



**EQUATORIAL**  
RESOURCES LTD

ACN 009 188 694

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Conference Room, Ground Floor, 28 The Esplanade, Perth, Western Australia on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 commencing at 10:00am (WST).**

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*This Notice and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their stock broker, investment advisor, accountant, solicitor or other professional adviser prior to voting.*

**Should you wish to discuss any matter please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary by telephone on + 61 8 9322 6322.**

**Shareholders are urged to attend or vote by lodging the Proxy Form enclosed with the Notice.**

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of shareholders of Equatorial Resources Limited (**Company**) will be held at the Conference Room, Ground Floor, 28 The Esplanade, Perth, Western Australia on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 commencing at 10:00am (WST) (**Meeting**).

The Board is closely monitoring the rapidly changing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The health of the Company's Shareholders, employees and other stakeholders is of paramount importance.

While the Board would like to host all Shareholders in person, in order to minimise the risk to Shareholders and to the Company and its ongoing operations, the Company suggests that Shareholders do not attend the Meeting in person.

Accordingly, the Directors strongly encourage all Shareholders to lodge Proxy Forms prior to the Meeting. The Company advises that a poll will be conducted for each of the Resolutions.

The Board will continue to monitor Australian Government restrictions on public gatherings. If it becomes necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements to those set out in this Notice, the Company will notify Shareholders accordingly via the Company's website at [www.equatorialresources.com.au](http://www.equatorialresources.com.au) and the ASX announcements platform.

The Explanatory Memorandum provides additional information on matters to be considered at the Meeting. The Explanatory Memorandum and the Proxy Form form part of this Notice.

The Directors have determined pursuant to regulations 7.11.37 and 7.11.38 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered as Shareholders on Sunday, 22 November 2020 at 4:00pm (WST).

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice and the Explanatory Memorandum are defined in Schedule 1.

### AGENDA

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#### 1. Annual Report

To consider the Annual Report of the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, which includes the Financial Report, the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report.

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#### 2. Resolution 1 – Remuneration Report

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

*"That, pursuant to and in accordance with section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given by the Shareholders for the adoption of the Remuneration Report on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Memorandum."*

##### Voting Exclusion

In accordance with section 250R of the Corporations Act, a vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by, or on behalf of:

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

However, a person described above may cast a vote on this Resolution if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described in subparagraphs (a) or (b) above and either:

- (a) the person does so as a proxy appointed in writing that specifies how the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; or

- (b) the person is the Chairperson voting an undirected proxy which expressly authorises the Chairperson to vote the proxy on a resolution connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

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### **3. Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Mr Ian Middlemas**

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

*"That, pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 14.4 and Article 6.3(b) of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Mr Ian Middlemas, Director, retires and being eligible pursuant to Article 6.3(f) of the Constitution, is re-elected as a Director on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Memorandum."*

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### **4. Resolution 3 – Approval of Additional 10% Placement Capacity**

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

*"That, pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the issue of Equity Securities of up 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 on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Memorandum."*

#### **Voting Exclusion**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the Resolution by or on behalf of any person (and/or their nominee(s)) who may participate in the issues of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A or who might obtain a benefit if this Resolution is passed (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of Shares), or any associates of those persons.

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

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on this Resolution, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on this Resolution in that way;
- (b) the Chairperson as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on this Resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the Chairperson to vote on the Resolution as the Chairperson decides; or
- (c) a Shareholder 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 Shareholder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting on this Resolution; and
  - (ii) the Shareholder votes on the Resolution in accordance with the directions given by the beneficiary to the Shareholder to vote in that way.

*Note: As at the date of this Notice, it is not known who may participate in any Equity Securities issued under Resolution 3 and the Company has not approached any Shareholder or identified a class of existing Shareholders to participate in any issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity. Accordingly, no Shareholders are excluded from voting on Resolution 3.*

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### **5. Resolution 4 – Adoption of New Constitution**

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

*"That, pursuant to and in accordance with section 136 of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Company repeal its current Constitution and adopt the New Constitution tabled at the Meeting with effect from the close of the Meeting, on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Memorandum."*

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**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Swan', written in a cursive style.

Gregory Swan  
**Company Secretary**

Dated: 21 October 2020

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# EQUATORIAL RESOURCES LIMITED

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### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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#### 1. Introduction

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared for the information of Shareholders in connection with the business to be conducted at the Meeting to be held at the Conference Room, Ground Floor, 28 The Esplanade, Perth, Western Australia on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 commencing at 10:00am (WST).

