

# **Crater Gold Mining Limited**

ACN 067 519 779

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date of Meeting 29 November 2022
Time of Meeting 11.00am AWST

Place of Meeting Consilium Corporate Offices, Second Floor, 22 Mount Street, PERTH

This is an important document. Please read it carefully.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting, please complete the proxy form enclosed and return it in accordance with the instructions set out on that form.

This Notice of 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 Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on (+ 61 8) 6188 8181.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## **VENUE AND TIME OF MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Crater Gold Mining Limited which this Notice of Annual General Meeting relates to will be held at Consilium Corporate Offices, Second Floor, 22 Mount Street, Perth on Friday 29 November 2022 at 11.00am AWST.

## YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

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

## **VOTING IN PERSON**

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

#### **VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 4:00pm AWST on 27 November 2022.

## **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, members are advised that:

- each member has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a member of the Company; and
- a member who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 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.

Sections 250BB and 250BC of the Corporations Act came into effect on 1 August 2011 and apply to voting by proxy on or after that date. Shareholders and their proxies should be aware of these changes to the Corporations Act, as they will apply to this Meeting. Broadly, the changes mean 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.

Further details on these changes is set out below.

## Proxy vote if appointment specifies way to vote

Section 250BB(1) of the Corporations Act provides that an appointment of a proxy may specify the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution and, **if it does**:

- the proxy need not vote on a show of hands, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy has 2 or more appointments that specify different ways to vote on the resolution the proxy must not vote on a show of hands; and
- if the proxy is the Chair of the meeting at which the resolution is voted on the proxy must vote on a poll, and must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy is not the Chair the proxy need not vote on the poll, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed).

## Transfer of non-Chair proxy to Chair in certain circumstances

Section 250BC of the Corporations Act provides that, if:

- an appointment of a proxy specifies the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution at a meeting of the Company's members; and
- the appointed proxy is not the chair of the meeting; and
- at the meeting, a poll is duly demanded on the resolution; and
- either of the following applies:
  - the proxy is not recorded as attending the meeting;
  - o the proxy does not vote on the resolution,

the chair of the meeting is taken, before voting on the resolution closes, to have been appointed as the proxy for the purposes of voting on the resolution at the meeting.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Crater Gold Mining Limited ACN 067 519 779 will be held at the Consilium Corporate Offices, Second Floor, 22 Mount Street, Perth on 29 November 2022 commencing at 11.00am AWST. The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the person eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 4:00pm AWST on 27 November 2022.

The Explanatory Statement which accompanies and forms part of this Notice describes the matters to be considered at the Meeting.

#### **A**GENDA

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and to consider the Annual Financial Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Directors' Report, the Remuneration Report and the Auditor's Report for that financial year.

## 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 purpose of Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's Annual Financial Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2022."

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

## **Voting Prohibition Statement:**

A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of either of the following persons:

- (a) a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or
- (b) a Closely Related Party of such a member.

However, a person (the voter) described above may cast a vote on this Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:

- (a) the voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this resolution; or
- (b) the voter is the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy:
  - (i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; and
  - (ii) 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.

## 3. RESOLUTION 2 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - MR SAMUEL CHAN

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

"That for the purpose of clause 59 of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Mr Samuel Chan, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director of the Company."

#### 4. RESOLUTION 3 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - MR DESMOND SUN

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

"That for the purpose of clause 59 of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Mr Desmond Sun, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director of the Company."

## 5. RESOLUTION 4 - APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT FACILITY

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, as a special resolution:

"That, for the purpose of ASX Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the issue of Equity Securities totalling up to 10% of the issued capital of the Company (at time of issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement."

## **Voting Exclusion Statement:**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of this Resolution by or on behalf:

- (a) any person who is expected to participate in, or who will obtain a material benefit, as a result of, the proposed issued (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the Company); or
- (b) an associate of that person or those persons.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of this resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on this resolution, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on this resolution in that way; or
- (b) the chair of the meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on this resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the chair to vote on this resolution as the chair decides; or
- (c) the holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - 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 this resolution; and
  - (ii) the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with the directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

## 6. RESOLUTION 5 - REPLACEMENT OF COMPANY CONSTITUTION

To consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution as a **special resolution**:

"That for the purposes of section 136(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to repeal its existing Constitution and to adopt a new Constitution in its place in the form as signed by the chairman of the Meeting for identification purposes, with effect from the close of the Meeting."

