# Pepper Money Limited Staff Rights Plan Rules

#### Cover notes regarding this Plan (not to be taken as part of the Rules):

- It is based on "indeterminate" Rights which may be settled in cash (a kind of derivative), therefore the Rights are not considered "securities" by ASIC and Corporations Act s708 relief is not available. ASIC Class Order 14/1000 must be relied upon, and the Company must notify ASIC when it first relies upon it in relation to this plan,
- The **Rights are NOT exercised automatically by default (but this may be changed for overseas participants in the Invitation),** to increase the likelihood that desirable taxing points can be achieved regardless of whether or not the Company is paying dividends or offering Participation to internationally located employees. A Participant must submit an Exercise Notice in order to exercise vested Rights. However, this may be overridden in an Invitation, specifying an automatic exercise date, in respect of Participants outside of Australia where a fixed taxing point is required,
- Non-executive Directors are excluded from Participation,
- In response to the receipt of an Invitation, a potential Participant will make an Application for Rights, which is subject to Board consideration and approval, such that all grants may be made on the same date after Applications are received,
- Both on-market purchases, and new issues of Shares, may be used to settle Rights,
- Continued service for the whole of the Measurement Period is not a default requirement. However, malus/clawback/Good Behaviour Bond features apply at all times, including following cessation of employment (addresses joining a competitor),
- An Exercise Price can be specified for a Right to create an option type instrument, however it will be a cashless exercise option or share appreciation right, which is less dilutive and simpler to exercise,
- Major transactions are addressed including delisting, major return of capital, demerger and delisting,
- Exercise Restrictions can be attached to Rights to defer the earliest exercise point following vesting (a form of deferral),
- Specified Disposal Restrictions can be attached to Shares that result from exercise (another form of deferral),
- The plan is designed not to give rise to a termination benefit, by default, by avoiding vesting triggered by termination, though this may be overridden by discretion, and
- Due to the use of indeterminate Rights, Australian Participants are unlikely to be subject to a requirement to pay tax on the market value of a Share at the date of termination until Rights have been exercised,
- For international participants where a fixed settlement date is required (e.g. USA) an automatic exercise date can be specified in the Invitation to ensure appropriate tax outcomes can be achieved,
- The Rights Plan can be used for a range of purposes, including but not limited to:
  - Long Term Variable Remuneration using Performance Rights for staff below the senior executive level,
  - o Retention grants to employees below the senior executive level using Service Rights, or
  - o Deferring Short Term Variable Remuneration using Service Rights or Restricted Rights.

	]	Page
1	PURPOSE	1
2	INTERPRETATION	1
3	ADMINISTRATION	1
4	ELIGIBILITY	1
5	INVITATIONS	1
6	APPLICATION FOR RIGHTS	2
7	GRANTING OF RIGHTS	2
8	PARTICIPANTS	3
9	RIGHTS MAY NOT BE DISPOSED OF OR TRANSFERRED OR ENCUMBERED	3
10	MEASUREMENT PERIODS	3
11	VESTING CONDITIONS	3
12	GATE	3
13	VESTING OF PERFORMANCE RIGHTS	4
14	BOARD DISCRETION REGARDING VESTING OF PERFORMANCE RIGHTS	4
15	VESTING OF SERVICE RIGHTS	4
16	VESTING OF RESTRICTED RIGHTS	4
17	LAPSING OF RIGHTS	5
18	EXERCISE OF RIGHTS AND EXERCISE RESTRICTIONS	5
19	DISPOSAL RESTRICTION ATTACHED TO SHARES	5
20	DISPOSAL RESTRICTIONS AND EXERCISE RESTRICTIONS RELEASE AT TAXING POINT	6
21	FRAUD, GROSS MISCONDUCT, ETC	6
22	BOARD DISCRETION TO PREVENT INAPPROPRIATE BENEFITS	6
23	NO HEDGING	7
24	BONUS ISSUES, RIGHTS ISSUES AND CAPITAL REORGANISATION	7
25	TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT	7
26	RETIREMENT BENEFIT LIMIT	8
27	DELISTING	8
28	MAJOR RETURN OF CAPITAL TO SHAREHOLDERS OR DEMERGER	9
29	EXERCISE OF RIGHTS GRANTED TO A DIRECTOR WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL	9
30	SEPARATE CLAWBACK OR MALUS POLICY	9
31	ASIC CLASS ORDER COMPLIANCE	9
32	EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEME TAXING PROVISIONS TO APPLY	10
33	OVERSEAS TRANSFERS	10
34	NON-AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS	10
35	BOARD DETERMINATIONS AND AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN	10
36	NOT EXCLUSIVE METHOD OF PROVIDING VARIABLE REMUNERATION	11
37	NO RIGHT TO CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT	11
38	RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS	11
39	NOTICES	11
40	CONSTITUTION AND LISTING RULES	
41	ATTORNEY	
42	EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE RULES	
43	GOVERNING LAW	12
44	DICTIONARY	13

#### Contents

## Pepper Money Limited Staff Rights Plan

#### **1** Purpose

- 1.1 This Pepper Money Limited Staff Rights Plan (the Plan) is governed by these Rules.
- 1.2 The purposes of the Plan are to:
  - (a) enable the Company to provide variable remuneration that is performance focussed and linked to long-term value creation for Shareholders,
  - (b) create alignment between the interests of Participants and Shareholders,
  - (c) enable the Company to compete effectively for the calibre of talent required for it to be successful,
  - (d) ensure that Participants have commonly shared goals, and
  - (e) assist Participants to become Shareholders.