This Explanatory Memorandum forms part of the Notice which should be read in its entirety. This Explanatory Memorandum contains the terms and conditions on which the Resolutions will be voted.

This Explanatory Memorandum includes the following information to assist Shareholders in deciding how to vote on the Resolutions:

Section 2:	Action to be taken by Shareholders
Section 3:	Annual Report
Section 4:	Resolution 1 – Remuneration Report
Section 5:	Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Mr Ian Middlemas
Section 6:	Resolution 3 – Approval of Additional 10% Placement Capacity
Section 7:	Resolution 4 – Adoption of New Constitution
Schedule 1:	Definitions
Schedule 2:	Summary of New Constitution

A Proxy Form is located at the end of the Explanatory Memorandum.

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#### 2. Action to be taken by Shareholders

Shareholders should read the Notice (including this Explanatory Memorandum) carefully before deciding how to vote on the Resolutions.

##### 2.1 Proxies

A Proxy Form is enclosed with the Notice. This is to be used by Shareholders if they wish to appoint a representative (a 'proxy') to vote in their place. All Shareholders are invited and encouraged to attend the Meeting or, if they are unable to attend in person, sign and return the Proxy Form to the Company in accordance with the instructions set out in the Proxy Form. Returning the Proxy Form to the Company will not preclude a Shareholder from attending or (subject to the voting exclusions set out in the Notice) voting at the Meeting in person.

Please note that:

- (a) a Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy;
- (b) a proxy need not be a Shareholder; and
- (c) a Shareholder 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. Where the proportion or number is not specified, each proxy may exercise half of the votes.

Proxy Forms must be received by the Company no later than 10:00am (WST) on Sunday, 22 November 2020, being at least 48 hours before the Meeting.

The Proxy Form provides further details on appointing proxies and lodging Proxy Forms.

## 2.2 Attendance at the Meeting

The Company advises Shareholders that the Meeting will be held in compliance with the any government's restrictions on public gatherings.

The Board is closely monitoring the rapidly changing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The health of the Company's Shareholders, employees and other stakeholders is of paramount importance.

While the Board would like to host all Shareholders in person, in order to minimise the risk to Shareholders and to the Company and its ongoing operations, the Company suggests that Shareholders do not attend the Meeting in person.

Accordingly, the Directors strongly encourage all Shareholders to lodge Proxy Forms prior to the Meeting. The Company advises that a poll will be conducted for each of the Resolutions.

The Board will continue to monitor Australian Government restrictions on public gatherings. If it becomes necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements to those set out in this Notice, the Company will notify Shareholders accordingly via the Company's website at [www.equatorialresources.com](http://www.equatorialresources.com) and the ASX announcements platform.

## 2.3 Voting Prohibition by Proxy Holders (Remuneration Report)

In accordance with section 250R of the Corporations Act, a vote on Resolution 1 must not be cast (in any capacity) by, or on behalf of:

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

However, a person described above may cast a vote on Resolution 1 if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described in subparagraphs (a) or (b) above and either:

- (a) the person does so as a proxy appointed in writing that specifies how the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1; or
- (b) the person is the Chairperson voting an undirected proxy which expressly authorises the Chairperson to exercise the proxy even if Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

A vote on Resolution 1 must not be cast by a person appointed as a proxy, where that person is either a member of the Key Management Personnel or a Closely Related Party of such member.

However, a vote may be cast by such persons if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person who is excluded from voting on Resolution 1, and:

- (a) the person is appointed as a proxy that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution 1; or
- (b) the person is the chair and the appointment of the chair as proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1, but expressly authorises the Chairperson to exercise the proxy even if Resolution 1 is connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

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## 3. Annual Report

In accordance with section 317(1) of the Corporations Act, the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 must be laid before the Meeting.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be offered the opportunity to:

- (c) discuss the Annual Report which is available online at [www.equatorialresources.com.au](http://www.equatorialresources.com.au);
- (d) ask questions about, or comment on, the management of the Company; and
- (e) ask the Auditor questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report.

In addition to taking questions at the Meeting, written questions to the Chairperson about the management of the Company, or to the Auditor about:

- (a) the preparation and contents of the Auditor's Report;
- (b) the conduct of the audit;
- (c) accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (d) the independence of the Auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit,

may be submitted no later than 5 business days before the Meeting to the Company Secretary at the Company's registered office.

