

Good morning, ladies, gentlemen and fellow shareholders, and welcome to the General Meeting of Empire Energy Group Limited ("Empire" or "the Company").

Alex Underwood our Managing Director is today presenting to the South East Asia Australia Offshore & Onshore Conference ("SEAAOC") in Darwin. A copy of his presentation which outlines the steps to be taken by the Company in pursuit of its objective to reach production and commercial cash flow has been released to ASX this morning. I encourage shareholders to review this document, copies of which are available here.

This meeting has been convened to consider seven resolutions covering:

- Resolutions 1 and 2: Refreshment of the Company's ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and 7.1A capacity (this currently limits the number of ordinary shares Empire can issue over a 12month period without shareholder approval);
- Resolution 3: Approval for Empire to issue one free attaching (unlisted) option for every two shares subscribed for by participants under the Placement and SPP ("Attaching Options"). The Attaching Options will be exercisable at \$0.35 and expire two years from the date of allotment of Shares under the Placement. A prospectus was released to the ASX on 12 August 2022 pursuant to the Attaching Options; and
- Resolutions 4 to 7: Approval for Empire Directors who are deemed to be related parties under the ASX Listing Rules, to invest \$520,000 in Empire on the same terms as the Placement.

Following the Company's successful Placement and Share Purchase Plan ("SPP") to raise \$30 million (gross) for Empire, our balance sheet now includes a total cash balance of \$38.7 million, recently enhanced by receipt of grant funding. Empire intends to utilize these funds towards the appraisal of its Beetaloo Basin holdings and for working capital. Empire Directors have agreed to invest \$520,000 subject to your approval today. Empire is financially well positioned to execute the largest work program in the Company's history. Your Board awaits with anticipation, appraisal results from the 2022 work program including Carpentaria-2H our first horizontal hydraulically stimulated well. This could be transformational for our Company.

Global gas markets remain tight and prices at decade highs ahead of the northern hemisphere winter, a time of year when gas demand rises. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has only reenforced the strategic imperative for Europe to secure LNG deliveries from reliable and friendly

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countries such as Australia. I note the news yesterday on the arrival of the first Australian LNG shipments to Europe this week. Together with the impending closure of coal fired generators in Australia, these uncertain times mean that the case in support of the development of the Beetaloo Sub-basin has never been stronger.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your support.

This ASX release has been authorised by the Chairman

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