## 2 Interpretation

- 2.1 Unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) headings and subheadings are for convenience only and shall not affect interpretation except for specific cross-references,
  - (b) words denoting the singular shall include the plural, and the converse also applies,
  - (c) words denoting any gender include all genders,
  - (d) any reference to a party to any agreement or document includes its successors and permitted assigns and substitutes by way of assignment or novation, and
  - (e) any reference to any agreement or document includes that agreement or document as amended at any time.
- 2.2 The capitalised words used in these Rules have the meaning ascribed to them in Rule 44 Dictionary.

## 3 Administration

This Plan will be administered by the Board, but it may delegate responsibility to a committee of the Board in relation to all Participants or to the Managing Director in relation to other Participants. The Board or its delegate is authorised, subject to the provisions of these Rules, to establish such guidelines for the administration of the Plan as are deemed appropriate, and to make determinations under the Plan as may be deemed necessary or advisable from time to time. Such determinations shall be conclusive and binding on all Participants.

# 4 Eligibility

All Eligible Persons are eligible to receive Invitations.

## **5** Invitations

- 5.1 The Plan will operate through a series of Invitations. The Board or its delegate will in its absolute discretion determine those Eligible Persons who will receive Invitations.
- 5.2 Subject to compliance with the Listing Rules, the Corporations Act and the Company's Constitution, the Board or its delegate may make Invitations at such times and to such Eligible Persons as it determines in its discretion.

- 5.3 Each Invitation may contain terms and conditions that vary between Invitations. The variable terms and conditions that apply to a grant of Rights under the Plan are to be determined by the Board or its delegate, and included in the Invitation.
- 5.4 Details to be contained in an Invitation will include each of the following to the extent applicable to the intended features of a particular Invitation and the type of Rights that are the subject of the invitation (Performance Rights, Service Rights, and/or Restricted Rights):
  - (a) the name of the Eligible Person,
  - (b) the date of the Invitation,
  - (c) the number of each type of Right in each Tranche, that may be applied for,
  - (d) the price of the Rights which will be nil, unless otherwise determined by the Board,
  - (e) the Exercise Price, which will be nil unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate, in which case the Right may be referred to as a Share Appreciation Right that may be classed as a Performance Right, Service Right or Restricted Right,
  - (f) the Term of Rights in each Tranche if other than 15 years,
  - (g) the Vesting Conditions which are to apply to Service and/or Performance Rights, as may be applicable to each Tranche,
  - (h) the Measurement Period applicable to each Tranche, in the case of Performance and Service Rights,
  - (i) the Vesting Date or how the Vesting Date will be determined,
  - (j) in respect of unvested Service Rights held at the date of termination of employment whether they will lapse or vest or may be retained for possible vesting at a later date,
  - (k) the Specified Disposal Restrictions period for Shares that may be acquired on exercise of vested Rights,
  - (l) Exercise Restrictions, if any, that may apply,
  - (m)whether any Shares to be provided to a Participant on exercise of Rights that are the subject of an Invitation must be acquired on-market or may be acquired otherwise,
  - (n) other terms and conditions that the Board or its delegate determines to include, and
  - (o) how to apply for Rights that are the subject of the Invitation, including the name of the person to whom the Application should be sent and the Application Period.
- 5.5 The receipt of an Invitation or Invitations under the Plan does not guarantee nor confer any entitlement to receive any other Invitation under the Plan.

#### 6 Application for Rights

The form of Application and the Application Period shall be determined by the Board or its delegate in its discretion from time to time. In submitting an Application, the Eligible Person will be agreeing to be bound by these Rules and the terms of the Invitation.

#### 7 Granting of Rights

- 7.1 The Board or its delegate will consider valid Applications that are made in response to Invitations and determine whether or not to accept them.
- 7.2 In respect of accepted Applications, the Board or its delegate will use reasonable endeavours to grant the Rights within 30 days of the end of the Application Period, unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate.

7.3 Participants will be advised in writing when Rights have been granted and the date of the grant, via a Grant Notice.

#### 8 Participants

- 8.1 Eligible Persons whose Applications have been accepted and have been granted Rights will be referred to as Participants in the Plan.
- 8.2 They will remain Participants until all Rights they have been granted have either lapsed or been exercised and both any risk of forfeiture and disposal restrictions applicable to the Shares acquired by exercising the Rights have ceased to apply.

