copy of the nomination is set out in Annexure B.

BDO Audit has given its written consent to act as the Company's auditor.

Resolution 4 seeks Shareholder approval to appoint BDO Audit as the Company's auditor under section 327B of the Corporations Act, which requires Shareholder approval for the appointment of a new auditor to fill a vacancy at the Company's annual general meeting.

If Resolution 4 is passed, BDO Audit will continue as the Company's auditor following the Meeting.

If Resolution 4 is not passed, the Company will need to appoint a new auditor other than BDO Audit.

## 5.2 **Board recommendation**

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4.

## GLOSSARY

**\$** means Australian dollars.

**Accounting Standards** has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.

**Annual Report** means the annual report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

**ASIC** means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

**Associate** has the meaning given to that term in the Listing Rules.

**ASX** means ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691 and, where the context permits, the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited.

**Auditor** means the Company's auditor from time to time (if any).

**Auditor's Report** means the report of the Auditor contained in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

**AWST** means western standard time as recognised in Perth, Western Australia.

**BDO Audit** means BDO Audit Pty Ltd ABN 33 134 022 870.

**BDO WA** means BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd ABN 79 112 284 787.

**Board** means the board of Directors of the Company.

**Chair or Chairman** means the individual elected to chair any meeting of the Company from time to time.

**Closely Related Party** has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.

**Company** means Atlas Pearls Ltd ABN 32 009 220 053.

**Constitution** means the Company's constitution, as amended from time to time.

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

**Directors** means the directors of the Company.

**Eligible Employee** has the meaning given in the Plan, as set out on page 9.

**Equity Securities** has the meaning given to that term in the Listing Rules.

**Explanatory Memorandum** means the explanatory memorandum accompanying this Notice.

**Group Company** means the Company or any of its associated entities.

**Key Management Personnel** has the meaning given to that term in the Accounting Standards.

**Incentive** has the meaning given to that term on page 9.

**Listing Rules** means the ASX Listing Rules.

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

**Monetary Consideration** has the meaning given to that term in the Plan.

**Notice** means this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

**Offer** has the meaning set out in Annexure A.

**Offer Document** has the meaning set out in Annexure A.

**Option** means an option to acquire a Share.

**Participant** has the meaning set out in Annexure A.

**Performance Right** means a performance right granted under the Plan.

**Plan** has the meaning set out on page 9.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form accompanying the Notice by way of email where the Shareholder has elected to receive notices by email, or the personalised proxy form accompanying the postcard circulated by way of post where the Shareholder has not elected to receive notices by email.

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report set out in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