DATED: 28 OCTOBER 2022 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

MS ANDREA BETTI COMPANY SECRETARY

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared for the information of the Shareholders of the Company in connection with the business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Consilium Corporate Offices, Second Floor, 22 Mount Street, Perth on 29 November 2022 at 11.00am AWST.

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 in the Notice of Meeting.

## 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Constitution, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the Annual Financial Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 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 **www.cratergold.com.au** 

## 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

The Company notes that voting on Resolution 1 is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

Under the Corporations Act, 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 previous financial year) was approved, other than the Managing Director of the Company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting.

Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as directors of the Company is approved will be the directors of the Company.

## 2.3 Previous voting results

At the Company's previous Annual General Meeting the votes cast against the Remuneration Report considered at that Annual General Meeting were less than 25%. Accordingly, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

## 2.4 Proxy voting restrictions

Shareholders appointing a proxy for this Resolution should note the following:

If you appoint a member of the Key Management Personnel (other than the Chair) whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of such a member as your proxy you must direct your proxy how to vote on this Resolution.

Undirected proxies granted to these persons will not be voted and will not be counted in calculating the required majority if a poll is called on this Resolution.

If you appoint the Chair as your proxy (where he/she is also a member of the Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of such a member), you do not need to direct your proxy how to vote on this Resolution. However, if you do not direct the Chair how to vote, you must mark the acknowledgement on the Proxy Form to expressly authorise the Chair to exercise his/her discretion in exercising your proxy even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of Key Management Personnel.

If you appoint any other person as your proxy. You <u>do not</u> need to direct your proxy how to vote on this Resolution, and you *do not* need to mark any further acknowledgement on the Proxy Form.

## 3. RESOLUTION 2 AND 3 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

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

Clause 59 of the Constitution requires that at the Company's Annual General Meeting in every year, one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not a multiple of 3, then the number nearest one-third (rounded upwards in case of doubt), shall retire from office, provided always that no Director (except a Managing Director) shall hold office for a period in excess of 3 years, or until the third Annual General Meeting following his or her appointment, whichever is the longer, without submitting himself or herself for re-election.

The Directors to retire at an Annual General Meeting are those who have been longest in office since their last election, but, as between persons who became Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by drawing lots. A Director who retires by rotation under clause 59 of the Constitution is eligible for re-election.

The Company currently has five Directors and accordingly two must retire. Mr Samuel Chan and Mr Desmond Sun, being the two directors longest in office since their last election, will both retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

## Samuel Chan

Samuel Chan has been a Director of the Company since 29 January 2013 and was appointed as Non-Executive Chairman on 11 March 2013. Mr Chan is a director and the controller of Freefire Technology Limited ("Freefire"), the major shareholder and financier in the Company. Mr Chan is not considered to be an independent director.

Mr Chan received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Manchester, UK in 1970 and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1973. He was the Company secretary of Yangtzekiang Garment Limited from 1974 to 1988 and has been a Director of Yangtzekiang Garment Limited since 1977. Mr Chan was appointed the Managing Director of YGM Trading Limited from 1987 to 2006 and the Chief Executive Officer of YGM Trading Limited from 2006 to 2010. He has been the Vice Chairman of the board of YGM Trading Limited since 2010. Mr Chan is also on the board of Yangtzekiang Garment Limited. Mr Chan was formerly a director of Hang Ten Group Holdings Limited (listed in Hong Kong) from 2003 to 2012.

Mr Chan, will retire in accordance with clause 59 of the Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and being eligible, seeks election from Shareholders.

The other Directors of the Company unanimously recommend the re-election of Mr Chan.

## **Desmond Sun**

Desmond Sun was appointed as a Director of the Company on 29 January 2013. Mr Sun is considered to be an independent director.

