# SWICK MINING SERVICES LIMITED ACN 112 917 905

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TIME**: 10:00am (WST)

**DATE**: 12 November 2012

**PLACE**: Mosman Bay Room

Hyatt Regency Perth 99 Adelaide Terrace PERTH WA 6000

This Notice of Meeting should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their professional advisers prior to voting.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on (+61 8) 9277 8800.

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Notice is given that the annual general meeting of the Shareholders to which this Notice of Meeting relates will be held at 10:00am (WST) on 12 November 2012 at:

Mosman Bay Room Hyatt Regency Perth 99 Adelaide Terrace PERTH WA 6000

#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

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

#### **VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 10:00am (WST) on 10 November 2012.

#### **VOTING IN PERSON**

To vote in person, attend the Annual General Meeting at the time, date and place set out above.

#### **VOTING BY PROXY**

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, members are advised that:

- each member has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a member of the Company; and
- a member who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

New sections 250BB and 250BC of the Corporations Act came into effect on 1 August 2011 and apply to voting by proxy on or after that date. Shareholders and their proxies should be aware of these changes to the Corporations Act, as they will apply to this Annual General Meeting. Broadly, the changes mean that:

- if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who must vote the proxies as directed.

Further details on these changes is set out below.

#### Proxy vote if appointment specifies way to vote

Section 250BB(1) of the Corporations Act provides that an appointment of a proxy may specify the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution and, **if it does**:

- the proxy need not vote on a show of hands, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy has 2 or more appointments that specify different ways to vote on the resolution the proxy must not vote on a show of hands; and
- if the proxy is the chair of the meeting at which the resolution is voted on the proxy must vote on a poll, and must vote that way (i.e. as directed); and
- if the proxy is not the chair the proxy need not vote on the poll, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (i.e. as directed).

#### Transfer of non-chair proxy to chair in certain circumstances

Section 250BC of the Corporations Act provides that, if:

- an appointment of a proxy specifies the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution at a meeting of the Company's members; and
- the appointed proxy is not the chair of the meeting; and
- at the meeting, a poll is duly demanded on the resolution; and
- either of the following applies:
  - o the proxy is not recorded as attending the meeting;
  - o the proxy does not vote on the resolution,

the chair of the meeting is taken, before voting on the resolution closes, to have been appointed as the proxy for the purposes of voting on the resolution at the meeting.

#### BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

#### **AGENDA**

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

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

To receive and consider the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2012 together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

#### 1. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass, with or without amendment, the following resolution as a **non-binding resolution**:

"That, for the 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 2012."

Note: the vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

**Voting Prohibition Statement**: A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of any of the following persons:

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

However, a person (the **Voter**) described above may cast a vote on this Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:

- (c) the Voter is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on the Resolution; or
- (d) the Voter is the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy:
  - (i) does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this 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 if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, for the entity.

#### 2. RESOLUTION 2 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - ANDREW SIMPSON

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

"That, for the purpose of rule 13.2 of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Andrew Simpson, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

#### 3. RESOLUTION 3 - RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - IAN MCCUBBING

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

"That, for the purpose of rule 13.2 of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Ian McCubbing, a Director, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

#### 4. RESOLUTION 4 – NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

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

"That approval be given for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 10.17, rule 13.8 of the Constitution and for all other purposes, to increase the maximum aggregate amount of fees payable to non-executive Directors by \$200,000 to \$500,000 per annum, to be apportioned by the Directors at their discretion."

**Voting Exclusion**: The Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution by a Director and any of their associates. However, the Company need not disregard a vote if it is cast by a person as a proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the 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.

#### **Voting Prohibition Statement:**

A person appointed as a proxy must not vote, on the basis of that appointment, on this Resolution if:

- (a) the proxy is either:
  - (i) a member of the Key Management Personnel; or
  - (ii) a Closely Related Party of such a member; and
- (b) the appointment does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution.

However, the above prohibition does not apply if:

- (c) the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting; and
- (d) the appointment expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

DATED: 8 OCTOBER 2012

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

IAN HOBSON

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions which are the subject of the business of the Meeting.

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Constitution, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2012 together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's annual financial report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The Company's annual financial report is available on its website at www.swickmining.com.au.

#### 2. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

#### 2.1 General

The Corporations Act requires that at a listed company's annual general meeting, a resolution that the Remuneration Report be adopted must be put to the shareholders. However, such a resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

The Remuneration Report sets out the Company's remuneration arrangements for the Directors and senior management of the Company. The Remuneration Report is part of the Directors' report contained in the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ending 30 June 2012.

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

#### 2.2 Voting consequences

Under changes to the Corporations Act that came into effect on 1 July 2011, if at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the Remuneration Report in two consecutive annual general meetings, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of a general meeting to consider the appointment of directors of the Company (**Spill Resolution**) at the second annual general meeting.

