

AD1 HOLDINGS LIMITED ACN 123 129 162

# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form** 

Date of Meeting: Friday, 29 November 2024

Time of Meeting: 2.00PM (AEDT)

Location: Virtual meeting

This Notice of General Meeting and Explanatory Statement should be read in its entirety. If shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their accountant, solicitor or other professional advisor without delay

# AD1 HOLDINGS LIMITED

ACN 123 129 162

Registered office: Level 4, Office 6, 90 William Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of AD1 Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held as a virtual meeting on Friday, 29 November 2024 at 2.00pm (AEDT) ("Annual General Meeting" or "Meeting").

Shareholders are encouraged to submit their proxies as early as possible, and in any event, prior to the cut-off date for proxy voting as set out in the Notice. To lodge your proxy, please follow the directions on your personalised proxy form.

Shareholders attending the AGM virtually will be able to ask questions and the Company has made provision for Shareholders who register their attendance before the start of the meeting to also cast their votes on the proposed resolutions at the AGM.

The virtual meeting can be attended using the following details:

When: Friday, 29 November 2024 at 2:00pm (AEDT)

Topic: AD1 Holdings Limited - Annual General Meeting

Register in advance for the virtual meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_4ysuCQB4Qz-Jg89\_Vp8EKQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. As noted previously, the Company strongly recommends its shareholders to lodge a directed proxy as soon as possible in advance of the meeting even if they are planning to attend the meeting online. The Company will conduct a poll on each resolution presented at the meeting. The Company will accept questions during the meeting either by submitting a question through the Q&A box located on screen or by raising the hand function also located on screen at which point the Company will allow your question verbally.

The Company is happy to accept and answer questions submitted prior to the meeting by email to Todd.perkinson@ad1holdings.com.au. The Company will address relevant questions during the meeting or by written response after the Meeting (subject to the discretion of the Company not to respond to unreasonable and/or offensive

questions).

Any shareholders who wish to attend the AGM should monitor the Company's website and its ASX announcements for any updates about the AGM. If it becomes necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements for the holding or conducting of the meeting, the Company will make further information available through the ASX website at asx.com.au (ASX: AD1) and on its website at www.ad1holdings.com.au.

# AGENDA

The Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form which accompany and form part of this Notice, include defined terms and describe in more detail the matters to be considered. Please consider this Notice, the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form in their entirety.

#### ORDINARY BUSINESS

#### **Financial Statements and Reports**

To receive and consider the Annual Report, Directors Report and Auditor's Report for the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### **Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report**

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

"That for the purpose of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Remuneration Report (included in the Directors' Report) for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 be adopted."

#### Resolution 2: Election of Director – Mr Angus Washington

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

"That, Mr Angus Washington, for the purpose of rule 63.1 of the Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, be re-elected as a Director of the Company on the terms and conditions as more particularly described in the Explanatory Statement."

#### Resolution 3: Re-election of Director – Mr Michael Norster

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

"That, Mr Michael Norster, for the purpose of rule 63.1 of the Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, be re-elected as a Director of the Company on the terms and conditions as more particularly described in the Explanatory Statement."

#### Resolution 4: Approval of 10% Placement Facility

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

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

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

By order of the Board

Todd Perkinson Company Secretary

Dated: 31 October 2024

#### Notes

- (a) Entire Notice: The details of the Resolutions contained in the Explanatory Statement accompanying this Notice should be read together with, and form part of, this Notice.
- (b) Record Date: The Company has determined that for the purposes of the annual General Meeting, Shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as holding the Shares at 7.00pm (AEDT) on the date 48 hours before the date of the General Meeting. Only those persons will be entitled to vote at the General Meeting and transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the General Meeting.

#### (c) Proxies

#### All voting will be conducted by poll.

The Directors instruct all Shareholders who would like to appoint a proxy to lodge a Proxy Form prior to Wednesday, 27 November 2024 at 2:00pm (AEDT) (**Proxy Cut-Off Time**). Please refer to the accompanying Proxy Form for further details on how to appoint a proxy.