## 9 Rights May Not Be Disposed of or Transferred or Encumbered

Rights may not be disposed of or transferred or otherwise dealt with (including for purposes of this Rule, encumbered or made subject to any interest in favour of any other person) and will lapse immediately on purported disposal, transfer or dealing unless the transfer is effected by operation of law on death or legal incapacity to the Participant's legal personal representative.

## **10 Measurement Periods**

- 10.1 The Measurement Period applicable to each Tranche of Performance Rights (including Performance SARs) will be three years unless otherwise specified in the Invitation. The Measurement Periods for Performance Rights will relate to periods when performance conditions must be satisfied for them to vest.
- 10.2 The Measurement Period applicable to each Tranche of Service Rights (including Service SARs) will be specified in the Invitation. The Measurement Periods for Service Rights will relate to periods when service conditions must be satisfied for them to vest.
- 10.3 Measurement Periods for grants of Performance and Service Rights (including SARs) will commence on the first day of the financial year in which the grant is made unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate and specified in the Invitation.

## **11 Vesting Conditions**

- 11.1 Vesting Conditions may relate to:
  - a) performance of the Company or an aspect of the Company's operations or the performance of the Participant, or
  - b) continued service of the Participant with the Group, or
  - c) any combination of the foregoing determined by the Board or its delegate for each Tranche.
- 11.2 Vesting Conditions, if applicable, must be specified in the Invitation, along with the relationship between various potential levels of performance and levels of vesting that may occur.
- 11.3 Performance conditions may vary between different Invitations and between different Tranches of Rights specified in an Invitation.

## 12 Gate

12.1 The Board or its delegate may in its absolute discretion apply a Gate to Tranches of Performance Rights as a condition for vesting. If a Gate is to apply to a Tranche, it must be specified in the Invitation.

12.2 If a Gate is not satisfied then the Performance Rights in the Tranche to which the Gate applies will not vest irrespective of outcomes in relation to any Vesting Condition, unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate.

## **13 Vesting of Performance Rights**

- 13.1 Following the end of the Measurement Period, the Board or its delegate will determine for each Tranche of Performance Rights to which the Measurement Period applies, and which have not previously lapsed or vested, the extent to which it has vested, if at all, and notify Participants in a Vesting Notice of both the extent of vesting and the Vesting Date.
- 13.2 Prior to the end of a Measurement Period the Board or its delegate may determine that some or all of the Performance Rights held by a Participant will vest in which case the Board or its delegate will notify Participants in a Vesting Notice of both the extent of vesting and the Vesting Date. In such circumstances the Board or its delegate also has absolute discretion to determine that Exercise Restrictions (if any) are lifted, and that some or all of any remaining unvested Performance Rights will be forfeited in which case the Board or its delegate shall notify Participants in writing, in a form determined by the Board or its delegate in its absolute discretion.

## 14 Board Discretion Regarding Vesting of Performance Rights

- 14.1 The Board or its delegate retains discretion to increase or decrease, including to nil, the extent of vesting in relation to each Tranche of Performance Rights if it forms the view that it is appropriate to do so given the circumstances that prevailed during the Measurement Period. In exercising this discretion, the Board or its delegate shall take into account, amongst other factors it considers relevant, Company performance from the perspective of Shareholders over the relevant Measurement Period.
- 14.2 Before exercising its discretion under this Rule, the Board or its delegate may seek advice from an independent advisor as to whether the discretion should be exercised and if so then the alternative extent of vesting that should be considered by the Board or its delegate.

## **15 Vesting of Service Rights**

- 15.1 Following the end of the Measurement Period, the Board or its delegate will determine for each Tranche of Service Rights to which the Measurement Period applies and which have not previously lapsed, the extent to which it has vested, if at all, and notify Participants in writing of the vesting and the Vesting Date.
- 15.2 Prior to the end of a Measurement Period the Board or its delegate may determine that some or all of the Service Rights held by a Participant will vest in which case the Board or its delegate will notify Participants in a Vesting Notice of both the extent of vesting and the Vesting Date. In such circumstances the Board or its delegate also has absolute discretion to determine that Exercise Restrictions (if any) are lifted, and that some or all of any remaining unvested Service Rights will be forfeited in which case the Board or its delegate shall notify Participants in writing, in a form determined by the Board or its delegate in its absolute discretion.

## **16 Vesting of Restricted Rights**

Restricted Rights are fully vested at the Grant Date, therefore the Grant Notice and the Vesting Notice may be combined i.e. the Grant Date is also the Vesting Date for Restricted Rights.

## **17 Lapsing of Rights**

Rights will lapse automatically on the earlier of:

- a) For unvested Rights, when there is no opportunity for them to vest at a later date, or
- b) The end of the Term of the Right.