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## 4. Resolution 1 – Remuneration Report

In accordance with section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act, the Company must put the Remuneration Report to the vote of Shareholders. The Directors' Report contains the Remuneration Report which sets out:

- (a) the Company's remuneration policy; and
- (b) the remuneration arrangements in place for the executive Directors, specified executives and non-executive Directors.

In accordance with section 250R(3) of the Corporations Act, Resolution 1 is advisory only and does not bind the Directors. If Resolution 1 is not passed, the Directors will not be required to alter any of the arrangements in the Remuneration Report.

Pursuant to the Corporations Act, Shareholders will have the opportunity to remove the whole Board except the Managing Director if the Remuneration Report receives a 'no' vote of 25% or more (**Strike**) at two consecutive AGMs.

If a resolution on the Remuneration Report receives a Strike at two consecutive AGMs, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders at the second AGM, a resolution on whether another meeting should be held (within 90 days) at which all Directors (other than the Managing Director) who were in office at the date of approval of the applicable Directors' Report must stand for re-election.

The Company's Remuneration Report did not receive a Strike at the Company's 2019 AGM. If the Remuneration Report receives a Strike at the Meeting, Shareholders should be aware that if a second Strike is received at the Company's 2021 AGM, this may result in the re-election of the Board.

The Chairperson will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders as a whole to ask about, or make comments on the Remuneration Report.

Resolution 1 is an ordinary resolution.

The Chairperson intends to exercise all available proxies in favour of Resolution 1.

If the Chairperson is appointed as your proxy and you have not specified the way the Chairperson is to vote on Resolution 1, by signing and returning the Proxy Form, you are considered to have provided the Chairperson with an express authorisation for the Chairperson to vote the proxy in accordance with the Chairperson's intention, even though the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

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## 5. Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Mr Ian Middlemas

### 5.1 General

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and Article 6.3(b) of the Constitution, a Director must not hold office (without re-election) past the third AGM following the director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is longer.

Article 6.3(c) of the Constitution requires one third of the Directors (rounded down to the nearest whole number) to retire at each annual general meeting where the Company has three or more Directors.

Article 6.3(f) of the Constitution states that a Director retiring from office under Article 6.3(b) or Article 6.3(c) is eligible for re-election.

Accordingly, Resolution 2 provides that Mr Ian Middlemas will retire by rotation at this Meeting and, being eligible, seeks re-election as a Director.

Details of the qualifications and experience of Mr Ian Middlemas are set out in the Annual Report.

Resolution 2 is an ordinary resolution.

The Chairperson intends to exercise all available proxies in favour of Resolution 2.

## 5.2 Board Recommendation

The Board (excluding Mr Ian Middlemas) recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

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## 6. Resolution 3 – Approval of Additional 10% Placement Capacity

### 6.1 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.

Listing Rule 7.1A enables an eligible entity to issue additional Equity Securities up to 10% of its issued share capital through placements over a 12-month period after the annual general meeting (**10% Placement Capacity**). The 10% Placement Capacity 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 seeking Shareholder approval by way of a special resolution to have the ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity. The number of Equity Securities to be issued under the 10% Placement Capacity will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.

If Resolution 3 is passed, the effect will be that the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity in addition to the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

If Resolution 3 is not passed, the effect will be that the Company will not be able to issue any Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity and will have to rely upon its 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1 for the issue of Equity Securities.

Resolution 3 is a special resolution and therefore 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).

The Chairperson intends to exercise all available proxies in favour of Resolution 3.

### 6.2 Listing Rule 7.1A

#### (a) Shareholder approval

The ability to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity is subject to Shareholder approval by way of a special resolution at an annual general meeting.

#### (b) Equity Securities

Any Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Capacity 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 on issue Shares and Convertible Securities.

