

27 SEPTEMBER 2019

# Annual General Meeting

Sunstone Metals Ltd (ASX: STM; "Sunstone") advises that the attached Notice of Annual General Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum will today be dispatched to shareholders.

A personalised Proxy form will also be provided with the meeting materials

The Company's 2019 Annual Report is also being dispatched to those shareholders who have requested a hard copy.

Electronic copies of the Annual General Meeting material and the 2019 Annual Report are available on the Company's website.

Gavin Leicht

**Company Secretary** 

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# SUNSTONE METALS LTD ACN 123 184 412

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**PROXY FORM** 

Date of Meeting

Thursday 31 October 2019

## Time of Meeting

11.30am (Brisbane time)

## **Place of Meeting**

BDO Offices Level 10 12 Creek Street ("Blue Tower") Brisbane Qld 4000

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNSTONE METALS LTD ACN 123 184 412

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (**Meeting or AGM**) of Sunstone Metals Ltd ACN 123 184 412 (**Company**) will be held at **11.30am (Brisbane time) on Thursday 31 October 2019** at the offices of BDO, Level 10, 12 Creek Street, Brisbane, Queensland.

## AGENDA

The business of the Meeting will be to consider the Resolutions set out below. Full details on the nature of the Resolutions are set out in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Notice of Meeting.

Capitalised terms are defined in the Glossary to this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum.

This Notice of Meeting should be read in its entirety together with the Explanatory Memorandum and Proxy Form.

## ORDINARY BUSINESS

#### Financial Statements and Reports

To receive the financial report of the Company and its controlled entities for the year ending 30 June 2019, together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the Remuneration Report, and the auditor's report.

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

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

'That, for the purpose of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.'

## **RESOLUTION 2: Issue of Options to Mr Graham Ascough**

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

'That, for the purposes of section 208 of the Corporations Act, Listing Rule 10.11 and for all other purposes, approval is given to the issue by the Company of 4,000,000 Options to Mr Graham Ascough (or his nominee) on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Memorandum.'

## **RESOLUTION 3: Issue of Options to Mr Don Hyma**

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

'That, for the purposes of section 208 of the Corporations Act, Listing Rule 10.11 and for all other purposes, approval is given to the issue by the Company of 4,000,000 Options to Mr Don Hyma (or his nominee) on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Memorandum.'

## **RESOLUTION 4: Issue of Options to Mr Stephen Stroud**

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

'Subject to the passing of Resolution 6, that, for the purposes of section 208 of the Corporations Act, Listing Rule 10.11 and for all other purposes, approval is given to the issue by the Company of 4,000,000 Options to Mr Stephen Stroud (or his nominee) on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Memorandum.'

## **RESOLUTION 5: Issue of Performance Rights to Mr Malcolm Norris**

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

'That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.14 and for all other purposes, approval is given to the issue by the Company of a total of 2,400,000 Performance Rights under the Employee Performance Rights Plan to Mr Malcolm Norris (or his nominee) on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Memorandum.'

## **RESOLUTION 6: Re-election of Director, Mr Stephen Stroud**

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

'That in accordance with the Constitution of the Company, Mr Stephen Stroud who retires by rotation and being eligible, be re-elected as a Director of the Company.'

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

## **RESOLUTION 7: Approval of 10% Placement Facility**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass, with or without amendment, 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 Shares (at the time of the issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Memorandum.'

## How to Vote

You may vote by attending the Meeting in person, by proxy or authorised representative. Registration will commence just prior to the Meeting. To vote in person, attend the Meeting on the date and at the place set out above.

#### Voting entitlement

In accordance with regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth), the Board has determined that the Shareholders who are on the Company's share register at 7.00 pm (Sydney time) on 29 October 2019 (being not more than 48 hours before the Meeting on 31 October 2019) will be taken, for the purposes of the Meeting, to be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting. If you are not the registered holder of a Share at that time, you will not be entitled to vote at the Meeting.

## Voting at the Meeting

Ordinary resolutions require the support of more than 50% of the votes cast. Special resolutions require the support of at least 75% of the votes cast. All the Resolutions at this Meeting, other than Resolution 7, are ordinary resolutions. Resolution 7 is a special resolution.

Every question arising at this Meeting will be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. A poll may be demanded in accordance with the Company's Constitution.

On a show of hands, every Shareholder who is present in person or by proxy, representative or attorney, will have one vote. Upon a poll, every person who is present in person or by proxy, representative or attorney will have one vote for each Share held by that person.

#### **Voting Exclusion Statements**

#### (a) Resolution 1

A vote on Resolution 1 must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of any of the following persons:

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

However, a person described above may cast a vote on Resolution 1 as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:

- (i) the person is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on the resolution; or
- (ii) the person is the chair of the meeting and the appointment of the chair as proxy:
  - does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the resolution; and
  - expressly authorises the chair to exercise the proxy even if the resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity.

## (b) Resolution 2

For the purposes of section 224 of the Corporations Act and Listing Rule 14.11, the Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution by Mr Graham Ascough and any of his Associates. However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the proxy form; or
- it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

For the purposes of section 250BD of the Corporations Act, a person appointed as proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on Resolution 2 if:

- the person is either:
  - o a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity; or
  - o a Closely Related Party of such a member, and
- the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- the person is the chair of the meeting at which the Resolution is voted on; and
- the appointment expressly authorises the chair to exercise the proxy even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity.

## (c) Resolution 3

For the purposes of section 224 of the Corporations Act and Listing Rule 14.11, the Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution by Mr Don Hyma and any of his Associates. However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the proxy form; or
- it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

For the purposes of section 250BD of the Corporations Act, a person appointed as proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on Resolution 3 if:

- the person is either:
  - a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity; or
  - o a Closely Related Party of such a member, and
- the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- the person is the chair of the meeting at which the Resolution is voted on; and
- the appointment expressly authorises the chair to exercise the proxy even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity.

## (d) Resolution 4

For the purposes of section 224 of the Corporations Act and Listing Rule 14.11, the Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution by Mr Stephen Stroud and any of his Associates. However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the proxy form; or
- it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

For the purposes of section 250BD of the Corporations Act, a person appointed as proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on Resolution 4 if:

- the person is either:
  - a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity; or
  - o a Closely Related Party of such a member, and
- the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- the person is the chair of the meeting at which the Resolution is voted on; and
- the appointment expressly authorises the chair to exercise the proxy even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity.

## (e) **Resolution 5**

For the purposes of the Listing Rules, the Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of Resolution 5 by or on behalf of any Director of the Company (except one who is ineligible to participate in the Employee Performance Rights Plan) and any Associates of that Director of the Company.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the proxy form; or
- it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

For the purposes of the Corporations Act, a person appointed as proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on Resolution 5 if:

- the person is either:
  - a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity; or
  - o a Closely Related Party of such a member, and
- the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- the person is the chair of the meeting at which the Resolution is voted on; and
- the appointment expressly authorises the chair to exercise the proxy even if the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company or, if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity.

## (f) Resolution 7

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of Resolution 7 by or on behalf of a person (and any Associates of such a person) who may participate in the 10% Placement Facility and a person (and any Associates of such a person) who might obtain a material benefit, except a benefit solely in the capacity of a holder of ordinary shares, if Resolution 7 is passed.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- (i) it is cast by the person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with directions on the proxy form; or
- (ii) it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the proxy form to vote as the proxy decides.

