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**ASTON MINERALS LIMITED**  
**ACN 144 079 667**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at:

**TIME:** 1:00 pm (WST)  
**DATE:** 30 November 2022  
**PLACE:** Suite 23, 513 Hay Street  
Subiaco WA 6008

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

*This Notice 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 1:00pm on 28 November 2022.*

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## BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

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### AGENDA

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#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and consider the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 together with the declaration of the Directors, the Director's report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

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#### 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 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 2022."*

**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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#### 3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – TOLGA KUMOVA

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, and for all other purposes, Tolga Kumova, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."*

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#### 4. 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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#### 5. RESOLUTION 4 – 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 112,000,000 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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**6. RESOLUTION 5 – APPROVAL OF POTENTIAL TERMINATION BENEFITS UNDER PLAN**

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

*“That, conditional on Resolution 4 being approved, for a period commencing from the date this Resolution is passed and ending upon the expiry of all Securities issued or to be issued under the Employee Securities Incentive Plan, approval be given for all purposes including Part 2D.2 of the Corporations Act for the giving of benefits to any current or future person holding a managerial or executive office of the Company or a related body corporate in connection with that person ceasing to hold such office, on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Memorandum.”*

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

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**Dated: 31 October 2022**

**By order of the Board**

**Oonagh Malone  
Company Secretary**

## Voting Prohibition Statements

Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report	<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>
Resolution 4 – Adoption of Employee Securities Incentive Plan  Resolution 5 – Approval of Potential Termination Benefits under Plan	<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:

Resolution 4 – Adoption of Employee Securities Incentive Plan  Resolution 5 – Approval of Potential Termination Benefits under Plan	<p>A person who is eligible to participate in the employee incentive scheme or an associate of that person or those persons.</p>
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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**

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 Shareholder 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**

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 please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 6143 6740.***

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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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### 1. 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 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.astonminerals.com](http://www.astonminerals.com).

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### 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

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.

## **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 Meeting.

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## **3. RESOLUTION 2 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – TOLGA KUMOVA**

### **3.1 General**

The Constitution sets out the requirements for determining which Directors are to retire by rotation at an annual general meeting.

Tolga Kumova, who has served as a Director since 29 May 2017 and was last elected on 30 November 2020, retires by rotation and seeks re-election.

### **3.2 Qualifications and other material directorships**

Mr Kumova is a resource industry investor, entrepreneur and corporate finance specialist with over 15 years' experience in stockbroking, IPOs, corporate restructuring and asset identification. Throughout his career, Mr Kumova has raised in excess of \$500 million for ASX listed mining ventures associated with a variety of projects from early stage exploration through to construction and operations. Mr Kumova is an experienced ASX-listed company director having previously acted as managing director of Syrah Resources Limited and corporate director of New Century Resources Limited as well as non-executive director of Copper Strike Limited.

Mr Kumova is currently a non-executive director of ASX-listed African Gold Ltd.

Mr Kumova has acknowledged to the Company that he will have sufficient time to fulfil his responsibilities as a Director.

### **3.3 Independence**

If re-elected the Board does not consider Tolga Kumova will be an independent Director due to his role as Executive Chairman.

### **3.4 Technical information required by Listing Rule 14.1A**

If Resolution 2 is passed, Tolga Kumova will be re-elected to the Board as a non-independent Director.

In the event that Resolution 2 is not passed, Tolga Kumova will not join the Board as a non-independent Director. 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.

### **3.5 Board recommendation**

The Board has reviewed Tolga Kumova's performance since his appointment to the Board and considers that his skills and experience will continue to enhance the Board's ability to perform its role. Accordingly, the Board supports the re-election of Tolga Kumova and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

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

### 4.1 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 \$82,401,289 (based on the number of Shares on issue and the closing price of Shares on the ASX on 31 October 2022).

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.

### 4.2 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 9.2(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 investment in the Company's current assets, the acquisition of new assets or investments (including expenses associated with such an acquisition), and/or for general working capital.

(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 31 October 2022.

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.

