

**ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

**13 October 2023**

**Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders**

Desert Metals Limited (**ASX:DM1**) provides the following documents regarding the annual general meeting of shareholders;

- letter to shareholders
- notice of meeting
- sample proxy form

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13 October 2023

Dear Shareholder,

**2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NOTICE AND PROXY FORM**

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting (**Meeting**) of Shareholders of Desert Metals Ltd (ACN 617 947 172) (**Company**) will be held as follows:

**Time and date:** 1:30pm (Perth time) on Wednesday, 15 November 2023

**Location:** The Park Business Centre, 45 Ventnor Avenue, West Perth WA 6005

In accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), the Company will not be dispatching physical copies of the Notice of Annual General Meeting (Notice) to shareholders unless a shareholder has previously requested a hard copy. Instead, a copy of the Notice is available at the following link on ASX:

<https://www2.asx.com.au/markets/trade-our-cash-market/announcements.dm1>

If you have nominated an email address and have elected to receive electronic communications from the Company, you will also receive an email to your nominated email address with a link to an electronic copy of the Notice.

In order to receive electronic communications from the Company in the future, please update your shareholder details online at <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home> and log in with your unique shareholder identification number and postcode (or country for overseas residents).

You may vote by attending the Meeting in person, by proxy or by appointing an authorised representative.

Shareholders are encouraged to vote online at <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah> or by returning the enclosed proxy form by:

**Post to:** Automic  
GPO Box 5193  
Sydney NSW 2001

**Email to:** [meetings@automicgroup.com.au](mailto:meetings@automicgroup.com.au)

Your proxy voting instruction must be received by 1.30am (WST) on Monday, 13 November 2023, being not less than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any proxy voting instructions received after that time will not be valid for the Meeting.

Yours sincerely

Paul Heatley  
Company Secretary

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**DESERT METALS LIMITED**  
**ACN 617 947 172**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at:

**TIME:** 1:30PM (AWST)  
**DATE:** 15 November 2023  
**PLACE:** The Park Business Centre  
45 Ventnor Avenue  
West Perth, WA, 6005

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

***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.***

***The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 4:00PM (AWST) on 13 November 2023.***

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## BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

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### AGENDA

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

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

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

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution as a **non-binding resolution**:

*“That, for the purposes of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.”*

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

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

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#### 2. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – KEITH MURRAY

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

*“That, for the purpose of clause 15.2 of the Constitution, Listing Rule 14.5 and for all other purposes, Keith Murray, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director.”*

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#### 3. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF 7.1A MANDATE

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

*“That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue up to that number of Equity Securities equal to 10% of the issued capital of the Company at the time of issue, calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement.”*

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#### 4. RESOLUTION 4 – REPLACEMENT OF CONSTITUTION

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass 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 adopt a new constitution in its place in the form as signed by the chairman of the Meeting for identification purposes.”*

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**5. RESOLUTION 5 – ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN**

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

*“That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)) and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to adopt an employee incentive scheme titled Employee Securities Incentive Plan and for the issue of a maximum of 7,254,107 securities under that Plan, on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement.”*

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

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**Dated: 13 October 2023**

**By order of the Board**

**Paul Heatley  
Company Secretary**

## Voting Prohibition Statements

<b>Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report</b>	<p>A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of either of the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or</li><li>(b) a Closely Related Party of such a member.</li></ul> <p>However, a person (the <b>voter</b>) described above may cast a vote on this Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; or</li><li>(b) the voter is the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; and</li><li>(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.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Resolution 5 – Adoption of Incentive Option Plan</b>	<p>A person appointed as a proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on this Resolution if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the proxy is either:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) a member of the Key Management Personnel; or</li><li>(ii) a Closely Related Party of such a member; and</li></ul></li><li>(b) the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution.</li></ul> <p>However, the above prohibition does not apply if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the proxy is the Chair; and</li><li>(b) the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.</li></ul>

## Voting Exclusion Statements

In accordance with Listing Rule 14.11, the Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the Resolution set out below by or on behalf of the following persons:

<b>Resolution 5 – Adoption of Securities Incentive Plan</b>	A person who is eligible to participate in the employee incentive scheme or an associate of that person or those persons.
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However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of the Resolution by:

- (a) a person as a proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the Resolution, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the Resolution in that way; or
- (b) the Chair as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the Resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the Chair to vote on the Resolution as the Chair decides; or
- (c) a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting, on the Resolution; and
  - (ii) the holder votes on the Resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

## **Voting by proxy**

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To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

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

- each Shareholder has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company; and
- a Shareholder who is entitled to cast two or more votes may appoint two proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints two proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that:

- if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

## **Voting in person**

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

***Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 6458 4200.***

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## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Corporations Act, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 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.desertmetals.com.au](http://www.desertmetals.com.au).

