

# EUROPEAN METALS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PLAN AND POLICIES

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# **BOARD CHARTER**

#### Introduction

The Board of the Company (**Board**) has the ultimate responsibility to its shareholders for the strategy and performance of the Company in general. The Board is dedicated to fulfilling these duties in a lawful and professional manner, and with the utmost integrity and objectivity. As such, the Board actively pursues best practice governance processes.

Good governance policies and processes are critical for ensuring that the Company is governed in the best interests of the Company as a whole. With this point in mind, the Board has decided to articulate and formalise the corporate governance framework within which the Company operates.

#### **Our Purpose**

Our purpose is to create shareholder value through the successful delivery of our Vision "Ethicallysourced European battery metals to power Europe's sustainable future." with a clear aim to create a sustainable European lithium supply chain with low carbon footprint.

#### Description

We are on the path to creating a sustainable European lithium supply chain with low carbon footprint, strategically positioned in the heart of Europe to supply the world's fastest growing EV market with high margin lithium battery chemicals.

We will utilise local suppliers and employees to create long term sustainable development and work to minimize the carbon footprint of the Cinovec Battery Metals Project.

We will work with end users of battery metals to shorten their supply chain, assure consumers of ESG best practices at every stage, and thereby reduce reliance on overseas battery metals, to enable growth in the green energy market within the European Union.

#### **Our Strategy**

We are aiming to develop the Cinovec Project to be the premier lithium product producer in the European Union. At the heart of our strategy is to advance the Cinovec vertically integrated battery metals project in Czech Republic.

#### **Our Values**

#### Sustainability

The health and safety of our stakeholders must guide everything we do. Furthermore, our operational activities will improve the lives of the people in our communities.

#### Integrity

Doing what is right and doing what we say we will do.

#### Respect

Recognising that we are guests in our target markets, embracing diversity and culture, and fostering mutually beneficial relationships built on trust.

#### • Performance

Never compromising standards, demanding results by stretching our capabilities, and delivering on our commitments.

#### Simplicity

Focusing on the things that matter most.



This document outlines the Company's corporate governance policy in the form of a Board Charter, which is a written policy document that defines the respective roles, responsibilities and authorities of the Board, both individually and collectively, and of management in setting the direction, management and the control of the organisation. As such, it establishes the guidelines within which the directors and officers are to operate as they carry out their respective roles. It does not in any way constitute legal advice or act as a substitute for legal advice.

The Board is cognisant of the Company's current size, nature and scale of activities and that it currently may not comply with all of the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) published by the ASX Corporate Governance Council. However, the Company will state in its Annual Report its current position on these matters and a regular review will be undertaken to assess the applicability of the current procedures.

The purpose of this Board Charter is to document the policies upon which the Board has decided to meet its legal and other responsibilities.

The Company's Board Charter has four major sections:

- (a) Part A Defining Governance Roles;
- (b) Part B Board Processes;
- (c) Part C Key Board Functions; and
- (d) Part D Continuing Improvement.

While it is acknowledged that good governance is an important component of a successful company, it is also recognised that it is contingent upon the context in which it is practiced. Therefore, corporate governance needs to be a dynamic process. This Charter will need to be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in the legal framework within which the Company operates, and amendments and developments in Board policies and procedures. It is the responsibility of the Company Secretary to ensure that the Board is consulted regarding any changes and updates, that the Charter is kept current and is reviewed and amended on a yearly basis, and that all Board members are provided with the latest versions of the Charter.

The Company recognises the overriding importance of its legal obligations which arise from various sources. Accordingly, nothing in this Charter must conflict with the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association (**M&A**), the Corporations Act, the ASX Listing Rules or AIM Rules. If such a conflict occurs, the M&A, Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules and/or AIM Rules shall prevail.

Any reference to gender in this Charter should be interpreted as applicable to both males and females.



# **BOARD CHARTER**

# PART A - DEFINING GOVERNANCE ROLES

#### 1. The role of the Board

The role of the Board is to provide overall strategic guidance and effective oversight of management. The Board derives its authority to act from the Company's Constitution.

The Board is ultimately responsible for all matters relating to the running of the Company.

The Board's role is to govern the Company rather than to manage it. In governing the Company, the directors must act in the best interests of the Company as a whole. It is the role of senior management to manage the Company in accordance with the direction and delegations of the Board and the responsibility of the Board to oversee the activities of management in carrying out these delegated duties. Thus, except when dealing with specific management delegations of individual directors (particularly executive directors), it is misleading to refer to the management function of the Board.

The Board has the final responsibility for the successful operations of the Company. In general, it is responsible for, and has the authority to determine, all matters relating to the policies, practices, management and operations of the Company. It is required to do all things that may be necessary to be done in order to carry out the objectives of the Company. In carrying out its governance role, the main task of the Board is to drive the performance of the Company. The Board must also ensure that the Company complies with all of its contractual, statutory and any other legal obligations, including the requirements of any regulatory body.

#### 1.1 The Board's Relationship with Management

- (a) The Board shall delegate responsibility for the day-to-day operations and administration of the Company to the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director/Executive Chairman.
- (b) Specific limits on the authority delegated to the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director/Executive Chairman and the team of executives as appointed by the Company (Executive Team) must be set out in the delegated authorities approved by the Board.
- (c) The role of management is to support the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director/Executive Chairman and implement the running of the general operations and financial business of the Company including instilling and reinforcing the Company's values, in accordance with the delegated authority of the Board.
- (d) In addition to formal reporting structures, members of the Board are encouraged to have direct communications with management and other employees within the Company and its subsidiaries (if any) (Group) to facilitate the effective carrying out of their duties as directors.