Shareholders are strongly urged to appoint the Chair as their proxy. Shareholders can complete the Proxy Form to provide specific instructions on how a Shareholder's vote is to be cast on each item of business, and the Chair must follow your instructions. Lodgement instructions (which include the ability to lodge proxies online) are set out in the Proxy Form attached to the Notice. If a person other than the Chair is appointed as proxy, the proxy will revert to the Chair in the absence of the appointed proxy holder's attendance at the Meeting.

#### (d) Corporate Representative

Any corporate Shareholder who has appointed a person to act as its corporate representative at the Meeting should provide that person with a certificate or letter executed in accordance with the Corporations Act authorising him or her to act as that company's representative. The authority may be sent to the Company and/or registry in advance of the Meeting or handed in at the Meeting when registering as a corporate representative.

#### (e) How the Chairperson will vote undirected proxies

Subject to the restrictions set out below, the Chairperson of the Meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies on, and in favour of, all of the proposed Resolutions.

If the Chair is appointed as your proxy and you have not specified the way the Chair is to vote on any of the Resolutions by signing and returning the Proxy Form, you are considered to have provided the Chair with an express authorisation for the Chair to vote the proxy in accordance with the Chair's intention, even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel of the Company.

#### 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 or on behalf of the following persons:

Resolution 4 – Approval of 10% Placement Facility	If at the time of the Meeting, the Company is proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under rule 7.1A.2, by or on behalf of any persons who are expected to participate in, or who will obtain a material benefit as a result of, the proposed issue (except a benefit solely by reason of being a Shareholder), or any associate of those
	persons.

The above voting exclusions do not apply to a vote cast in favour of the Resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with 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, 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:
  - o 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
  - o the holder votes on the Resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

#### (g) Voting Prohibition:

#### **Resolution 1**

In accordance with sections 250BD and 250R of the Corporations Act, a vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of a member of the Key Management Personnel details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of such a member.

A vote may be cast as proxy by such person if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person who is excluded from voting on this Resolution, and:

(a) the person is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; or

(b) the voter is the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution, but expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if this Resolution is connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

#### (h) Enquiries

Shareholders are invited to contact the Company Secretary, Todd Perkinson on (03) 8360 3321 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

# **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

# 1. Receipt and Consideration of Accounts & Reports

A copy of the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 (which incorporates the Company's financial report, reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report) and the auditors) is not enclosed as there is no requirement for the Company to incur the printing and distribution costs associated with doing so for all Shareholders. You may obtain a copy free of charge in hard copy form by contacting the Company by phone at (03) 8199 0455, and you may request that this occurs on a standing basis for future years.

Alternatively, you may access the Annual Report at the Company's website: https://www.ad1holdings.com.au/ or via the Company's announcement platform on ASX.

Except as set out in Resolution 1, no resolution is required on these reports.

# 2. Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

# (a) Background

Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 requires that a resolution to adopt the Remuneration Report must be put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting. The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

The Remuneration Report is set out in the Directors' Report in the Company's 2024 Annual Report. The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the Company.

In accordance with section 250SA of the Corporations Act 2001, Shareholders will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to ask questions concerning, or make comments on, the Remuneration Report at the Annual General Meeting.

The Corporations Act requires the Company to put a resolution to Shareholders that the In accordance with Division 9 of Part 2G.2 of the Corporations Act 2001, if twenty five (25%) per cent or more of votes that are cast are voted against the adoption of the Remuneration Report at two consecutive annual general meetings, Shareholders will be required to vote at the second of those annual general meetings on a resolution (a "**Spill Resolution**") that another meeting be held within 90 days at which all of the Company's Directors (other than the Managing Director) must go up for re-election.

It is noted that at the Company's last annual general meeting, the votes cast against the Remuneration Report represented less than twenty five (25%) per cent of the total votes cast and accordingly, a Spill Resolution will not under any circumstances be required for the Annual General Meeting.

The Directors will consider the outcome of the vote and comments made by Shareholders on the Remuneration Report at the Meeting when reviewing the Company's remuneration policies.

# (b) Board Recommendation

Given the material personal interests of all Directors in this Resolution, the Board makes no recommendation to Shareholders regarding this Resolution.