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

#### 1.1 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.

#### 1.2 Voting consequences

A company is required to put to its shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of another meeting of shareholders to consider the appointment of directors of the company (**Spill Resolution**) if, at consecutive annual general meetings, at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report and at the first of those annual general meetings a Spill Resolution was not put to vote. If required, the Spill Resolution must be put to vote at the second of those annual general meetings.

If more than 50% of votes cast are in favour of the Spill Resolution, the company must convene a shareholder meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the second annual general meeting.

All of the directors of the company who were in office when the directors' report (as included in the company's annual financial report for the most recent financial year) was approved, other than the managing director of the company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting.

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



### **1.3 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, a Spill Resolution will not be relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

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## **2. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – KEITH MURRAY**

### **2.1 General**

Listing Rule 14.5 provides that an entity which has directors must hold an election of directors at each annual general meeting. The Constitution sets out the requirements for determining which Directors are to retire by rotation at an annual general meeting.

Mr Keith Murray, who has served as a Director since 7 July 2021, retires by rotation and seeks re-election.

### **2.2 Qualifications and other material directorships**

Mr Murray is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand with extensive knowledge and experience built up over 40 years at General Manager level in audit, accounting, tax, finance, treasury and corporate governance. Mr Murray's experience in mining extends to the 1990's during which time he was Group Accounting Manager Corporate and Taxation, and joint Company Secretary for Eltin Limited, a leading Australian based international mining services company. Mr Murray is currently General Manager Corporate and Company Secretary for Heytesbury, the privately owned Holmes à Court family company group in Western Australia.

### **2.3 Independence**

Mr Murray has no interest, position or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence in a material respect, his capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the Board and to act in the best interest of the Company as a whole, rather than in the interests of an individual security holder or other party.

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

### **2.4 Technical information require by Listing Rule 14.1A**

If Resolution 2 is passed, Mr Murray will be re-elected to the Board as an independent director.

If Resolution 2 is not passed, Mr Murray will not continue as an independent Director following closure of the Meeting. The Company may seek nominations or otherwise identify suitably qualified candidates to join the Company. As an additional consequence, this may detract from the Board and Company's ability to execute on its strategic vision.

### **2.5 Board recommendation**

The Board has reviewed Mr Murray's performance since his appointment to the Board and considers that Mr Murray's skills and experience will continue to enhance the Board's ability to perform its role. Accordingly, the Board supports

the re-election of Mr Murray and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

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### **3. RESOLUTION 3 – APPROVAL OF 7.1A MANDATE**

#### **3.1 General**

Broadly speaking, and subject to a number of exceptions, Listing Rule 7.1 limits the amount of Equity Securities that a listed company can issue without the approval of its shareholders over any 12 month period to 15% of the fully paid ordinary securities it had on issue at the start of that period.

However, under Listing Rule 7.1A, an eligible entity may seek shareholder approval by way of a special resolution passed at its annual general meeting to increase this 15% limit by an extra 10% to 25% (**7.1A Mandate**).

An 'eligible entity' means an entity which is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$300,000,000 or less. The Company is an eligible entity for these purposes.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is an eligible entity as it is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a current market capitalisation of \$2,901,643 (based on the number of Shares on issue and the closing price of Shares on the ASX on 9 October 2023).

Resolution 3 seeks Shareholder approval by way of special resolution for the Company to have the additional 10% placement capacity provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A to issue Equity Securities without Shareholder approval.

For note, a special resolution is a resolution requiring at least 75% of votes cast by shareholders present and eligible to vote at the meeting in favour of the resolution.