#### **18 Exercise of Rights and Exercise Restrictions**

- 18.1 An Invitation may specify an Exercise Restriction which is a period during which Rights may not be exercised, and any attempt to do so will be considered void, subject to the early release of Exercise Restrictions as provided for in these Rules.
- 18.2 Restricted Rights are subject to an Exercise Restriction for 90 days following the Grant Date, unless a longer period is determined by the Board or its delegate and specified in the Invitation.
- 18.3 Rights may be exercised at any time between the latter to occur of the Vesting Date or the elapsing of the Exercise Restriction (if applicable) and the end of their Term, by the Participant submitting an Exercise Notice. If an Invitation so specifies, the exercising of Rights may be completed automatically on a specified date in which case the submission of an Exercise Notice is not required.
- 18.4 An Exercise Notice will be in the form determined by the Board or its delegate from time to time, and provided to the Participant with a Vesting Notice.
- 18.5 Unless an Invitation limits the form of settlement, on exercise of Rights the Board or its delegate will determine in its absolute discretion whether to settle the Exercised Rights Value in whole Shares (including Restricted Shares) with any residual being forfeited, a cash payment to the Participant or a combination of whole Shares and a cash payment to the Participant. The Board or its delegate will advise the Participant in writing of the result of its determination, in the Settlement Notice.
- 18.6 To the extent that the Exercised Rights Value is to be provided in Shares, the Board or its delegate will in its discretion, either:
  - (a) issue Shares to the Participant, or
  - (b) arrange for Shares to be acquired for the benefit of Participants by the trustee of the EST. The Company or another Group Company will contribute such funds as are needed from time to time to the EST trustee to enable the EST trustee to acquire Shares and the trustee shall apply those funds to acquire Shares by:
    - i. market purchase, or
    - ii. subscription to a new issue

as directed by the Board or its delegate.

- 18.7 To the extent that the Exercised Rights Value is to be paid in cash it will be paid via payroll less any legally required withholdings such as PAYG tax.
- 18.8 The Board or its delegate may in its absolute discretion waive the remaining portion of the Exercise Restriction period.

#### **19 Disposal Restriction Attached to Shares**

19.1 All Shares acquired by Participants or held by the trustee of the EST for the benefit of Participants as a consequence of the exercise of Rights are initially Restricted Shares, and shall be subject to a disposal restriction being that such Shares may not be sold or disposed of in any way until their sale would not breach either:

- (a) the Company's share trading policy, or
- (b) Division 3 of Part 7.10 of the Corporations Act

following expiry of the Specified Disposal Restriction, if any, applicable to the Restricted Shares.

- 19.2 Any attempt by a Participant to deal in or dispose of Restricted Shares will result in forfeiture of the Restricted Shares by the Participant, and the Board or its delegate may require the Participant to facilitate a transfer of forfeited Restricted Shares to another party nominated by the Board or its delegate, for nil consideration.
- 19.3 In cases of severe and demonstrable hardship the Board or its delegate may in its absolute discretion waive the remaining portion of the Specified Disposal Restriction period.
- 19.4 If Shares subject to Specified Disposal Restrictions are held in the name of the Participant then the Company shall impose a CHESS holding lock to ensure that the disposal restrictions are complied with.
- 19.5 Specified Disposal Restrictions attached to Restricted Shares acquired when Rights have been exercised shall cease when the Participant ceases to be an employee of the Group, unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate and specified in the Invitation.
- 19.6 Any CHESS holding lock applied by the Company to Restricted Shares will be removed when the Participant ceases to be an employee of the Group, unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate and specified in the Invitation.
- 19.7 On the first occasion following the cessation of Specified Disposal Restrictions, if any, when Shares may be sold without breaching the Company's share trading policy, the Board or its delegate will advise the Participant in writing of the date of that occasion. A Cessation of Disposal Restrictions Notice will be used for this purpose. However, if sale of the Shares may not be undertaken due to Division 3 of Part 7.10 of the Corporations Act (insider trading restriction provisions) then the effective date of the Cessation of Disposal Restrictions Notice will be taken to be delayed until the next point in time when sales of Shares may occur without breaching either the Company's share trading policy or Division 3 of Part 7.10 of the Corporations Act (insider trading restrictions).

#### 20 Disposal Restrictions and Exercise Restrictions Release at Taxing Point

- 20.1 In the event that a taxing point arises in relation to vested but unexercised Rights that are subject to Exercise Restrictions held by a Participant the Exercise Restrictions will cease to apply to 50% of such Rights, unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate.
- 20.2 In the event that a taxing point arises in relation to Restricted Shares subject Specified Disposal Restrictions then Specified Disposal Restrictions (and associated CHESS holding locks if applicable) will cease to apply to 50% of such Shares.

#### 21 Fraud, Gross Misconduct, Etc.

In the event that the Board or its delegate forms the opinion that a Participant has committed an act of fraud, defalcation or gross misconduct in relation to the Group, the Participant will forfeit all unvested Rights.