Mr Sun obtained a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Tasmania and held management positions with the Ford Motor Company in Melbourne and in Brisbane, as well as with Citibank NA and Lloyds Bank Plc in Hong Kong. He has been an executive Director of several listed companies in Hong Kong and has been engaged in advisory services on strategic planning and corporate development, mainly in corporate finance, since 1991.

Mr Sun will retire in accordance with clause 59 of the Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and being eligible, seeks election from Shareholders.

The other Directors of the Company unanimously recommend the re-election of Mr Sun.

Shareholders should be aware that any undirected proxies given to the Chair will be cast by the Chair and counted in favour of the resolutions the subject of this Meeting, including these Resolutions 2 and 3, subject to compliance with the Corporations Act. In exceptional circumstances, the Chair may change their voting intention on any resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made.

## 4. RESOLUTION 4 - APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT FACILITY

#### 4.1 General

Resolution 4 seeks Shareholder approval for an additional issuing capacity under ASX Listing Rules 7.1A. ASX Listing Rule 7.1A provides that an Eligible Entity may seek Shareholder approval at its Annual General Meeting to allow it to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued capital (**Additional Placement Facility**).

The effect of Resolution 4 will be to allow the Company to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of the Company's fully paid ordinary securities on issue under the Additional Placement Facility during the period up to 12 months after the Meeting, without subsequent Shareholder approval and without using the Company's 15% annual placement facility granted under Listing Rule 7.1.

If Resolution 4 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 4 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.

Resolution 4 is a special resolution. Accordingly, at least 75% of votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote at the Meeting must be in favour of Resolution 4 for it to be passed.

## 4.2 ASX Listing Rule 7.1A

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.

Under Listing Rule 7.1A, however, an eligible entity can seek approval from its members, by way of a special resolution passed at its annual general meeting, to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25%

An 'eligible entity' means any entity which is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and which has a market capitalisation of \$300 million or less. Crater Gold Mining 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 \$21,063,474 (based on the number of Shares on issue and the closing price of Shares of \$0.017 on the ASX on 7 July 2021, when the Company was placed into voluntary suspension).

Resolution 4 seeks shareholder approval by way of a special resolution for Crater Gold Mining Ltd to have the additional 10% capacity provide for in Listing Rules 7.1A to issue equity securities without shareholder approval.

The Company may issue or agree to issue, during the 12 month period after this Meeting, the number of Equity Securities calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Additional Placement Capacity =  $(A \times D) - E$ 

#### Where:

- A = the number of fully paid ordinary securities on issue at the commencement of the Relevant Period:
  - plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities issues in the Relevant Period under an exception in rule 7.2 other than exception 9, 16 or 17;
  - plus the number of fully-paid ordinary securities issued in the Relevant Period on the conversion of convertible securities within Listing Rule 7.2 exception 9 where:
    - the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the Relevant Period; or
    - the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4;
  - plus the number of fully-paid ordinary securities issued in the Relevant Period under an agreement to issue securities within rule 7.2 exception 16 where:
    - the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the Relevant Period; or
    - the agreement or issue was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4;
  - plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in the Relevant Period with approval under Listing Rule 7.1 or ASX Listing Rule 7.4;
  - plus the number of partly-paid ordinary securities that became fully-paid in the Relevant Period;
  - less the number of fully-paid ordinary securities cancelled in the Relevant Period;
- D = 10%; and
- **E** = the number of Equity Securities issued or agreed to be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the Relevant Period where the issue or agreement has not been subsequently approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.4.

## 4.3 Listing Rule Requirements

Pursuant to and in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 7.3A, the following information is provided in relation to this Resolution 4 and the proposed approval of the Additional Placement Facility:

## (a) Period for which the approval will be valid

The Additional Placement Facility would commence on the date of the Meeting at which Shareholder approval is obtained and expire on the first to occur of the following:

- the date that is 12 months after this Meeting (i.e. 29 November 2022), presuming that Shareholder approval is obtained;
- the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting; or
- the time and date of the approval by Shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or Listing Rule 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).

## (b) Minimum price at which equity securities may be issued

Any Equity Securities issued under the Additional Placement Facility will be in an existing quoted class of the Company's securities and issued for cash consideration per security which is not be less than 75% of the VWAP for securities in that class, calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- the date on which the price at which the securities are to be issued is agreed; or
- if the securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the above date, the date on which the securities are issued.

