

# CUE ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED ABN 45 066 383 971

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Explanatory Statement and Proxy Form** 

Date of Meeting: Thursday, 27 October 2022

Time of Meeting: 11.00am (AEDT)

Following recent modifications brought to the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) which provide for permanent relief for companies to use electronic communications to send meeting materials, no hard copy of the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Statement (AGM Materials) will be circulated unless Shareholders have elected to receive the AGM Materials in paper form. The Notice of Meeting is also available on the Australian Securities Exchange Announcement platform and on the Company's website <a href="http://www.cuenrg.com.au/">http://www.cuenrg.com.au/</a>.

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

# **CUE ENERGY RESOURCES LIMITED**

ABN 45 066 383 971 Registered office: Level 3, 10-16 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Cue Energy Resources Limited (the "Company") will be held via a webinar conference facility at 11.00am (AEDT) on Thursday, 27 October 2022 ("Annual General Meeting", "AGM" or "Meeting").

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to submit their proxies as early as possible and in any event prior to the cutoff for proxy voting as set out in the Notice. To lodge your proxy, please follow the directions on your personalised proxy form which will be enclosed with a copy of the Notice, delivered to you by email or post (depending on your communication preferences).

Shareholders attending the AGM virtually will be able to ask questions and the Company has made provision for Shareholders who register their attendance before the start of the meeting to also cast their votes on the proposed resolutions. The virtual meeting can be attended using the following details:

The live webcast can be attended using the following details:

When: Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 11:00am (AEDT)

Topic: CUE Annual General Meeting

## Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN Num7JnRgRoScwDt6c6G4Pg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The Company strongly recommends its shareholders to lodge a directed proxy as soon as possible in advance of the meeting even if they are planning to attend the meeting online.

The Company is happy to accept and answer questions submitted prior to the Meeting by email to companysecretary@cuenrg.com. Where a written question is raised in respect of the key management personnel of the Company or the resolutions to be considered at the Meeting, the Company will address the relevant question during the course of the Meeting or by written response after the Meeting (subject to the discretion of the Company not to respond to unreasonable and/or offensive questions).

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

## **AGENDA**

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

## **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### Receipt and consideration of Accounts & Reports

To receive and consider the financial report of the Company and the related reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report) and auditors for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Note: Except for as set out in Resolution 1, there is no requirement for shareholders to approve these reports. Accordingly, no resolution will be put to shareholders on this item of business.

## Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a non-binding ordinary resolution:

"That for the purpose of Section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act, the Remuneration Report (included in the Directors' Report) for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 be adopted as described in the Explanatory Statement which accompanies and forms part of this Notice of Meeting."

Note: In accordance with section 250R(3) of the Corporations Act, the vote on Resolution 1 is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company. The Directors will consider the outcome of the vote and comments made by Shareholders on the Remuneration Report at the Meeting when reviewing the Company's remunerations policies.

A voting exclusion statement as set out below in this Notice applies to this Resolution.

## Resolution 2: Re-election of Mr Alastair McGregor as a Director of the Company

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

"That Mr Alastair McGregor, who retires by rotation pursuant to the Constitution of the Company and being eligible offers himself for re-election, be re-elected as Director of the Company."

## Resolution 3: Re-election of Mr Andrew Jefferies as a Director of the Company

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

"That Mr Andrew Jefferies, who retires by rotation pursuant to the Constitution of the Company and being eligible offers himself for re-election, be re-elected as Director of the Company."

## Resolution 4: Renewal of Employee Share Option Plan

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

"That, under and for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b), and for all other purposes including section 259B and 260C of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), that the Company's employee incentive plan known as the "Employee Share Option Plan Rules" (ESOP) be approved, with the terms as set out or described in the Explanatory Statement which accompanies and forms part of this Notice of Meeting."

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

## Resolution 5: Approval of 10% Placement Facility

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

"That, pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the issue of Equity Securities up to 10% of the issued capital of the Company (at the time of the issue) calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 at an issue price of not less than 75% of the volume weighted average market (closing) price of the Company's ordinary shares calculated over the last fifteen (15) days on which trades of the Company's ordinary shares were recorded on ASX immediately before the date on which the issue price is agreed or the date on which the issue is made and otherwise on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement which accompanied and formed part of the Notice of the Meeting."