#### 22 Board Discretion to Prevent Inappropriate Benefits

The Board or its delegate has sole discretion to determine that some or all unexercised Rights held by a Participant lapse on a specified date if allowing the Rights to be retained by the

Participant would, in the opinion of the Board or its delegate, result in an inappropriate benefit to the Participant. Such circumstances include but are not limited to:

- (a) if a Participant engages in any activities or communications that, in the opinion of the Board or its delegate, may cause harm to the operations or reputation of the Company or the Board or its delegate,
- (b) if the Board or its delegate determines that a Participant or Participants took actions that caused harm or are expected to cause harm to the Company's stakeholders,
- (c) if the Board or its delegate forms the view that a Participant or Participants have taken excessive risks or have contributed to or may benefit from unacceptable cultures within the Company,
- (d) if the Board or its delegate forms the view that Participants have exposed employees, the broader community or environment to excessive risks, including risks to health and safety,
- (e) if a Participant becomes and employee of a competitor or provides services to a competitor, either directly or indirectly (as determined by the Board or its delegate and unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate),
- (f) if there has been a material misstatement in the Company's financial reports, which once resolved, indicates that a larger number of Rights previously vested than should have, in light of the corrected information.

#### 23 No Hedging

Participants must not enter into an arrangement with anyone if it would have the effect of limiting their exposure to risk in relation to Rights (vested or unvested) or Restricted Shares.

#### 24 Bonus Issues, Rights Issues and Capital Reorganisation

- 24.1 In cases of bonus share issues by the Company the number of Rights held by a Participant shall be increased by the same number as the number of bonus shares that would have been received by the Participants had the Rights been fully paid ordinary shares in the Company, except in the case that the bonus share issue is in lieu of a dividend payment, in which case no adjustment will apply.
- 24.2 In the case of general rights issues to Shareholders there will be no adjustment to the Rights.
- 24.3 In the case of an issue of rights other than to Shareholders there will be no adjustment to the Rights.
- 24.4 In the case of other capital reconstructions the Board or its delegate may make such adjustments to the Rights as it considers appropriate with a view to ensuring that holders of Rights are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged.
- 24.5 This rule is subject to the application of the Listing Rules.

#### **25 Termination of Employment**

- 25.1 Unless an Invitation otherwise specifies, if a Participant ceases to be an employee of the Group then Performance Rights which are not vested will be forfeited in the same proportion as the remainder of the first year of the Measurement Period bears to the full year in respect of each Tranche, unless and to the extent otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate in its discretion.
- 25.2 Performance Rights that do not lapse at the termination of employment will continue to be held by Participants with a view to testing for vesting at the end of the Measurement

Period. The Board or its delegate has discretion to determine that any service conditions have been fulfilled at the end of the Measurement Period, regardless of whether or not a Participant remains employed by the Group.

- 25.3 If a Participant ceases to be an employee of the Group then Service Rights will be dealt with as specified in the relevant Invitation. In respect of Service Rights that are not forfeited at termination, the Board or its delegate has discretion to determine that any service conditions have been fulfilled at the end of the Measurement Period, regardless of whether or not a Participant remains employed by the Group.
- 25.4 If a Participant has previously ceased to be an employee of the Group then Performance and Service Rights that are exercised after the date of termination will be dealt with pursuant to Rule 18 except that if the market value of a Share at the time of exercise is less than the market value of a Share at the date of the termination then the Exercised Rights Value will be paid in cash, unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate or settlement of the Exercised Rights Value is limited to Shares only, by the terms of the relevant Invitation.
- 25.5 If a Participant has previously ceased to be an employee of the Group then any unexercised vested Rights they hold will be exercised by the Company under Rule41, 90 days after the first date that all Rights that the Participant holds are fully vested and not subject to Exercise Restrictions.
- 25.6 In respect of a Participant that is not an Australian resident, the Invitation may specify alternative treatment of Performance Rights, Service Rights and Restricted Rights in the case the Participant ceases to be an employee of the Group, including with regards to the treatment of Exercise Restrictions and Disposal Restrictions.

## 26 Retirement Benefit Limit

Notwithstanding any other provision in these Rules, the Company is not required to provide or procure the provision of any benefit which would result in a breach by the Company of Division 2 of Part 2D.2 of the Corporations Act relating to termination benefits to any Participants who are the holder of an managerial or executive office unless any prior approval required from the Shareholders for the provision of such a benefit has been sought and obtained by the Company.