**Resolution** means a resolution contained in the Notice.

**Restricted Voter** means Key Management Personnel and their Closely Related Parties as at the date of the Meeting.

**Shareholder** means a member of the Company from time to time.

**Shares** means fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company.

**Spill Meeting** has the meaning set out on page 7.

**Spill Resolution** has the meaning set out on page 7.

## Annexure A – Summary of the terms of the Plan

- (a) **Eligibility:** The Board may (in its absolute discretion) provide an offer to an Eligible Employee of a Group Company to participate in the Plan (**Offer**). Where such person (or a permitted nominee of such person) accepts the Offer, he or she will become a participant under the Plan (**Participant**).
- (b) **Issue cap:** Offers made under the Plan which require the payment of Monetary Consideration by the Participant in respect of the issue, transfer or exercise of an Incentive are subject to an issue cap of 5% of the number of Shares on issue (as adjusted or increased as permitted by law and under the Constitution from time to time).
- (c) **Offer:** The Board may make an Offer at any time. Where an Offer is made under the Plan which requires the payment of Monetary Consideration by the Eligible Employee or the Participant then, subject to limited exceptions, the Offer must include the following information (**Offer Document**):
- (i) the name and address of the person to whom the Offer is being made to;
  - (ii) the date of the Offer;
  - (iii) the first acceptance date (which must be at least 14 days after receiving the Offer) and the final acceptance date that the person can accept the Offer;
  - (iv) the number of Options, Performance Rights or Shares being offered and the maximum number which can be applied for;
  - (v) the amount payable per Incentive by the person on application for the Incentives offered (if any), or the manner of determining such amount payable;
  - (vi) the conditions (if any) determined by the Board which are required to be satisfied, reached and met before an Incentive will be issued, and whether not it is issued subject to further vesting conditions;
  - (vii) the vesting conditions attaching to the Incentive (if applicable);
  - (viii) the first exercise date and last exercise date of the Incentives;
  - (ix) the exercise price (if any) or the manner of determining the exercise price of the Incentives;
  - (x) the vesting period (if any) of the Incentives;
  - (xi) general information about the risks of acquiring and holding the Incentives (and underlying Shares) the subject of the Offer;
  - (xii) a copy of the Plan;
  - (xiii) any other specific terms and conditions applicable to the Offer;
  - (xiv) to the extent required by applicable law:
    - (A) an explanation of how an Eligible Employee could, from time to time, ascertain the market price of the Shares underlying the Options or Performance Rights;
    - (B) the terms of any loan or contribution plan under which an Eligible Employee may obtain Incentives, or a summary of the terms of the loan together with a statement that the Participant can request a copy of the terms;
    - (C) the trust deed of any trust that will hold Incentives on trust for an Eligible Employee, or a summary of the terms of the trust deed together with a statement that the Participant can request a copy of the trust deed;
    - (D) a copy of any disclosure document prepared by the Company under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act in the 12 months before the date of the Offer, or a statement of how the Participant can access a copy of those disclosure documents; and
    - (E) any other information required by applicable laws; and

- (xv) if the Company wishes to reduce liability in connection with the Offer Document in accordance with section 1100Z(3) of the Corporations Act, a statement to the effect that a person mentioned in section 1100Z(2) of the Corporations Act is not liable for any loss or damage suffered by the Eligible Employee (or nominated party) because of a contravention of a term of the Offer covered by subsections 1100Z(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Corporations Act in circumstances where:
- (A) the person made all inquiries (if any) that were reasonable in the circumstances and, after doing so, believed on reasonable grounds that the statement was not misleading or deceptive; or
  - (B) the person did not know that the statement was misleading or deceptive; or
  - (C) the person placed reasonable reliance on information given to them by:
    - if the person is a body corporate, someone other than a director, employee or agent of the body corporate; or
    - if the person is an individual, someone other than an employee or agent of the individual;
  - (D) the person is a person mentioned in item 3 or 4 in section 1100Z(2) of the Corporations Act and they provide that the publicly withdrew their consent to being named in the Offer Document; or
  - (E) the contravention arose because of a new circumstance that has arisen since the Offer Document was prepared and the person proves that they were not aware of the matter;
- (xvi) a prominent statement to the effect that:
- (A) any advice given by the Company in relation to Incentives issued under the Plan, and Shares issued upon exercise of the Options or Performance Rights, does not take into account an Eligible Employee's objectives, financial situation and needs; and
  - (B) the Eligible Employee should obtain their own financial product advice in relation to the Offer from a person who is licensed by ASIC to give such advice.

(d) **Terms of Offer:** The terms and conditions applicable to an Offer, and any accompanying document, must not include any misleading or deceptive statements, or omit any information that would result in those materials becoming misleading or deceptive. If the Company becomes aware, during the application period for an Incentives, that any statement in the Offer has become out of date, or is otherwise not correct, in a material respect, then it must provide an updated Offer.

(e) **Nominees:** An Eligible Employee may, by notice in writing to the Board and subject to applicable laws, nominate a nominee in whose favour the Eligible Employee wishes the Incentives to be issued. The nominee may be an immediate family member of the Eligible Employee, a corporate trustee of a self-managed superannuation fund where the Eligible Employee is a director of the trustee or a company whose members comprise no persons other than the Eligible Employee or immediate family members of the Eligible Employee. The Board may, in its sole and absolute discretion, decide not to permit the Incentives to be issued to a nominee.

(f) **Dealing:** Incentives may not be sold, assigned, transferred or otherwise dealt with except on the death of the Participant in limited circumstances or with the prior consent of the Board.