If more than 50% of shareholders vote in favour of the Spill Resolution, the company must convene the general meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the second annual general meeting.

All of the directors of the company who were in office when the directors' report (as included in the company's annual financial report for the financial year ended immediately before the second annual general meeting) was approved, other than the managing director of the company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting. Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as Directors is approved will be the Directors of the Company.

At the Company's previous annual general meeting, the votes cast against the Remuneration Report at that general meeting were less than 25%. Accordingly, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

#### 2.3 Proxy Restrictions

Shareholders appointing a proxy for Resolution 1 should note the following:

#### If you appoint a member of the Key Management Personnel as your proxy

If you elect to appoint a member of Key Management Personnel whose remuneration details are included in the Remuneration Report, or a Closely Related Party of that member, you <u>must</u> direct the proxy how they are to vote. Undirected proxies granted to these persons will not be included in any vote on Resolution 1.

#### If you appoint the Chair as your proxy

If you elect to appoint the Chair as your proxy, you <u>do not</u> need to direct the Chair how you wish them to exercise your vote on Resolution 1, however if you do not direct the Chair how to vote, you <u>must</u> tick the acknowledgement on the proxy form to acknowledge that the Chair may exercise their discretion in exercising your proxy even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of Key Management Personnel.

#### If you appoint any other person as your proxy

You <u>do not</u> need to direct your proxy how to vote, and you <u>do not</u> need to tick any further acknowledgement on the proxy form.

# 3. RESOLUTIONS 2 AND 3 – RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – ANDREW SIMPSON AND IAN MCCUBBING

Rule 13.2 of the Constitution requires that at the Company's annual general meeting in every year, one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not a multiple of 3, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office, provided always that no Director (except a Managing Director) shall hold office for a period in excess of 3 years, or until the third annual general meeting following his or her appointment, whichever is the longer, without submitting himself or herself for re-election.

The Directors to retire at an annual general meeting are those who have been longest in office since their last election, but, as between persons who became Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by drawing lots.

A Director who retires by rotation under rule 13.2 of the Constitution is eligible for re-election.

The Company currently has 5 Directors and accordingly 2 must retire.

Andrew Simpson and Ian McCubbing, the Directors longest in office since their last election, retire by rotation and seek re-election.

#### 4. RESOLUTION 4 – NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

#### 4.1 General

The aggregate amount of fees paid to non-executive Directors of the Company is currently \$300,000.

### 4.2 ASX Listing Rule 10.17

ASX Listing Rule 10.17 provides that a listed entity may not, without shareholder approval, increase the total amount of non-executive directors' fees payable by it. Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 10.17, Resolution 4 seeks Shareholder approval to increase this figure by \$200,000 from \$300,000 to a new maximum aggregate amount of \$500,000 per annum. Rule 13.8 of the Constitution provides that the remuneration of the Directors may only be increased by a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company where notice of the proposed increase to Shareholders has been included in the notice of meeting.

The maximum aggregate amount per annum has been determined after reviewing similar companies listed on ASX and the Directors believe that this level of remuneration is in line with corporate remuneration of similar companies.

The existing \$300,000 limit has not increased since 2007. The increase is to allow flexibility to increase Director numbers and/or Director remuneration as the business expands in North America and Europe, allowing for the potential appointment of a Director in that jurisdiction.

Whilst it is not envisaged that the maximum amount sought will be utilised immediately, the proposed limit is requested to ensure that the Company:

- (a) remunerates its non-executive directors appropriately for the expectations placed upon them both by the Company and the regulatory environment in which it operates; and
- (b) has the ability to attract and retain non-executive directors whose skills and qualifications are appropriate for a company of the size and nature of the Company.

Given the interest of the non-executive Directors in this Resolution, the Board makes no recommendation to Shareholders regarding Resolution 4.

#### **GLOSSARY**

\$ means Australian dollars.

**Annual General Meeting** or **Meeting** means the meeting convened by the Notice.

**ASX** means ASX Limited.

**ASX Listing Rules** means the listing rules of ASX.

**Board** means the current board of directors of the Company.

**Business Day** means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

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

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

Company means Swick Mining Services limited (ACN 112 917 905).

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

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

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

**Explanatory Statement** means the explanatory statement accompanying the Notice.

**Key Management Personnel** has the same meaning as in the accounting standards and 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.

**Notice** or **Notice** of **Meeting** or **Notice** of **Annual General Meeting** means this notice of annual general meeting including the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form.

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

**Remuneration Report** means the remuneration report contained in the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

**Resolutions** means the resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting, or any one of them, as the context requires.