#### **1.2** Specific Responsibilities of the Board

In addition to matters it is expressly required by law to approve, the Board has reserved the following matters to itself:



- (e) Driving the strategic direction of the Company and defining the Company's purpose, ensuring appropriate resources are available to meet objectives and monitoring management's performance.
- (f) Approving the Company's statement of values and Code of Conduct to ensure the desired culture within the Company is maintained and monitoring the implementation of such values and culture at all times.
- (g) Ensuring that an appropriate framework exists for relevant information to be reported by management to the Board including the escalation of risks to the Board.
- (h) Appointment and replacement of the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director/Executive Chairman, other senior executives and the Company Secretary and the determination of the terms and conditions of their employment including remuneration and termination.
- (i) Approving the Company's remuneration framework and ensuring it is aligned with the Company's purpose, values, strategic objectives and risk appetite.
- (j) Ensuring that an appropriate succession plan for the CEO/MD, CFO and Company Secretary is in place.
- (k) Monitoring the timeliness and effectiveness of reporting to shareholders.
- (I) Reviewing and ratifying systems of audit, risk management and internal compliance and control, codes of conduct and legal compliance to minimise the possibility of the Company operating beyond acceptable risk parameters.
- (m) Approving and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditure, capital management and significant acquisitions and divestitures.
- (n) Approving and monitoring the budget and the adequacy and integrity of financial and other reporting such that the financial performance of the Company has sufficient clarity to be actively monitored.
- (o) Approving the annual, half yearly and quarterly accounts.
- (p) Approving significant changes to the organisational structure.
- (q) Approving decisions affecting the Company's capital, including determining the Company's dividend policy and declaring dividends.
- (r) Recommending to shareholders the appointment of the external auditor as and when their appointment or re-appointment is required to be approved by them (in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* (Cth) and ASX Listing Rules if applicable).
- (s) Ensuring a high standard of corporate governance practice and regulatory compliance and promoting ethical and responsible decision making.
- (t) Procuring appropriate professional development opportunities for Directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively and to deal with new and emerging business and governance issues.



Without intending to limit this reserved role of the Board, additional functions and responsibilities of the executive directors include the following:

- (a) providing leadership to the Company by:
  - guiding the development of an appropriate culture and values for the Company through the establishment and review of Codes of Conduct, rules and procedures to enforce ethical behaviour, underpin the desired culture within the Company and provide guidance on appropriate work methods;
  - (ii) always acting in a manner consistent with the Company's culture and Code of Conduct;
- (b) overseeing the development and implementation of an appropriate strategy by:
  - (i) working with the Senior Management team to ensure that an appropriate strategic direction and array of goals are in place;
  - (ii) regularly reviewing and amending or updating the Company's strategic direction and goals;
  - (iii) ensuring that an appropriate set of internal controls are implemented and reviewed regularly;
  - (iv) ensuring an appropriate framework exists for relevant information to be reported by management to the Board;
  - (v) when required, overseeing planning activities including the development and approval of strategic plans, annual plans; annual corporate budgets and long-term budgets including operating budgets, capital expenditure budgets and cash flow budgets;
  - (vi) reviewing the progress and performance of the Company in meeting these plans and corporate objectives, including reporting the outcome of such reviews on at least an annual basis;
- (c) overseeing the control and accountability systems that ensure the Company is progressing towards the goals set by the Board and in line with the Company's purpose, the agreed corporate strategy, legislative requirements and community expectations;
- (d) ensuring corporate accountability to the shareholders primarily through adopting an effective shareholder communications strategy, encouraging effective participation at general meetings and, through the Chair, being the key interface between the Company and its shareholders;
- (e) ensuring the integrity of the Company's accounting systems including the external audit;
- (f) ensuring robust and effective risk management (for both financial and nonfinancial risks), compliance, continuous disclosure and control systems (including legal compliance) are in place and operating effectively;
- (g) being responsible for the Company's senior management and personnel including:



- (i) ensuring appropriate checks are undertaken prior to the appointment of senior executives;
- (ii) when required, ensuring appropriate human resource systems (including OH&S systems) are in place to ensure the well-being and effective contribution of all employees;
- (h) ensuring directors receive briefings on material developments in laws, regulations and accounting standards relevant to the Company;
- (i) where required, challenging management and holding it to account; and
- (j) making all decisions outside the scope of these delegated powers.

The detail of some Board functions will be handled through Board Committees as and when the size and scale of operations requires such committees. However, the Board as a whole is responsible for determining the extent of powers residing in each Committee and is ultimately responsible for accepting, modifying or rejecting Committee recommendations.

# 2. Board structure

#### 2.1 Number of Directors

The Board has determined that, consistent with the size of the Company and its activities, the Board shall be comprised of at least four (4) directors, two of whom shall be non-executive.

The Board's policy is that the majority of directors shall be independent, non- executive directors at a time when the size of the Company and its activities warrants such a structure. This will ensure that all Board discussions or decisions have the benefit of outside views and experience, and that the majority of directors will be free of any interests or influences that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the director's ability to act in the best interests of the Company.

An independent director is a director who is free of any interest, position or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect his or her capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the Board and to act in the best interests of the Company as a whole rather than in the interests of an individual shareholder or other party

The Board has adopted the definition of independence set out in the ASX Corporate Governance Council Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition) as set out in Annexure A.

The independence of the Company's non-executive directors will be assessed on an ongoing basis.

