

# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of the Company, Suite 10, 295 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, Western Australia on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 11.00am (WST).

The Notice of Annual General Meeting should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders are in doubt as to how to vote, they should seek advice from their accountant, solicitor or other professional advisor prior to voting.

Should you wish to discuss any matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary by telephone on (08) 9200 8200.

Shareholders are urged to attend or vote by lodging the Proxy Form

# Australian Silica Quartz Group Ltd ACN 119 699 982 (Company) Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of Shareholders of Australian Silica Quartz Group Ltd (**Company**) will be held at Suite 10, 295 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, Western Australia on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 11.00am (WST) (**Meeting**).

The Explanatory Memorandum provides additional information on matters to be considered at the Meeting. The Explanatory Memorandum and the Proxy Form form part of the Notice.

The Directors have determined pursuant to regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered as Shareholders on Tuesday, 23 November 2021 at 5.00pm (WST).

# Agenda

#### 1 Annual Report

To consider the Annual Report of the Company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2021, which includes the Financial Report, the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report.

#### 2 **Resolutions**

#### **Resolution 1 – Remuneration Report**

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

'That the Remuneration Report be adopted by Shareholders.'

#### Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Luke Atkins

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

'That in accordance with clause 14.2 of the Constitution, Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, Luke Atkins retires and, being eligible, is re-elected as a Director.'

#### **Resolution 3 – Re-election of Director – Neil Lithgow**

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

'That in accordance with clause 14.2 of the Constitution and for all other purposes, Neil Lithgow retires and, being eligible, is re-elected as a Director.'

#### Voting prohibitions

Resolution 1: In accordance with sections 250BD and 250R of the Corporations Act, a vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) 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.

A vote may be cast by such person if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person who is excluded from voting on this Resolution, and:

- (a) the person is appointed as a proxy by writing that specifies the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution; or
- (b) the voter is the Chair and the appointment of the Chair as proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on this Resolution, but expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if this Resolution is connected with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel.

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.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Sam Middlemas Company Secretary 21 October 2021

# Australian Silica Quartz Group Ltd ACN 093 396 859 (Company) Explanatory Memorandum

## 1. Introduction

The Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared for the information of Shareholders in connection with the business to be conducted at the Meeting to be held at Suite 10, 295 Rokeby Road, Subiaco, Western Australia on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 11.00am (WST).

The Explanatory Memorandum contains the terms and conditions on which the Resolutions will be voted and forms part of the Notice which should be read in its entirety.

A Proxy Form is located at the end of the Explanatory Memorandum.

#### 2. Action to be taken by Shareholders

Shareholders should read the Notice including the Explanatory Memorandum carefully before deciding how to vote on the Resolutions.

#### 2.1 Impact of COVID-19 on the Meeting

The health and safety of members and personnel, and other stakeholders, is the highest priority and the Company is acutely aware of the current circumstances resulting from COVID-19. Based on the best information available to the Board at the time of the Notice, the Board considers it will be in a position to hold an 'in-person' meeting to provide Shareholders with a reasonable opportunity to participate in and vote at the Meeting, while complying with the COVID-19 restrictions regarding gatherings. The Company, however, strongly encourages Shareholders to submit proxies prior to the Meeting.

If the situation in relation to COVID-19 were to change in a way that affected the position above, the Company will provide a further update ahead of the Meeting by releasing an ASX announcement.

#### 2.2 Voting in person

Given the current COVID-19 circumstances and in the interests of public health and safety of our Shareholders, the Company will implement arrangements to allow Shareholders to physically attend the Meeting in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and government advice.

The Company will strictly comply with applicable limitations on indoor gatherings in force at the time of the Meeting. If you attend the Meeting in person, you will be required to adhere to COVID-19 protocols in place at the time of the Meeting.

#### 2.3 **Proxies**

Shareholders are encouraged to vote by voting online or by completing a Proxy Form.

Lodgement of a Proxy Form will not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting at the Meeting in person. Lodgement instructions (which include the ability to lodge proxies electronically) are set out in the Proxy Form to the Notice of Meeting.

Proxy Forms can be lodged:

Online:	meetings@automicgroup.com.au
By mail:	Share Registry – Automic Group Pty Ltd, GPO Box
	5193, Sydney NSW 2001
By fax:	+61 2 8583 3040
By phone:	1 300 288 664 (Within Australia)
	+61 2 9698 5414 (Overseas)

#### 2.4 Chair's voting intentions

If the Chair is your proxy, either by appointment or by default, and you have not indicated your voting intention, you expressly authorise the Chair to exercise the proxy in respect of Resolution 1 even though this Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of the Company's Key Management Personnel.

The Chair intends to exercise all available proxies in favour of all Resolutions, unless the Shareholder has expressly indicated a different voting intention.

#### 3. Annual Report

In accordance with section 317 of the Corporations Act, Shareholders will be offered the opportunity to discuss the Annual Report, including the Financial Report, the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve the Annual Report.