(g) **Vesting:** Subject to paragraphs (j) and (k) below, an Incentive will vest when the Participant receives a vesting notice from the Company confirming that the vesting conditions attaching to the Incentives are met or waived.

(h) **Exercise of Incentive:** Upon receiving a vesting notice with respect to their Incentives, a Participant may exercise those Incentives by delivery to the Company Secretary of the certificate for the Incentives (if any), a signed notice of exercise and payment equal to the exercise price (if any) for the number of Incentives sought to be exercised.

(i) **Lapse of Incentive:** Unless otherwise determined by the Board, an Incentive will not vest and will lapse on the earlier of:

- (i) the Board determining that the vesting conditions attaching to the Incentive have not been satisfied, reached or met in accordance with its terms or is not capable of being satisfied, reached or met;
- (ii) the day immediately following the last exercise date; or

- (iii) with respect of unvested Incentives, the date the Participant ceases employment in the relevant circumstances summarised at paragraph (j) below.

(j) **Ceasing employment:** If the Eligible Employee ceases to be employed by the Company for any reason, then (subject to compliance with the Corporations Act and Listing Rules):

- (i) any unvested Shares held by the relevant Participant will be forfeited;
- (ii) any unvested Options or Performance Rights held by the relevant Participant will immediately lapse; and
- (iii) any vested Options or Performance Rights that have not been exercised will lapse on the date the Eligible Employee ceases to be employed by the Company,

although the Board may (subject to compliance with the Corporations Act and Listing Rules) determine to treat any unvested Incentives in any other way other than in the manner set out above if the Board determines that the relevant circumstances warrant such treatment. If the Board makes such a determination for alternative treatment, then it must give the relevant Participant notice within 14 days of that determination.

(k) **Change of control:** If a Change of Control Event (see below) occurs, the Board may in its sole and absolute discretion (and subject to the Listing Rules) by notice to the Participant determine how any unvested Incentives will be treated, including but not limited to:

- (i) determining that unvested Incentives (or a portion of unvested Incentives) will vest and become immediately exercisable with such vesting deemed to have taken place immediately prior to the Change of Control Event; and/or
- (ii) reducing or waiving the applicable vesting conditions attaching to the unvested Incentives,

where a “**Change of Control Event**” means:

- (iii) a takeover bid (as defined in the Corporations Act) is made for all Shares and which is, or is declared, unconditional and the bidder under the bid acquires a voting power in the Company of at least 50.1%;
- (iv) the Court sanctioning a compromise or arrangement relating to the Company under Part 5.1 of the Corporations Act;
- (v) any other merger, consolidation or amalgamation involving the Company occurring which results in the holders of Shares immediately prior to the merger, consolidation or amalgamation being entitled to 50% or less of the voting shares in the body corporate resulting from the merger, consolidation or amalgamation;
- (vi) any Group Company entering into agreements to sell in aggregate a majority in value of the businesses or assets of the Group to a person, or a number of persons, none of which are Group Companies; or
- (vii) the Board determining in its reasonable opinion that control of the Company has or is likely to change or pass to one or more persons.

(l) **Issue of Shares on vesting of Options or Performance Rights:** Following exercise of the Options or Performance Rights, the Company will, subject to the terms of the Company’s relevant policies, issue or transfer Shares to that Participant and apply for official quotation or listing of those Shares on ASX if applicable. Unless and until the Options or Performance Rights have been exercised and the relevant Shares issued to that Participant as a result of that exercise, a Participant has no right or interest in those Shares.

(m) **Ranking of Shares:** Shares issued upon exercise of the Options or Performance Right will rank equally in all respects with existing Shares, except for entitlements which had a record date before the date of the issue of that Share.

(n) **Adjustment of Options or Performance Rights:** If, prior to the vesting of an Option or Performance Right, there is a reorganisation of the issued share capital of the Company (including a consolidation, sub-division or reduction of capital or return of capital to Shareholders), the number of Options or Performance Rights to which a Participant is entitled will be adjusted in a manner required by the Listing Rules.