In the opinion of the Board, all directors should bring specific skills and experience that add value to the Company.

When considering the potential reappointment of an existing director, the Board will take into account its skills matrix which sets out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership and their performance will be evaluated by the Remuneration and Nomination Committee to ensure that they continue to contribute effectively to the Board.



When considering vacancies, the Board will take into account a candidate's capacity to enhance the skills matrix and experience of the Board.

The Company must disclose the length of service of each Director in, or in conjunction with, its annual report (Annual Report).

The Company must disclose the relevant qualifications and experience of each member of the Board in, or in conjunction with, its Annual Report

#### 2.2 Appointment of Directors

The Company may, by ordinary resolution, increase or decrease the number of directors and may also determine in what rotation the increased or decreased number is to go out of office and otherwise in accordance with the M&A. The Company will undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person and provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.

In appointing new members to the Board, consideration must be given to the demonstrated ability and also future potential of the appointee to contribute to the ongoing effectiveness of the Board, to exercise sound business judgement, to commit the necessary time to fulfil the requirements of the role effectively and to contribute to the development of the strategic direction of the Company

#### 2.3 Skills required on the Board

The Board should comprise directors with a mix of qualifications, experience and expertise which will assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities, as well as assisting the Company in achieving growth and delivering value to shareholders

The composition of the Board is to be reviewed regularly against the Company's Board skills matrix prepared and maintained by the nominations committee to ensure the appropriate mix of skills and expertise is present to facilitate successful strategic direction and to deal with new and emerging business and governance issues. It will normally review the Board's composition against those attributes and recommend any changes in Board composition that may be required. An essential component of this will be the time availability of directors.

#### 2.4 Written agreement

The Company shall have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment. The agreement should be with the director or senior executive personally unless the Company is engaging a bona fide professional services firm.

# 2.5 Duration of appointment

In the interest of ensuring a continual supply of new talent to the Board, non- executive directors will serve for a maximum of 10 years unless there are exceptional circumstances. The exception to this policy is that a Director who is serving as Chair at the conclusion of the usual maximum term may serve an additional term in that role. If a director has served in their position for more than 10 years, the Board will regularly assess if their independence may have been compromised.



# 2.6 Vacation of office

Subject to clause 2.5, it is envisaged that directors shall remain on the Board until required to vacate the office by law or as detailed in the M&A.

# 3. The role of individual Directors

As members of the peak decision-making body in the Company, directors share ultimate responsibility for the Company's overall success. Therefore, directors have an individual responsibility to ensure that the Board is undertaking its responsibilities. directors need to ensure that the Board is providing:

- (a) leadership to the Company, particularly in the areas of ethics and culture;
- (b) a clear and appropriate strategic direction;
- (c) upholding the Company's values;
- (d) accountability to key stakeholders, particularly shareholders;
- (e) oversight of policies;
- (f) oversight of all control and accountability systems including all financial operations and solvency, risk management, monitoring conduct that is inconsistent with the Company's code of conduct and compliance with material legal and regulatory requirements;
- (g) an effective senior management team and appropriate personnel policies as and when required; and
- (h) timely and effective decisions on matters reserved to it.

#### 3.1 Directors' code of conduct

In accordance with legal requirements and agreed ethical standards, directors and key executives of the Company:

- (a) will act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the whole Company;
- (b) owe a fiduciary duty to the Company as a whole;
- (c) have a duty to use due care and diligence in fulfilling the functions of office and exercising the powers attached to that office;
- (d) will undertake diligent analysis of all proposals placed before the Board;
- (e) will act with a level of skill expected from directors and key executives of a publicly listed company;
- (f) will use the powers of office for a proper purpose, in the best interests of the Company as a whole;
- (g) will demonstrate commercial reasonableness in decision making;
- (h) will not make improper use of information acquired as directors and key executives;



- (i) will not disclose non-public information except where disclosure is authorised or legally mandated;<sup>1</sup>
- (j) will keep confidential, information received in the course of the exercise of their duties and such information remains the property of the Company from which it was obtained and it is improper to disclose it, or allow it to be disclosed, unless that disclosure has been authorised by the person from whom the information is provided, or is required by law;
- (k) will not take improper advantage of the position of director<sup>2</sup> or use the position for personal gain or to compete with the Company;
- (I) will not take advantage of Company property or use such property for personal gain or to compete with the Company;
- (m) will protect and ensure the efficient use of the Company's assets for legitimate business purposes;<sup>1</sup>
- (n) will not allow personal interests, or the interest of any associated person, to conflict with the interests of the Company;
- have an obligation to be independent in judgment and actions and directors will take all reasonable steps to be satisfied as to the soundness of all decisions of the Board;
- (p) will make reasonable enquiries to ensure that the Company is operating efficiently, effectively and legally, towards achieving its goals;
- (q) will not engage in conduct likely to bring discredit upon the Company;<sup>2</sup>
- (r) will encourage fair dealing by all employees with the Company's customers, suppliers, competitors and other employees as and when those dealings occur;<sup>1</sup>
- (s) will encourage the reporting of unlawful/unethical behaviour and actively promote ethical behaviour and protection for those who report violations in good faith;<sup>1</sup>
- (t) will give their specific expertise generously to the Company; and
- (u) have an obligation, at all times, to comply with the spirit, as well as the letter of the law and with the principles of this Code.<sup>2</sup>

# 3.2 Expectations of Directors in Board process

Since the Board needs to work together as a group, directors need to establish a set of standards for Board meetings. At the Company, it is expected that directors shall, in good faith, behave in a manner that is consistent with generally accepted procedures for the conduct of meetings at all meetings of the Board. This will include, but not be limited to:

- (a) behaving in a manner consistent with the letter and spirit of the Company's Code of Conduct;
- (b) acting in a businesslike manner;
- (c) acting in accordance with the M&A and Board policies;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From the AICD Code of Conduct.