If Resolution 3 is passed, the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities up to the combined 25% limit in Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A without any further Shareholder approval.

If Resolution 3 is not passed, the Company will not be able to access the additional 10% capacity to issue Equity Securities without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A, and will remain subject to the 15% limit on issuing Equity Securities without Shareholder approval set out in Listing Rule 7.1.

#### **3.2 Technical information required by Listing Rule 7.1A**

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, the information below is provided in relation to Resolution 3:

(a) **Period for which the 7.1A Mandate is valid**

The 7.1A Mandate will commence on the date of the Meeting and expire on the first to occur of the following:

- (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of this Meeting;
- (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting; and

- (iii) the time and date of approval by Shareholders of any transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 (a significant change in the nature or scale of activities) or Listing Rule 11.2 (disposal of the main undertaking).

(b) **Minimum price**

Any Equity Securities issued under the 7.1A Mandate must be in an existing quoted class of Equity Securities and be issued for cash consideration at a minimum price of 75% of the volume weighted average price of Equity Securities in that class, calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the entity and the recipient of the Equity Securities; or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in Section 3.2(b)(i), the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

(c) **Use of funds raised under the 7.1A Mandate**

The Company intends to use funds raised from issues of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate for continued exploration expenditure on the Company's current assets or projects, and for general working capital purposes.

(d) **Risk of Economic and Voting Dilution**

Any issue of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate will dilute the interests of Shareholders who do not receive any Shares under the issue.

If Resolution 3 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 7.1A Mandate, the economic and voting dilution of existing Shares would be as shown in the table below.

The table below shows the dilution of existing Shareholders calculated in accordance with the formula outlined in Listing Rule 7.1A.2, on the basis of the closing market price of Shares and the number of Equity Securities on issue or proposed to be issued as at 9 October 2023.

The table also shows the voting dilution impact where the number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) changes and the economic dilution where there are changes in the issue price of Shares issued under the 7.1A Mandate.

Number of Shares on Issue (Variable A in Listing Rule 7.1A.2)		Shares issued – 10% voting dilution	Dilution		
			Issue Price		
			\$0.020	\$0.040	\$0.060
			50% decrease	Issue Price	50% increase
		Funds Raised			
<b>Current</b>	72,541,078 Shares	7,254,108 Shares	\$145,082	\$290,164	\$435,246
<b>50% increase</b>	108,811,617 Shares	10,881,162 Shares	\$217,623	\$435,246	\$652,870
<b>100% increase</b>	145,082,156 Shares	14,508,216 Shares	\$290,164	\$580,329	\$870,493

\*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 72,541,078 Shares on issue at the date of this Notice of Meeting.
2. The issue price set out above is the closing market price of the Shares on the ASX on 9 October 2023 (being \$0.040).
3. The Company issues the maximum possible number of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate.
4. The Company has not issued any Equity Securities in the 12 months prior to the Meeting that were not issued under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2 or with approval under Listing Rule 7.1.
5. The issue of Equity Securities under the 7.1A Mandate consists only of Shares. It is assumed that no Options are exercised into Shares before the date of issue of the Equity Securities. If the issue of Equity Securities includes quoted Options, it is assumed that those quoted Options are exercised into Shares for the purpose of calculating the voting dilution effect on existing Shareholders.
6. The calculations above do not show the dilution that any one particular Shareholder will be subject to. All Shareholders should consider the dilution caused to their own shareholding depending on their specific circumstances.
7. This table does not set out any dilution pursuant to approvals under Listing Rule 7.1 unless otherwise disclosed.
8. The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue. This is why the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
9. The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 7.1A Mandate, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Meeting.

Shareholders should note that there is a risk that:

- (i) the market price for the Company's Shares may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the Meeting; and
- (ii) the Shares may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for those Shares on the date of issue.

(e) **Allocation policy under the 7.1A Mandate**

The recipients of the Equity Securities to be issued under the 7.1A Mandate have not yet been determined. However, the recipients of Equity Securities could consist of current Shareholders or new investors (or both), none of whom will be related parties of the Company.