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

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:

$$(A \times D) - E$$

**A** is the number of shares on issue 12 months before the date of issue or agreement:

- (i) plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in the 12 months under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2 (other than exception 9, 16 or 17),
- (ii) plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in the 12 months on the conversion of convertible securities within rule 7.2 (exception 9) where:
  - (A) the convertible securities were issued or agreed to be issued before the commencement of the 12 months; or
  - (B) the issue of, or agreement to issue, the convertible securities was approved, or taken under these Listing Rules to have been approved, under Listing Rule 7.1 or Listing Rule 7.4,
- (iii) plus the number of fully paid ordinary securities in the 12 months under an agreement to issue securities within Listing Rule 7.2 (exception 16) where:
  - (A) the agreement was entered into before the commencement of the relevant period; or
  - (B) the agreement or issue was approved or taken under these rules to have been approved under Listing Rule 7.1 or Listing Rule 7.4,
- (iv) plus the number of any other fully paid ordinary securities issued in the 12 months with approval under Listing Rule 7.1 or Listing Rule 7.4 (noting that this may include fully paid ordinary securities issued in the 12 months under an agreement to issue securities within Listing Rule 7.2 (exception 17) where the issue is subsequently approved under Listing Rule 7.1),
- (v) plus the number of partly paid ordinary securities that became fully paid in the 12 months;
- (vi) less the number of fully paid ordinary securities cancelled in the 12 months.

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 12 months where the issue or agreement to issue has not been subsequently approved by Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.4.

#### **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 15% Placement Capacity.

At the date of the Notice, the Company has on issue 124,445,353 Shares and has a capacity to issue:

- (i) 18,666,802 Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1; and
- (ii) subject to obtaining Shareholder approval being sought under Resolution 3, 12,444,535 Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.

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 (refer to Section 6.2(c)).

#### **(e) Minimum Issue Price**

The issue price of Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A 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; or

- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 5 Trading Days of the date described in Section 6.2(e)(i), the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

(f) **10% Placement Period**

Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Capacity 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 entity's next annual general meeting.
- (iii) The time and date of Shareholder approval of a transaction under
- (iv) Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking),

(the 10% Placement Period).

**6.3 Effect of Resolution**

The effect of Resolution 3 will be to allow the Directors to issue the Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A during the 10% Placement Period without using the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

**6.4 Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A**

In accordance with Listing Rule 7.3A, information is provided as follows:

- (a) Shareholder approval will be valid during the 10% Placement Period as detailed in Section 6.2(f).
- (b) Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price of not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's Equity Securities 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; or
  - (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 5 Trading Days of the date described in Section 6.4(b)(i), the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.
- (c) If Resolution 3 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity, the existing Shareholders' voting power in the Company will be diluted as shown in the below table. There is a risk that:
  - (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 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 or the Equity Securities are issued as part of consideration for the acquisition of a new asset,

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

- (d) The table below shows the dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the current market price of Shares 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 the Notice.
- (e) The table also shows:
  - (i) 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 general meeting; and

- (ii) two examples of where the issue price of Ordinary Securities has decreased by 50% and increased by 100% as against the current market price.

Variable 'A' in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		Dilution		
		\$0.15 50% decrease in Issue Price	\$0.30 Issue Price	\$0.60 100% increase in Issue Price
Current Variable 'A' 124,445,353 Shares	10% voting dilution	12,444,535 Shares	12,444,535 Shares	12,444,535 Shares
	Funds raised	\$1,866,680	\$3,733,361	\$7,466,721
50% increase in current Variable 'A' 186,668,029 Shares	10% voting dilution	18,666,802 Shares	18,666,802 Shares	18,666,802 Shares
	Funds raised	\$2,800,020	\$5,600,041	\$11,200,081
100% increase in current Variable 'A' 248,890,706 Shares	10% voting dilution	24,889,070 Shares	24,889,070 Shares	24,889,070 Shares
	Funds raised	\$3,733,361	\$7,466,721	\$14,933,442