		Dilution			
Number of Shares on Issue (Variable A in Listing Rule 7.1A.2)		Shares issued – 10% voting dilution	Issue Price		
			\$0.037	\$0.074	\$0.148
			50% decrease	Issue Price	100% increase
			Funds Raised		
<b>Current</b>	1,113,530,934	111,353,093 Shares	\$4,120,064	\$8,240,129	\$16,480,258
<b>50% increase</b>	1,670,296,401 Shares	167,029,640 Shares	\$6,180,097	\$12,360,193	\$24,720,387
<b>100% increase</b>	2,227,061,868 Shares	222,706,187 Shares	\$8,240,129	\$16,480,258	\$32,960,516

\*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 1,113,530,934 Shares on issue.
2. The issue price set out above is the closing market price of the Shares on the ASX on 31 October 2022 (being \$0.074).
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 previously obtained approval from its Shareholders pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1A at its annual general meeting held on 26 November 2021 (**Previous Approval**).

During the 12 month period preceding the date of the Meeting the Company issued 2,838,376 Equity Securities pursuant to the Previous Approval as follows:

Date of issue	Recipient	Type of security	Number of securities	Price	Use of funds
11 April 2022	The Shares were issued to sophisticated and institutional investors, none of whom is a related party.	Ordinary Shares	2,838,376 Shares, representing 0.3% of the total number of Shares on issue at the commencement of that 12 month period	\$0.145 each, representing a 9.4% discount to closing price on the date of issue	<b>Cash raised:</b> \$411,564.52  <b>Cash spent:</b> \$411,564.52  <b>Use of funds:</b> metallurgical testwork, director fees and general working capital.  <b>Intended use of remaining funds:</b> Not applicable.

### 4.3 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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## 5. RESOLUTION 4 – ADOPTION OF EMPLOYEE SECURITIES INCENTIVE PLAN

### 5.1 General

Resolution 4 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 112,000,000 securities 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)

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 12 month period.

Under Listing Rule 7.1A, 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%.

The Company’s ability to utilise the additional 10% capacity provided for in Listing Rule 7.1A for issues of equity securities following this Meeting remains conditional on Resolution 3 being passed at this Meeting.

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 4 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 4 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 4:

- (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. The Company adopted its existing employee securities incentive plan as an exception to Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.1A under Listing Rule 7.2, exception 13(b) at a general meeting of Shareholders on 9 June 2021 following receipt of Shareholder approval (**Existing Plan**). The Company has issued the following Equity Securities under the Existing Plan:

Issue date	Equity Security	Number of Equity Securities
18 June 2021	Options	90,000,000
1 July 2021	Performance Rights	4,500,000
10 August 2022	Options	5,250,000

- (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 112,000,000 securities. It is not envisaged that the maximum number of securities for which approval is sought will be issued immediately.

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## 6. RESOLUTION 5 – APPROVAL OF POTENTIAL TERMINATION BENEFITS UNDER THE PLAN

### 6.1 General

The Corporations Act contains certain limitations concerning the payment of 'termination benefits' to persons who hold a 'managerial or executive office'. The

Listing Rules also provides certain limitations on the payment of 'termination benefits' to officers of listed entities.

As is common with employee incentive schemes, the Plan provides the Board with the discretion to, amongst other things, determine that some or all of the Equity Securities granted to a participant under the Plan (**Plan Securities**) will not lapse in the event of that participant ceasing their engagement with the Company before such Plan Securities have vested. This 'accelerated vesting' of Plan Securities may constitute a 'termination benefit' prohibited under the Corporations Act, regardless of the value of such benefit, unless Shareholder approval is obtained.

The Company has not previously sought and obtained Shareholder approval at an annual general meeting for the granting of such termination benefits. However, as the Company is seeking a fresh approval under Listing Rule 7.2, exception 13(b) at this Meeting (the subject of Resolution 4) to adopt the Plan, the Board has resolved to seek Shareholder approval for the granting of such termination benefits in accordance with this Resolution.

If Resolution 5 is not passed, the Company will not be able to offer 'termination benefits' to persons who hold a 'managerial or executive office' pursuant to the terms of the Plan unless Shareholder approval is obtained each and every time such termination benefit is proposed, in accordance with section 200E of the Corporations Act.

## **6.2 Part 2D.2 of the Corporations Act**

Under section 200B of the Corporations Act, a company may only give a person a benefit in connection with them ceasing to hold a 'managerial or executive office' (as defined in the Corporations Act) if an exemption applies or if the benefit is approved by Shareholders in accordance with section 200E of the Corporations Act.