At the Meeting, Shareholders will be offered the opportunity to:

- (a) discuss the Annual Report which is available online at www.asqg.com.au;
- (b) ask questions about, or comment on, the management of the Company; and
- (c) ask the auditor questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report.

In addition to taking questions at the Meeting, written questions to the Chair about the management of the Company, or to the Company's auditor about:

- (a) the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report;
- (b) the conduct of the audit;
- (c) accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (d) the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit,

may be submitted no later than five business days before the Meeting to the Company Secretary at the Company's registered office.

#### 4. **Resolution 1 – Remuneration Report**

In accordance with subsection 250R(2) of the Corporations Act, the Company must put the Remuneration Report to the vote of Shareholders. The Directors' Report contains the Remuneration Report which sets out the remuneration policy for the Company and the remuneration arrangements in place for the executive Directors, specified executives and non-executive Directors.

In accordance with subsection 250R(3) of the Corporations Act, Resolution 1 is advisory only and does not bind the Directors. If Resolution 1 is not passed, the Directors will not be required to alter any of the arrangements in the Remuneration Report.

If the Company's Remuneration Report receives a 'no' vote of 25% or more (**Strike**) at two consecutive annual general meetings, Shareholders will have the opportunity to remove the whole Board, except the managing director (if any).

Where a resolution on the Remuneration Report receives a Strike at two consecutive annual general meetings, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders at the second annual general meeting a resolution on whether another meeting should be held (within 90 days) at which all Directors (other than the managing director, if any) who were in office at the date of approval of the applicable Directors' Report must stand for re-election.

The Company's Remuneration Report did not receive a Strike at the 2020 annual general meeting. If the Remuneration Report receives a Strike at this Meeting, Shareholders should be aware that if a second Strike is received at the 2022 annual general meeting, this may result in the re-election of the Board.

The Chair will allow a reasonable opportunity for Shareholders as a whole to ask about, or make comments on the Remuneration Report.

Resolution 1 is an ordinary resolution.

Given the personal interests of all Directors in this Resolution, the Board makes no recommendation to Shareholders regarding this Resolution.

#### 5. **Resolution 2 – Re-election of Director – Luke Atkins**

#### 5.1 General

Clause 14.2 of the Constitution and Listing Rule 14.4 both provide that a Director (excluding the Managing Director) must not hold office without re-election past the third annual general meeting following that Director's appointment or three years, whichever is longer.

Clause 14.2 of the Constitution also requires that one third of the Directors (rounded upwards in the case of doubt) must retire and may seek re-election at each annual general meeting. The Company currently has four Non-Executive Directors. Accordingly, two Directors are required to retire by rotation at the Meeting.

A Director who retires in accordance with clause 14.2 and Listing Rule 14.4 is eligible for reelection.

Director Luke Atkins was last elected at the annual general meeting held on 23 November 2018. Accordingly, Mr Atkins retires at this Meeting and, being eligible, seeks re-election pursuant to Resolution 2.

#### 5.2 Luke Atkins

Mr Atkins previously practised as a lawyer and was the principal of Atkins and Co Lawyers, a Perth based legal firm which he owned and managed for seven years. Mr Atkins brings to the Company extensive experience in capital raising and public listed companies.

Mr Atkins is currently Chairman of ASX listed Altech Chemicals Limited (8 May 2007 to current) and has interests in a number of enterprises including agriculture and property development.

Mr Atkins has acknowledged to the Company that he will have sufficient time to fulfil his responsibilities as a Director.

Mr Atkins is a Non-Executive Director of the Company, and was first appointed as a Director of the Company on 15 May 2006.

The Board considers that Mr Atkins is not an independent director due to his substantial shareholding, his consulting fees earnt from the Company and the substantial period of his tenure as a Director.

#### 5.3 Additional information

Resolution 2 is an ordinary resolution.

The Board considers that Mr Atkins' legal and corporate experience is integral to the Company and that Mr Atkins will continue to be instrumental in the growth of the Company at an important stage of development. Accordingly, the Board (with Mr Atkins abstaining) recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

## 6. Resolution 3 – Re-election of Director – Neil Lithgow

#### 6.1 General

A summary of clause 14.2 of the Constitution is in Section 5.1.

Director Neil Lithgow was last elected at the annual general meeting held on 15 November 2019 and aside from Luke Atkins (who retires and seeks re-election pursuant to Resolution 2) has held office the longest since his election.

Accordingly, Mr Lithgow retires at this Meeting and, being eligible, seeks re-election pursuant to Resolution 3.

#### 6.2 Neil Lithgow

Mr Lithgow is a geologist by profession with over 25 years' experience in mineral exploration, economics and mining feasibility studies covering base metals, coal, iron ore and gold.

Mr Lithgow is a non-executive director of Aspire Mining Limited (12 February 2010 to current) and he is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Mr Lithgow has acknowledged to the Company that he will have sufficient time to fulfil his responsibilities as a Director.

Mr Lithgow is a Non-Executive Director of the Company, and was first appointed as a Director of the Company on 15 May 2006.

The Board considers that Mr Lithgow is not an independent director due to his substantial shareholding in the Company and the substantial period of his tenure as a Director.