By order of the Board

Melanie Leydin

**Company Secretary** 

Dated: 27 September 2022

#### Notes

- 1. **Entire Notice**: The details of the resolutions contained in the Explanatory Statement accompanying this Notice of Meeting should be read together with, and form part of, this Notice of Meeting.
- 2. Record Date: The Company has determined that for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting, shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are registered as holding the shares at 7.00pm (AEDT) on the date 48 hours before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Only those persons will be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. On a poll, members have one vote for every fully paid ordinary share held.

#### 3. Proxies

- a. Votes at the Annual General Meeting may be given personally or by proxy, attorney or representative.
- b. Each shareholder has a right to appoint one or two proxies.
- c. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- d. If a shareholder is a company it must execute under its common seal or otherwise in accordance with its constitution or the Corporations Act.
- e. Where a shareholder is entitled to cast two or more votes, the shareholder may appoint two proxies and may specify the proportion of number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise.
- f. If a shareholder appoints two proxies, and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the shareholder's votes, each proxy may exercise half of the votes. If a shareholder appoints two proxies, neither proxy may vote on a show of hands.
- g. A proxy must be signed by the shareholder or his or her attorney who has not received any notice of revocation of the authority. Proxies given by corporations must be signed in accordance with corporation's constitution and Corporations Act.
- h. If you sign the Proxy Form and do not appoint a proxy, you will have appointed the Chair of the meeting as your proxy.
- To be effective, Proxy Forms must be received by the Company's share registry (Computershare Investor Services Pty Ltd) no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting, this is no later than 11:00am (AEDT) on Tuesday, 25 October 2022. Any proxy received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled meeting.

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. How the Chair will vote Undirected Proxies

Subject to the restrictions set out in Note 6 below, the Chair of the meeting will vote undirected proxies in favour of all of the proposed resolutions. In exceptional circumstances, the Chair may change his or her voting intention on the Resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made. Shareholders may also choose to direct the Chair to vote against the Resolution or to abstain from voting.

#### 6. Voting Exclusion Statement:

#### **Resolution 1**

In accordance with sections 250R(4) and 250BD(1) of the Corporations Act, a vote must not be cast (in any capacity, including as a proxy), and the Company will disregard any votes purported to be cast, on this resolution by, or on behalf of, a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the remuneration report, or a Closely Related Party of such a member (**KMP voter**), unless the KMP voter is casting a vote on this resolution on behalf of a person who is not a KMP voter (including as a proxy) and either:

- (a) the KMP voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on the resolution; or
- (b) the KMP voter is by the Chair of the meeting and the appointment of the Chair as proxy:
  - (i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the resolution; and
  - (ii) 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 the consolidated entity.

If you appoint the Chairman as your proxy and you do not direct the Chairman how to vote, you will be expressly authorising the Chairman to exercise the proxy even if the relevant resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company

If the Chair of the Meeting is appointed as a proxy for a person who is permitted to vote on this Resolution, the Chair will vote any proxies which do not indicate on their Proxy Form the way the Chair must vote, in favour of this Resolution. In exceptional circumstances, the Chair may change his or her voting intention on the Resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made. Shareholders may also choose to direct the Chair to vote against the Resolution or to abstain from voting.

If you purport to cast a vote other than as permitted above, that vote will be disregarded by the Company (as indicated above) and you may be liable for breaching the voting restrictions that apply to you under the Corporations Act.

#### Resolutions 2 and 3

There are no voting exclusions on these resolutions.

#### Resolution 4

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour on this resolution by or on behalf of a person who is eligible to participate in the ESOP and any associates.

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

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

A further restriction also applies to Key Management Personnel and their closely related parties voting undirected proxies on these resolutions – see **Restriction on KMPs voting undirected proxies** below.

#### Resolution 5

In accordance with Listing Rule 14.11.1, the Company is required to disregard any votes cast in favour of Resolution 5 by a person or an associate of a person who is expected to participate in the proposed issue of Shares or who will obtain a material benefit, except a benefit solely in the capacity of a holder of Shares, if the resolution is passed. However, the Company need not disregard a vote cast in favour if:

- it is cast by a person as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the proxy form; or
- if it is cast by the chair of 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; or
- it is cast by a person acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - o the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting on the resolution; and
  - o the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with the directions given by beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

As at the date of dispatch of this Notice, the proposed allottees of the Shares are not known and identified.