The Company will determine the recipients at the time of the issue under the 7.1A Mandate, having regard to the following factors:

- (i) the purpose of the issue;
- (ii) alternative methods for raising funds available to the Company at that time, including, but not limited to, an entitlement issue, share purchase plan, placement or other offer where existing Shareholders may participate;
- (iii) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- (iv) the circumstances of the Company, including, but not limited to, the financial position and solvency of the Company;
- (v) prevailing market conditions; and
- (vi) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

(f) **Previous approval under Listing Rule 7.1A**

The Company has not previously obtained approval under Listing Rule 7.1A. Accordingly, the Company has not issued any Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the twelve months preceding the date of the Meeting.

### **3.3 Voting Exclusion Statement**

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A. Accordingly, a voting exclusion statement is not included in this Notice.

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## **4. RESOLUTION 4 – REPLACEMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

### **4.1 General**

A company may modify or repeal its constitution or a provision of its constitution by special resolution of shareholders, being approval from Shareholders representing at least 75% of votes cast on a Resolution.

Resolution 4 is a special resolution which will enable 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 current Constitution was adopted on 20 October 2020.

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. Many of the proposed changes are administrative or minor in nature including but not limited to:

- inserting a new clause, which permits the use of technology and virtual meetings (including wholly virtual meetings) to reflect the Corporations Amendment (Meetings and Documents) Bill 2021 which was given Royal Assent on 22 February 2022;
- include a new provision setting the issue cap for issues of Securities under the Employee Securities Incentive Plan, the subject of Resolution 5, to 10% of the issued capital of the Company for the purposes of Section 1100V(2) of the Corporations Act;
- updating references to bodies or legislation which have been renamed (e.g. references to the Australian Settlement and Transfer Corporation Pty Ltd, ASTC Settlement Rules and ASTC Transfer); and
- expressly providing for statutory rights by mirroring these rights in provisions of the Proposed Constitution.

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 [www.desertmetals.com.au/site/content/](http://www.desertmetals.com.au/site/content/) 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 (+61 8 9758 1333). Shareholders are invited to contact the Company if they have any queries or concerns.

## **4.2 Summary of material proposed changes**

### **Employee Incentive Securities Plan (clause 2.4)**

Under the new Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act, which came into effect on 1 October 2022, offers under an employee incentive plan that do not require a monetary payment (e.g., zero exercise price options or performance rights) can be issued without an issue cap. However, offers requiring a monetary payment (whether upon grant or upon exercise/vesting of the awards and issue of the underlying shares) must be accompanied by an 'ESS offer document' and must comply with an issue cap. The cap is set at 5% under the Corporations Act unless raised by a company's constitution. A company may include a higher issue cap in its constitution to allow for more than 5% of securities to be issued under the plan.

The Proposed Constitution has set the issue cap at 10%.

## **Use of technology (clause 14)**

The Proposed Constitution includes a new provision to permit the use of technology at general meetings (including wholly virtual meetings) to the extent permitted under the Corporations Act, Listing Rules and applicable law.

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## **5. RESOLUTION 5 – ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN**

### **5.1 General**

Resolution 5 seeks Shareholder approval for the adoption of the employee incentive scheme titled “Employee Securities Incentive Plan” (**Plan**) and for the issue of up to a maximum of 7,254,107 securities, excluding issues approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 10.14 or Listing Rule 10.11, under the Incentive Plan in accordance with Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)).

The objective of the Plan is to attract, motivate and retain key employees and the Company considers that the adoption of the Plan and the future issue of securities under the Plan will provide selected employees with the opportunity to participate in the future growth of the Company.

### **5.2 Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b)**

As summarised in Section 3.1 above, and subject to a number of exceptions set out in Listing Rule 7.2, 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 shares it had on issue at the start of that period.]

Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)) provides that Listing Rule 7.1 does not apply to an issue of securities under an employee incentive scheme if, within three years before the date of issue of the securities, the holders of the entity's ordinary securities have approved the issue of equity securities under the scheme as exception to Listing Rule 7.1.

Exception 13(b) is only available if and to the extent that the number of equity securities issued under the scheme does not exceed the maximum number set out in the entity's notice of meeting dispatched to shareholders in respect of the meeting at which shareholder approval was obtained pursuant to Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)). Exception 13(b) also ceases to be available if there is a material change to the terms of the scheme from those set out in the notice of meeting.

