

# **Update in relation to merger with Livent Corporation**

Allkem Limited (ASX: AKE, "Allkem" or the "Company") provides an update in relation to the proposed merger of equals between Allkem and Livent Corporation ("Livent") announced to ASX on 10 May 2023 ("Transaction").

# **Transaction update**

Allkem is pleased to provide the following update on the progress of the Transaction:

- Antitrust/competition and investment screening/foreign investment regime notifications and applications or draft filings (as applicable) have now been lodged in all required jurisdictions.
- Preparation of Allkem's notice of meeting and explanatory statement ("Scheme Booklet") is in progress, with Allkem having recently appointed Kroll Australia Pty Ltd as the Independent Expert to prepare a report opining on whether the scheme is in the best interest of Allkem shareholders ("IER"). Behre Dolbear Australia Pty Ltd has been appointed as the Independent Technical Expert.
- Allkem Livent plc¹ ("New TopCo") has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a preliminary registration statement on Form S-4 that contains a proxy statement/prospectus ("Preliminary Form S-4").
- Subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory, shareholder and Australian Court approvals, and the satisfaction or waiver of other closing conditions, Allkem and Livent are currently still targeting completion of the Transaction by around the end of CY2023.

# **Allkem Scheme Booklet**

As mentioned above, Allkem shareholders will in due course be provided with a Scheme Booklet issued by Allkem in accordance with applicable Australian regulatory requirements. The Scheme Booklet will include the IER. Shareholders are encouraged to consider the Scheme Booklet in full, once it is available, and to have regard to the disclosures included the Scheme Booklet when making any decision to vote for or against the scheme proposal.

### Filing of Preliminary Form S-4

New TopCo has filed with the SEC the Preliminary Form S-4. This document is required in connection with the seeking of the approval of the Transaction by Livent shareholders and the issue of shares of New TopCo to Livent shareholders under the US merger that is contemplated to form part of the Transaction. A registration statement on Form S-4 is broadly analogous to a prospectus for an issue of shares under an initial public offering under Australian law, with elements akin to a notice of meeting and explanatory statement (like a scheme booklet), although typically more comprehensive insofar as historical information is concerned. This is an important step in Livent's seeking of the approval of the Transaction by its shareholders and New TopCo's proposed issuance of shares and their listing on the New York Stock Exchange (all of which are conditions to the Allkem scheme proposal).

No reliance on Preliminary Form S-4 by Allkem Shareholders

Allkem notes that the Preliminary Form S-4 is preliminary only and is not effective, contains information that is not complete and may be changed, and should not be relied on by Allkem

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Allkem Livent plc is the temporary name of the proposed holding company of the merged group, which is not currently controlled by or related to Allkem.



shareholders for any purpose (or by any other person in deciding to make an investment decision with respect to Allkem securities). In particular, the Preliminary Form S-4 is subject to review by the SEC, and the SEC may request that Livent and New TopCo revise the document or provide additional disclosure in it. In addition, certain parts of the Preliminary Form S-4 expressly contemplate supplementary disclosure being made by Livent and New TopCo.

Allkem shareholders are further cautioned that content and disclosure requirements for the Preliminary Form S-4 are governed by the *Securities Act of 1933* (US), the *Securities and Exchange Act of 1934* (US) and other applicable US securities laws. These securities laws require the disclosure of certain matters that would not be required by, or that may differ from the disclosure permitted by, Australian laws or regulatory policy. Allkem shareholders should be aware that different meanings or standards may be ascribed to matters disclosed in the Preliminary Form S-4 than would be understood under Australian law or custom; which further supports Allkem's strong caution that Allkem shareholders (or any other person in deciding to make an investment decision with respect to Allkem securities) place no reliance on the Preliminary S-4 or its contents.

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For completeness only, the Preliminary Form S-4 is accessible on the SEC EDGAR platform at https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1977303/000114036123035517/ny20009544x1 s4.htm

#### **ENDS**

This release was authorised by the Board of Directors of Allkem Limited.



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