Subject to Shareholder approval of Resolution 4, Shareholder approval is sought for the purposes of Part 2D.2 of the Corporations Act to approve the giving of benefits under the Plan to a person by the Company in connection with that person ceasing to be an officer of, or ceasing to hold a managerial or executive office in, the Company (or subsidiary of the Company) on the terms and conditions in this Explanatory Memorandum.

Under the terms of the Plan and subject to the Listing Rules and the Corporations Act, the Board possesses the discretion to vary the terms or conditions of the Plan Securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, without the consent of the participant in the Plan, no amendment may be made to the terms of any granted Plan Security which reduces the rights of the participant in respect of that Plan Security, other than an amendment introduced primarily to comply with legislation, to correct any manifest error or mistake or to take into consideration possible adverse tax implications.

As a result of the above discretion, the Board has the power to determine that some or all of a participant's Plan Securities will not lapse in the event of the participant ceasing employment or office before the vesting of their Plan Securities.

The exercise of this discretion by the Board may constitute a 'benefit' for the purposes of section 200B of the Corporations Act. The Company is therefore seeking Shareholder approval for the exercise of the Board's discretion in respect of any current or future participant in the Plan who holds:

- (a) a managerial or executive office in, or is an officer of, the Company (or subsidiary of the Company) at the time of their leaving or at any time in the three years prior to their leaving; and
- (b) Plan Securities at the time of their leaving.

### **6.3 Valuation of the termination benefits**

Provided Shareholder approval is given, the value of the termination benefits may be disregarded when applying section 200F(2)(b) or section 200G(1)(c) of the Corporations Act (i.e. the approved benefit will not count towards the statutory cap under the legislation).

The value of the termination benefits that the Board may give under the Plan cannot be determined in advance. This is because various matters will or are likely to affect that value. In particular, the value of a particular benefit will depend on factors such as the Company's Share price at the time of vesting and the number of Plan Securities that will vest or otherwise be affected. The following additional factors may also affect the benefit's value:

- (a) the participant's length of service and the status of the vesting conditions attaching to the relevant Plan Securities at the time the participant's employment or office ceases; and
- (b) the number of unvested Plan Securities that the participant holds at the time they cease employment or office.

In accordance with Listing Rule 10.19, the Company will ensure that no officer of the Company or any of its child entities will, or may be, entitled to termination benefits if the value of those benefits and the terminations benefits that are or may be payable to all officers together exceed 5% of the equity interests of the Company as set out in the latest accounts given to ASX under the Listing Rules.

### **6.4 Additional information**

Resolution 6 is conditional on the passing of Resolution 5.

If Resolution 4 is not approved at the Meeting, Resolution 5 will not be put to the Meeting. Resolution 5 is an ordinary resolution.

The Board declines to make a recommendation in relation to Resolution 5 due to their potential personal interests in the outcome of the Resolution.

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## GLOSSARY

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**\$** means Australian dollars.

**7.1A Mandate** has the meaning given in Section 9.1.

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

**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 Aston Minerals Limited (ACN 144 079 667).

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

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

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

**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.



**Meeting** means the meeting convened by the Notice.

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

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

**Optionholder** means a holder of an Option.

**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 2022.

**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.

**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 – SUMMARY OF THE COMPANY'S EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE SECURITIES 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>	<p>The purpose of the Plan is to:</p> <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 Plan shares, performance rights, options and other convertible securities (<b>Securities</b>).</li> </ul>
<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>	<p>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> <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>	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.
<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>(a) is not entitled to receive notice of, vote at or attend a meeting of the shareholders of the Company;</li> </ul>