## **Proxies**

A Shareholder who is entitled to attend this Meeting and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote for the Shareholder at the Meeting. A proxy need not be a Shareholder. If the Shareholder is entitled to cast two or more votes at the Meeting the Shareholder may appoint two proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes which each proxy is appointed to exercise. A form of proxy accompanies this Notice.

To be valid, the appointment of a proxy (made using a properly completed and executed Proxy Form) must be received by the Company no later than 11.30am (Brisbane time) on 29 October 2019.

Proxy Forms can be submitted by the below methods:

- (a) Online by visiting <u>www.investorvote.com.au</u> and entering the 6-digit control number found on the front of the Proxy Form. Intermediary Online subscribers (Custodians) may lodge proxy instructions at <u>www.intermediaryonline.com</u>;
- (b) by mail to Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited, GPO Box 242, Melbourne Victoria 3001; and
- (c) by facsimile 1800 783 447 (within Australia) or +61 3 9473 2555 (outside Australia)

Please note that if the Chairman of the Meeting is your proxy (or becomes your proxy by default), you expressly authorise the Chair to exercise your proxy on Resolutions 1 through 5 even though they are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company, which includes the chair. If you appoint the Chair as your proxy you can direct the Chair to vote for or against or abstain from voting on any of Resolutions 1 through 7 by marking the appropriate box on the Proxy Form.

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

## **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.

**NOTE**: Please refer to the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Notice of Meeting for further information regarding all of the above Resolutions.

By order of the Board

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Gavin Leicht Company Secretary 25 September 2019

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM GENERAL INFORMATION

This Explanatory Memorandum contains an explanation of, and information about, the Resolutions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Sunstone Metals Ltd, to be held on **Thursday 31 October 2019**.

The Explanatory Memorandum is to assist Shareholders in understanding the background to and the legal and other implications of the Notice of Meeting and the reasons for the Resolutions proposed. Shareholders should read the Explanatory Memorandum in full.

The Explanatory Memorandum forms part of the accompanying Notice of Meeting and should be read with the Notice of Meeting.

The Explanatory Memorandum does not take into account the individual investment objectives, financial situation and needs of individual Shareholders or any other person. If you are in doubt about what to do in relation to the Resolutions, you should consult your financial or other professional adviser.

Capitalised words used in the Notice of Meeting and in the Explanatory Memorandum are defined in the Glossary at the end of the Explanatory Memorandum.

The information contained in this Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Company and is the responsibility of the Company. Other than the information set out in this Explanatory Memorandum, the Directors believe that there is no other information that could reasonably be required by Shareholders to consider Resolutions 1 to 7 (inclusive).

A copy of this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum was lodged with ASX pursuant to the Listing Rules and ASIC in accordance with section 218 of the Corporations Act. Neither ASX or ASIC nor any of their officers take any responsibility for the contents of this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum.

## **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

## Financial Statements and Reports

In accordance with the Constitution, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the Annual Report together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the Remuneration Report, and the auditors' report.

The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The Company's Annual Report can be found on its website at www.sunstonemetals.com.au.

#### **Remuneration Report**

The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the Company. The Remuneration Report is part of the directors' report contained in the Annual Report.

A reasonable opportunity will be provided for discussion of the Remuneration Report at the Meeting.

## "Two Strikes"

The Corporations Act requires that at a listed company's annual general meeting, a resolution that the remuneration report of the company be adopted must be put to the Shareholders. However, such a resolution is advisory only and will not bind the Directors or the Company.

The Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Director and Executive Remuneration) Act 2001 (Cth) which came into effect on 1 July 2011, amended the Corporations Act to provide that Shareholders will have the opportunity to remove the whole Board except the Managing Director if the Remuneration Report receives votes against of 25% or more (**Strike**) at two consecutive annual general meetings.

Where a resolution on the Remuneration Report receives a Strike at two consecutive annual general meetings, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders at the second annual general meeting a resolution (**Spill Resolution**) on whether another meeting should be held (within 90 Days) (**Spill Meeting**), at which all Directors (other than the Managing Director) who were in office at the date of approval of the applicable Directors' Report, must cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting and must stand for re-election, unless the Company put to Shareholders a Spill Resolution at the first annual general meeting.

The Company did not receive a Strike at its 2018 annual general meeting and as a result, if the Remuneration Report receives a Strike at this Meeting, the Company will not be required to put a Spill Resolution. However, if the Remuneration Report receives a Strike at this Meeting and a second Strike at the 2020 annual general meeting, the Company will then be required to put a Spill Resolution.

## Proxies

Resolution 1 is an ordinary resolution.

The Corporations Act places certain restrictions on the ability of "Key Management Personnel" (including the Chairman of the Meeting) and their "Closely Related Parties" to vote on Resolution 1 and also places restrictions on "Key Management Personnel" and their "Closely Related Parties" where they are voting as proxy for another shareholder on resolutions connected with the remuneration of Key Management Personnel.

To ensure that your vote is counted on Resolution 1, you are encouraged to direct your proxy how to vote on that item by indicating your preference by completing the "For", "Against" or "Abstain" boxes on the Proxy Form. If you provide an undirected proxy in relation to Resolution 1 to a director (other than the Chairman of the Meeting) or other Key Management Personnel or their Closely Related Parties, such a proxy will not vote on Resolution 1. To allow such a proxy to vote on Resolution 1, you must direct the proxy how to vote by completing the "For", "Against" or "Abstain" boxes on the Proxy Form.

If you appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy in relation to Resolution 1, but do not complete the "For", "Against" or "Abstain" boxes on the Proxy Form for Resolution 1, the Chairman will exercise your proxy even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of Key Management Personnel. The Chairman intends to vote all available proxies in favour of Resolution 1. If you wish to appoint the Chairman as proxy with a direction to vote against, or to abstain from voting on, Resolution 1, you must specify this by completing the "Against" or "Abstain" box on the Proxy Form.

RESOLUTION 2 – Approval to issue up to 4,000,000 Options to Non-Executive Director, Mr Graham Ascough or his nominee

RESOLUTION 3 – Approval to issue up to 4,000,000 Options to Non-Executive Director, Mr Don Hyma or his nominee

RESOLUTION 4 – Approval to issue up to 4,000,000 Options to Non-Executive Director, Mr Stephen Stroud or his nominee (subject to the passing of Resolution 6)

#### Background

The Board is seeking Shareholder approval for Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 referred to in the accompanying Notice of Meeting for the purposes of Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act and Listing Rule 10.11.

Because Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud are Directors of the Company and as the Company is seeking to issue them with the same form of equity (i.e. Options under Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 respectively), the explanations on these three Resolutions have been grouped as set out below.

#### Corporations Act

Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act regulates related party transactions. Pursuant to section 228, Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud are related parties of the Company given their directorships with Sunstone.

Section 208 of the Corporations Act provides that, unless an exception applies, a public company must obtain the approval of its members in accordance with sections 217 to 227 of the Corporations Act before it gives a financial benefit to a related party. The benefit for which Shareholder approval is obtained, must be given within 15 months of that approval.

The issue of the Options proposed under Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 is an example of giving a financial benefit to a related party under the Corporations Act. It is on this basis that approval to Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 is being sought.

#### Listing Rules

Listing Rule 10.11 requires a listed company to obtain Shareholder approval by ordinary resolution prior to the issue of equity securities to a related party. The definition of 'equity securities' under the Listing Rules includes an 'option over an issued or unissued security'. Further, as noted above, Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud are considered to be related parties of the Company by virtue of their roles on the Board of Sunstone, hence Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.11 is being sought.