#### 7. Special Resolutions

Resolution 5 is proposed as a special resolution. For a special resolution to be passed, at least 75% of the votes validly cast on the resolution by shareholders (by number of shares) must be in favour of the resolution.

#### 8. Restriction on KMPs voting undirected proxies:

A vote must not be cast as proxy on any of Resolutions 1 or 4 by a member of the Key Management Personnel (as defined by the Corporations Act) or a closely related party of Key Management Personnel.

However, a person described above (a "Restricted Voter") may cast a vote on any of Resolutions 1 or 4 as a proxy if:

- (a) The Restricted Voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on the resolution(s); and
- (b) The Chair is the Restricted Voter and the written appointment of the Chair as proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on the resolution(s) or expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though the resolution(s) is or are connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

If you appoint the Chair as your proxy and you do not direct the Chair how to vote, you will be expressly authorising the Chair to exercise the proxy even if the relevant resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel for the Company.

#### 9. Enquiries

Shareholders are invited to contact the Company Secretary on (03) 9692 7222 if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### **Purpose of Information**

This Explanatory Statement ("**Statement**") accompanies and forms part of the Company's Notice of Annual General Meeting ("**Notice**") for the 2022 Annual General Meeting ("**Meeting**").

The Notice incorporates, and should be read together, with this Statement.

## Receipt and consideration of Accounts & Reports

A copy of the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 which incorporates the Company's Financial Report, Directors' Report (including the Remuneration Report and the Auditors' Report) is not enclosed as there is no longer a requirement for the Company to incur the printing and distribution cost associated with doing so for all shareholders. You may obtain a copy free of charge in hard copy form by contacting the Company by phone at (03) 9692 7222, and you may request that this occurs on a standing basis for future years.

Alternatively, you may access the Annual Report at the Company's website: <a href="http://www.cuenrg.com.au/">http://www.cuenrg.com.au/</a> or via the Company's announcement platform on ASX. Except for as set out in Resolution 1, no resolution is required on these reports.

Shareholders will have the opportunity to ask questions about, or make comments on, the 2022 Annual Report and the management of the company. The auditor will be invited to attend and to answer questions about the audit of the Company's 2022 Annual Financial Statements.

#### Resolution 1: Adoption of Remuneration Report

#### Background

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

The Remuneration Report is set out in the Directors' Report in the Company's June 2022 Annual Report. The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the Company.

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

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

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

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

## **Board Recommendation**

Noting that each Director has a personal interest in their own remuneration from the Company (as such interests are described in the Remuneration Report) and, as described in the voting exclusions on this resolution (set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting), that each Director (or any Closely Related Party of a Director) is excluded from voting their shares on this resolution, the Directors unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution to adopt the Remuneration Report.

### **Voting Exclusions**

Refer to Note 6 for voting exclusions.

## Resolution 2: Re-election of Mr Alastair McGregor as a Director of the Company

#### **Background**

The Constitution of the Company requires that at every Annual General Meeting, one-third or the next highest number nearest one-third of the Directors (excluding the Managing Director), shall retire from office and provides that such Directors are eligible for re-election at the meeting. Mr Alastair McGregor, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Mr McGregor was appointed as a Non-Executive Chairman of the Company on 23 February 2018.

Mr McGregor has been actively involved in the oil and gas sector since 2003. He is currently chief executive of O.G. Energy, which holds Ofer Global's broader energy interests, and Oil & Gas Limited, a company that holds directly or indirectly oil & gas exploration and production interests onshore and offshore. He leads the O.G. Energy Senior Management Committee, driving the strategy for Ofer Global's energy activities. Mr McGregor is also a director of New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited (NZOG).

In addition, Mr McGregor is chief executive of Omni Offshore Terminals Limited, a leading provider of floating, production, storage and offloading (FSO and FPSO) solutions to the offshore oil and gas industry. Omni's operations have spanned the globe from New Zealand, Australia, South East Asia, Middle East and South America. Prior to entering the oil and gas industry Mr McGregor spent 12 years as a banker with Citigroup and Salomon Smith Barney. Mr McGregor holds a BEng from Imperial College, London and an MSc from Cranfield University in the UK.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board (with Mr McGregor abstaining) recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the re-election of Mr McGregor. The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Mr McGregor's re-election.