	<p>(b) is not entitled to receive any dividends declared by the Company; and</p> <p>(c) is not entitled to participate in any new issue of Shares (see Adjustment of Convertible Securities section below).</p>
<b>Vesting of Convertible Securities</b>	Any vesting conditions which must be satisfied before Convertible Securities can be exercised and converted to Shares 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 Convertible Security will lapse.
<b>Exercise of Convertible Securities and cashless exercise</b>	<p>To exercise a Convertible Security, the Participant must deliver a signed notice of exercise and, subject to a cashless exercise of Convertible Securities (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 Security (if subject to vesting conditions) and prior to the expiry date as set out in the invitation or vesting notice.</p> <p>An invitation 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>A Convertible Security may not be exercised unless and until that Convertible Security has vested in accordance with the Plan rules, or such earlier date as set out in the Plan rules.</p>
<b>Timing of issue of Shares and quotation of Shares on exercise</b>	As soon as practicable after the valid exercise of a Convertible Security 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.
<b>Restrictions on dealing with Convertible Securities</b>	<p>A holder may not sell, assign, transfer, grant a security interest over or otherwise deal with a Convertible Security that has been granted to them unless otherwise determined by the Board. 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> <p>However, in Special Circumstances as defined under the Plan (including in the case of death or total or permanent disability of the Participant) a Participant may deal with Convertible Securities granted to them under the Plan with the consent of the Board.</p>
<b>Listing of Convertible Securities</b>	A Convertible Security 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 an Option granted under the Plan on the ASX or any other recognised exchange.
<b>Forfeiture of Convertible Securities</b>	<p>Convertible Securities will be forfeited in the following circumstances:</p> <p>(a) where a Participant who holds Convertible Securities ceases to be an Eligible Participant (e.g. is no longer employed or their office or</p>

	<p>engagement is discontinued with the Group), all unvested Convertible Securities will automatically be forfeited by the Participant;</p> <p>(b) where a Participant acts fraudulently or 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>
<b>Change of control</b>	<p>If a change of control event occurs, or the Board determines that such an event is likely to occur, 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.</p>
<b>Adjustment of Convertible Securities</b>	<p>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 Listing Rules applicable to a reorganisation of capital at the time of the reorganisation.</p> <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 holder of Convertible Securities 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> <p>Unless otherwise determined by the Board, a holder of Convertible Securities does not have the right to participate in a pro rata issue of Shares made by the Company or sell renounceable rights.</p>
<b>Plan Shares</b>	<p>The Board may, from time to time, make an invitation to an Eligible Participant to acquire Plan Shares under the Plan. The Board will determine in its sole absolute discretion the acquisition price (if any) for each Plan Share which may be nil. The Plan Shares may be subject to performance hurdles and/or vesting conditions as determined by the Board.</p> <p>Where Plan Shares granted to a Participant are subject to performance hurdles and/or vesting conditions, the Participant's Plan Shares will be subject to certain restrictions until the applicable performance hurdles and/or vesting conditions (if any) have been satisfied, waived by the Board or are deemed to have been satisfied under the Rules.</p>
<b>Rights attaching to Plan Shares</b>	<p>All Shares issued or transferred under the Plan or issued or transferred to a Participant upon the valid exercise of a Convertible Security, (<b>Plan Shares</b>) will rank equally in all respects with the Shares of the same class for the time being on issue except for any rights attaching to the Shares by reference to a record date prior to the date of the allotment or transfer of the Plan Shares. A Participant will be entitled to any dividends declared and distributed by the Company on the Plan Shares and may participate in any dividend reinvestment plan operated by the Company in respect of Plan Shares. A Participant may exercise any voting rights attaching to Plan Shares.</p>
<b>Disposal restrictions on Plan Shares</b>	<p>If the invitation provides that any Plan Shares 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>For so long as a Plan Share is subject to any disposal restrictions under the Plan, the Participant will not:</p> <p>(a) transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of, or have a security interest granted over that Plan Share; or</p> <p>(b) take any action or permit another person to take any action to remove or circumvent the disposal restrictions without the express written consent of the Company.</p>
<b>General Restrictions on Transfer of Plan Shares</b>	<p>If the Company is required but is unable to give ASX a notice that complies with section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act, Plan Shares issued under the Plan (including on exercise of 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 Act.</p> <p>Restrictions are 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. These laws may restrict the acquisition or disposal of Shares by you during the time the holder has such information.</p> <p>Any Plan Shares issued to a holder under the Plan (including upon exercise of Convertible Securities) shall be subject to the terms of the Company's Securities Trading Policy.</p>
<b>Buy-Back</b>	<p>Subject to applicable law, the Company may at any time buy-back Securities in accordance with the terms of the Plan.</p>
<b>Employee Share Trust</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Maximum number of Securities</b>	<p>The Company will not make an invitation under the Plan which involves monetary consideration if the number of Plan 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)).</p>
<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>
<p><b>Income Tax Assessment Act</b></p>	<p>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.</p>

# Proxy Voting Form

If you are attending the meeting in person, please bring this with you for Securityholder registration.

Your proxy voting instruction must be received by **1.00pm (AWST) on Monday, 28 November 2022**, 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/#/login>

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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