In accordance with Listing Rule 7.2, Exception 14, the general prohibition under Listing Rule 7.1 in relation to the 15% Threshold will not apply to the Options issued under Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 provided Shareholder approval is obtained under Listing Rule 10.11. If Shareholder approval is given under Listing Rule 10.11, approval is not required under Listing Rule 7.1.

#### Corporations Act and Listing Rule disclosure

Details of the proposed issues under Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 as required by the Corporations Act and further expanded upon in ASIC Regulatory Guide 76 (Related party transactions) and Listing Rule 10.13 are as follows:

Required disclosure			
Proposed	Mr Graham Ascough, Mr Don Hyma, and Mr Stephen Stroud or their		
allottees	nominees		
Nature of	Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud are related parties of Sunstone		
relationship with	because of their roles as Non-Executive Directors of the Company. Mr		
Sunstone	Ascough is also the Non-Executive Chairman of the Company.		
Maximum	Subject to Shareholder approval, it is proposed that Messrs Ascough,		
number of	Hyma, and Stroud (subject to the passing of Resolution 6) will each be		
securities to be	issued up to 4,000,000 Options to subscribe for new ordinary shares in the		
issued	Company.		

	For the purposes of relying on the Shareholder approval obtained for these Resolutions, all Options will be issued no later than 1 month after this Annual General Meeting.
Issue Price	Nil
Exercise price and expiry date	The Options to be issued and their exercise price are as follows:
	All 12,000,000 Options will be exercisable at a price the higher of \$0.042 or 50% above the Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP) of the Company's shares on the 5 days prior to the date Shareholder approval is granted, rounded up to the next tenth of a cent. All of the Options will have an exercise period commencing 12 months from the date Shareholder approval is granted and expiring 3 years from the date Shareholder approval is granted.
Terms of issue	The terms and conditions of the Options to be issued are set out in Annexure A to this Explanatory Memorandum.
	Each Option proposed to be granted is subject to a 12-month vesting condition before the Options can be exercised, lapsing if the allottee departs the Company within this period, and entitles the holder to subscribe for one new ordinary share in the Company at the exercise price specified above exercisable during the exercise period specified. The Shares issued on exercise of the Options will rank equally in all respects with the existing fully paid ordinary shares in the Company.
Use of funds	No funds will be raised on the initial issue of the Options to Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud as they are being granted for no consideration.
	If Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud exercise any or all of their Options, funds will be raised based on the exercise price set out above. These funds will be put towards the Company's general working capital requirements and exploration activities at the relevant time.
Why the Options are being issued to the allottees	The primary purpose of the issue of the Options is to provide cost effective remuneration and incentives for Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud in their respective roles as Directors and reflects what the Board considers to be appropriate in the circumstances.
	<ul> <li>It is considered appropriate to grant the Options to Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud as a means of: <ul> <li>Retaining their services by providing a competitive remuneration package;</li> <li>providing incentives linked to the performance of the Company, thereby aligning their interests more closely with that of the Company; and</li> <li>providing them with an opportunity to acquire equity in the Company.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	It is further considered that the performance of Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud and the performance and value of the Company will be closely related. The Options to be granted will only be of benefit if Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud perform to the level whereby the value of the Company increases sufficiently to warrant exercising the Options.
	Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud bring a wealth of experience to the Company and valuable fundraising experience, mine development and mining exploration contacts.
	The Directors believe that the proposed issue of Options are in the best interests of the Company and promote the interests of the Company on the basis that the Directors will be increasingly committed to improving the performance of the Company for the benefit of Shareholders.

Why the number of Options and value of the Options was chosen	Why the number of Options? The number of Options was chosen following a review of similar organisations to be market competitive. The Options will be granted as a key component of the relevant Director's remuneration in order to retain services and provide incentives linked to the performance of the Company. It is further considered that the performance of Directors and the performance and value of the Company will be closely related. As such, the Options to be granted will only be of benefit if the Directors perform to the level whereby the value of the Company increases sufficiently to warrant exercising the Options.
	What is the value of the Options? Pitcher Partners, as independent valuers, has determined that the total value of the Options to be issued is (as at the date of the Options Valuations) \$100,800. An additional valuation was undertaken assuming the share price increases prior to AGM and the exercise price is greater than \$0.042 (assumed as \$0.06), with a value of \$152,400.
Valuation of the financial benefit	Attaining all the exercising conditions will also mean a significant increase in the share price. If such a share price increase is attained the Board determined that the financial reward to Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud was appropriate and aligned their interests with that of all Shareholders. The Company engaged Pitcher Partners to undertake valuations of the Options proposed to be issued to Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud ( <b>Options Valuations</b> ). Pitcher Partners valued the Options using a trinomial lattice valuation model which defines the conditions under which employees are expected to exercise their options after vesting in terms of the stock price reaching a specified multiple of the exercise price.
	The Options Valuations assumed two different exercise prices of \$0.042 and \$0.06, and attributed a total value of \$100,800 and \$152,400 respectively to the total 12 million Options proposed to be issued under Resolutions 2 to 4 as follows:
	Exercise Price \$0.042 Exercise Price \$0.06
	Mr Ascough \$33,600Mr Ascough \$50,800Mr Hyma\$33,600Mr HymaMr Stroud\$33,600Mr Stroud\$50,800Mr Stroud
	However, it is important for Shareholders to note that this stated value of the Options may go up or down at any time despite the Options Valuations. This is because the value of the Options will depend on the valuation methodology used in any future valuation, together with the relevant assumptions made under the Options Valuations compared to any future valuations.
	<ul> <li>For the purposes of the Options Valuations, the following facts or assumptions were used:</li> <li>the Options are exercisable at the greater of \$0.042 and 150% of the 5-day VWAP prior to approval;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>two different exercise prices were modelled – one at \$0.042, based on the closing share price of \$0.027 on 27 August 2019, and another at \$0.06, which assumed a 5 day VWAP prior to AGM of \$0.04 per share;</li> <li>the volatility of the Company's share price was calculated with</li> </ul>
	regard to the historical volatility, being 94.1% for 3 years to 27 August 2019;

	the Options exp	ire 3 years from date of shareholder approval;				
		e used is 0.66%, which is the 3-year Government				
	<ul> <li>Bond Rate as at 27 August 2019;</li> <li>assumed the options would be exercised at any time during the</li> </ul>					
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	<ul> <li>for the purposes of the Options Valuations, no future dividend payments were forecast, given the Company is a mineral exploration company with no history of paying dividends; and</li> <li>the valuation of the share-based payments do not consider non-market vesting conditions, consistent with AASB 2 (i.e. probability of Non-executive Directors leaving before vesting date).</li> </ul>					
	Based on the assumptions outlined above, Pitcher Partners calculated the value of the Options to be \$100,800 (as at the date of the Options Valuations), or \$152,400 assuming an exercise price of \$0.06.					
	that the Options Valuation was appropriate in the o	ng taken appropriate expert advice on the matter, ons and use of the trinomial lattice valuation model circumstances. The Board has not used any other osing the terms or number of Options.				
Disclosure of total remuneration package	Hyma, and Stroud as a m incentives for them in the	tions are proposed to be issued to Messrs Ascough, leans of providing cost effective remuneration and eir roles as Directors. These Options are proposed to urities to Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud or their se.				
		moluments from the Company for Messrs Ascough, e current financial year are:				
	Related party	Current financial year remuneration*				
	Mr Graham Ascough	\$85,000 per annum 4,000,000 Options per Resolution 2				
	Mr Don Hyma	\$50,000 per annum 4,000,000 Options per Resolution 3				
	Mr Stephen Stroud	4,000,000 Options per Resolution 3 \$50,000 per annum 4,000,000 Options per Resolution 4, subject to the passing of Resolution 6				
	*Paid pursuant to service	contracts with the Company.				
	Directors are also entitle accommodation and attending meetings of	ed to reimbursement of all reasonable travelling, other expenses that are properly incurred in Directors or any meetings of committees of meetings of Shareholders or in connection with				
Directors' interest in the outcome	in the resolutions that rela	hat Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud each have ate to their individual allotment, none of the other it in the outcome of Resolutions 2, 3 and 4.				