(o) **Clawback:** If the Board determines that:

- (i) a Participant (or Eligible Employee who has nominated a nominee to receive the Incentives) at any time:
- (A) has been dismissed or removed from office for a reason which entitles a Group Company to dismiss the Participant (or Eligible Employee) without notice;
  - (B) has been convicted on indictment of an offence against the Corporations Act in connection with the affairs of a Group Company;
  - (C) has had a judgement entered against him or her in civil proceedings in respect of the contravention by the Participant (or Eligible Employee) of his or her duties at law, in equity or under statute in his or her capacity as an executive or Director of a Group Company;
  - (D) has committed an act of fraud, defalcation or gross misconduct in relation to the affairs of that body corporate (whether or not charged with an offence);
  - (E) is in material breach of any of his or her duties or obligations to a Group Company; or
  - (F) has done an act which brings a Group Company into disrepute,

then the Board may determine that all unvested Shares held by the Participant will be forfeited and any Options or Performance Rights held by the Participant will lapse; and

- (ii) there has been a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements or some other event has occurred which, as a result, means that the relevant vesting conditions (if any) to an Incentive which has vested were not, or should not have been determined to have been satisfied, then the Participant shall cease to be entitled to those vested Incentives and the Board may:
- (A) by written notice to the Participant cancel the relevant Options or Performance Rights for no consideration or determine that the relevant Shares are forfeited;
  - (B) by written notice to the Participant require that the Participant pay to the Company the after tax value of the relevant Incentives, with such payment to be made within 30 Business Days of receipt of such notice; or
  - (C) adjust fixed remuneration, incentives or participation in the Plan of a relevant Participant in the current year or any future year to take account of the after tax value of the relevant Incentives.

- (p) **Amendments to the Plan:** Subject to and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Board may amend, revoke, add to or vary the Plan (without the necessity of obtaining the prior or subsequent consent or approval of Shareholders of the Company), provided that rights or entitlements in respect of any Option, Performance Right or Share granted before the date of the amendment shall not be reduced or adversely affected without the prior written consent of the Participant affected by the amendment.



## Annexure B – Nomination of Auditor

9 September 2024

The Board of Directors  
Atlas Pearls Ltd  
26 Railway Road  
Subiaco WA 6004

Dear Directors

We, Cadon Holdings Pty Ltd, being a shareholder of Atlas Pearls Ltd (ABN 32 009 220 053) (**Company**), in accordance with section 328B(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), hereby nominate BDO Audit Pty Ltd (ABN 33 134 022 870), of Level 9, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, 5 Spring Street, Perth WA 6000 for appointment as auditor of the Company at the Company's next annual general meeting.

Please distribute copies of this notice of nomination as required by section 328B of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Yours faithfully



Cadell Buss  
Director



Donna Lee Dawson  
Director

# ATLAS

## PEARLS

ABN 32 009 220 053

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### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

For your proxy appointment to be effective it must be received by **9:30am (AWST) on Sunday, 27 October 2024.**

## 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](http://www.investorcentre.com/au) and select "Printable Forms".

### Lodge your Proxy Form:

#### Online:

Lodge your vote online at [www.investorvote.com.au](http://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: 134103**

**SRN/HIN:**

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#### By Mail:

Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited  
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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.

**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 Atlas Pearls Ltd 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).

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 Atlas Pearls Ltd to be held at the offices of BDO, Level 9, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2, 5 Spring Street, Perth, Western Australia on Tuesday, 29 October 2024 at 9:30am (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 3 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolutions 1 and 3 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 3 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

## Step 2 Items of Business

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you mark the **Abstain** 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	Non-Binding Resolution to adopt Remuneration Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution 2	Re-election of Mr Timothy Martin as a Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution 3	Approval of Employee Awards Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution 4	Appointment of Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 of Securityholder(s) *This section must be completed.*

Individual or Securityholder 1

Sole Director & Sole Company Secretary

Securityholder 2

Director

Securityholder 3

Director/Company Secretary

/ /

Date

**Update your communication details** (Optional)

Mobile Number

Email Address

By providing your email address, you consent to receive future Notice of Meeting & Proxy communications electronically