- (d) addressing issues in a confident, firm and friendly manner;
- (e) preparing thoroughly for each Board or Committee event;
- (f) using judgment, common sense and tact when discussing issues;
- (g) minimising irrelevant conversation and remarks;
- (h) ensuring that others are given a reasonable opportunity to put forward their views;
- (i) refraining from interruption or interjection when a speaker has the floor; and
- (j) being particularly sensitive in interpreting any request or direction from the Chair that aims to ensure the orderly and good-spirited conduct of the meeting.

Directors are expected to be forthright in Board meetings and have a duty to question, request information, raise any issue, and fully canvas all aspects of any issue confronting the Company, and cast their vote on any resolution according to their own judgment.

Outside the boardroom, however, directors will support the letter and spirit of Board decisions in discussions with all stakeholders including any shareholders, special interest groups, customers, staff, suppliers and any other parties.

Directors will keep confidential all Board discussions and deliberations. Similarly, all confidential information received by a director in the course of the exercise of the director's duties remains the property of the Company and is not to be discussed outside the boardroom. It is improper to disclose it, or allow it to be disclosed, unless that disclosure is required by law and in any event should not be disclosed without appropriate authorisation.

# 3.3 Conflict of interest and related party transactions

(a) Conflicts of interest

Directors must disclose to the Board actual or potential conflicts that may or might reasonably be thought to exist between the interests of the director and the interests of the Company. On appointment, directors will have an opportunity to declare any such interests.

Directors should update this disclosure by notifying the Company Secretary in writing as soon as they become aware of any conflicts. Directors are also expected to indicate to the Chair any actual or potential conflict of interest situation as soon as it arises.

The Board can request a director to take reasonable steps to remove the conflict of interest. If a director cannot or is unwilling to remove a conflict of interest then the director must absent himself or herself from the room when discussion and voting occur on matters to which the conflict relates. The entry and exit of the director concerned will be minuted by the Company Secretary. Directors do not have to give notice of a conflict or absent themselves in accordance with section 191(2) or section 195 of the Corporations Act, including, without limitation when either:

(i) conflict of interest relates to an interest common to all Company members/shareholders; or



- (ii) the Board passes a resolution that:
  - (A) identifies the director, the nature and extent of the director's interest; and
  - (B) clearly states that the other directors are satisfied that the interest should not disqualify the director concerned from discussion and/or voting on the matter.
- (b) Related party transactions

Related party transactions include any financial transaction between a director or officer and the Company and will be reported in half yearly and annual reports.

In general, the Corporations Act requires related party transactions to be approved by the shareholders; the Board cannot, except in certain limited circumstances, approve these transactions. Examples of exemptions to this requirement occur where the financial benefit is given on arm's length terms, or is considered to be reasonable remuneration to an officer or employee.

The Board has also resolved that where applications are made by a related party to a director or officer of the Company then the director or officer shall exclude himself/herself from the approval process.

Related party for this process has the meaning given to that term in Section 228 of the Corporations Act and includes:

- (i) a spouse or de facto spouse of the director or officer;
- (ii) a parent, son or daughter of the director or officer or their spouse or de facto spouse; or
- (iii) an entity over which the director or officer or a related party defined in paragraph (i) or (ii) has a controlling interest.

# 3.4 Emergency contact procedures

As there is the occasional need for urgent decisions, directors should leave with the Company Secretary any contact details, either for themselves or for a person who knows their location, so that all directors can be contacted within 24 hours in cases of a written resolution or other business.

# 4. The role of the Chair

The Chair's role is a key one within the Company. The Chair is considered the "lead" director and utilises his/her experience, skills and leadership abilities to facilitate the governance processes. Where possible the Chair should be an independent director and not be the same person as the MD of the Company.

There are two main aspects to the Chair's role. They are the Chair's role within the boardroom and the Chair's role outside the boardroom.

#### 4.1 Inside the boardroom

Inside the boardroom the role of the Chair is to:



- (a) Establish and approve the agenda for Board meetings in consultation with the MD and Company Secretary;
- (b) chair Board meetings;
- (c) ensure adequate time in Board meetings for discussion of all agenda items including strategic issues;
- (d) be clear on what the Board has to achieve, both in the long and short term;
- (e) provide guidance to other Board members about what is expected of them;
- (f) facilitate effective contribution of all directors and promote constructive and respectful relations between directors and between the Board and management;
- (g) ensure that Board meetings are effective in that:
  - (i) the right matters are considered during the meeting (for example, strategic and important issues);
  - (ii) matters are considered carefully and thoroughly;
  - (iii) all directors are given the opportunity to effectively contribute; and
  - (iv) the Board comes to clear decisions and resolutions are noted;
- (h) brief all directors in relation to issues arising at Board meetings;
- (i) ensure that the decisions of the Board are implemented properly; and
- (j) ensure that the Board behaves in accordance with its Code of Conduct.

#### 4.2 Outside the boardroom

Outside the boardroom the role of the Chair is to:

- (a) in conjunction with the MD, undertake appropriate public relations activities;
- (b) be the spokesperson for the Company at the AGM and in the reporting of performance and profit figures;
- (c) be the major point of contact between the Board and the MD;
- (d) be kept fully informed of current events by the MD on all matters which may be of interest to directors;
- (e) regularly review with the MD, and such other senior officers as the MD recommends, progress on important initiatives and significant issues facing the Company; and
- (f) provide mentoring for the MD.