## **27 Delisting**

- 27.1 Unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate, in the event the Board or its delegate determines that the Company will be imminently de-listed, whether in the case of a Change of Control or otherwise, the Vesting Conditions attached to the Tranche at the time of the Application will cease to apply and:
  - (a) Performance Rights constructed as Share Appreciation Rights will vest 100% unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate,
  - (b) unvested Performance Rights subject to a nil Exercise Price will vest in accordance with the application of the following formula to each unvested Tranche as at a date determined by the Board or its delegate (Effective Date), noting that negative results will be taken to be nil and vesting cannot exceed 100%:

Number of Performance	_	Unvested Performance Rights in Tranche	x	% of First Year of Measurement x <sup>-</sup> Period Elapsed	(Share Price at the Effective Date – Share price at Measurement Period Commencement)
Rights in Tranche to Vest	=				х -

- (a) any remaining unvested Performance Rights will vest to the extent, if any, determined by the Board or its delegate having regard to performance over the Measurement Period prior to the Effective Date,
- (b) any unvested Performance Rights that remain following (a) will lapse, unless the Board or its delegate determines that Participants may continue to hold unvested Rights following the Effective Date,
- (c) some or all unvested Service Rights may vest to the extent determined by the Board or its delegate in its discretion, having regard to the circumstances that gave rise to the grant of Service Rights and any remainder will lapse immediately,
- (d) any unexercised Rights held by a Participant that are subject to an Exercise Restriction will cease to be so restricted on the date that the Board or its delegate determines in its sole discretion, and
- (e) any Specified Disposal Restrictions will be lifted, including the removal of any Company initiated CHESS holding lock.

## 28 Major Return of Capital to Shareholders or Demerger

In the event that the Board or its delegate forms the view that a major part of the Company's assets or operations will imminently cease to be owned by the Group due to an intention to sell or separately list those assets or operations, or in the event of a major return of capital to Shareholders;

- (a) unvested Performance and Service Rights will either vest to the extent determined by the Board or its delegate, with the remainder lapsing, or adjust the number and vesting conditions of Performance and Service Rights held so that Participants are neither advantaged nor disadvantaged by the return of capital or demerger, and
- (b) Restricted Rights will cease to be subject to Exercise Restrictions prior to the return of capital or demerger, on the date determined by the Board or its delegate.

#### 29 Exercise of Rights Granted to a Director without Shareholder Approval

If a grant of Rights to a Director has not received prior approval of the Company's shareholders, then on exercise of such Rights, and subject to the Listing Rules, any Shares to be provided to the Participant shall be acquired by on-market purchase.

## **30 Separate Clawback or Malus Policy**

While the Company has a separate malus or clawback policy that applies to variable remuneration, and that policy addresses unvested and/or vested Rights and/or Restricted Shares, then in the event of any inconsistency between the Plan Rules and the policy, the latter shall prevail.

## **31 ASIC Class Order Compliance**

Invitations that allow for cash settlement of the Exercised Rights Value, or which are constructed as Share Appreciation Rights, or are made to Eligible Persons who do not hold roles classified as a senior manager under the Corporations Act will be made in reliance on ASIC Class Order 14/1000 (or any successor class order) and the Board or its delegate will take such action or refrain from taking actions so as to remain able to rely on the relief provisions of the Class Order, including notifying ASIC when it first relies on the Class Order and not making grants that may exceed the limit contained in the Class Order.

## 32 Employee Share Scheme Taxing Provisions to Apply

Subdivision 83A-C of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 applies to this Plan including to all Rights granted under the Plan and all Shares that arise from the exercising of Rights.

#### **33 Overseas Transfers**

- 33.1 If a Participant is transferred to work in another country and, as a result of that transfer, the Participant would:
  - (a) suffer a tax disadvantage in relation to their Rights (this being demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board or its delegate); or
  - (b) become subject to restrictions on their ability to deal with the Rights, or to hold or deal in the Shares or the proceeds of the Shares acquired on exercise, because of the security laws or exchange control laws of the country to which he or she is transferred,

then, if the Participant continues to hold an office or employment with the Group, the Board or its delegate may decide that the Performance or Service Rights will vest on a date it chooses before or after the transfer takes effect, and that Exercise Restrictions and Disposal Restrictions cease to apply. The Rights will vest to the extent determined by the Board or its delegate and may lapse or not lapse as to the balance as determined at the discretion of the Board or its delegate.

## **34 Non-Australian Residents**

When a Right is granted under the Plan to a person who is not a resident of Australia, the provisions of the Plan apply subject to such alterations or additions as the Board or its delegate determines having regard to any applicable or relevant laws, matters of convenience and desirability and similar factors which may have application to the Participant or to the Company in relation to Rights. Such alterations or additions shall be specified in the Invitation.