If Resolution 5 is passed, the Company will be able to issue securities under the Plan to eligible participants over a period of 3 years from the date of the Meeting. The issue of any securities to eligible participants under the Plan (up to the maximum number of securities stated in Section 5.3(b) below) 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.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Company must seek Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.14 in respect of any future issues of securities under the Plan to a related party or a person whose relationship with the Company or the related party is, in ASX's opinion, such that approval should be obtained.

If Resolution 5 is not passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of securities under the Plan to eligible participants, but any issues of securities will reduce, to that extent, the Company's capacity to issue equity securities without

Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1 for the 12 month period following the issue of those securities.

### **5.3 Technical information required by Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13)**

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13), the following information is provided in relation to Resolution 5:

- (a) a summary of the key terms and conditions of the Plan is set out in Schedule 1;
- (b) the Company has not issued any securities under the Plan as this is the first time that Shareholder approval is being sought for the adoption of the Incentive Plan;
- (c) the Company is seeking Shareholder approval to adopt the Plan to include the new terms and conditions required by Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act, which replaced the previous relief provided by ASIC Class Order 14/1000 (Employee Incentive Scheme); and
- (d) the maximum number of securities proposed to be issued under the Plan in reliance on Listing Rule 7.2 (Exception 13(b)), is 7,254,107 Securities. It is not envisaged that the maximum number of securities for which approval is sought will be issued immediately.



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## GLOSSARY

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**\$** means Australian dollars.

**7.1A Mandate** has the meaning given in Section 3.1.

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

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

**Associated Body Corporate** means an associated entity of the Company, where the associated entity is a body corporate (as that term is used in the ESS Regime).

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by ASX Limited, as the context requires.

**Board** means the current board of directors of the Company.

**Business Day** means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

**Chair** means the chair of the Meeting.

**Closely Related Party** of a member of the Key Management Personnel means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (c) a dependent of the member or the member's spouse;
- (d) anyone else who is one of the member's family and may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealing with the entity;
- (e) a company the member controls; or
- (f) a person prescribed by the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) for the purposes of the definition of 'closely related party' in the Corporations Act.

**Company** means Desert Metals Limited (ACN 617 947 172).

**Constitution** means the Company's constitution.

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

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

**Eligible Participant** means a person that is:

- (a) a 'primary participant' (as that term is defined in the ESS Regime) in relation to the Company or an Associated Body Corporate; and
- (b) has been determined by the Board to be eligible to participate in the Plan from time to time.

**ESS Regime** means Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act which comes into effect on 1 October 2022.

**Equity Securities** includes a Share, a right to a Share or Option, an Option, a convertible security and any security that ASX decides to classify as an Equity Security.

**Explanatory Statement** means the explanatory statement accompanying the Notice.

**Key Management Personnel** has the same meaning as in the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and means those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of the consolidated entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of an entity within the consolidated group.

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

**Notice** or **Notice of Meeting** means this notice of meeting including the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form.

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

**Participant** means an Eligible Participant who has been granted any Security under the Plan the subject of Resolution 5.

**Plan** means the Company's Employee Incentive Securities Plan the subject of Resolution 5.

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

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report set out in the Director's report section of the Company's annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**Resolutions** means the resolutions set out in the Notice, or any one of them, as the context requires.

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

**Security** means a security in the capital of the Company granted under the Plan the subject of Resolution 5.

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

**Shareholder** means a registered holder of a Share.

**Variable A** means "A" as set out in the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A.2.

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

## SCHEDULE 1 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN

A summary of the material terms of the Company's Employee Securities Incentive Plan (**Plan**) is set out below.