### 3. Resolution 2: Election of Director – Mr Angus Washington

# (a) <u>Background</u>

The Constitution of the Company requires that at the close of every annual general meeting a number of the Directors must retire from office (being one-third of the Directors other than the Managing Director) and any Director appointed by the Board in addition to the existing Directors or to fill a casual vacancy holds office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting and may stand for election.

Mr Angus Washington was appointed to fill a casual vacancy on 26 February 2024 and, being eligible, submits himself for re-election as a Director of the Company.

The relevant professional experience and skills of Mr Washington are provided below.

# Mr Angus Washington

Mr Washington brings over 20 years' experience in leading technology businesses from initial founding and executive leadership, through to eventual acquisition across Asia Pacific. Mr Washington relocated back to Australia in 2020 from Asia, where he joined a SEEK invested business to assist with scale and growth. Prior, He founded two recruitment businesses in Hong Kong, Inspire Search & Selection acquired by Chandler Macleod Group (ASX) in 2011 where he was appointed Chief Operating Officer - Asia and Wellesley Associates by MBO in 2019. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Finance from Bond University.

# (b) Board Recommendation

The Board (with Mr Washington abstaining from voting), recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the election of Mr Washington. The Chairperson of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Mr Washington's election.

# 4. Resolution 3: Re-election of Director – Mr Michael Norster

# (a) <u>Background</u>

The Constitution of the Company requires that at the close of every annual general meeting a number of the Directors must retire from office (being one-third of the Directors other than the Managing Director) and any Director appointed by the Board in addition to the existing Directors or to fill a casual vacancy holds office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting and may stand for election.

Further, the Listing Rules require that a director must not hold office past the third annual general meeting following the director's appointment or three years, whichever is longer.

Mr Michael Norster was last elected by Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 16 December 2021, now retires and, being eligible, submits himself for re-election as a Director of the Company. Mr Norster was first appointed to the Board on 29 May 2018.

The relevant professional experience and skills of Mr Norster are provided below.

### Mr Michael Norster

Michael Norster has been and is the major driving force in forming a number of successful start-up, Australian businesses. Michael founded the Australian Energy group of companies in 1997 that traded under the name Powerdirect. He was the major shareholder in that group from ASX listing in 2001 until its completed sale to Ergon Energy in early 2006. He is the founder and Executive Chairman of the Green Generation group of private companies, which commenced in 2010. The group owns electricity retailer Blue NRG and renewable energy developer and risk manager GG Renewable Energy.

In addition to ApplyDirect, Michael was also the seed investor in the information technology recruitment company Primex Solutions Pty Ltd. He has assisted in the formation and establishment of one of Australia's largest telecommunications carriers Axicorp Pty Ltd (which became Primus Telecommunications) and was a director and shareholder in Hotkey Internet Services Pty Ltd (all now a part of Vocus Communications). He received graduate degrees in Law and Science from Monash University.

### (b) Board Recommendation

The Board (with Mr Norster abstaining from voting), recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the re-election of Mr Norster. The Chairperson of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Mr Norster's re-election.

# 5. Resolution 4: Approval of 10% Placement Facility

# (a) <u>Background</u>

Listing Rule 7.1A enables eligible entities to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued share capital through placements over a 12 month period after the Annual General Meeting ("**10% Placement Facility**"). The 10% Placement Facility is in addition to the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

An eligible entity for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A is an entity that is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$300 million or less. The Company is an eligible entity.

The Company is now seeking shareholder approval by way of a special resolution to have the ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility. The Company obtained shareholder approval for the 10% Placement Facility at its 2023 Annual General Meeting on 30 November 2023.

If shareholders approve Resolution 4 then the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility for the 10% Placement Period (defined below). If shareholders do not approve Resolution 4 then the Company will not be able to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility for which approval is sought at the Meeting.

The exact number of Equity Securities to be issued under the 10% Placement Facility will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (see below).

The Company continues actively seeking to enhance the value of its assets. Should the Company utilise the 10% Placement Facility, it anticipates using the funds to either accelerate the work on its current projects, acquire new assets, or to meet additional working capital requirements.