# 5. The role of the Company Secretary

The Company Secretary is charged with facilitating the Company's corporate governance processes and so holds primary responsibility for ensuring that the Board processes and procedures run efficiently and effectively. The Company Secretary is accountable to the Board, through the Chair, on all governance matters and reports directly to the Chair as the representative of the Board. The Company Secretary is appointed and dismissed by the Board and all directors have, as of right access to the Company Secretary.

The tasks of the Company Secretary shall include:

- (a) Meetings and minutes
  - (i) notifying the directors in advance of a meeting of the Board;
  - ensuring that the agenda and Board papers as and when they are required, are prepared and forwarded to directors prior to Board meetings;
  - (iii) recording, maintaining and distributing the minutes of all Board and Board Committee meetings as required;
  - (iv) maintaining a complete set of Board papers at the Company's main office, preparing for and attending all annual and extraordinary general meetings of the Company;
  - (v) recording, maintaining and distributing the minutes of all general meetings of the Company; and
  - (vi) ensuring all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.
- (b) Compliance
  - (i) overseeing the Company's compliance program and ensuring the Company's compliance and reporting obligations are met;
  - (ii) ensuring all requirements of ASIC, the ATO and any regulatory bodies are fully met; and
  - (iii) providing counsel on corporate governance principles and director liability.
- (c) Governance administration
  - (i) maintaining a Register of Company Policies as approved by the Board;
  - (ii) maintaining, updating and ensuring that all directors have access to an up-to-date copy of the Board Charter and associated governance documentation;
  - (iii) maintaining the complete list of the delegations of authority;
  - (iv) reporting at Board meetings the documents executed under a power of attorney, or under the common seal; and



#### (v) any other services the Chair or Board may require.

# 6. The role of the MD

The MD is responsible for the attainment of the Company's goals and vision for the future, in accordance with the strategies, policies, programs and performance requirements approved by the Board. The position reports directly to the Board.

If there is no MD appointed at any given time, the Board will nominate another executive director to undertake the role/responsibilities assigned to the MD under this Board Charter.

The MD's primary objective is to ensure the ongoing success of the Company through being responsible for all aspects of the management and development of the Company. The MD is of critical importance to the Company in guiding the Company to develop new and imaginative ways of winning and conducting business. The MD must have the industry knowledge and credibility to fulfil the requirements of the role.

The MD will, as and when the size, nature and scale of the Company's activities requires it, manage a team of executives responsible for all functions contributing to the success of the Company.

The MD's specific responsibilities will include:

- (a) develop, in conjunction with the Board, the Company's vision, values, and goals;
- (b) responsibility for the achievement of corporate goals and objectives;
- (c) development of short, medium and long-term corporate strategies and planning to achieve the Company's vision and overall business objectives;
- (d) preparation of business plans and reports with the Senior Management;
- (e) developing with the Board the definition of ongoing corporate strategy;
- (f) implementing and monitoring strategy and reporting/presenting to the Board on current and future initiatives;
- (g) advise the Board regarding the most effective organisational structure and oversee its implementation;
- (h) assessment of business opportunities of potential benefit to the Company;
- (i) responsibility for proposals for major capital expenditure to ensure their alignment with corporation strategy and justification on economic grounds;
- (j) sustain competitive advantage through maximising available resources, encouraging staff commitment and strategically aligning the corporate culture with the organisation's goals and objectives;
- (k) establish and maintain effective and positive relationships with Board members, shareholders, customers, suppliers and other government and business liaisons;
- (I) undertake the role of key Company spokesperson;



- (m) recommend policies to the Board in relation to a range of organisational issues including delegations of authority, consultancies and performance incentives;
- (n) ensure statutory, legal and regulatory compliance and comply with corporate policies and standards;
- (o) ensure appropriate risk management practices and policies are in place;
- (p) develop and motivate direct reports and their respective teams;
- (q) select and appoint key staff as and when required (direct reports); and
- (r) ensure there is an appropriate staff appraisal system in place in the Company.



# **BOARD CHARTER**

# PART B - BOARD PROCESSES

#### 1. Board meetings

Board meetings are a fundamental component of governance processes. Each Board meeting is critical, as it is the main opportunity for directors to:

- (a) obtain and exchange information with the Senior Management team;
- (b) obtain and exchange information with each other; and
- (c) make decisions.

The Board meeting agenda is equally as important because it shapes the information flow and subsequent discussion.

# 1.1 Meeting frequency

Given the size of the Company and the scale of its activities the Board will meet approximately four times per year but not less than three times per year and, unless otherwise agreed, Committees will generally meet on an adhoc basis. Where Board and Committee meetings are scheduled for the same month, where possible, Committee meetings will precede the Board meeting by at least one week to allow the circulation of the minutes of the Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting.

# **1.2** Meeting time and location

The Board usually meets at the offices of the Company in Australia. The commencement time will vary depending on the agenda of each individual meeting, the availability of key participants and the location in which the meeting is taking place.

## 1.3 Meeting language

If a director does not speak the language in which the Board meeting is proposed to be held in and key documents written, processes will be adopted to ensure that the director understands and can contribute to discussions at those meetings and understand and discharge their obligations in relation to those documents.