## (c) Purpose for which Equity Securities may be issued

The Company may seek to issue Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility for

cash consideration to fund business growth, continue exploration and development on the Company's current assets/or projects and operations, to acquire new assets or make investments, and for general working capital.

## (d) Risk of economic and voting dilution

If Resolution 4 is passed and the Company issues securities under the Additional Placement Facility, then there is a risk to existing Shareholders of economic and voting dilution, including the risk that:

- the market price for Equity Securities in the same class may be significantly lower on the issue date of the new Equity Securities than on the date Shareholder approval is obtained for this Resolution; and
- (ii) the new Equity Securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for Equity Securities in the same class on the issue date, or the new Equity Securities may be issued in consideration for the acquisition of a new asset.

The table below identifies the potential dilution to existing Shareholders following the issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility (based on the formula set out above) using different variables for the number of issued Ordinary Shares and the market price of Ordinary Shares.

The numbers are calculated on the basis of the latest available market price of Ordinary Shares before the date of this Notice and the current number of Ordinary Shares on issue.

Number of Shares on	Dilution			
Issue (Variable 'A' in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A2)	Issue Price (per Share)	0.0085 50% decrease in Issue Price	0.0170 Issue Price	0.0255 50% increase in Issue Price
1,239,027,862 (Current Variable A)	Shares issued 10% voting dilution	123,902,786	123,902,786	123,902,786
(,	Funds raised	\$1,053,174	\$2,106,347	\$3,159,521
1,858,541,793 (50% increase in	Shares issued 10% voting dilution	185,854,179	185,854,179	185,854,179
Variable A)	Funds raised	\$1,579,761	\$3,159,521	\$4,739,282
2,478,055,724 (100% increase in	Shares issued 10% voting dilution	247,805,572	247,805,572	247,805,572
Variable A)	Funds raised	\$2,106,347	\$4,212,695	\$6,319,042

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

#### The table above uses the following assumptions:

- 1. There are currently 1,239,027,862 Shares on issue.
- 2. The issue price set out above is the closing price of the Company's Shares on the ASX on 7 July 2021 (when the Company was placed into Voluntary suspension).
- 3. The Company issues the maximum possible number of Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility.
- 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 ASX Listing Rule 7.2 or with approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.
- The issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility will consist only of Shares. It is assumed that no Options are exercised into Shares before the date of issue of the Equity Securities.
- 6. The calculations above do not show the dilution that any one particular Shareholder will be subject to by reason of placements under the Additional Placement Facility. 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 ASX Listing Rule 7.1.
- 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%.

## (e) Allocation policy

The Company's allocation policy for the issue of Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility will depend on the prevailing market conditions at the time of the proposed issue. The allottees will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors such as:

- (i) the methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including but not limited to, rights issues or other issues in which existing security holders can participate:
- (ii) the effect of the issue of the new securities on the control of the Company;
- (iii) the financial situation and solvency of the Company; and
- (iv) advice from corporate and other advisors.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company has not identified any proposed allottees of Equity Securities using the Additional Placement Facility. However, the eventual allottees may include existing substantial Shareholders, other Shareholders and/or new investors.

None of the allottees will be a related party or an associate of a related party of the Company, except as permitted under Listing Rule 7.2. Existing Shareholders may or may not be entitled to subscribe for Equity Securities under the Additional Placement Facility and it is possible that their shareholding will be diluted.

If the Additional Placement Facility is used to acquire new assets or investments, then it is likely that the allottees will be the vendors of these assets/investments.

## (f) Issues under Listing Rule 7.1A in past 12 months

The Company previously obtained approval from its Shareholders pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1A at its Annual General Meeting held on 26 November 2021 (**Previous Approval**).

There have been no shares issued pursuant to the Previous Approval during the 12 month period preceding the date of this Meeting, being on and from 26 November 2021.

## 4.4 Directors' recommendation

The Directors unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4 as it will give the Company the flexibility to issue Securities without Shareholder approval to raise necessary working capital in the future.