Securities held in the Company		ach of Messrs	Ascough, Hyr	e Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 ma, and Stroud in the
	Related party	Shares	Options	Performance Rights
	Mr Graham Ascough	13,417,381	Nil	Nil
	Mr Don Hyma	2,203,125	Nil	Nil
	Mr Stephen Stroud	3,605,264	Nil	Nil
	(i.e. atter the Resolution and Stroud in the sect			Messrs Ascough, Hyma, as set out below:
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The following table demonstrates the dilution of all other shareholdings in the Company upon exercise of the Options issued to Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud, assuming that Shareholders pass Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 as well as Resolution 6:

Current shares issued	1,384,387,646
Shares issued assuming all existing Options and Performance Rights are exercised (including those subject to Resolution 5)	20,582,558
Shares issued assuming exercise of all the Options referred to in Resolutions 2, 3 and 4	12,000,000
Total shares	1,416,970,204
Dilution effect	0.85%

The market price of Shares in the Company would normally determine whether Messrs Ascough, Hyma, and Stroud (or their nominee) will exercise the Options. If the Options are exercised at a price that is lower than the price at which Shares are trading on ASX, there may be a perceived cost to the Company.

The highest, lowest, and last recorded closing market price of the Shares quoted on ASX during the 12-month period prior to the date of this Notice of Meeting were:

Highest	\$0.046 on 1 April 2019
Lowest	\$0.021 on 24 December 2018
Last	\$0.028 on 23 September 2019

## Additional information and Directors' recommendation

# Resolution 2 - Approval to issue up to 4,000,000 Options to Non-Executive Director, Mr Graham Ascough or his nominee

Mr Ascough declines to make a recommendation to Shareholders in relation to Resolution 2 due to his material personal interest in the outcome of the Resolution. The other Directors, who do not have a material interest in the outcome of Resolution 2, recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2. The Board, other than Mr Ascough, are not aware of any other information which would reasonably be required by Shareholders to allow them to make a decision whether it is in the best interests of the Company to pass Resolution 2.

**Recommendation:** <u>The Board, with Mr Ascough abstaining, unanimously recommend that</u> <u>Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.</u>

# Resolution 3 - Approval to issue up to 4,000,000 Options to Non-Executive Director, Mr Don Hyma or his nominee

Mr Hyma declines to make a recommendation to Shareholders in relation to Resolution 3 due to his material personal interest in the outcome of the Resolution. The other Directors, who do not have a material interest in the outcome of Resolution 3, recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3. The Board, other than Mr Hyma, are not aware of any other information which would reasonably be required by Shareholders to allow them to make a decision whether it is in the best interests of the Company to pass Resolution 3.

**Recommendation:** <u>The Board, with Mr Hyma abstaining, unanimously recommend that Shareholders</u> <u>vote in favour of Resolution 3.</u>

# Resolution 4 - Approval to issue up to 4,000,000 Options to Non-Executive Director, Mr Stephen Stroud, or his nominee (subject to the passing of Resolution 6)

Mr Stroud declines to make a recommendation to Shareholders in relation to Resolution 4 due to his material personal interest in the outcome of the Resolution. The other Directors, who do not have a material interest in the outcome of Resolution 4, recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4. The Board, other than Mr Stroud, are not aware of any other information which would reasonably be required by Shareholders to allow them to make a decision whether it is in the best interests of the Company to pass Resolution 4.

**Recommendation:** <u>The Board, with Mr Stroud abstaining, unanimously recommend that Shareholders</u> <u>vote in favour of Resolution 4.</u>

# RESOLUTION 5 – Approval to issue up to 2,400,000 Performance Rights to CEO/Managing Director, Malcolm Norris or his nominee.

## Background

The Board is seeking Shareholder approval for Resolution 5 referred to in the accompanying Notice of Meeting for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.14.

## **Corporations Act**

Shareholder approval under Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act (related party benefits) is not required because the issue of Performance Rights is considered to be reasonable remuneration and falls within the exception to the requirement for shareholder approval.

## **Listing Rules**

Listing Rule 10.14 requires a listed company to obtain Shareholder approval by ordinary resolution prior to the issue of equity securities under an employee incentive scheme to a director of the entity. The Company proposes to grant the performance rights to Mr Norris under the Employee Performance Rights Plan and the Plan Rules will apply to the grant. The definition of 'equity securities' under the Listing Rules includes a 'right to a share or unit or option'. Further, as noted above, Mr Norris is a director of the Company, hence Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.14 is being sought.

In accordance with Listing Rule 7.2, Exception 14, the general prohibition under Listing Rule 7.1 in relation to the 15% threshold will not apply to the Performance Rights issued under Resolution 5 provided Shareholder approval is obtained under Listing Rule 10.14. If Shareholder approval is given under Listing Rule 10.14, approval is not required under Listing Rule 7.1.

## Listing Rule disclosure

Details of the proposed issues under Resolution 5 as required by Listing Rule 10.15 are as follows:

	Required disclosure
Proposed allottees	Mr Malcolm Norris, or his nominee
Nature of relationship with Sunstone	Mr Malcolm Norris is a related party of the Company because of his role as CEO/Managing Director.
Maximum number of securities to be	Subject to Shareholder approval, it is proposed that Mr Norris will be issued up to 2,400,000 Performance Rights to subscribe for new ordinary shares in the Company.
issued	For the purposes of relying on the Shareholder approval obtained for this Resolution, all Performance Rights will be issued no later than 1 month after this General Meeting.
Issue Price/ Use of funds	Nil. No funds will be raised on the initial issue of the Performance Rights to Mr Norris as they are being granted for no consideration.
Terms of issue	The terms and conditions of the Performance Rights to be issued to Mr Norris under Resolution 5 are set out in Annexure B to this Explanatory Memorandum. Each Performance Right proposed to be granted entitles the holder to
	subscribe for one new ordinary share in the Company, upon satisfying the performance conditions. Shares issued on vesting of the Performance Rights will rank equally in all respects with the existing fully paid ordinary shares in the Company.
	There are no Loans associated with the Issue.