# (b) Description of Listing Rule 7.1A

### (a) Shareholder approval

The ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility is subject to shareholder approval by way of a special resolution at an annual general meeting. This means it requires approval of 75% of the votes cast by shareholders present and eligible to vote (in person, by proxy, by attorney or, in the case of a corporate shareholder, by a corporate representative).

# (b) Equity Securities

Any Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Facility must be in the same class as an existing quoted class of Equity Securities of the Company.

The Company, as at the date of the Notice, has one class of quoted securities on issue, being Fully Paid Ordinary Shares (AD1).

#### (c) Formula for calculating 10% Placement Facility

Listing Rule 7.1A.2 provides that eligible entities which have obtained shareholder approval at an annual general meeting may issue or agree to issue, during the 12 month period after the date of the annual general meeting, a number of Equity Securities calculated in accordance with the following formula:

### (A x D)–E

is the number of shares on issue at the commencement of the "relevant period" (which, for the Company, is the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of the issue or agreement):

- plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2, other than exception 9, 16 or 17;
- plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period on the conversion of convertible securities within rule 7.2 exception 9 where:
  - (i) the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - (ii) the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved, under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
- plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period under an agreement to issue securities within rule 7.2 exception 16 where:
  - (i) the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - (ii) the agreement or issue was approved, or taken under the Listing Rules to have been approved, under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4;
- plus the number of any other fully paid shares issued in the relevant period with approval of holders of shares under Listing Rules 7.1 or rule 7.4;
- plus the number of partly paid shares that became fully paid in the relevant period;
- less the number of fully paid shares cancelled in the relevant period.

Note that A has the same meaning in Listing Rule 7.1 when calculating an entity's 15% placement capacity.

- **D** is 10%
- **E** is the number of Equity Securities issued or agreed to be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 in the relevant period where the issue or agreement to issue has not been subsequently approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.4.
- (d) Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.1A

The ability of an entity to issue Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A is in addition to the entity's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

The actual number of Equity Securities that the Company will have capacity to issue under Listing Rule 7.1A will be calculated at the date of issue of the Equity Securities in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2,

# (e) Nature and Consideration for issue and Minimum Issue Price

The Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be issued for a cash consideration per security which must be not less than 75% of the VWAP of Equity Securities in the same 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 Company and the recipient of the relevant Equity Securities; or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

# 10% Placement Period

Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A is valid from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained and expires on the earlier to occur of:

- (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting after the Annual General meeting at which the approval is obtained;
- (iii) the time and date of the approval by shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).

# (10% Placement Period).

# (c) Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

Pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, information is provided in relation to the approval of the 10% Placement Facility as follows:

- (a) The period for which the Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A commences on the date of the on which the approval of Resolution 4 is obtained, being 29 November 2024, and expires on the first to occur of the following:
  - (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Meeting at which the approval is obtained, being 29 November 2025 if shareholders approve Resolution 4;
  - (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting after the Meeting;
  - (iii) the time and date of the approval by shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).
- (b) The Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price of not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's Equity Securities in the same 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 Company and the recipient of the relevant Equity Securities; or
  - (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

(f)

- (c) The purposes for which the funds raised by an issue of Equity Securities under rule 7.1A.2 (for cash consideration only) may be used by the Company include:
  - (i) consideration for the acquisition(s) of new assets and investments, including the expenses associated with such acquisition(s); and
  - (ii) continued expenditure on the Company's current business and/or general working capital.
- (d) If this Resolution is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility, the existing Shareholders' voting power in the Company will be diluted as shown in the below table. Shareholders may also be exposed to economic risk and voting dilution, including the following:
  - (i) the market price for the Company's Equity Securities may be significantly lower on the date of the issue of the Equity Securities than on the date of the Annual General Meeting; and
  - (ii) the Equity Securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for the Company's Equity Securities on the issue date.

which may have an effect on the amount of funds raised by the issue of the Equity Securities.

The below table shows the dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the market price of Shares as at close of trade on 10 October 2024 (Current Share Price) and the current number of ordinary securities for variable "A" calculated in accordance with the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A(2) as at the date of this Notice.