## 5. RESOLUTION 5 - REPLACEMENT OF COMPANY CONSTITION

## 5.1 General

A company may modify or repeal its constitution or a provision of its constitution by special resolution of shareholders.

Shareholder approval is sought by the Company to repeal its existing Constitution and adopt a new constitution (**Proposed Constitution**) which is of the type required for a listed public company limited by shares updated to ensure it reflects the current provisions of the Corporations Act and Listing Rules.

This will incorporate amendments to the Corporations Act and Listing Rules since the Constitution was last adopted by the Company. The Directors believe that it is preferable in the circumstances to replace the existing Constitution with the Proposed Constitution rather than to amend a multitude of specific provisions.

The Proposed Constitution is broadly consistent with the provisions of the existing Constitution, with many of the proposed changes being administrative or minor in nature. The Directors believe these amendments are not material nor will they have any significant impact on Shareholders. It is not practicable to list all of the changes to the Constitution in detail in this Explanatory Statement, however, a summary of the proposed material changes is set out below.

A copy of the Proposed Constitution is available for review by Shareholders at the Company's website at www.cratergold.com.au and at the office of the Company. A copy of the Proposed Constitution can also be sent to Shareholders upon request to the Company Secretary.

Shareholders are invited to contact the Company if they have any queries or concerns.

Resolution 5 is a special resolution. Accordingly, at least 75% of votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote at the Meeting must be in favour of Resolution 5 for it to be passed.

If the special resolution seeking this approval is passed, then the Proposed Constitution will be effective immediately following this General Meeting.

## 5.2 Summary of Material Proposed Changes

The Directors consider that the changes will not have any significant impact on Shareholders. It is not practicable to list all of the changes to the Constitution in detail in this Explanatory Statement, however, a summary of the key changes is set out below:

## **Virtual Meetings**

The Proposed Constitution (Rule 14.1) outlines how the Company can use technology at meetings and is in line with the permanent changes to the Corporations Act which took effect on 1 April 2022 allowing the use of technology at meetings and the distribution of meeting-related documents electronically (whether by a physical or electronic link or the entire document).

While hybrid and virtual meetings can be held, wholly virtual meetings will only be allowed if expressly permitted under the Company's Constitution. Whichever format is used, members as a whole must be given a reasonable opportunity to participate, and any technology used must allow members to exercise, orally and in writing, any rights those members have to ask questions and make comments.

## **Quorum at Meetings of Members**

The current quorum requirement for a members' meeting is three members. The Proposed Constitution (Rule 13.1) provides a quorum requirement of two members at members' meetings, which reflects the quorum requirements for members' meetings as per s.249T of the Corporations Act, and provides flexibility for the operation and conduct at members' meetings.

## **Quorum at a Directors Meeting**

The current quorum requirement for a directors' meeting is three directors. The Proposed Constitution (Rule 17.3) provides a quorum requirement of two directors at a directors' meeting, which reflects the quorum requirements for directors meetings as per s.248F of the Corporations Act, and provides flexibility for the Board of Directors to operate and conduct business.

## 5.3 Proportional Takeover Approval Provisions

The Company's current Constitution includes proportional takeover approval provisions; however, under the Corporations Act proportional takeover provisions cease to have effect three years after the later of their adoption or last renewal. As the provisions were last renewed in 2012 the existing provisions had ceased to be in effect. The adoption of the Proposed Constitution will bring the provisions into effect again. Rule 37 of the Proposed Constitution must therefore also be renewed at the 2025 AGM.

Rule 37 allows Shareholders to decide whether a proportional takeover bid is acceptable in principle and assist in ensuring that any partial bid is appropriately priced. It also mitigates the risk of Shareholders being left as a minority in the Company and the likelihood of a bidder being able to acquire control of the Company without payment of an adequate premium.

Information required by section 648G of the Corporations Act

#### Effect of proposed proportional takeover provisions

Where offers have been made under a proportional off-market bid in respect of a class of securities in a company, the registration of a transfer giving effect to a contract resulting from the acceptance of an offer made under such a proportional off-market bid is prohibited unless and until a resolution to approve the proportional off-market bid is passed.