<b>Eligible Participant</b>	<b>Eligible Participant</b> means a person that is a 'primary participant' (as that term is defined in Division 1A of Part 7.12 of the Corporations Act) in relation to the Company or an Associated Body Corporate (as defined in the Corporations Act) and has been determined by the Board to be eligible to participate in the Plan from time to time.
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of the Plan is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) assist in the reward, retention and motivation of Eligible Participants;</li><li>(b) link the reward of Eligible Participants to Shareholder value creation; and</li><li>(c) align the interests of Eligible Participants with shareholders of the Group (being the Company and each of its Associated Bodies Corporate), by providing an opportunity to Eligible Participants to receive an equity interest in the Company in the form of Shares, Options and Performance Rights (<b>Securities</b>).</li></ul>
<b>Maximum number of Convertible Securities</b>	<p>The Company will not make an invitation under the Plan which involves monetary consideration if the number of Shares that may be issued, or acquired upon exercise of Convertible Securities offered under an invitation, when aggregated with the number of Shares issued or that may be issued as a result of all invitations under the Plan during the 3 year period ending on the day of the invitation, will exceed 5% of the total number of issued Shares at the date of the invitation (unless the Constitution specifies a different percentage and subject to any limits approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b) – refer to Resolution 4 and Section 4.2). The Constitution specifies a threshold of 10% of the issue cap.</p> <p>The maximum number of equity securities proposed to be issued under the Plan in reliance on Listing Rule 7.2 (Exemption 13(a)) , following Shareholder approval, is 7,254,107 Securities. It is not envisaged that the maximum number of Securities will be issued immediately.</p>
<b>Plan administration</b>	The Plan will be administered by the Board. The Board may exercise any power or discretion conferred on it by the Plan rules in its sole and absolute discretion (except to the extent that it prevents the Participant relying on the deferred tax concessions under Subdivision 83A-C of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cth)). The Board may delegate its powers and discretion.
<b>Eligibility, invitation and application</b>	The Board may from time to time determine that an Eligible Participant may participate in the Plan and make an invitation to that Eligible Participant to apply for any (or any combination of) the Securities provided under the Plan on such terms and conditions as the Board decides.

	<p>On receipt of an invitation, an Eligible Participant may apply for the Securities the subject of the invitation by sending a completed application form to the Company. The Board may accept an application from an Eligible Participant in whole or in part.</p> <p>If an Eligible Participant is permitted in the invitation, the Eligible Participant may, by notice in writing to the Board, nominate a party in whose favour the Eligible Participant wishes to renounce the invitation.</p>
<b>Grant of Securities</b>	<p>The Company will, to the extent that it has accepted a duly completed application, grant the Participant the relevant number and type of Securities, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the invitation, the Plan rules and any ancillary documentation required.</p>
<b>Rights attaching to Convertible Securities</b>	<p>A <b>Convertible Security</b> represents a right to acquire one or more Plan Shares in accordance with the Plan (for example, an Option or a Performance Right).</p> <p>Prior to a Convertible Security being exercised, the holder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) does not have any interest (legal, equitable or otherwise) in any Share the subject of the Convertible Security other than as expressly set out in the Plan;</li> <li>(b) is not entitled to receive notice of, vote at or attend a meeting of the shareholders of the Company;</li> <li>(c) is not entitled to receive any dividends declared by the Company; and</li> <li>(d) is not entitled to participate in any new issue of Shares (see Adjustment of Convertible Securities section below).</li> </ul>
<b>Restrictions on dealing with Convertible Securities</b>	<p>Convertible Securities issued under the Plan cannot be sold, assigned, transferred, have a security interest granted over or otherwise dealt with unless in Special Circumstances as defined under the Plan (including in the case of death or total or permanent disability of the holder) with the consent of the Board in which case the Convertible Securities may be exercisable on terms determined by the Board.</p> <p>A holder must not enter into any arrangement for the purpose of hedging their economic exposure to a Convertible Security that has been granted to them.</p>
<b>Vesting of Convertible Securities</b>	<p>Any vesting conditions applicable to the Convertible Securities will be described in the invitation. If all the vesting conditions are satisfied and/or otherwise waived by the Board, a vesting notice will be sent to the Participant by the Company informing them that the relevant Convertible Securities have vested. Unless and until the vesting notice is issued by the Company, the Convertible Securities will not be considered to have vested. For the avoidance of doubt, if the vesting conditions relevant to a Convertible Security are not satisfied and/or otherwise waived by the Board, that security will lapse.</p>
<b>Forfeiture of Convertible Securities</b>	<p>Convertible Securities will be forfeited in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in the case of unvested Convertible Securities only, where the holder ceases to be an Eligible Participant (e.g. is no</li> </ul>