## 35 Board or Delegate Determinations and Amendment of the Plan

- 35.1 A determination by the Board or a Board committee or a delegate of the Board may be evidenced by minutes of a meeting of the Board or Board committee or a record of a determination by the delegate (as applicable). Any such minute or determination shall be prima facie evidence of the determination in the absence of manifest error.
- 35.2 The Board may at any time by written instrument, or by resolution of the Board, amend or repeal all or any of the provisions of the Rules, including this Rule.
- 35.3 No amendment to or repeal of the Rules is to reduce the existing rights of any Participant in respect of any accepted Application that had commenced prior to the date of the amendment or repeal, other than with the consent of the Participant or where the amendment is introduced primarily:
  - (a) for the purpose of complying with or conforming to a present or future State, Territory or Commonwealth legal requirement governing, regulating or effecting the maintenance or operation of the Plan or like plans;
  - (b) to correct any manifest error or mistake;
  - (c) to address possible adverse tax implications for Participants generally or the Company arising from:
    - i. a ruling of any relevant taxation authority;

- ii. a change to tax legislation or the application or termination of the legislation or any other statute or law (including an official announcement by any relevant taxation or government authority);
- iii. a change in interpretation of tax legislation by a court of competent jurisdiction or by any relevant taxation authority; or
- iv. to enable the Company to comply with the Corporations Act or the Listing Rules.

#### 36 Not Exclusive Method of Providing Variable Remuneration

This Plan shall not be an exclusive method of providing variable remuneration for employees of the Company, nor shall it preclude the Company from authorising or approving other forms of variable remuneration.

## **37 No Right to Continued Employment**

Neither the establishment of the Plan nor receipt of an Invitation, nor the approval of an Application, nor the payment of an award nor the vesting of Performance Rights or any other action under the Plan shall be held to confer upon any Participant the right to continue in the employment of the Company or affect any rights the Company may have to terminate the employment of the Participant.

#### **38 Relationship to Other Plans**

Participation in the Plan shall not affect or be affected by participation in or payment under any other plan of the Company, except as otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate.

#### **39 Notices**

- 39.1 A notice (meaning for the purposes of this Rule 39, notice, application, permission or other communication) under the Rules or in connection with the Plan may be given in writing, addressed to the person to whom it is given, and is taken to be given and received if sent in accordance with Rules 39.2, 39.3 or 39.4.
- 39.2 For the purposes of Rule 39.1 a notice is duly given and received by the Company or another Company if sent to the Company by pre-paid mail or by facsimile or other electronic communication, to an address at which it is actually received by:
  - (a) the person who is, from time to time, designated by the Board or its delegate as the person to whom the notice should be sent or by whom it should be received, and whose name or title and address are notified to the sender; or
  - (b) if no other person is designated by the Board or its delegate for this purpose, the secretary of the company.
- 39.3 For the purposes of Rule 39 notice is duly given and received by a company other than a Company if sent to the company:
  - (a) by pre-paid mail to its registered office; or
  - (b) by facsimile or other electronic communication to the last known facsimile or other electronic communication address of its registered office.
- 39.4 For the purposes of Rule 39.1 a notice is duly given and received by a natural person (other than a person referred to in Rule 39.1) if sent to:
  - (a) the person's last known mailing address or the person's last known facsimile or other electronic communication address; or

- (b) in the case of a Participant who has not ceased to be an employee of the Company, to the last known mailing, facsimile or other electronic communication address of the place of business at which the person performs the whole or substantially the whole of his or her employment.
- 39.5 A notice given under Rule 39.1 to a person being a natural person (referred to in Rule 39.4), is duly given even if the person is then deceased (and whether or not any Company has notice of his or her death), unless the legal personal representative of the person has established title to this position to the satisfaction of the Company and supplied to the Company an address to which documents should be sent.
- 39.6 A notice sent in accordance with Rule 39.1 is treated as given and received:
  - (a) in the case of a notice sent to the Company or another Company, at the time it is actually received by the appropriate person referred to in Rule 39.1;
  - (b) in the case of any other notice sent by prepaid mail, 48 hours after it was put into the post properly stamped; and
  - (c) in the case of any other notice sent by facsimile or other electronic communication, at the time of transmission.

#### **40** Constitution and Listing Rules

The Rules are subject to the Company's constitution and applicable Listing Rules in force from time to time.

#### **41** Attorney

Each Participant, in consideration of a grant of Rights:

- (a) irrevocably appoints the Company and any person nominated from time to time by the Board or its delegate (each an "attorney"), severally, as the Participant's attorney to complete and execute any document or other agreement to give effect to these Rules and to do all acts or things on behalf of and in the name of the Participant which may be convenient or necessary for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of these Rules,
- (b) covenants that the Participant shall ratify and confirm any act or thing done pursuant to this power,
- (c) releases the Company, the Board or its delegate, each Group Member and each attorney from any liability whatsoever arising from the exercise of the powers conferred by this clause, and
- (d) indemnifies and holds harmless the Company, the Board or its delegate, each Group Member and the attorney in respect of such liability.

#### 42 Effective Date of these Rules

These rules will be effective from <mark>1 July 2020</mark> and will continue until the Plan is amended or terminated.

#### 43 Governing Law

These Rules are governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia.

## **44 Dictionary**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms and abbreviations have the following meanings.