## Reasons for proportional takeover provisions

A proportional takeover bid may result in control of the Company changing without Shareholders having the opportunity to dispose of all their Shares. By making a partial bid, a bidder can obtain practical control of the Company by acquiring less than a majority interest. Shareholders are exposed to the risk of being left as a minority in the Company and the risk of the bidder being able to acquire control of the Company without payment of an adequate control premium. These amended provisions allow Shareholders to decide whether a proportional takeover bid is acceptable in principle, and assist in ensuring that any partial bid is appropriately priced.

Knowledge of any acquisition proposals

As at the date of this Notice of Meeting, no Director is aware of any proposal by any person to acquire, or to increase the extent of, a substantial interest in the Company.

Potential advantages and disadvantages of proportional takeover provisions

The Directors consider that the proportional takeover provisions have no potential advantages or disadvantages for them and that they remain free to make a recommendation on whether an offer under a proportional takeover bid should be accepted.

The potential advantages of the proportional takeover provisions for Shareholders include:

- (a) the right to decide by majority vote whether an offer under a proportional takeover bid should proceed;
- (b) assisting in preventing Shareholders from being locked in as a minority;
- (c) increasing the bargaining power of Shareholders which may assist in ensuring that any proportional takeover bid is adequately priced; and
- (d) each individual Shareholder may better assess the likely outcome of the proportional takeover bid by knowing the view of the majority of Shareholders which may assist in deciding whether to accept or reject an offer under the takeover bid.

The potential disadvantages of the proportional takeover provisions for Shareholders include:

- (a) proportional takeover bids may be discouraged;
- (b) lost opportunity to sell a portion of their Shares at a premium; and
- (c) the likelihood of a proportional takeover bid succeeding may be reduced.

## 5.4 Directors' recommendation

The Directors unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 5.

## **ENQUIRIES**

Shareholders may contact the Company Secretary on (+ 61 8) 6188 8181 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

## **GLOSSARY**

\$ means Australian dollars.

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

**Additional Placement Facility** has the meaning given to that term in section 4 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

AWST means Australian Western Standard Time.

ASIC means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

**Associate** has the meaning given in sections 12 and 16 of the Corporations Act. Section 12 is to be applied as if paragraph 12(1)(a) included a reference to the Listing Rules and on the basis that the Company is the "designated body" for the purposes of that section. A related party of a director or officer of the Company or of a Child Entity of the Company is to be taken to be an associate of the director or officer unless the contrary is established.

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

**Board** means the Directors.

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

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

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

Company means Crater Gold Mining Limited ACN 067 519 779.

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

Corporations Act means Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

Corporations Regulations means Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth).

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

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

**Equity Securities** has the meaning given in the Listing Rules.

Explanatory Memorandum means the explanatory memorandum accompanying this Notice.

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

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

Meeting means the Annual General Meeting convened by the Notice.

Notice means this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

Notice of Meeting means this Notice of Annual General Meeting.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form accompanying the Notice.

**Relevant Period** has the meaning given to that term in Listing Rule 7.1.

**Remuneration Report** means the section of the Directors' Report in the Annual Financial Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 which addresses the remuneration of the Company's Directors, Company Secretary and senior executives described as 'Remuneration Report'.

**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.



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## **LODGE YOUR VOTE**

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## PROXY FORM

I/We being a member(s) of Crater Gold Mining Limited and entitled to attend and vote hereby appoint:

#### APPOINT A PROXY

the Chair of the Meeting (mark box)

**OR** if you are **NOT** appointing the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy

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or failing the person or body corporate named, or if no person or body corporate is named, the Chair of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act on my/our behalf (including to vote in accordance with the following directions or, if no directions have been given and to the extent permitted by the law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 11:00am (AWST) on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at Consilium Corporate Offices, Second Floor, 22 Mount Street, PERTH (the Meeting) and at any postponement or adjournment of the Meeting.

**Important for Resolution 1:** If the Chair of the Meeting is your proxy, either by appointment or by default, and you have not indicated your voting intention below, you expressly authorise the Chair of the Meeting to exercise the proxy in respect of Resolution 1, even though the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Company's Key Management Personnel (**KMP**).

The Chair of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business.