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- (i) The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Capacity.
- (ii) No Options are converted into Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities.
- (iii) 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%.
- (iv) 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 Capacity, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Meeting.
- (v) The table shows only the effect of issues of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, not under the 15% Placement Capacity.
- (vi) The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity consists only of Shares. If the issue of Equity Securities includes Options, it is assumed that those Options are converted into Shares for the purpose of calculating the voting dilution effect on existing Shareholders.
- (vii) The issue price is A\$0.30, being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 13 October 2020.
- (f) The Company will only issue Equity Securities during the 10% Placement Period. The approval under Resolution 3 for the issue of Equity Securities will cease to be valid in the event that Shareholders approve a transaction under Listing Rule 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or Listing Rule 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).
- (g) The Company may seek to issue Equity Securities for the following purposes cash consideration for the continued exploration and development of the Company's resource projects, general working capital, and/or the acquisition of new resource assets or investments.
- (h) The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A.4 and 3.10.5A upon issue of any Equity Securities.
- (i) The Company's allocation policy is dependent on the prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue pursuant to the 10% Placement Capacity. The identity of the subscribers 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).
- (j) The subscribers under the 10% Placement Capacity have not been determined as at the date of the Notice but may include existing substantial Shareholders or new Shareholders (or both) who are not a related party or an associate of a related party of the Company.
  - (k) Further, if the Company is successful in acquiring new resource assets or investments, it is likely that the subscribers under the 10% Placement Capacity will be the vendors of the new resources assets or investments.
  - (l) The Company previously obtained Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at its 2019 AGM. In the 12 months preceding the date of the Meeting, the Company has not issued any Equity Securities.
  - (m) A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice for Resolution 3.
  - (n) At the date of the Notice, the Company has not approached any particular Shareholder or security holder or an identifiable class of existing security holder to participate in the issue of Equity Securities. No Shareholder's votes will therefore be excluded under the voting exclusion in the Notice.

## **6.5 Board Recommendation**

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

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# **7. Resolution 4 – Adoption of New Constitution**

## **7.1 Background**

Since the Company adopted its current Constitution, there have been changes to the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules and other regulatory requirements. There have also been developments in corporate governance practices and policies. The Directors believe it is desirable to update the Constitution to reflect current corporate practice and to ensure it is in line with the present legislation and regulatory requirements in Australia. Rather than make numerous piecemeal amendments to the current Constitution, the Directors believe that it is preferable to repeal the current Constitution and replace it with a new constitution (**New Constitution**).

## **7.2 General**

Resolution 4 seeks Shareholder approval for the repeal of the Constitution and adoption of the New Constitution in accordance with section 136 of the Corporations Act.

A company may modify or repeal its constitution or a provision of its constitution by special resolution of Shareholders. Resolution 4 is a special resolution and therefore 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).

A copy of the constitution will be provided to Shareholders on request and will also be available for inspection at the office of the Company during normal business hours prior to the AGM and available for inspection at the Meeting.

The Chairperson will cast all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 4.

## **7.3 Summary of New Constitution**

The key provisions of the New Constitution are summarised in Schedule 2.

## **7.4 Directors' Recommendation**

The Directors unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4.

## Schedule 1 - Definitions

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In the Notice and this Explanatory Memorandum, words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.

**\$** means Australian Dollars.

**10% Placement Capacity** has the meaning given to that term in Section 6.1.

**10% Placement Period** has the meaning given to that term in Section 6.2(f).

**AGM** means an annual general meeting of the Shareholders.

**Annual Report** means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report, and Auditor's Report, in respect to the year ended 30 June 2020.

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

**Auditor** means the Company's auditor from time to time (being Deloitte as at the date of the Notice).

**Auditor's Report** means the Auditor's report on the Financial Report.

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

**Chairperson** means the person appointed to chair the Meeting convened by the Notice.

**Closely Related Party** means in relation to a member of a Key Management Personnel:

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

**Company** means Equatorial Resources Limited ACN 009 188 694.

**Constitution** means the constitution of the Company as at the commencement of the Meeting.

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

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

**Explanatory Memorandum** means this explanatory memorandum 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 ASX.

**Managing Director** means the managing Director.

**Meeting** has the meaning given to that term in the introductory paragraph of the Notice.

**New Constitution** means the proposed new constitution of the Company.

**Notice** means the notice of the Meeting and includes the agenda, Explanatory Memorandum and the Proxy Form.

**Option** means an option which entitles the holder to subscribe for a Share.

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

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form enclosed with the Notice.

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report of the Company contained in the Directors' Report.

**Resolution** means a resolution proposed pursuant to the Notice.

**Schedule** means a schedule to this Explanatory Memorandum.

**Section** means a section of this Explanatory Memorandum.

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

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

**Strike** means a 'no' vote of 25% or more on the resolution approving the Remuneration Report.

**Trading Day** means a day determined by ASX to be a trading day in accordance with the Listing Rules.

**VWAP** means volume weighted average price.

**WST** means Australian Western Standard Time, being the time in Perth, Western Australia.

## **Schedule 2 – Summary of New Constitution**

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### **1. Shares**

The issue of Shares by the Company is under the control of the Directors, subject to the Corporations Act, Listing Rules and any rights attached to any special class of Shares.

### **2. Preference Shares**

The Corporations Act requires certain rights of preference shares to be either set out in the constitution or approved in general meeting by special resolution before preference shares are issued.