	<p>longer employed or their office or engagement is discontinued with the Company and any Associated Bodies Corporate (as defined in the Corporations Act) (the <b>Group</b>);</p> <p>(b) in the case of unvested Convertible only, where a Participant acts fraudulently, dishonestly, negligently, in contravention of any Group policy or wilfully breaches their duties to the Group;</p> <p>(c) where there is a failure to satisfy the vesting conditions in accordance with the Plan;</p> <p>(d) on the date the Participant becomes insolvent; or</p> <p>(e) on the Expiry Date.</p>
<p><b>Listing of Convertible Securities</b></p>	<p>Convertible Securities granted under the Plan will not be quoted on the ASX or any other recognised exchange. The Board reserves the right in its absolute discretion to apply for quotation of Convertible Securities granted under the Plan on the ASX or any other recognised exchange.</p>
<p><b>Exercise of Convertible Securities and cashless exercise</b></p>	<p>To exercise a security, the Participant must deliver a signed notice of exercise and, subject to a cashless exercise (see next paragraph below), pay the exercise price (if any) to or as directed by the Company, at any time following vesting of the Convertible Securities (if subject to vesting conditions) and prior to the expiry date as set out in the invitation or vesting notice.</p> <p>An invitation to apply for Convertible Securities may specify that at the time of exercise of the Convertible Securities, the Participant may elect not to be required to provide payment of the exercise price for the number of Convertible Securities specified in a notice of exercise, but that on exercise of those Convertible Securities the Company will transfer or issue to the Participant that number of Shares equal in value to the positive difference between the Market Value of the Shares at the time of exercise and the exercise price that would otherwise be payable to exercise those Convertible Securities.</p> <p><b>Market Value</b> means, at any given date, the volume weighted average price per Share traded on the ASX over the 5 trading days immediately preceding that given date, unless otherwise specified in an invitation.</p> <p>Convertible Securities may not be exercised unless and until that security has vested in accordance with the Plan rules, or such earlier date as set out in the Plan rules.</p>
<p><b>Timing of issue of Shares and quotation of Shares on exercise</b></p>	<p>Within five business days after the issue of a valid notice of exercise by a Participant, the Company will issue or cause to be transferred to that Participant the number of Shares to which the Participant is entitled under the Plan rules and issue a substitute certificate for any remaining unexercised Convertible Securities held by that Participant.</p>

<b>Restriction periods and restrictions on transfer of Shares on exercise</b>	<p>If the invitation provides that any Shares issued upon the valid exercise of a Convertible Security are subject to any restrictions as to the disposal or other dealing by a Participant for a period, the Board may implement any procedure it deems appropriate to ensure the compliance by the Participant with this restriction.</p> <p>Additionally, Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities are subject to the following restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) if the Company is required but is unable to give ASX a notice that complies with section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act, Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities may not be traded until 12 months after their issue unless the Company, at its sole discretion, elects to issue a prospectus pursuant to section 708A(11) of the Corporations Act;</li> <li>(b) all Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities are subject to restrictions imposed by applicable law on dealing in Shares by persons who possess material information likely to affect the value of the Shares and which is not generally available; and</li> <li>(c) all Shares issued on exercise of the Convertible Securities are subject to the terms of the Company's Securities Trading Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Rights attaching to Shares on exercise</b>	<p>All Shares issued upon exercise of Convertible Securities will rank equally in all respects with the then Shares of the Company.</p>
<b>Change of control</b>	<p>If a change of control event occurs (being an event which results in any person (either alone or together with associates) owning more than 50% of the Company's issued capital), the Board may in its discretion determine the manner in which any or all of the holder's Convertible Securities will be dealt with, including, without limitation, in a manner that allows the holder to participate in and/or benefit from any transaction arising from or in connection with the change of control event. The Board may specify in the Invitation how the Convertible Securities will be treated on a change of control event occurring, or the Board determining that such event is likely to occur, which may vary depending upon circumstances in which the Participant becomes a leaver and preserve some or all of the Board's discretion under this rule.</p>
<b>Participation entitlements in and bonus issues</b>	<p>Subject always to the rights under the following two paragraphs, Participants will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to holders of Shares such as bonus issues and entitlement issues.</p>
<b>Adjustment for bonus issue</b>	<p>If Shares are issued by the Company by way of bonus issue (other than an issue in lieu of dividends or by way of dividend reinvestment), the Participant is entitled, upon exercise of the Convertible Securities, to receive an issue of as many additional Shares as would have been issued to the holder if the holder held Shares equal in number to the Shares in respect of which the Convertible Securities are exercised.</p>