## **VOTING DIRECTIONS**

Proxies will only be valid and accepted by the Company if they are signed and received no later than 48 hours before the Meeting. Please read the voting instructions overleaf before marking any boxes with an  $\boxtimes$ 

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7	1 Adoption of Remuneration Report	5 Replacement of Company Constitution				
STEP	2 Re-Election of Director - Samuel Chan					
	3 Re-Election of Director - Desmond Sun					
	4 Approval of Additional Placement Facility					



If you mark the Abstain box for a particular Item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a show of hands or on a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority on a poll.

## SIGNATURE OF SHAREHOLDERS – THIS MUST BE COMPLETED

Shareholder 1 (Individual) Joint Shareholder 2 (Individual) Joint Shareholder 3 (Individual)

Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary Director/Company Secretary (Delete one) Director

This form should be signed by the shareholder. If a joint holding, either shareholder may sign. If signed by the shareholder's attorney, the power of attorney must have been previously noted by the registry or a certified copy attached to this form. If executed by a company, the form must be executed in accordance with the company's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).



## **HOW TO COMPLETE THIS SHAREHOLDER PROXY FORM**

#### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

This is your name and address as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, please make the correction on the form. Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes. Please note: you cannot change ownership of your shares using this form.

## **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

If you wish to appoint the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box in Step 1. If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of that individual or body corporate in Step 1. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

#### **DEFAULT TO CHAIR OF THE MEETING**

Any directed proxies that are not voted on a poll at the Meeting will default to the Chair of the Meeting, who is required to vote those proxies as directed. Any undirected proxies that default to the Chair of the Meeting will be voted according to the instructions set out in this Proxy Form, including where the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of KMP.

## **VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS – PROXY APPOINTMENT**

You may direct your proxy how to vote by placing a mark in one of the boxes opposite each item of business. All your shares will be voted in accordance with such a direction unless you indicate only a portion of voting rights are to be voted on any item by inserting the percentage or number of shares you wish to vote in the appropriate box or boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes on the items of business, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses. If you mark more than one box on an item your vote on that item will be invalid.

#### APPOINTMENT OF A SECOND PROXY

You are entitled to appoint up to two persons as proxies to attend the Meeting and vote on a poll. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, an additional Proxy Form may be obtained by telephoning the Company's share registry or you may copy this form and return them both together.

To appoint a second proxy you must:

- (a) on each of the first Proxy Form and the second Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or number of shares applicable to that form. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded; and
- (b) return both forms together.

#### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

You must sign this form as follows in the spaces provided:

Individual: where the holding is in one name, the holder must sign.

**Joint Holding:** where the holding is in more than one name, either shareholder may sign.

**Power of Attorney:** to sign under Power of Attorney, you must lodge the Power of Attorney with the registry. If you have not previously lodged this document for notation, 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 indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

## **CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES**

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting the appropriate "Certificate of Appointment of Corporate Representative" must be produced prior to admission in accordance with the Notice of Meeting. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's share registry or online at www.linkmarketservices.com.au.

## **LODGEMENT OF A PROXY FORM**

This Proxy Form (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received at an address given below by 11:00am (AWST) on Sunday, 27 November 2027, being not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

Proxy Forms may be lodged using the reply paid envelope or:



## **ONLINE**

#### https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com

Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Voting' and follow the prompts to lodge your vote. To use the online lodgement facility, shareholders will need their "Holder Identifier" - Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN).



#### BY MOBILE DEVICE

Our voting website is designed specifically for voting online. You can now lodge your proxy by scanning the QR code adjacent or enter the voting link https://investorcentre.linkgroup.com into your mobile device. Log in using the Holder Identifier and postcode for your shareholding.



To scan the code you will need a QR code reader application which can be downloaded for free on your mobile device.



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\*during business hours Monday to Friday (9:00am - 5:00pm)







## **COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE**

We encourage you to receive all your shareholder communication via email. This communication method allows us to keep you informed without delay, is environmentally friendly and reduces print and mail costs.



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Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Communications' and click the first button to receive all communications electronically and enter your email address. To use the online facility, securityholders will need their "Holder Identifier" (Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN) as shown on the front of the Proxy Form).