#### 1.4 Meeting cycle

When the size of the Company and the scale of its activities warrants it, and to assist the smooth running of Board processes, the Board will adopt an indicative monthly cycle as follows. The indicative cycle gives Board members seven days to review the agenda and Board papers to save valuable time at meetings by being prepared for discussions and allowing them to seek clarification or further information in advance on ambiguous items.

Under normal circumstances and when warranted, Board meetings shall follow the following monthly cycle:

ITEM	DAY
Draft agenda prepared by the Company Secretary	-7
Company Secretary updates actions arising from the previous meeting	-7



Company Secretary reviews the proposed agenda with the Chair	
Board papers and agenda are finalised	
Board papers are printed	
All Board papers are circulated to Board meeting attendees	
Board meeting	0
Draft minutes sent to Chair	3-5
Draft minutes sent to Directors	6-10

All days indicated are calculated in relation to the Board meeting day (day zero).

Please note that this is an indicative cycle only. The actual timing of events in the lead up to and follow up from Board meetings will be dependent upon the circumstances surrounding each individual meeting.

#### 1.5 Conduct of meeting

The Chair will determine the degree of formality required at each meeting while maintaining the decorum of such meetings. As such the Chair will:

- (a) ensure that all members are heard;
- (b) retain sufficient control to ensure that the authority of the Chair is recognised. This may require a degree of formality to be introduced if this is necessary to advance the discussion;
- (c) take care that the decisions are properly understood and well recorded; and
- (d) ensure that the decisions and debate are completed with a formal resolution recording the conclusions reached.

#### 1.6 Quorum and voting at meetings

In order for a decision of the Board to be valid a quorum of directors must be present. A quorum will be 2 directors present in person or by instantaneous communication device or as otherwise stipulated in the M&A. Questions arising at Board meetings are to be decided by a majority vote of directors who are present and entitled to vote.

#### 1.7 Emergency decision making

A resolution in writing signed by all directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors duly convened and held and otherwise in accordance with the Company's M&A.

# 2. Board meeting agenda

# 2.1 Agenda content

An agenda will be prepared for each Board and Committee meeting.



# 2.2 Agenda preparation

The Company Secretary, in consultation with the Chair and the MD is responsible for preparing an agenda for each Board meeting. However, any director may request items to be added to the agenda for upcoming meetings.

# 3. Board papers

# 3.1 **Preparation and circulation of Board papers**

The Company Secretary together with the MD is responsible for the preparation and circulation of Board papers should they be required. The Board papers, if so required, will be circulated to directors prior to the Board meeting. If a Board paper relates to a matter in which there is a known conflict of interest with a particular director then the relevant Board paper will be removed by the Company Secretary on the instructions of the Chair, from the set of Board papers sent to that director. In the case of the Chair having a conflict of interest, the Board will appoint another director to make final decisions on the forwarding of Board papers to the Chair.

#### 3.2 Retention of Board papers

The Company Secretary maintains a complete set of Board papers at the Company's headquarters. However, individual directors may retain their own Board papers in a secure location.

#### 4. Board minutes

Minutes are to be a concise summary of the matters discussed at a Board Meeting. Minutes will contain a brief reference to relevant Board papers tabled plus any official resolutions adopted by directors. All decisions will be recorded in the minutes by means of a formal resolution.

# 5. Board calendar

In order to provide an even distribution of work over each financial year, the Board will adopt a twelve-month Board Calendar. Included will be all scheduled Board and Committee meetings as well as major corporate and Board activities to be carried out in particular months. Once initiated it will be updated and approved prior to the start of each financial year.

#### 6. Committees

The Board has instituted the following committees:

- (a) Audit and Risk Committee;
- (b) Nomination Committee,
- (c) Remuneration Committee: and an
- (d) Environmental, Social and Governance Committee.

The Board has the ability to alter the roles, duties and responsibilities of each Committee as it sees fit.



FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN RELATION TO THE CHARTERS FOR THE ABOVE COMMITTEES REFER TO:

SCHEDULE 3 - AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHARTER,

SCHEDULE 4A - NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHARTER,

SCHEDULE 4B – REMUNERATION COMMITTEE CHARTER, AND

SCHEDULE 5 – ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE CHARTER.



# **BOARD CHARTER**

# PART C – KEY BOARD FUNCTIONS

#### 1. The Board and strategy

The Board will approve a formal strategic planning process that articulates the respective roles and levels of involvement of the Board, Senior Management and other employees and will review the strategic plan for the Company on a regular basis.

#### 2. Contacts and advisory role

## 2.1 MD advisory role

It is recognised that a key directorial duty is providing a sounding board for MD ideas and challenges. Recognising that the MD-Board relationship is critical to effective corporate governance, directors should provide frank and honest advice to the MD. It is expected that the Chair will play a key part of this role and will maintain regular contact with the MD.

All advice should be constructive in nature and provided in a positive manner. Where appropriate, directors should recommend possible alternative advisers if they do not feel adequately trained to assist.

#### 2.2 **Protocol for interaction with internal and external parties**

#### (a) Media contact and comment

The Board has designated the MD or the Chair (where appropriate) to speak to the press on matters associated with the Company. In speaking to the press, the MD or the Chair will not comment on price sensitive information that has not already been disclosed to a relevant authority, however, they may clarify previously released information. To assist in safeguarding against the inadvertent disclosure of price sensitive information the MD and the Chair will be informed of what the Company has previously disclosed to the market on any issue prior to briefing anyone outside the Company.