#### **Voting Exclusions**

There are no voting exclusions on this resolution.

## Resolution 3: Re-election of Mr Andrew Jefferies as a Director of the Company

#### **Background**

The Constitution of the Company requires that at every Annual General Meeting, one-third or the next highest number nearest one-third of the Directors (excluding the Managing Director), shall retire from office and provides that such Directors are eligible for re-election at the meeting. Mr Andrew Jefferies, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Mr Jefferies was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 23 February 2018.

Mr Jefferies is managing director of New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited. He started his career with Shell in Australia after graduating with a BE Hons (Mechanical) from the University of Sydney in 1991, an MBA in technology management from Deakin University in Australia, and an MSc in petroleum engineering from Heriot - Watt University in Scotland.

Mr Jefferies is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD), and a Certified Petroleum Engineer with the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He has worked in oil and gas in Australia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Thailand and Holland.

## **Board Recommendation**

The Board (with Mr Jefferies abstaining) recommends that shareholders vote in favour of the re-election of Mr Jefferies. The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of Mr Jefferies's re-election.

### **Voting Exclusions**

There are no voting exclusions on this resolution.

## Resolution 4: Renewal of Employee Share Option Plan

## Background

The Company is seeking shareholder approval to approve the Company's Employee Share Option Plan (**ESOP**) in order to assist in the motivation, retention and reward of employees of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Board is committed to incentivising and retaining the Company's Directors, employees and consultants in a manner which promotes alignment of their interests with shareholder interests. Additionally, the Board considers equity-based compensation an integral component of the Company's remuneration platform as it allows it to be fiscally prudent by conserving cash resources while still enabling it to offer market-competitive remuneration arrangements.

The Plan will enable employees, Directors or such other persons as the Board should deem fit, to receive options to acquire shares in the Company.

No directors or their associates can or will be issued options under the Plan unless shareholder approval of specific issues to them is obtained.

Approval is sought to issue up to 34,905,986 Equity Securities (Options each conditionally entitling the applicable holder to one fully paid ordinary share upon exercise or achievement of the applicable milestone). Any additional issues under the Plan above that number will require further Shareholder approval, unless the total number of securities issued, other than issues to certain parties whose participation in the Plan is excluded from the threshold by operation of the Corporations Act 2001 or the ASX Listing Rules, does not exceed 5% of the then issued shares of the Company.

The objects of the Plan are to:

- attract and retain Eligible Persons by providing them with an incentive to join and remain employed or engaged with the Group in the long term;
- incentivise the performance of Eligible Persons in achieving the strategic objectives of the Group;
- recognise the ongoing ability of Eligible Persons and their expected efforts and contribution in the long term to the performance and success of the Group; and
- provide Eligible Persons with the opportunity to acquire securities in the Company in accordance with these Rules.

with the result of aligning interests between the Company and Eligible Persons.

If this Resolution is passed, the Company will be able to issue Equity Securities under the plan to eligible participants over a period of 3 years. The issue of any Equity Securities to eligible participants under the Plan (up to the maximum number of 34,905,986 Securities) will be excluded from the calculation of the number of Equity Securities that the Company can issue without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.

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

If this Resolution is not passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of Equity Securities under the Plan to eligible participants, but any issues of securities will reduce, the Company's capacity to issue Equity Securities without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1 for the 12-month period following the issue of the Equity Securities.

### **ASX Listing Rules**

ASX Listing Rule 7.1 requires that shareholder approval is required for an issue of securities if the securities will, when aggregated with the securities issued by the entity during the previous 12 months, exceed 15% of the number of securities on issue at the commencement of that 12-month period.

ASX Listing Rule 7.2 exception 13(b) provides an exception to ASX Listing Rule 7.1 for securities issued under an employee incentive scheme within 3 years after shareholder approval of the scheme. The Company therefore seeks approval of the Plan under ASX Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b) so that issues of securities under the Plan do not impede the capacity of the Company to issue up to a further 15% of its capital without shareholder approval.

Since the Company's refresh of its ESOP in December 2019 the Company has issued 11,991,561 options under the ESOP. Since the ESOP's inception, a total of 1,607,360 options issued under the ESOP have been cancelled, lapsed or expired since being issued. Nil options issued under the ESOP have to date been exercised. Currently there are 18,021,525 options on issue pursuant to the ESOP.