#### 6.3 Additional information

Resolution 3 is an ordinary resolution.

The Board considers that Mr Lithgow's geological experience is integral to the Company and that Mr Lithgow will continue to be instrumental in the growth of the Company at an important stage of development. Accordingly, the Board (with Mr Lithgow abstaining) recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.



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# **Proxy Voting Form**

If you are attending the meeting in person, please bring this with you for Securityholder registration.

Holder Number:

Your proxy voting instruction must be received by **11.00am (WST) on Tuesday 23 November 2021,** being **not later than 48 hours** before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Voting instructions received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

## SUBMIT YOUR PROXY VOTE ONLINE

# Vote online at https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah

Login & Click on 'Meetings'. Use the Holder Number as shown at the top of this Proxy Voting form.

- ✓ Save Money: help minimise unnecessary print and mail costs for the Company.
- It's Quick and Secure: provides you with greater privacy, eliminates any postal delays and the risk of potentially getting lost in transit.
- Receive Vote Confirmation: instant confirmation that your vote has been processed. It also allows you to amend your vote if required.

#### SUBMIT YOUR PROXY VOTE BY PAPER

#### Complete the form overleaf in accordance with the instructions set out below.

#### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and address shown above is as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, and you have an Issuer Sponsored holding, you can update your address through the investor portal: https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes.

#### STEP 1 – APPOINT A PROXY

If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of that Individual or body corporate. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company. Otherwise if you leave this box blank, the Chair of the Meeting will be appointed as your proxy by default. **DEFAULT TO THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING** 

#### Any directed provide that are not voted on a poll at the M

Any directed proxies that are not voted on a poll at the Meeting will default to the Chair of the Meeting, who is required to vote these proxies as directed. Any undirected proxies that default to the Chair of the Meeting will be voted according to the instructions set out in this Proxy Voting Form, including where the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of KMP.

#### **STEP 2 - VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

You may direct your proxy how to vote by marking one of the boxes opposite each item of business. All your shares will be voted in accordance with such a direction unless you indicate only a portion of voting rights are to be voted on any item by inserting the percentage or number of shares you wish to vote in the appropriate box or boxes. If you do not mark any of the boxes on the items of business, your proxy may vote as he or she chooses. If you mark more than one box on an item your vote on that item will be invalid.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SECOND PROXY

You may appoint up to two proxies. If you appoint two proxies, you should complete two separate Proxy Voting Forms and specify the percentage or number each proxy may exercise. If you do not specify a percentage or number, each proxy may exercise half the votes. You must return both Proxy Voting Forms together. If you require an additional Proxy Voting Form, contact Automic Registry Services.

#### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

Individual: Where the holding is in one name, the Shareholder must sign.

Joint holding: Where the holding is in more than one name, all Shareholders should sign.

**Power of attorney**: If you have not already lodged the power of attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the power of attorney to this Proxy Voting Form when you return it.

**Companies**: To be signed in accordance with your Constitution. Please sign in the appropriate box which indicates the office held by you. **Email Address**: Please provide your email address in the space provided.

# By providing your email address, you elect to receive all communications despatched by the Company electronically (where legally permissible) such as a Notice of Meeting, Proxy Voting Form and Annual Report via email.

#### CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting the appropriate 'Appointment of Corporate Representative' should be produced prior to admission. A form may be obtained from the Company's share registry online at https://automic.com.au.



#### Return your completed form

**BY MAIL** 

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## Complete and return this form as instructed only if you do not vote online

I/We being a Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting of Australian Silica Quartz Group Ltd, to be held at 11.00am (WST) on Thursday 25 November 2021 at Suite 10, 295 Rokeby Road Subiaco, Western Australia hereby:

Appoint the Chairman of the Meeting (Chair) OR if you are not appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write in the box provided below the name of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy or failing the person so named or, if no person is named, the Chair, 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 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. Unless indicated otherwise by ticking the "for"," "against" or "abstain" box you will be authorising the Chair to vote in accordance with the Chair's voting intention.

#### AUTHORITY FOR CHAIR TO VOTE UNDIRECTED PROXIES ON REMUNERATION RELATED RESOLUTIONS

Where I/we have appointed the Chair as my/our proxy (or where the Chair becomes my/our proxy by default), I/we expressly authorise the Chair to exercise my/our proxy on Resolution 1 (except where I/we have indicated a different voting intention below) even though Resolution 1 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Key Management Personnel, which includes the Chair.

# Resolutions

1.	Remuneration Report		
2.	Re-election of Director – Luke Atkins		
3.	Re-election of Director – Neil Lithgow		

Please note: 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 be counted in computing the required majority on a poll.

# SIGNATURE OF SECURITYHOLDERS – THIS MUST BE COMPLETED 3: Sign Here + Contact Details Securityholder 2 Individual or Securityholder 1 Securityholder 3 Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary Director Director / Company Secretary Contact Name: Email Address: Date (DD/MM/YY) Contact Daytime Telephone С Ш By providing your email address, you elect to receive all of your communications despatched by the Company electronically (where legally permissible)

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