The New Constitution sets out a framework of rights for preference share issues from which the Board can determine to issue preference shares, without the need to obtain further Shareholder approval every time an allotment of preference shares is proposed. Schedule 6 to the New Constitution contains the framework as well as specific rights of preference shares as to the repayment of capital, requirements for redemption (if the preference shares are redeemable), participation in surplus assets and profits, voting rights and priority of payment of capital and dividends. Other specific terms, including the dividend amount, the redemption date (if applicable) and redemption amount (if applicable), would be set by the issuing resolution of the Directors.

### **3. Reductions of Capital**

The New Constitution is consistent with the Corporations Act requirements which must be satisfied by the Company in undertaking an alteration of capital.

### **4. Liens**

If the Company issues partly paid Shares and a call made on those shares is unpaid, the Company will have a lien over the shares on which the call is unpaid. The lien may be enforced by a sale of those shares. The powers of the Company in relation to calls, company payments, forfeiture and liens are set out in schedule 2 to the New Constitution.

### **5. Transfer of Shares**

The Company may participate in any clearing and settlement facility provided under the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules and the ASX Settlement & Transfer Corporation Pty Ltd (**ASTC**) Operating Rules. Transfers through ASTC are effected electronically in ASTC's Clearing House Electronic Sub register System (**CHES**). For the purposes of the Company's participation in the CHES, the Company may issue holding statements in lieu of share certificates. The Company will not charge any fee for registering a transfer of shares. The Directors may refuse to register a transfer of shares in the circumstances permitted or required under the Corporations Act and Listing Rules.

### **6. Proportional Takeovers**

A proportional takeover bid is one in which the offer or offers only to buy a specified proportion of each Shareholders' shares.

The New Constitution provides for Shareholder approval of any proportional takeover bid for the shares. Subject to the Listing Rules and ASTC Operating Rules, the provisions require the Directors to refuse to register any transfer of shares made in acceptance of a proportional takeover offer until the requisite Shareholder approval has been obtained.

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

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

The perceived advantages of including proportional takeover provisions in a constitution are that such provisions may:

- (i) enhance the bargaining power of Directors in connection with any potential sale of the Company;
- (ii) improve corporate management by eliminating the possible threat of a hostile takeover through longer term planning;
- (iii) make it easier for Directors to discharge their fiduciary and statutory duties to the Company and its Shareholders to advise and guide in the event of a proportional bid occurring; and
- (iv) strengthen the position of Shareholders of the Company in the event of a takeover, assuming the takeover will result in a sharing of wealth between the offeror and Shareholders, as the more cohesive Shareholders are in determining their response the stronger they are. A requirement for approval can force Shareholders to act in a more cohesive manner. Where Shareholders know that a bid will only be successful if a specified majority of Shareholders accept the offer, they have less to fear by not tendering to any offer which they think is too low.

The perceived disadvantages of including proportional takeover provisions in a constitution include the following:

- (i) a vote on approval of a specific bid suffers from a bias in favour of the incumbent Board;
- (ii) the provisions are inconsistent with the principle that a share in a public company should be transferable without the consent of other Shareholders; and
- (iii) a Shareholder may lack a sufficient financial interest in any particular company to have an incentive to determine whether the proposal is appropriate.

To comply with the Corporations Act, the proportional takeover provisions must be renewed by Shareholders in general meeting at least every 3 years to remain in place.

While the proportional takeover provisions were in effect under the existing Constitution, there were no proportional takeover bids for the Company. Therefore, there has been no example against which to review the advantages or disadvantages of the provisions for the Directors and the Shareholders, respectively, during this period.

The proportional takeover provisions are contained in schedule 5 to the New Constitution.

#### **7. Alterations of share capital**

Shares may be converted or cancelled with Shareholder approval and the Company's share capital may be reduced in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules.

#### **8. Buy Backs**

The Company may buy back shares in itself on terms and at such times determined by the Directors.

#### **9. Disposal of less than a Marketable Parcel**

For the sake of avoiding excessive administration costs, the New Constitution contains provisions enabling the Company to procure the disposal of Shares where the Shareholder holds less than a marketable parcel of shares within the meaning of the Listing Rules (being a parcel of shares with a market value of less than \$500). To invoke this procedure, the Directors must first give notice to the relevant Shareholder holding less than a marketable parcel of shares, who may then elect not to have his or her shares sold by notifying the Directors.