Performance	In relation to Mr Norris, the Performance Rights to be issued and the
Conditions, and expiry date	performance conditions required for vesting are as follows:
	<ul> <li>(i) 2,400,000 Performance Rights, with an exercise period of 3 years commencing on the date Shareholder approval is granted and expiring on the third anniversary of that date; and</li> </ul>
	(ii) Performance Conditions for Vesting of:
	a) Tranche 1 – 33.33% or 800,000 Performance Rights to vest upon the later of both the following vesting conditions occurring:
	<ul> <li>Closing Price of Sunstone Shares being at or above the higher of \$0.08, or 50% above the 15 day VWAP prior to the date of shareholder approval, for minimum 10 trading days out of any 20 consecutive trading days; and</li> <li>12 months after issue.</li> <li>b) Tranche 2 – 33.33% or 800,000 Performance Rights to vest upon TSR performance as measured against the ASX Small Resources Index (Index), as follows:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Performance below the Index - no shares will vest.</li> <li>Performance equal to the Index will see 50% vest, increasing linearly with outperformance of the Index by up to 25%, such that 100% of shares will vest should Sunstone's performance be greater than 25% above the Index performance.</li> <li>Testing will be annually on 30<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>C) Tranche 3 – 33.33% or 800,000 Performance Rights to vest upon the later of both the following vesting conditions occurring:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Closing Price of Sunstone Shares being at or above the higher of \$0.11, or 100% above the 15 day VWAP prior to the date of shareholder approval, for minimum 10 trading days out of any 20 consecutive trading days; and</li> <li>12 months after issue.</li> </ul>
Why the Performance Rights are being issued to the	The primary purpose of the issue of the Performance Rights is to provide cost effective remuneration and incentives for Mr Norris in his role as Managing Director and reflects what the Board considers to be appropriate in the circumstances.
allottees	It is considered appropriate to grant the Performance Rights to Mr Norris as a means of:
	• retaining his services by providing a competitive remuneration
	<ul> <li>package;</li> <li>providing incentives linked to the performance of the Company, thereby aligning his interests more closely with that of the Company; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>providing him with an opportunity to acquire equity in the Company.</li> </ul>
	It is further considered that the performance of Mr Norris and the performance and value of the Company will be closely related.
	Mr Norris brings a wealth of experience to the Company and valuable fundraising experience, mine development and mining exploration contacts.
	The Directors (other than Mr Norris) believe that the proposed issue of Performance Rights are in the best interests of the Company and promote the interests of the Company on the basis that the Managing Director will be increasingly committed to improving the performance of the Company for the benefit of Shareholders.

Why the three performance related vesting conditions were	The three performance related vesting conditions were chosen in order to closely align rewards for performance of key employees with the achievement of the Company's growth and strategic objectives for the 2019 financial year and beyond, to deliver superior performance that creates shareholder value.				
chosen	Closing share price being the higher of \$0.08 or more for 10 days?				
	This vesting condition was chosen as it represents a share price almost triple the Volume Weighted Average Price ("VWAP") paid by shareholders for any Equity issues during the 2019 financial year (\$0.03); and a 128% premium to the 12 month VWAP to 30 June 2019 (\$0.035). The vesting condition will increase to 50% above the 15 day VWAP prior to the date of shareholder approval should this be above \$0.08.				
	TSR Performance against the ASX Small Resources Index?				
	This vesting condition was chosen as it represents the performance of the Company against a relevant index of resource companies, comparing the growth of the Company with the growth of the index. No shares will vest under this condition unless the Company's performance is equal to or above that of the index.				
	Closing share price \$0.11 or more for 10 days?				
	This vesting condition was chosen as it represents almost 4 times the VWAP paid by shareholders for any Equity issues during the 2019 financial year; and a 213% premium to the 12 month VWAP to 30 June 2019. The vesting condition will increase to 100% above the 15 day VWAP prior to the date of shareholder approval should this be above \$0.11.				
Why the number	Why the number of Performance Rights?				
of Performance Rights and value of the Performance Rights was chosen	The number of Performance Rights was chosen following a review of similar organisations to be market competitive. The Performance Rights will be granted as a key component of the Managing Director's remuneration in order to retain services and provide incentives linked to the performance of the Company. It is further considered that the performance of the Managing Director and the performance and value of the Company will be closely related.				
	What is the value of the Performance Rights?				
	Pitcher Partners, as independent valuers, has determined that the total value of the Performance Rights to be issued to Mr Norris is (as at the date of the Performance Rights Valuations) \$39,600.				
	Attaining all the exercising conditions will also mean a significant increase in the share price. If such a share price increase is attained the Board (excluding Mr Norris) determined that the financial reward to Mr Norris was appropriate and aligned his interests with that of all Shareholders.				
Valuation of the financial benefit	The Company engaged Pitcher Partners to undertake valuations of the Performance Rights proposed to be issued to Mr Norris ( <b>Performance Rights Valuations</b> ). Pitcher Partners valued the Performance Rights using the Monte Carlo simulation for the valuation of the tranches with share price hurdles (Tranches 1 and 3) and for Tranche 2, the Hoadley Hybrid ESO model, a correlated Monte Carlo Simulation to simultaneously simulate the performance of the Company's share price and the ASX Small Resources Index taking into account the correlation between the two.				
	The valuation models use the following variables to determine the value of the Performance Rights:				

	a) value of the underlying asset – share price of \$0.027 being the closing share price on ASX as at 27 August 2019;
	<ul> <li>b) vesting conditions – as referred to above, with Tranche 1 share price hurdle being \$0.08 and Tranche 3 being \$0.11, as these are higher than 50% and 100% above the share price referred to in a) above;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>c) expected volatility of the share price – 94.1% based on 3 year historical volatility;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>d) expected volatility of the ASX Small Resources Index – 21% based on 3- year index volatility;</li> </ul>
	e) correlation of Sunstone's share price and the ASX Small Resources Index for the 3 year period to 27 August 2019 of 0.3;
	f) risk free rate – the Australian Government 3-year bond rate as at 27 August 2019 of 0.66%;
	g) time to maturity – the Performance Rights expire 3 years from the date of issue; and
	h) expected dividend yield – Nil, given the Company is a mineral exploration company with no history of paying dividends.
	Based on the assumptions outlined above, Pitcher Partners calculated the value of the Performance Rights to be \$39,600, with a total value for each Tranche as follows:
	<ul> <li>Tranche 1 – \$0.0151 per Share Right = \$12,080</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tranche 2 – \$0.021 per Share Right = \$16,800</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tranche 3 – \$0.0134 per Share Right = \$10,720</li> </ul>
	However, it is important for Shareholders to note that this stated value of the Performance Rights may go up or down at any time despite the Performance Rights Valuations. This is because the value of the Performance Rights will depend on the valuation methodology used in any future valuation, together with the relevant assumptions made under the Performance Rights Valuations compared to any future valuations.
	The Board (other than Mr Norris) believes, having taken appropriate expert advice on the matter, that the valuation and use of the Hoadley Hybrid ESO model was appropriate in the circumstances. The Board has not used any other valuation model in proposing the terms or number of Performance Rights.
Directors' interest in the outcome	Other than the interests that Mr Norris has in the resolution, none of the other Directors have an interest in the outcome of Resolution 5.