The table also shows:

- two examples where variable "A" has increased, by 50% and 100%. Variable "A" is based on the number of
  ordinary securities the Company has on issue. The number of ordinary securities on issue may increase as
  a result of issues of ordinary securities that do not require Shareholder approval (for example, a pro rata
  entitlements issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or future specific placements under Listing Rule
  7.1 that are approved at a future Shareholders' meeting; and
- two examples of where the issue price of ordinary securities has decreased by 50% and increased by 100% as against the current market price.

		Issue Price		
		\$0.0025	\$0.005	\$0.010
Variable 'A' in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		50% decrease in Current Share Price	Current Share Price	100% increase in Current Share Price
Current Variable A 1,097,348,377 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	82,256,893 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$205,642	\$411,284	\$822,569
50% increase in current Variable A 1,646,022,566 Shares	10% Voting Dilution		123,385,340 Shares	5
	Funds raised	\$308,463	\$616,927	\$1,233,853
<b>100% increase in</b> <b>current Variable A</b> 1,645,137,868 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	164,513,787 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$411,284	\$822,569	\$1,645,138

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
- No Options (including any Options issued under the 10% Placement Facility, if any) are exercised into Shares or other convertible securities are converted to Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities.
- 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%.

- The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 10% Placement Facility, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the annual General Meeting.
- The table shows only the effect of issues of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, not under the 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.
- The Current Share Price is \$0.005 (0.5 cents), being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 10 October 2024.

# (d) Allocation policy

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A.4 upon issue of any Equity Securities.

The Company's allocation policy is dependent on the prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue pursuant to the 10% Placement Facility. The identity of the allottees of Equity Securities will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to the factors including but not limited to the following:

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

The allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of this Notice but may include existing substantial Shareholders and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

Further, if the Company is successful in acquiring new businesses, assets or investments, it is possible that the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility will be the vendors of the new businesses, assets or investments (provided that the Equity Securities are issued for cash consideration).

### (e) Equity issues under previous approval under Listing Rule 7.1A

Due to the forward looking nature of the approval, the allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of the Notice but may include existing Shareholders and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

The Company has previously obtained shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at its 2023 AGM.

During the 12-month period preceding the proposed date of the Meeting, being on and from 29 November 2023, the Company issued a total of 85,000,000 Equity Securities (ordinary shares) under the Company's 10% Placement Facility under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A. The 85,000,000 Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Facility approved by shareholders at the 2023 Annual General Meeting issued during the 12 month period preceding the Meeting represent 8.43% of the total number of equity securities on issue in the Company (being 1,007,950,053 equity securities, comprising 812,925,053 ordinary shares, and 195,025,000 options) at the commencement of the 12 month period preceding the Meeting (being 29 November 2023).

Details as required by ASX Listing Rule 7.3A.6 for the issue are set out below:

1. Date of issue – 13 August 2024.

Number of securities issued – 85,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares.

Recipients – institutional investors.

Price - \$0.006 (0.6 cents).

**Discount** – The shares were issued at a price equal to the closing price on the date of issue of \$0.006. **Total consideration** – \$510,000 (before costs).

**Use of consideration** - \$400,000 of the funds raised under the Tranche 1 Placement were applied towards the upfront cash consideration payable under the acquisition of Oliver Grace Pty Ltd. The remaining funds have been and will be applied towards working capital requirements, transaction costs and the Company's expansion to North America.

At the date of the Notice, the Company has not approached any particular existing Shareholder or security holder or an identifiable class of existing security holder to participate in the issue of any Equity Securities. Accordingly, no existing Shareholder's votes will be excluded and there is no voting exclusion for Resolution 6 in the Notice.

# (f) Voting

Some voters may not be allowed to vote on the Resolution. Please refer to the voting exclusion statement in the Notice.

# (g) Board Recommendation

The Board believes that Resolution 4 is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution. The Chairperson of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of this Resolution.