A summary of material terms and conditions of the Company's ESOP is set out below.

- the ESOP sets out the framework for the offer of Options by the Company, and is typical for a
  document of this nature;
- in making its decision to issue Options, the Board may decide the number of securities and the vesting conditions which are to apply in respect of the securities. The Board has flexibility to issue Options having regard to a range of potential vesting criteria and conditions;
- in certain circumstances, unvested Options will immediately lapse and any unvested Shares held by the participant will be forfeited if the relevant person is a "bad leaver" as distinct from a "good leaver";
- if a participant acts fraudulently or dishonestly or is in breach of their obligations to the Company or its subsidiaries, the Board may determine that any unvested Options held by the participant immediately lapse and that any unvested Shares held by the participant be forfeited;
- in certain circumstances Options can vest early upon a change of control event as defined under the Plan rules.
- the total number of Options and Shares which may be offered by the Company under these Rules shall not at any time exceed 5% of the Company's total issued Shares when aggregated with the number of Options and Shares issued or that may be issued as a result of offers made at any time during the previous three year period under an employee incentive scheme.
- the Board has discretion to impose restrictions (except to the extent prohibited by law or the ASX Listing Rules) on Shares issued or transferred to a participant on vesting of an Option or a Performance Right, and the Company may implement appropriate procedures to restrict a participant from so dealing in the Shares;
- the Board is granted a certain level of discretion under the ESOP, including the power to amend the rules under which the ESOP is governed and to waive vesting conditions, forfeiture conditions or disposal restrictions.

A copy of the ESOP is available to shareholders free of charge upon request to the Company Secretary.

#### **Corporations Act**

Approval is also sought for the purposes of sections 259B and 260C of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

The Plan provides for the Company to take security over shares issued under the Plan, and to place restrictions on transfer and voting which may also constitute taking security over its own shares. Section 259B(1) of the Corporations Act provides that a company must not take security over shares in itself except as permitted by the Corporations Act. Section 259B(2) provides that the Company may take security over shares in itself under an employee share scheme that has been approved by shareholders at a general meeting.

Under section 260C(4) of the Corporations Act, a company may financially assist a person to acquire its shares if the financial assistance is given under an employee share scheme that is approved by shareholders at a general meeting. The Plan provides that the Company may make loans in respect of shares or other securities issued or to be acquired under the Plan and/or acquire shares or other securities to be held on trust for eligible participants. This may be considered to be the Company providing financial assistance for the acquisition of its own shares or other securities.

## **Director Recommendation**

As the Directors of the Company are excluded from voting pursuant to the Listing Rules, they make no recommendation to the shareholders in respect of the ESOP. The Chair in his capacity as proxy holder intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of approving this Resolution.

## **Voting Exclusions**

Refer to Notes 6 and 8 for voting exclusions on this Resolution.

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

## Background

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, at the date of this Notice, an eligible entity.

The Company is seeking shareholder approval by way of a special resolution to have the ability, if required, to issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility. The effect of this Resolution will be to allow the Directors to issue Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A during the 10% Placement Period (as described below) without using the Company's 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.

If Shareholders approve this Resolution, the number of Equity Securities permitted to be issued under the 10% Placement Facility will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in Listing Rule 7.1A.2 (see below).

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

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

This Resolution is a special resolution and therefore requires approval of 75% of the votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote at this Meeting (in person, by proxy, by attorney or, in the case of a corporate Shareholder, by a corporate representative).

## **Description of Listing Rule 7.1A**

## (a) Shareholder approval

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

#### (b) Equity Securities

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

The Company, as at the date of the Notice, has Fully Paid Ordinary Shares on issue.