<b>Reorganisation</b>	If there is a reorganisation of the issued share capital of the Company (including any subdivision, consolidation, reduction, return or cancellation of such issued capital of the Company), the rights of each Participant holding Convertible Securities will be changed to the extent necessary to comply with the ASX Listing Rules applicable to a reorganisation of capital at the time of the reorganisation.
<b>Buy-Back</b>	Subject to applicable law, the Company may at any time buy-back Securities in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
<b>Employee Share Trust</b>	The Board may in its sole and absolute discretion use an employee share trust or other mechanism for the purposes of holding Convertible Securities for holders under the Plan and delivering Shares on behalf of holders upon exercise of Convertible Securities.
<b>Amendment of Plan</b>	<p>Subject to the following paragraph, the Board may at any time amend any provisions of the Plan rules, including (without limitation) the terms and conditions upon which any Securities have been granted under the Plan and determine that any amendments to the Plan rules be given retrospective effect, immediate effect or future effect.</p> <p>No amendment to any provision of the Plan rules may be made if the amendment materially reduces the rights of any Participant as they existed before the date of the amendment, other than an amendment introduced primarily for the purpose of complying with legislation or to correct manifest error or mistake, amongst other things, or is agreed to in writing by all Participants.</p>
<b>Plan duration</b>	<p>The Plan continues in operation until the Board decides to end it. The Board may from time to time suspend the operation of the Plan for a fixed period or indefinitely and may end any suspension. If the Plan is terminated or suspended for any reason, that termination or suspension must not prejudice the accrued rights of the Participants.</p> <p>If a Participant and the Company (acting by the Board) agree in writing that some or all of the Securities granted to that Participant are to be cancelled on a specified date or on the occurrence of a particular event, then those Securities may be cancelled in the manner agreed between the Company and the Participant.</p>
<b>Income Tax Assessment Act</b>	The Plan is a plan to which Subdivision 83A-C of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cth) applies (subject to the conditions in that Act) except to the extent an invitation provides otherwise.



Your proxy voting instruction must be received by **01.30pm (AWST) on Monday, 13 November 2023**, being **not later than 48 hours** before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Voting instructions received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

## SUBMIT YOUR PROXY

Complete the form overleaf in accordance with the instructions set out below.

### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and address shown above is as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, and you have an Issuer Sponsored holding, you can update your address through the investor portal: <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home> Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes.

### STEP 1 – APPOINT A PROXY

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. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company. Otherwise if you leave this box blank, the Chair of the Meeting will be appointed as your proxy by default.

### DEFAULT TO THE 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 these 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 Voting Form, including where the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of KMP.

### STEP 2 - VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS

You may direct your proxy how to vote by marking 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 SECOND PROXY

You may appoint up to two proxies. If you appoint two proxies, you should complete two separate Proxy Voting Forms and specify the percentage or number each proxy may exercise. If you do not specify a percentage or number, each proxy may exercise half the votes. You must return both Proxy Voting Forms together. If you require an additional Proxy Voting Form, contact Automic Registry Services.

### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

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

**Joint holding:** Where the holding is in more than one name, all Shareholders 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 Proxy Voting Form when you return it.

**Companies:** To be signed in accordance with your Constitution. Please sign in the appropriate box which indicates the office held by you.

**Email Address:** Please provide your email address in the space provided.

**By providing your email address, you elect to receive all communications despatched by the Company electronically (where legally permissible) such as a Notice of Meeting, Proxy Voting Form and Annual Report via email.**

### CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting the appropriate 'Appointment of Corporate Representative' should be produced prior to admission. A form may be obtained from the Company's share registry online at <https://automic.com.au>.

### Lodging your Proxy Voting Form:

#### Online

Use your computer or smartphone to appoint a proxy at <https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah> or scan the QR code below using your smartphone

**Login & Click on 'Meetings'. Use the Holder Number as shown at the top of this Proxy Voting Form.**



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