# GLOSSARY

The following terms have the following meanings in this Explanatory Statement:

"\$" means Australian Dollars;

"AEDT" means Australian Eastern Daylight Time;

"10% Placement Facility" has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 4;

"10% Placement Period" has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 4;

"Annual Report" means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report, and Auditor's Report, in respect to the period from incorporation to 30 June 2024;

"ASX" means ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the context requires;

"ASX Settlement Operating Rules" means the rules of ASX Settlement Pty Ltd which apply while the Company is an issuer of CHESS approved securities;

"Auditor's Report" means the auditor's report in the Financial Report;

"**Board**" means the Directors acting as the board of Directors of the Company or a committee appointed by such board of Directors;

"Chairperson" means the person appointed to chair the Meeting of the Company convened by the Notice and Chair shall have a corresponding meaning;

"CHESS" has the meaning in Section 2 of the ASX Settlement Operating Rules;

"Closely Related Party" means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member; or
- (b) has the meaning given in section 9 of the Corporations Act.

"Company" means AD1 Holdings Limited ABN 29 123 129 162;

"Constitution" means the constitution of the Company as at the date of the Meeting;

"Corporations Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);

"Director" means a Director of the Company;

"Directors' Report" means the annual directors' report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities;

"Equity Security" has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules;

"Explanatory Statement" means the explanatory statement which forms part of the Notice;

"Financial Report" means the annual financial report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities;

"Key Management Personnel" means persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any Director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company;

"Listing Rules" means the Listing Rules of the ASX;

"Meeting" or "Annual General Meeting" has the meaning given in the introductory paragraph of the Notice;

"Notice" means this Notice of Meeting including the Explanatory Statement;

"Option" means an option to acquire one Share of the Company;

"Placement Shares" has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 3;

"Proxy Form" means the proxy form attached to the Notice;

"**Remuneration Report**" means the remuneration report which forms part of the Directors' Report of AD1 Holdings Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and which is set out in the 2024 Annual Report.

"Resolution" means a resolution referred to in the Notice;

"Section" means a section of the Explanatory Statement;

"Share" means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company;

"Shareholder" means shareholder of the Company;

"Trading Day" means a day determined by ASX to be a trading day in accordance with the Listing Rules; and

"VWAP" means volume weighted average price.



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# **PROXY FORM**

I/We being a member(s) of AD1 Holdings Ltd and entitled to attend and vote hereby appoint:

# **APPOINT A PROXY**

the Chairman of the Meeting (mark box) **OR** if you are **NOT** appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name and email of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy. An email will be sent to your appointed proxy with details on how to access the virtual meeting.

or failing the person or body corporate named, or if no person or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act on my/our behalf (including to vote in accordance with the following directions or, if no directions have been given and to the extent permitted by the law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at **2:00pm (AEDT) on Friday, 29 November 2024** (the **Meeting**) and at any postponement or adjournment of the Meeting.

The Meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting and you can participate by logging in via Zoom at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_4ysuCQB4Qz-Jg89\_Vp8EKQ

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

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

# **VOTING DIRECTIONS**

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

#### **Resolutions**

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Adoption of Remuneration Report
 Election of Director –

- Mr Angus Washington
- 3 Re-election of Director Mr Michael Norster
- 4 Approval of 10% Placement Facility

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

# SIGNATURE OF SHAREHOLDERS – THIS MUST BE COMPLETED

Shareholder 1 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 2 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 3 (Individual)

#### Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary

Director/Company Secretary (Delete one)

Director

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

### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

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

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

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

#### DEFAULT TO CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

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

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

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

### **APPOINTMENT OF A SECOND PROXY**

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

To appoint a second proxy you must:

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

(b) return both forms together.

#### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

**Power of Attorney:** to sign under Power of Attorney, you must lodge the Power of Attorney with the registry. If you have not previously lodged this document for notation, please attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

**Companies:** where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form must be signed by that person. If the company (pursuant to section 204A of the *Corporations Act 2001*) does not have a Company Secretary, a Sole Director can also sign alone. Otherwise this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Please indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

#### **CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES**

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

#### LODGEMENT OF A PROXY FORM

This Proxy Form (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received at an address given below by **2:00pm (AEDT) on Wednesday, 27 November 2024**, being not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

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

#### ONLINE

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

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

# BY MOBILE DEVICE

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



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

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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Link Group is now known as MUFG Pension & Market Services. Over the coming months, Link Market Services will progressively rebrand to its new name MUFG Corporate Markets, a division of MUFG Pension & Market Services.