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

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

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

- A is the number of shares on issue at the commencement of the "relevant period" (which, for the Company, is the 12 month period immediately preceding the date of the issue or agreement):
  - (A) plus the number of fully paid shares issued in the relevant period under an exception in Listing Rule 7.2, other than exception 9, 16 or 17;

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Nature of consideration for issue and Minimum Issue Price

The Equity Securities issued under Listing Rule 7.1A must be issued for a cash consideration per security which must be not less than 75% of the VWAP of Equity Securities in the same class calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the Company and the recipient of the securities; or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.
- (f) 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 first to occur of the following:

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

### (10% Placement Period).

## Specific information required by Listing Rule 7.3A

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

- (a) If this Resolution is approved by Shareholders, the period for which the Shareholder approval of the 10% Placement Facility under Listing Rule 7.1A commences on the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained, being 27 October 2022, and expires on the first to occur of the following:
  - (i) the date that is 12 months after the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the approval is obtained, being 27 October 2023;
  - (ii) the time and date of the Company's next annual general meeting;
  - (iii) the time and date of the approval by shareholders of a transaction under Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of activities) or 11.2 (disposal of main undertaking).
- (b) The Equity Securities will be issued at an issue price of not less than 75% of the VWAP for the Company's Equity Securities in the same class calculated over the 15 trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:
  - (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed by the Company and the recipient of the securities; or
  - (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 10 trading days of the date in paragraph (i) above, the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.
- (c) The purposes for which the funds raised by an issue of Equity Securities under rule 7.1A.2 may be used by the Company include:
  - (i) consideration for the acquisition(s) of the new assets and investments, including the expenses associated with such acquisition(s); and
  - (ii) continued expenditure on the Company's current business and/or general working capital.
- (d) If this Resolution is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility, the existing Shareholders' voting power in the Company will be diluted as shown in the table below. Shareholders may also be exposed to economic risk and voting dilution, including the following:
  - (i) the market price for the Company's Equity Securities may be significantly lower on the date of the issue of the Equity Securities than on the date of the Annual General Meeting; and
  - (ii) the Equity Securities may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for the Company's Equity Securities on the issue date,

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

The below table shows the dilution of existing Shareholders on the basis of the market price of Shares as at 2 September 2022 (**Current Share Price**) and the current number of ordinary securities for variable "A" calculated in accordance with the formula in Listing Rule 7.1A(2) as at the date of this Notice.

#### The table also shows:

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

		Issue Price		
Variable 'A' in Listing Rule 7.1A.2		\$0.033 50% decrease in Current Share Price	\$0.066 Current Share Price	\$0.132 100% increase in Current Share Price
Current Variable A 698,119,720 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	69,811,972 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$2,303,795	\$4,607,590	\$9,215,180
50% increase in current Variable A 1,047,179,580 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	104,717,958 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$3,455,693	\$6,911,385	\$13,822,770
100% increase in current Variable A 1,396,239,440 Shares	10% Voting Dilution	139,623,944 Shares		
	Funds raised	\$4,607,590	\$9,215,180	\$18,430,361

The table has been prepared on the following assumptions:

- The Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Facility.
- No Options are exercised into Shares or other convertible securities are converted to Shares before the date of the issue of the Equity Securities;
- The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue. This is why the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
- The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 10% Placement Facility, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- The table shows only the effect of issues of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A, not under the 15% placement capacity under Listing Rule 7.1.
- The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Facility consists only of Shares
- The Current Share Price is \$0.066 being the closing price of the Shares on ASX on 2 September 2022.
- (e) The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rule 7.1A(4) upon issue of any Equity Securities.

The Company's allocation policy is dependent on the prevailing market conditions at the time of any proposed issue pursuant to the 10% Placement Facility. The identity of the allottees of Equity Securities will be determined on a case-by-case basis having regard to relevant 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 issues or other issues in which existing security holders can participate;
- (ii) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- (iii) the financial situation and solvency of the Company; and
- (iv) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

The allottees under the 10% Placement Facility have not been determined as at the date of this Notice but may include existing substantial Shareholders, subject to compliance with Listing Rule 10.11, and/or new Shareholders who are not related parties or associates of a related party of the Company.

- (f) The Company:
  - (i) has not issued, nor agreed to issue, any Equity Securities under Rule 7.1A.2 in the 12 month period preceding the date of the Meeting; and
  - (ii) had not agreed, before the 12 month period referred to in the preceding paragraph, to issue any Equity Securities under rule 7.1A.2 where such securities remain unissued as at the date of the Meeting.

#### **Directors Recommendations**

The Directors of the Company believe that this Resolution is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of this Resolution.

## **Voting Exclusions**

As at the date of dispatch of this Notice, the Company is not proposing to make an issue of Equity Securities under Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and, therefore, a voting exclusion statement is not required by Listing Rule 7.3A.7.