The provisions relating to unmarketable parcel are contained in schedule 4 to the New Constitution.

#### **10. Variation of class rights**

Class rights attaching to a particular class of shares may be varied or cancelled with the consent in writing of holders of 75% of the shares in that class or by a special resolution of the holders of shares in that class.

#### **11. Meetings of Shareholders**

The Directors may call a meeting of Shareholders whenever they think fit. Shareholders may call a meeting as provided by the Corporations Act. The New Constitution contains provisions prescribing the content requirements of notices of meetings of Shareholders and all Shareholders are entitled to a notice of meeting. Consistent with the Corporations Act, a meeting may be held in two or more places linked together by audio-visual communication devices. A quorum for a meeting of Shareholders is 2 eligible voters.

The Company will hold annual general meetings in accordance with the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules.

#### **12. Voting of Shareholders**

Resolutions of Shareholders will be decided by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded. On a show of hands each eligible voter present has one vote. On a poll each eligible Shareholder has one vote for each fully paid share held and a fraction of a vote for each partly paid share determined by the amount paid up on that share.

#### **13. Direct Voting**

The Directors may determine that Shareholders may cast votes to which they are entitled on any or all of the resolutions (including any special resolution) proposed to be considered at, and specified in the notice convening, a meeting of Shareholders, by direct vote. Direct voting is a mechanism by which Shareholders can vote directly on resolutions which are to be determined by poll. Votes cast by direct vote by a Shareholder are taken to have been cast on the poll as if the Shareholder had cast the votes on the poll at the meeting. In order for direct voting to be available, directors must elect that votes can be cast via direct vote for all or any resolutions and determine the manner appropriate for the casting of direct votes. If such a determination is made by the directors, the notice of meeting will include information on the application of direct voting.

#### **14. Proxies**

An eligible Shareholder may appoint a proxy to attend and vote at the meeting on the Shareholder's behalf. The New Constitution contains provisions specifying the manner of lodgement of proxy instruments. A Shareholder may appoint an individual or corporation to act as its representative.

#### **15. Directors**

Unless changed by the Company in general meeting, the minimum number of directors is 3 and no maximum number is specified. The Directors and the Company may at any time appoint any person as a Director. Any such Director must retire at the next following annual general meeting of the Company (at which meeting he or she may be eligible for re-election as director). No Director other than the Managing Director may hold office for longer than 3 years without submitting himself or herself for re-election.

#### **16. Powers of Directors**

The business of the Company is to be managed by or under the direction of the Directors.

#### **17. Remuneration of Directors**

The Company may pay non-executive Directors a maximum of the total amount as determined by the Shareholders in General Meeting and such sum must not be paid by way of commission on, or percentage of, profits or operating revenue.

The remuneration of executive Directors will be subject to the provisions of any contract between each of them and the Company and may be by way of commission on, or percentage of, profits of the Company, but will not be by way of commission on, or percentage of, operating revenue.

**18. Execution of documents**

In accordance with the Corporations Act, the Constitution provides for execution of documents by the Company without the use of the Company's company seal.

**19. Dividends**

The Directors may fix the amount, the time for payment and the method of payment of a dividend. Subject to any special rights attaching to shares (such as preference shares), dividends will be paid proportionately.

The Company is not required to pay any interest on dividends.

**20. Indemnities and insurance**

To the extent permitted by law, the Company indemnifies every person who is or has been a Director or Secretary of the Company against a liability incurred by that person in his or her capacity as a Director or secretary. A similar indemnity is provided in respect of legal proceedings. The Company may also pay the premiums on directors' and officers' liability insurance.

**21. Restricted Securities**

The Company's constitution complies with Listing Rule 15.12. Certain more significant holders of restricted securities and their controllers (such as related parties, promoters, substantial holders, service providers and their associates) are required to execute a formal escrow agreement in the form Appendix 9A. Those with less significant holdings (such as non-related parties and non-promoters), the Company will issue restriction notices to holders of restricted securities in the form Appendix 9C advising them of the restriction rather than requiring signed restriction agreements

# EQUATORIAL RESOURCES LIMITED

ACN 009 188 694

## PROXY FORM

The Company Secretary  
Equatorial Resources Limited

### By delivery:

Level 9, 28 The Esplanade  
PERTH WA 6000

### By post:

PO Box Z5083  
PERTH WA 6831

### By e-mail:

[voting@equatorialresources.com.au](mailto:voting@equatorialresources.com.au)

### By facsimile:

+61 8 9322 6558

Name of Shareholder:

Address of Shareholder:

Number of Shares entitled to vote:

Please mark  to indicate your directions. Proxy appointments will only be valid and accepted by the Company if they are made and received no later than 48 hours before the meeting. Further instructions are provided overleaf.