Subject to the policies of the Board and any committee that the Board may appoint from time to time, the Chair is authorised to comment on:

- (i) annual and half yearly results at the time of the release of the annual or half yearly report;
- (ii) resolutions to be put to General Meetings of the Company;
- (iii) changes in directors, any matter related to the composition of the Board or Board processes;
- (iv) any speculation concerning Board meetings or the outcomes of Board meetings; and
- (v) other matters specifically related to shareholders.

Subject to the policies of the Board and any committee that the Board may appoint from time to time, the MD is authorised to comment on:

(i) the Company's future outlook;



- (ii) any operational matter;
- (iii) media queries concerning operational issues which reflect either positively or negatively on the Company;
- (iv) proposed or actual legal actions; and
- (v) queries and general discussion concerning the Company's industry.

See the Company's Code of Conduct for further information relating to conduct of Employees.

(b) External communications including analyst briefings and responses to Shareholder questions

The Company discloses its financial and operational results to the market each year/half year/quarter as well as informing the market of other events throughout the year as they occur. Annual, half yearly and quarterly financial reports, media releases and AGM speeches are all lodged with the appropriate authority. As all financial information is disclosed, the Company will only comment on factual errors in information and underlying assumptions when commenting on market analysts' financial projections, rather than commenting on the projections themselves.

In addition to the above disclosures, the Company does conduct briefings and discussions with analysts and institutional investors. However, price sensitive information will not be discussed unless that particular information has been previously formally disclosed to the market via an announcement. Slides and presentations used in briefings will also be released immediately prior to the briefing to the market.

After the conclusion of each briefing or discussion if any price sensitive information was disclosed it will be announced immediately to the market.

# 2.3 Hospitality and gifts

While the Company recognises the need from time to time to give or accept customary business courtesies in accordance with ethical business practices, directors and officers will not solicit such courtesies and will not accept gifts, services, benefits or hospitality that might influence, or appear to influence, the directors' and officers' conduct in representing the Company.

# 3. Monitoring

Another essential function of the Board is to monitor the performance of the organisation in implementing its strategy and overall operational performance.

# 4. Risk and compliance management

The Board is charged with overseeing, reviewing and ensuring the integrity and effectiveness of the Company's risk and compliance systems. The Board has an external independent auditor who is responsible for verifying the Company's compliance systems and reporting to the Board on those systems.

The risk management system will be based on Standard ISO 31000:2018.



Risk management is considered a key governance and management process. It is not an exercise merely to ensure regulatory compliance. Therefore, the primary objectives of the risk management system at the Company will be to ensure:

- (a) all major sources of potential opportunity for and harm to the Company (both existing and potential) are identified, analysed and treated appropriately;
- (b) business decisions throughout the Company appropriately balance the risk and reward trade off;
- (c) regulatory compliance and integrity in reporting is achieved; and
- (d) Senior Management, the Board and investors understand the risk profile of the Company.

In line with these objectives, the risk management system will cover:

- (a) operations risk;
- (b) financial reporting; and
- (c) compliance.

The Board reviews all major strategies and purchases for their impact on the risk facing the Company. The Company reviews annually its operations to update its risk profile. This occurs in conjunction with the strategic planning process.

The Board will create a quarterly report on those areas of risk identified. In addition, as specified by Recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition), the MD and CFO provide a written declaration of assurance that their opinion, that the financial records of the Company for any financial period have been properly maintained, comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

The Company also releases periodic reports to the market which are not subject to audit or review by an external auditor. As per Recommendation 4.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition), the Company advises that all reports are produced by the Chief Financial Officer then reviewed for accuracy and verified for integrity by the Board and the Company Secretary prior to release.

# 5. Delegation of authority

Directors are responsible for any delegations of their responsibilities with regard to corporate operations. As such, they decide as a Board what Company matters are delegated to either specific directors or management. In addition, they outline what controls are in place to oversee the operation of these delegated powers.

As a consequence, individual directors have no individual authority to participate in the day-to-day management of the Company including making any representations or agreements with member companies, suppliers, customers, employees or other parties or organisations.



The exception to this principle occurs where the Board explicitly delegates an authority to the director individually. Additionally, it is recognised that all executive directors will carry significant delegated authority by virtue of their management position.

Similarly, Committees and their members require specific delegations from the Board as a whole and these will be contained in each Committee's respective Terms of Reference.

# 5.1 General delegations

In general, the Board delegates all powers and authorities required to effectively and efficiently carry out the Company's business. Listed below are the exceptions to these delegations, whereby the Board or appropriate Committee reserves the powers as indicated.

#### 5.2 Decisions requiring Board approval

In addition to those decisions requiring approval pursuant to the respective Committee Charters, the following decisions must be referred to the Board for approval:

- (a) directors acquiring or selling shares of the Company;
- (b) issuing shares of the Company;
- (c) acquiring, selling or otherwise disposing of property in excess of the amount set out in the Company's approval matrix;
- (d) founding, acquiring or selling subsidiaries of or any company within the Company, participating in other companies or dissolving or selling the Company's participation in other companies (including project joint ventures);
- (e) acquiring or selling patent rights, rights in registered trademarks, licences or other intellectual property rights of the Company;
- (f) founding, dissolving or relocating branch offices or other offices, plants and facilities;
- (g) starting new business activities, terminating existing business activities or initiating major changes to the field of the Company's business activities;
- (h) approving and/or altering the annual business plan (including financial planning) for the Company or any part of the Company;
- taking or granting loans which exceed the amount set out in the Company's approval matrix (including, without limitation, the placing of credit orders, issuing of promissory notes or loans against IOUs);
- (j) granting securities of any type;
- (k) granting loans to Company officers or employees and taking over guarantees for the Company's officers and employees;
- entering into agreements for recurring, voluntary or additional social benefits, superannuation agreements or agreements for general wage and salary increases;
- (m) determining the total amount of bonuses and gratuities for Company officers and employees;



- (n) determining the appointment, termination, prolongation of employment or amendment to conditions of employment of members of the Board of directors; and
- (o) granting or revoking a power of attorney or limited authority to sign and/or act on behalf of the Company.