Application	means the document that must be submitted to apply for Rights under the Plan, as specified in Rule 6, which is annexed to the Invitation.
Application Period	means the period between the date of the Invitation and the last date on which an Application may be submitted.
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ASX	means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 (aka Australian Securities Exchange) or the securities market which it operates, as the context requires.
Board	means the Board of Directors of the Company.
Cessation of Disposal Restrictions Notice	means the notice to a Participant that Specified Disposal Restrictions and disposal restrictions related to the Company's share trading policy have ceased.
Company	means Pepper Money Limited ABN ( <mark>insert ABN</mark> ).
Change of Control	means when the Board advises Participants that one or more persons acting in concert have acquired or are likely to imminently acquire "control" of the Company as defined in section 50AA of the Corporations Act.
CHESS	means Clearing House Electronic Sub-register System
<b>Corporations Act</b>	means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
Class Order	means Class Order 14/1000 as defined by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, or any successor Class Order.
Director	means a member of the Board whether in an executive or non- executive capacity.
Effective Date	means a date determined by the Board or its delegate upon which a decision or determination by the Board or its delegate takes effect, which may be a past, present or future date, and may be different from the date upon which the event occurs or is recorded.
Eligible Person	means a full time or part-time employee (excluding non- executive directors), a casual employee of the Group or a contractor to the Group or a person who will prospectively fill one of the foregoing roles.

EST	means the Pepper Money Limited Employee Share Trust or any other employee share trust established to facilitate the operation of this Plan.
Exercise Notice	means the written advice from the Participant to the Company that they are exercising vested Rights under Rule 18.
Exercise Price	means the amount, if any, payable or notionally payable as the context requires, to exercise a Right or option.
Exercised Rights Value	means the value determined by applying the following formula as at the date of exercise:
	(Share Price - Exercise Price) x Number of Rights Exercised
Exercise Restriction	means a period during which a Participant may not exercise vested Rights; and for Restricted Rights, the Exercise Restriction is as defined in Rule 18.2, and for other Rights is a period specified in an Invitation, if applicable.
Gate	means a condition that must be met or exceeded before the Vesting Conditions attached to a Tranche can be assessed for vesting purposes.
Grant Notice	means the document issued to a Participant to notify them that a grant of Rights has been made to them, which must include the date of the grant.
Group	means the Company and its Related Bodies Corporate.
Group Company	means any body corporate within the Group.
Invitation	means a communication to an Eligible Person that contains the terms and conditions of the specific invitation to apply for Rights.
Listing Rules	means the Listing Rules of the ASX.
Managing Director	means a Director who simultaneously holds the most senior executive role within the Company.
Measurement Period	means in relation Performance and Service Rights the period or periods specified in the Invitation in relation to conditions applying to the vesting of the Rights.
Participant	See Rule 8.
PAYG	means Pay As You Go tax instalment system.
Performance Rights	means Rights which are subject to performance related Vesting Conditions.
Plan	means Pepper Money Limited Staff Rights Plan.

Related Bodies Corporate	has the meaning in section 50 of the Corporations Act.
Restricted Right	means a Right which is fully vested at grant but is subject to Exercise Restrictions and/or disposal restrictions.
<b>Restricted Shares</b>	means Shares acquired by exercise of vested Rights and which are subject to disposal restrictions.
Right	means an entitlement to the value of a Share which may be settled in the form of cash, or a Share (including a Restricted Share), as determined by the Board or its delegate in its discretion.
Rules or Plan Rules	means these Rules that govern the Plan.
Service Rights	means Rights that are subject to service related Vesting Conditions.
Share Appreciation Right or SAR	means a Right with an Exercise Price greater than nil. For the avoidance of doubt a SAR may be a Performance Right, Service Right or Restricted Right.
Shareholders	means those persons who hold Shares.
Share	means fully paid ordinary share in the Company.
Settlement Notice	means the written advice from the Board or its delegate to a Participant indicating how the Exercised Rights Value will be settled.
Share Price	means the volume weighted average share price at which the Company's shares were traded on the ASX over the ten (10) trading days prior to the date for which the calculation is made.
Specified Disposal Restrictions	means the period specified in an Invitation, if any, commencing when a Restricted Share is acquired by exercise of a Right and ending on the first to occur of; the date specified in the Invitation and the 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grant Date.
Tranche	means a group of Rights defined by the fact that each Right in the group has identical terms and features.
Term	means the period between the date of grant of a Right and the date on which it will lapse if not earlier exercised, which will be the 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of grant unless otherwise determined by the Board or its delegate and specified in an Invitation.
Vesting Notice	means the document issued to a Participant to notify them that Rights have vested, including the date of vesting.
Vested Right	means a Rights in respect of which a Vesting Notice has been issued to a Participant.

Drafted by GRG 2021

Vesting Conditions	means conditions that must be satisfied in order for vesting of a Right to occur, as contemplated in Rule 11.
Vesting Date	means the date on which unvested Rights become vested, as specified in a Vesting Notice.
\$	means Australian dollars.