Date of issue of the Performance Rights	If Resolution 5 is passed, the Performance Rights to be issued to Mr Norris (or his nominee) will be issued no later than one month after the date of the Meeting.				
Disclosure of total remuneration package	As noted above, the Performance Rights are proposed to be issued to Mr Norris as a means of providing cost effective remuneration and incentives for him in his role as Managing Director. These Performance Rights are proposed to be part of the annual remuneration of Mr Norris, under the approved Employee Performance Rights Plan, with the annual value being subject to the discretion of the Board and also subject to shareholder approval. The remuneration and emoluments from the Company for Mr Norris for current				m in be yee tion
	financial year are:	d emoluments tro	om the Comp	any for Mr Norris for cur	rent
	Related party	Curren	nt financial ye	ar remuneration*	
	Mr Malcolm Norris		\$329,595 per annum comprised of a salary of \$301,000 per annum and superannuation of 9.5%		
		2,400,000 Pe	erformance Ri	ghts per Resolution 5	
	*Paid pursuant to serv	rice contracts wi	th the Compo	any.	
Securities held in the Company		The current relevant interests (i.e. before Resolution 5 is approved) of Mr Norris in the securities of the Company are set out below*:			
	Related party	Shares	Options	Performance Rights	
	Mr Malcolm Norris	16,457,782	2,500,000	3,659,326	
				evant interests (i.e. after of the Company will be	
	Related party	Shares	Options	Performance Rights	
	Mr Malcolm Norris	16,457,782	2,500,000	6,059,326	
	* Includes direct and I	I Indirect holdings		J J	

The following table demonstrates the dilution of all other shareholdings in the Company upon exercise of the Performance Rights and Share Options issued to Mr Norris, assuming that Shareholders pass Resolution 5:

Current shares issued	1,384,387,646
Shares issued assuming all existing Options are exercised	2,500,000
Shares issued assuming exercise of all the Performance Rights currently held by Mr Norris and to be granted to Mr Norris pursuant to Resolution 5	
Total shares	1,392,946,972
Dilution effect	0.6%

## Additional information and Directors' recommendation

Mr Norris declines to make a recommendation to Shareholders in relation to Resolution 5 due to his material personal interest in the outcome of the Resolution. The other Directors, who do not have a material interest in the outcome of Resolution 5, recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 5.

**Recommendation:** The Board, with Mr Norris abstaining, unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 5.

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, Mr Stephen Stroud retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election as a Director of the Company. Mr Stroud was appointed as an independent, non-executive Director on 6 September 2017.

Stephen is Chairman of the Company's Audit and Financial Risk Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee. He is an experienced CPA qualified corporate finance executive with over 20 years' experience advising across all aspects of corporate finance both as an advisor and client. He has advised boards and management teams across a broad range of transactions including public and private equity raisings, debt/hybrid debt, Initial Public Offerings, mergers & acquisitions, sell-downs and restructures both in Australia and overseas.

**Recommendation:** The Board (excluding Mr Stroud) recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 6.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTION 7 – Approval of 10% Placement Facility**

## Purpose of resolution

The purpose of Resolution 7 is to enable the directors to issue Equity Securities up to 10% of the Company's issued share capital under Listing Rule 7.1A during the 12-month period following this Meeting (**10% Placement Period**), without subsequent Shareholder approval and without using the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1 (**Placement Facility**).

Resolution 7 is a special resolution. Accordingly, at least 75% of votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote at the Meeting must be in favour of Resolution 7 for it to be passed.

## Recommendation: The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 7.

## General information

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 for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A as it is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a market capitalisation of \$38.8 million (on the basis of the Company's closing share price of \$0.028 on 23 September 2019.

If Shareholders approve Resolution 7, 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 (refer to the formula for calculating 10% Placement Facility set out in (iii) below).

## Description of Listing Rule 7.1A

## (i) 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.

## (ii) 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 of Meeting, has on issue one class of quoted Equity Securities, namely Shares.

## (iii) 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

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

- a) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the 12 months under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2;
- b) plus the number of partly paid shares that became fully paid in the 12 months;

- c) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the 12 months with approval of holders of shares under Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.4. This does not include an issue of fully paid shares under the entity's 15% placement capacity without shareholder approval;
- d) less the number of fully paid shares cancelled in the 12 months.

Note that  $\mathbf{A}$  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 before the date of the issue or agreement to issue that are not issued with the approval of Shareholders under Listing Rule 7.1 or 7.4.

## (iv) 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.

At the date of this Notice of Meeting, the Company has on issue 1,383,883,150 Shares with 67,330,665 of those issued under Listing Rule 7.1 and therefore has a capacity to issue:

- a) 130,152,208 Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1; and
- b) 131,655,249 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, subject to Shareholder approval being obtained under Resolution 7, will be calculated at the date of issue of the Equity Securities, or the agreement date, in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (refer to the formula for calculating 10% Placement Facility set out in (iii) above).

## (v) Minimum Issue Price

The issue price of Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be not less than 75% of the volume weighted average price of Equity Securities in the same class calculated over the 15 Trading Days immediately before:

- a) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed; or
- b) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 5 Trading Days of the date in paragraph (a) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

## (vi) 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:

- a) the date that is 12 months after the date of the annual general meeting at which the approval is obtained; or
- b) the 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).

## Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

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

## 7.3A.1 Minimum Price

The Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price in accordance with (v) above.

## 7.3A.2 Risk of voting dilution

If Resolution 7 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 table in Appendix 1 to this Explanatory Memorandum. There is a risk that:

- a) 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
- b) 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.

The table in Appendix 1 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 this Notice of Meeting.

## 7.3A.3 Date of issue

The Company will only issue and allot the Equity Securities during the 10% Placement Period. The approval under Resolution 7 for the issue of the 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).

## 7.3A.4 Purpose of issue under 10% Placement Facility

The Company may seek to issue the Equity Securities for the following purposes:

- a) non-cash consideration for the acquisition of the new resources assets and other investments. In such circumstances, the Company will provide a valuation of the non-cash consideration as required by Listing Rule 7.1A.3; or
- b) cash consideration. In such circumstances, the Company intends to use the funds raised towards an acquisition of new assets or other investments (including expense associated with such acquisition), continued exploration and feasibility study expenditure on the Company's current assets and/or general working capital.

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A.4 and 3.10.5A upon issue of any Equity Securities.

## 7.3A.5 Allocation under 10% Placement Facility

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:

- a) the methods of raising funds that are available to the Company, including but not limited to, a rights issue or other issue in which existing security holders can participate;
- b) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- c) the financial situation and solvency of the Company; and
- d) 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 of Meeting but may include existing substantial Shareholders and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

## 7.3A.6 Previous approval of 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A

The Company previously obtained shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1A at its 2018 AGM.

During the previous 12 months, the Company has made the following equity security issues:

- a) The Company has issued 254,085,607 Equity Securities in the previous 12 months (242,085,607 ordinary shares and 12,000,000 Performance Rights under the Company's Employee Performance Rights Plan), representing 21.2% of the total number of Equity Securities on issue at the commencement of that 12-month period.
- b) Details of the Equity Securities is as follows:

The Company issued a total of 15,417,442 shares vesting under the Employee Performance Rights Plan, the details of which are as follows:

Date of issue:	28 September 2018; 8 April 2019; 18 July 2019; and 10 September 2019	
Number issued:	5,244,072; 6,000,000; 3,668,874; and 504,496	
Class/Type of equity security:	Ordinary shares	
Summary of terms:	Performance Rights vesting upon performance hurdles being met. Issued upon the same terms and conditions as existing quoted ordinary shares.	
Names of persons who received securities or basis on which those persons was determined:	Employees of Sunstone Metals Ltd	
Price:	NIL	
Discount to market price (if any):	NIL	

During the previous 12 months, the Company issued 12,000,000 Performance Rights, the details of which are as follows:

Date of issue:	27 November 2018		
Number issued:	12,000,000		
Class/Type of equity security:	Unlisted Performance Rights		
Summary of terms:	<ul> <li>4,000,000 Performance Rights vesting upon later of both the following vesting conditions occurring: <ul> <li>Closing share price of \$0.05 per share for 10 consecutive trading days; and</li> <li>12 months after issue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4,000,000 Performance Rights to vest upon TSR performance as measured against the ASX Small Resources Index, as follows: <ul> <li>Performance below the index no shares will vest.</li> <li>Performance equal to the index will see 50% vest, increasing linearly with outperformance of the index by up to 25%, such that 100% of shares will vest should Sunstone's performance be greater than 25% above the index performance.</li> <li>Testing will be annually on 30th June.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4,000,000 Performance Rights vesting upon later of both the following vesting conditions occurring: <ul> <li>Closing share price of \$0.065 per share for 10 consecutive trading days; and</li> <li>12 months after issue.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Expiry 3 years from grant date.</li> </ul>		
securities or basis on which those persons was determined:			
Price:	NIL		
Value:	\$303,200^		

<sup>^</sup> The value of the performance rights is measured using the Monte Carlo simulation.