### Step 1 – Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

I/we being Shareholder/s of the Company hereby appoint:

The Chairperson  
(mark box)

OR if you are NOT appointing the Chairperson as your proxy, please write the name of the person or body corporate (excluding the registered shareholder) you are appointing as your proxy

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairperson, as my/our proxy to act generally on my/our behalf and to vote in accordance with the following directions (or if no directions have been given, and to the extent permitted by law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of Equatorial Resources Limited to be held at the Conference Room, Ground Floor, 28 The Esplanade, Perth, Western Australia on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 commencing at 10:00am (WST) and at any adjournment or postponement of such meeting. If 2 proxies are appointed, the proportion or number of votes that this proxy is authorised to exercise is [ ]% of the Shareholder's votes / [ ] of the Shareholder's votes. (An additional Proxy Form will be supplied by the Company, on request).

### Important – If the Chairperson is your proxy or is appointed your proxy by default

The Chairperson intends to vote all available and undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 1. If the Chairperson is your proxy or is appointed your proxy by default, unless you indicate otherwise by ticking either the 'for', 'against' or 'abstain' box in relation to Resolution 1, you will be expressly authorising the Chairperson to vote in accordance with the Chairperson's voting intentions on Resolution 1 even if Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of Key Management Personnel.

### Step 2 – Instructions as to Voting on Resolutions

#### INSTRUCTIONS AS TO VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS

The proxy is to vote for or against the Resolutions referred to in the Notice as follows:

		For	Against	Abstain*
Resolution 1	Remuneration Report			
Resolution 2	Re-election of Director – Mr Ian Middlemas			
Resolution 3	Approval of Additional 10% Placement Capacity			
Resolution 4	Adoption of New Constitution			

\* If you mark the Abstain box for a particular Resolution, 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.

The Chairperson intends to vote all available and undirected proxies in favour of each Resolution.

#### Authorised signature/s

This section **must** be signed in accordance with the instructions below to enable your voting instructions to be implemented.

Individual or Shareholder 1

Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary

Shareholder 2

Director

Shareholder 3

Director/Company Secretary

Contact Name

Contact Daytime Telephone

Date

**Proxy Notes:**

A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting may appoint a natural person as the Shareholder's proxy to attend and vote for the Shareholder at that Meeting. If the Shareholder is entitled to cast 2 or more votes at the Meeting the Shareholder may appoint not more than 2 proxies. Where the Shareholder appoints more than one proxy the Shareholder may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If such proportion or number of votes is not specified each proxy may exercise half of the Shareholder's votes. A proxy may, but need not be, a Shareholder of the Company.

If a Shareholder appoints a body corporate as the Shareholder's proxy to attend and vote for the Shareholder at that Meeting, the representative of the body corporate to attend the Meeting must produce the Certificate of Appointment of Representative prior to admission. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's share registry.

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

Joint Holding: where the holding is in more than one name all of the holders must sign.

Power of Attorney: if signed under a Power of Attorney, you must have already lodged it with the registry, or alternatively, attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this Proxy Form when you return it.

Companies: a Director can sign jointly with another Director or a Company Secretary. A sole Director who is also a sole Company Secretary can also sign. Please indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate space.

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting the appropriate "Certificate of Appointment of Representative" should be produced prior to admission. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's Share Registry.

Proxy Forms (and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which the Proxy Form is signed) or an electronic copy or facsimile which appears on its face to be an authentic copy of the Proxy Form (and the power of attorney or other authority) must be deposited at or received electronically by e-mail or by facsimile transmission at the Perth office of the Company (Level 9, 28 The Esplanade, Perth WA 6000), or by post to PO Box Z5083, Perth WA 6831, or by e-mail to [voting@equatorialresources.com.au](mailto:voting@equatorialresources.com.au) or by facsimile to (08) 9322 6558 if faxed from within Australia or +61 8 9322 6558 if faxed from outside Australia) not less than 48 hours prior to the time of commencement of the Meeting (WST).