## **GLOSSARY**

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

- "\$" means Australian Dollars;
- "10% Placement Facility" has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 5;
- "10% Placement Period" has the meaning as defined in the Explanatory Statement for Resolution 5;
- "Annual Report" means the Directors' Report, the Financial Report, and Auditor's Report, in respect to the year ended 30 June 2022:
- "ASX" means ASX Limited ABN 98 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the context requires;
- "ASX Settlement Operating Rules" means the rules of ASX Settlement Pty Ltd which apply while the Company is an issuer of CHESS approved securities;
- "Auditor's Report" means the auditor's report on the Financial Report;
- "AEDT" means Australian Eastern Daylight Time.
- "Board" means the Directors acting as the board of Directors of the Company;
- "Chairman" means the person appointed to chair the Meeting of the Company convened by the Notice;
- "CHESS" has the meaning in Section 2 of the ASX Settlement Operating Rules;
- "Closely Related Party" means:
  - (a) a spouse or child of the member; or
  - (b) has the meaning given in section 9 of the Corporations Act;
- "Company" means Cue Energy Resources Limited ABN 45 066 383 971;
- "Constitution" means the constitution of the Company as at the date of the Meeting;
- "Corporations Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth);
- "Director" means a Director of the Company;
- "Directors Report" means the annual directors' report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities;
- "Equity Security" has the same meaning as in the Listing Rules;
- "Explanatory Statement" means the explanatory statement which forms part of the Notice;
- "Financial Report" means the annual financial report prepared under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act for the Company and its controlled entities;
- "Key Management Personnel" means persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any Director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company;
- "Listing Rules" means the Listing Rules of the ASX;
- "Meeting" has the meaning given in the introductory paragraph of the Notice;
- "Notice" means this Notice of Meeting including the Explanatory Statement;
- "Proxy Form" means the proxy form attached to the Notice;
- "Remuneration Report" means the remuneration report which forms part of the Directors' Report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 and which is set out in the 2022 Annual Report.
- "Resolution" means a resolution referred to in the Notice;
- "Section" means a section of the Explanatory Statement;
- "Share" means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company;
- "Shareholder" means shareholder of the Company;
- "Trading Day" means a day determined by ASX to be a trading day in accordance with the Listing Rules;
- "VWAP" means volume weighted average price.

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■ Proxy	Form
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Please mark X to indicate your directions

# Appoint a Proxy to Vote on Your Behalf

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I/We I	/We being a member/s of Cue Energy Resources Limited hereby appoint					
	the Chairman of the Meeting	<u>OR</u>	PLEASE NOTE: Leave this box blank if you have selected the Chairman of the Meeting. Do not insert your own name(s			

or failing the individual or body corporate named, or if no individual or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act generally at the meeting 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 Cue Energy Resources Limited to be held as a virtual meeting on Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 11:00am (AEDT) and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting.

Chairman authorised to exercise undirected proxies on remuneration related resolutions: Where I/we have appointed the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy (or the Chairman becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chairman to exercise my/our proxy on Resolutions 1 and 4 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention in step 2) even though Resolutions 1 and 4 are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of key management personnel, which includes the Chairman.

**Important Note:** If the Chairman of the Meeting is (or becomes) your proxy you can direct the Chairman to vote for or against or abstain from voting on Resolutions 1 and 4 by marking the appropriate box in step 2.

## Step 2

## **Items of Business**

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

		For	Against	Abstain
Resolution 1	Adoption of Remuneration Report			
Resolution 2	Re-election of Mr Alastair McGregor as a Director of the Company			
Resolution 3	Re-election of Mr Andrew Jefferies as a Director of the Company			
Resolution 4	Renewal of Employee Share Option Plan			
Resolution 5	Approval of 10% Placement Facility			

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman of the Meeting may change his/her voting intention on any resolution, in which case an ASX announcement will be made.

Step 3	Signature of Securityholder(s)

This section must be completed.

Individual or Securityholder 1 Securityholder 2		Securityholder 3	
Sole Director & Sole Company Secretary Director		Director/Company Secretary	Date
Update your communication details (Optional)		By providing your email address, you consent to rec	ceive future Notice
Mobile Number	<b>Email Address</b>	of Meeting & Proxy communications electronically	