The valuation models use the following variables to determine the value of the Performance Rights:

- a) value of the underlying asset share price of \$0.038 being the closing share price on ASX as at the date of the valuation, 6 July 2018;
- b) vesting conditions as referred to above;
- c) expected volatility of the share price 100% as calculated on historical volatility for a 3-year period;
- d) expected index volatility 26% as calculated on historical volatility for a 3-year period;
- e) risk free rate the Australian Government 3-year bond rate as at 6 July 2018 of 2.08%;
- f) time to maturity the Performance Rights expire 3 years from the date of issue; and
- g) expected dividend yield Nil, given the Company is a mineral exploration company with no history of paying dividends.

On 13 November 2018, the Company issued 67,330,665 shares, under Listing Rule 7.1 capacity, the details of which are as follows:

Date of issue:	13 November 2018		
Number issued:	67,330,665		
Class/Type of equity security:	Ordinary shares		
Summary of terms:	As per ASX Announcement dated 7 November 2018.		
	Issued upon the same terms and conditions as existing quoted ordinary shares.		
Names of persons who received securities or basis on which those persons was determined:	Sophisticated investor applicants as determined by the Board. The allottees were not related parties.		
Price:	\$0.03 per share		
Discount to market price (if any):	Premium to the closing price of \$0.029 prior to announcement		
For cash issues			
Total cash consideration received:	\$2,019,920		
Amount of cash consideration spent:	\$2,019,920		
Use of cash consideration:	<ul> <li>exploration at the Bramaderos gold-copper project in southern Ecuador; and</li> <li>working capital</li> </ul>		
Intended use for remaining amount of cash (if any):	As above		

The Company issued a total of 159,337,500 shares following exercising of Options, the details of which are as follows:

Date of issue:	3 September 2019; 3 September 2019; 10 September 2019; and 12 September 2019		
Number issued:	4,500,000; 14,812,500; 128,775,000; and 11,250,000		
Class/Type of equity security:	Ordinary shares		
Summary of terms:	Unlisted Options at exercise price of \$0.032; Listed Options at exercise price of \$0.03; and Underwritten shortfall of Listed Options at exercise price of \$0.03;		
Discount to market price (if any):	NIL		

## 7.3A.7 Voting Exclusion

A voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice of Meeting. At the date of the Notice of Meeting, 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 the Equity Securities which would be issued under Listing Rule 7.1A. No existing shareholder's votes will therefore be excluded under the voting exclusion in the Notice of Meeting.

**Recommendation:** The Board believes that the resolution under Resolution 7 is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution.

In this Explanatory Memorandum and Notice of Annual General Meeting the following expressions have the following meanings unless stated otherwise or unless the context otherwise requires:

\$ means Australian dollars.

10% Placement Facility has the meaning given in the Explanatory Memorandum for Resolution 7.

10% Placement Period has the meaning given in the Explanatory Memorandum for Resolution 7.

Annual General Meeting, AGM or Meeting means the meeting convened by the Notice.

Applicable Law means each of:

- (a) the Corporations Act;
- (b) the Corporations Regulations;
- (c) the Listing Rules;
- (d) any other applicable securities laws;
- (e) the Constitution of the Company;
- (f) applicable taxation laws; and
- (g) any practice note, policy statement, class order, declaration or guideline relating to any of the items in paragraphs (a) to (f) of this definition.

ASIC means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

Associate has the meaning given to it in the Listing Rules.

**ASX** means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the context requires.

Board means the current board of directors of the Company.

Chairman or Chair means the Chairman of the Board.

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

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (c) a dependant of the member or of the member's spouse;
- (d) anyone else who is one of the member's family and may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealings with the entity;
- (e) a company the member controls; or
- (f) a person prescribed as such by the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth).

Company or Sunstone means Sunstone Metals Limited ACN 123 184 412.

Constitution means the constitution of the Company currently in force.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

**Director** means a director of the Company as at the date of the Explanatory Memorandum.

**Employee Performance Rights Plan** means the employee performance rights plan implemented with Shareholder approval at the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 26 November 2015.

Equity Securities has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules.

**Explanatory Memorandum** means the explanatory memorandum that accompanies and forms part of the Notice of Meeting.

**Group Company** means the Company, its subsidiaries and any other entity declared by the Board to be a member of the group for the purposes of the Employee Performance Rights Plan.

**Key Management Personnel** has the same meaning as in the accounting standards as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act (so the term broadly includes those 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 official listing rules of the ASX.

**Notice** or **Notice of Meeting** means the notice of Annual General Meeting including the Explanatory Memorandum and the Proxy Form.

**Option** means an option to acquire a fully paid ordinary share in the Company.

**Options Valuations** means the valuation undertaken by Pitcher Partners in relation to the value of the Options proposed to be issued to Messrs Ascough, Hyma and Stroud as described in the Explanatory Memorandum for Resolutions 2, 3 and 4.

**Performance Right** means a right to be issued, for no consideration, a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company upon the satisfaction of specified performance conditions.

**Performance Rights Valuations** means the valuation undertaken by Pitcher Partners in relation to the value of the Performance Rights proposed to be issued to Mr Norris as described in the Explanatory Memorandum for Resolution 5.

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

**Resolution** means a resolution as set out in the Notice.

Share means a fully paid ordinary share in the Company.

Shareholder means a holder of a Share in the Company.

Shareholding means the aggregate of shares held by a Shareholder.

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

**VWAP** means volume weighted average market price.

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 this Notice of Meeting.

The table also shows:

- (i) an example 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
- (ii) an example of the result of the issue price of ordinary securities decreasing by 50% and increasing by 100% as against the current market price.

		Dilution			
Variable 'A' in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		\$0.0014 50% decrease in Issue Price	\$0.028 Issue Price	\$0.056 100% Increase in Issue Price	
Current Variable A	10% Voting Dilution	1,384,387,646 Shares	1,384,387,646 Shares	1,384,387,646 Shares	
Shares	Funds raised	\$ 1,938,143	\$ 3,876,285	\$ 7,752,571	
50% increase in current Variable A	10% Voting Dilution	2,076,581,469 Shares	2,076,581,469 Shares	2,076,581,469 Shares	
2,076,581,469 Shares	Funds raised	\$ 2,907,214	\$ 5,814,428	\$ 11,628,856	
100% increase in current Variable A Dilution	10% Voting Dilution	2,768,775,292 Shares	2,768,775,292 Shares	2,768,775,292 Shares	
2,768,775,292 Shares	Funds Raised	\$ 3,876,285	\$ 7,752,571	\$ 15,505,142	

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

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- (i) The current Shares on issue are the Shares on issue as at the date of this Notice of Meeting.
- (ii) The current issue price is \$0.028, being the closing price of the Company's Shares on ASX on 23 September 2019.
- (iii) The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
- (iv) No Options or Performance Rights are exercised into Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities.
- (v) 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%.
- (vi) 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 Meeting.
- (vii) 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.