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

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

**WST** means Western Standard Time as observed in Perth, Western Australia.

#### PROXY FORM

#### APPOINTMENT OF PROXY SWICK MINING SERVICES LIMITED ACN 112 917 905

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

| I/We  |  |                                      |                               |  |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| of  |  |                                      |                               |  |
| Appoint   | being a member of Swick   General Meeting, hereby  Name of proxy | Mining Services Limited entitled to  | attend and vote at the Annual |  |
| OR the Chair of the Annual General Meeting as my/our proxy or failing the person so named or, if no person is named, the Chair of the Annual General Meeting, or the Chair's nominee, to vote in accordance with the following directions, or, if no directions have been given, and subject to the relevant laws as the proxy sees fit, at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 10:00am (WST), on 12 November 2012 at Mosman Bay Room, Hyatt Regency Perth, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, Western Australia, and at any adjournment thereof.   |  |                                      |                               |  |
| The Chair intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of all Resolutions in which the Chair is entitled to vote.   |  |                                      |                               |  |
| Voting on I   | Business of the Annual Gene                                      | eral Meeting                         | FOR ACAINAT ARGTAIN           |  |
| Resolution 1 – Adoption of Remuneration Report  Resolution 2 – Re-Election of Director – Andrew Simpson  Resolution 3 – Re-Election of Director – Ian McCubbing  Resolution 4 – Non-Executive Directors' Remuneration   |  |                                      |                               |  |
| <b>Please note</b> : If you mark the abstain box for a particular Resolution, you are directing your proxy not to vote on that Resolution on a show of hands or on a poll and your votes will not to be counted in computing the required majority on a poll.   |  |                                      |                               |  |
| Important for Resolutions 1 and 4%  |  |                                      |                               |  |
| If you have not directed your proxy how to vote as your proxy in respect of Resolutions 1 and 4 and the Chair is, or may by default be, appointed your proxy, you must mark the box below.  |  |                                      |                               |  |
| I/we direct the Chair to vote in accordance with his/her voting intentions (as set out above) on Resolutions 1 and 4 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention above) and expressly authorise that the Chair may exercise my/our proxy even though Resolutions 1 and 4 are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel and acknowledge that the Chair may exercise my/our proxy even if the Chair has an interest in the outcome of Resolution 4 and that votes cast by the Chair for Resolution 4, other than as proxy holder, will be disregarded because of that interest. |  |                                      |                               |  |
| If the Chair is, or may by default be, appointed your proxy and you do not mark this box and you have not directed the Chair how to vote, the Chair will not cast your votes on Resolutions 1 and 4 and your votes will not be counted in calculating the required majority if a poll is called on Resolutions 1 and 4.   |  |                                      |                               |  |
| If two proxi  | ies are being appointed, the                                     | e proportion of voting rights this p | roxy represents is%           |  |
| Signature of Member(s): Date:   |  |                                      |                               |  |
| Individual  | or Member 1  | Member 2                             | Member 3                      |  |
| Sole Direct   | or/Company Secretary   | Director                             | Director/Company Secretary    |  |
| Contact Na  | ame·   | Contact Ph (day                      | vtime).                       |  |

# SWICK MINING SERVICES LIMITED ACN 112 917 905

## Instructions for Completing 'Appointment of Proxy' Form

- (Appointing a Proxy): A member entitled to attend and cast a vote at an Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf at the meeting. If the member is entitled to cast 2 or more votes at the meeting, the member may appoint a second proxy to attend and vote on their behalf at the meeting. However, where both proxies attend the meeting, voting may only be exercised on a poll. The appointment of a second proxy must be done on a separate copy of the Proxy Form. A member who appoints 2 proxies may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If a member appoints 2 proxies and the appointments do not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes each proxy is appointed to exercise, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes. Any fractions of votes resulting from the application of these principles will be disregarded. A duly appointed proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. (Direction to Vote): A member may direct a proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. Where a box is not marked the proxy may vote as they choose. Where more than one box is marked on an item the vote will be invalid on that item.
- 3. (**Signing Instructions**):
  - (Individual): Where the holding is in one name, the member must sign.
  - (Joint Holding): Where the holding is in more than one name, all of the members should sign.
  - (Power of Attorney): If you have not already provided the Power of Attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.
  - (Companies): Where the company has a sole director who is also the sole company secretary, that person must sign. Where the company (pursuant to Section 204A of the Corporations Act) does not have a company secretary, a sole director can also sign alone. Otherwise, a director jointly with either another director or a company secretary must sign. Please sign in the appropriate place to indicate the office held.
- 4. (Attending the Meeting): Completion of a Proxy Form will not prevent individual members from attending the Annual General Meeting in person if they wish. Where a member completes and lodges a valid Proxy Form and attends the Annual General Meeting in person, then the proxy's authority to speak and vote for that member is suspended while the member is present at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5. **(Return of Proxy Form)**: To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by:
  - (a) post to 64 Great Eastern Highway, South Guilford WA 6055; or
  - (b) facsimile to the Company on facsimile number +61 8 9277 8844; or
  - (c) email to the Company at ianhobson@bigpond.com,

so that it is received not less than 48 hours prior to commencement of the Meeting.

Proxy forms received later than this time will be invalid.