- 1. Each Option entitles the holder to one ordinary share in the Company.
- 2. Each of the Options will be exercisable at a price the greater of \$0.042 or 50% above the 5-day Volume Weighted Average Price of the Company's shares before the date Shareholder approval for the grant of the Options is given, rounded up to the next tenth of a cent.
- 3. Each Option is subject to a 12-month vesting period commencing on the date of issue (following Shareholder approval) and the options will lapse if the director is no longer in service of the Company prior to this vesting date.
- 4. Each Option is exercisable in whole or in part at any time during the period commencing on the date of vesting (12 months following Shareholder approval) and expiring 3 years following Shareholder approval (**Exercise Period**). Options not exercised before the expiry of the Exercise Period will lapse.
- 5. Options are exercisable by notice in writing to the Board delivered to the registered office of the Company and payment of the exercise price per Option in cleared funds.
- 6. The Company will not apply to ASX for official quotation of the Options.
- 7. The Company will make application for official quotation on ASX of new shares allotted on exercise of the Options. Those shares will participate equally in all respects with existing issued ordinary shares, and in particular new shares allotted on exercise of the Options will qualify for dividends declared after the date of their allotment.
- 8. Options can only be transferred with Board approval, except that if at any time before expiry of the Exercise Period the optionholder dies, the legal personal representative of the deceased optionholder may:
  - (i) elect to be registered as the new holder of the Options;
  - (ii) whether or not he becomes so registered, exercise those Options in accordance with the terms and conditions on which they were granted; and
  - (iii) if the deceased has already exercised Options, pay the exercise price in respect of those Options.
- 9. An optionholder may only participate in new issues of securities to holders of ordinary shares in the Company if the Option has been exercised and shares allotted in respect of the Option before the record date for determining entitlements to the issue. The Company must give prior notice to the optionholder of any new issue before the record date for determining entitlements to the issue in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules.
- 10. If there is a bonus issue to the holders of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company, the number of ordinary shares over which the Option is exercisable will be increased by the number of ordinary shares which the holder of the Option would have received if the Option had been exercised before the record date for the bonus issue.

11. If the Company makes a rights issue (other than a bonus issue), the exercise price of Options on issue will be reduced according to the following formula:

$$A = O - E[P - (S + D)]$$
  
(N + 1)

Where:

A = the new exercise price of the Option;

O = the old exercise price of the Option;

E = the number of underlying ordinary shares into which one Option is exercisable;

P = the average closing sale price per ordinary share (weighted by reference to volume) recorded on the stock market of ASX during the five trading days immediately preceding the ex-rights date or ex-traded Option exercises);

S = the subscription price for a security under the pro rata issue;

D = the dividend due but not yet paid on existing underlying securities (except those to be issued under the pro rata issue); and

N = the number of securities with rights or entitlements that must be held to receive a right to one new security.

12. If, during the currency of the Options the issued capital of the Company is reorganised, those Options will be reorganised to the extent necessary to comply with ASX Listing Rules

## ANNEXURE B – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CEO/MANAGING DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE RIGHTS

- 1. Each Performance Right entitles the holder to one ordinary share in the Company on the vesting of the Performance Right.
- 2. A Performance Right will only vest if:
  - a) the Vesting Conditions applicable to that Performance Right are satisfied;
  - b) the Vesting Conditions applicable to that Performance Right are waived by the Board; or
  - c) a Change of Control event occurs.
- 3. 2,400,000 Performance Rights issued to the CEO/Managing Director (**Performance Rights Holder**) are subject to the following performance related vesting conditions (**Vesting Conditions**):
  - a) Tranche 1 33.33% or 800,000 Performance Rights to vest upon the later of both the following vesting conditions occurring:
    - a. Closing Price of Sunstone Shares being the higher of \$0.08, or 50% above the 15 day VWAP prior to the date of shareholder approval, for minimum 10 trading days out of any 20 consecutive trading days; and
    - b. 12 months after issue.
  - b) Tranche 2 33.33% or 800,000 Performance Rights to vest upon TSR performance as measured against the ASX Small Resources Index, as follows:
    - a. Performance below the index no shares will vest.
    - b. Performance equal to the index will see 50% vest, increasing linearly with outperformance of the index by up to 25%, such that 100% of shares will vest should Sunstone's performance be greater than 25% above the index performance.
    - c. Testing will be annually on 30<sup>th</sup> June.
  - c) Tranche 3 33.33% or 800,000 Performance Rights to vest upon the later of both the following vesting conditions occurring:
    - a. Closing Price of Sunstone Shares being the higher of \$0.11, or 100% above the 15 day VWAP prior to the date of shareholder approval, for minimum 10 trading days out of any 20 consecutive trading days; and
    - b. 12 months after issue.
- 4. Unless the Board determines otherwise in its absolute discretion, a Performance Right will lapse upon the earliest to occur of:
  - a) a Performance Rights Holder purporting to transfer or grant a security interest over that Performance Right;
  - b) cessation of employment;
  - c) fraudulent or dishonest actions;
  - d) winding up of the Company;
  - e) the Vesting Conditions in respect of a Performance Right not being met within any applicable period;
  - f) any date specified in the relevant Invitation by which the Performance Rights will automatically lapse; or

the 3 year anniversary of the date when the Performance Rights were granted (subject to testing of the Vesting Conditions).

- 5. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, if a Performance Rights Holder ceases to be an Eligible Employee, any Performance Rights of that Performance Rights Holder that have not as at that time already vested to Shares automatically lapse. In the case of cessation of employment due to death or ill health, the Board may determine that any of that Performance Rights Holder's Performance Rights vest, and the terms on which those Performance Rights vest. If the Board does not make such a determination within 3 months of the Performance Rights Holder ceasing to be an Eligible Employee, the Performance Rights of that Performance Rights Holder will be deemed to have lapsed on the date the Performance Rights Holder ceased to be an Eligible Employee.
- 6. Any shares that vest will be subject to Sunstone's Security Trading Policy which states certain closed periods where trading in shares is prohibited. The Policy also requires all employees to seek approval from the Company Secretary and/or Chairman to trade in the Company's shares.
- 7. The Company will not apply to ASX for official quotation of the Performance Rights.
- 8. The Company will make application for official quotation on ASX of new shares allotted on vesting of the Performance Rights. Those shares will participate equally in all respects with existing issued ordinary shares, and in particular new shares allotted pursuant to Performance Rights will qualify for dividends declared after the date of their allotment.
- 9. Performance Rights can only be transferred with Board approval, except that if at any time before the Performance Rights lapse the Performance Rights Holder dies, the legal personal representative of the deceased Performance Rights Holder may:
  - a) elect to be registered as the new holder of the Performance Rights; and
  - b) whether or not he becomes so registered, exercise those Performance Rights in accordance with the terms and conditions on which they were granted; and
  - c) if the deceased has already exercised Performance Rights, pay the exercise price (if any) in respect of those Performance Rights.
- 10. If there is a bonus issue to the holders of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company, the number of ordinary shares over which the Performance Rights are exercisable will be increased by the number of ordinary shares which the holder of the Performance Rights would have received if the Performance Rights had vested before the record date for the bonus issue.
- 11. If, during the currency of the Performance Rights the issued capital of the Company is reorganised, those Performance Rights will be reorganised to the extent necessary to comply with ASX Listing Rules.
- 12. Subject to the terms and conditions of a grant of a Performance Right and the Applicable Laws, if a Change of Control (as defined in the Employee Performance Rights Plan) occurs, all Performance Rights will immediately vest.