# **BOARD CHARTER**

# PART D – CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT

#### 1. Director protection

#### 1.1 Information seeking

All Directors have unrestricted access to Company records and information except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.

All directors will receive briefings on material developments in industry-related matters, laws, regulations and accounting standards relevant to the Company.

All directors will be expected to attend periodic site visits scheduled and co-ordinated by management to aid their understanding of the business of the Company.

All directors may consult management and employees as required to enable them to discharge their duties as directors.

#### 1.2 Access to professional advice

A director of the Company is expected to exercise considered and independent judgment on the matters before them. To discharge this expectation a director may, from time to time, need to seek independent, expert opinion on matters before them. All directors have the individual authority to commit the company to up to \$5,000 per annum in professional advice.

Prior to seeking professional advice, a director shall inform the Chair about the nature of the opinion or information sought, the reason for the advice, the terms of reference for the advice and the estimated cost of the advice. Where more than one director is seeking advice about a single issue, the Chair shall endeavour to coordinate the provision of the advice.

If the cost of professional advice is likely to exceed \$5,000, the director shall seek authority from the Chair prior to engaging an external expert. The Chair has delegated authority to authorise expenditures up to \$10,000. If the Chair withholds authorisation, the director has the right to seek authority from the Board at the next Board meeting. If the cost of professional advice is likely to exceed \$10,000, then the Boards approval for the engagement of an external expert is required.

Advice so received should be received on behalf of the Board as a whole.

#### 1.3 Access to Board papers

The directors have the right to access board papers as granted by the Corporations Act. Such access shall be provided on a timely basis.

#### 1.4 Insurance

The Company currently holds Directors' and Officers' Insurance Policies. The Company will ensure that all new directors and officers are included on the Company's insurance policies. The Company will also review the D&O Insurance Policies on at least an annual basis to ensure that they are sufficient.



# 2. Board and Senior Executive evaluation

# 2.1 Evaluation process

The Board considers the evaluation of its own and senior executive performance as fundamental to establishing a culture of performance and accountability.

#### 2.2 Board and Director evaluations

The Board considers the ongoing development and improvement of its own performance as a critical input to effective governance. As a result, the Board will undertake an evaluation of Board and director performance.

The review will be based on a number of goals for the Board and individual directors that will be established. The goals are based on corporate requirements and any areas for improvement that may be identified. The Board will consider the outcome of such reviews in a dedicated meeting and develop a series of actions and goals to guide improvement. The Chair will provide each director with confidential feedback on his or her performance. This feedback is used to develop a development plan for each director. The Board does not endorse the reappointment of a director who is not satisfactorily performing the role.

If established by the Board, the Remuneration and Nomination Committee will arrange for a performance evaluation of the Board, its Committees and individual directors to be conducted on an annual basis.

#### 2.3 Board Committee evaluations

Once established, the Board will set a number of expectations for its Committees. These expectations are to be derived after considering the results of previous reviews if any, an assessment of the Company's current and future needs, and a review of each Committee's Charter or purpose. As a result of a review, the Board may amend or revoke a Committee's Charter.

The Board will review the performance of the Committees against expectations. Based upon the review, individuals and groups will be provided with feedback on their performance. The results of the review will be a key input into the expectations set by the Board. When a Remuneration and Nomination Committee is established it will take over this review function from the Board.

#### 2.4 Senior Executive evaluations

All senior executives at the Company will be subject to an annual performance evaluation. Each year, senior executives (including the MD) will establish a set of performance targets. These targets are aligned to overall business goals and the Company's requirements of the position. In the case of the MD, these targets are negotiated between the MD and the Board and signed off by the whole Board.

An informal assessment of progress is carried out throughout the year. A full evaluation of the executive's performance against the agreed targets takes place annually. This will normally occur in conjunction with goal setting for the coming year. Since the Company is committed to continuous improvement and the development of its people, the results of the evaluation form the basis of the executive's development plan. Performance pay components of executives' packages are dependent on the outcome of the evaluation.



#### 3. Executive Director remuneration

## 3.1 Composition

Remuneration packages for executive directors and other senior executives include an appropriate balance of fixed remuneration and performance-based remuneration.

#### 3.2 Fixed remuneration

Fixed remuneration is reasonable and fair, taking into account the Company's obligations at law and labour market conditions, and is relative to the scale of the Company's business. It reflects core performance requirements and expectations.

#### 3.3 Performance-based remuneration

Performance-based remuneration should be linked to clearly specified performance targets. These targets should be aligned to the Company's short, medium and long-term performance objectives and should be appropriate to its circumstances, goals and risk appetite. These targets should also be consistent with the Company's values (as set out in the Company's Code of Conduct). Discretion will be retained where appropriate to prevent performance-based remuneration rewarding conduct that is contrary to the entity's value or risk appetite.

For further details in relation to the receipt of performance-based remuneration by Executive Directors, see Annexure B.

# 3.4 Equity-based remuneration

The Company strives to have a well-designed equity-based remuneration, including options or performance rights, which can be an effective form of remuneration, especially when linked to hurdles that are aligned to the Company's longer-term performance objectives. The Company takes care in the design of equity-based remuneration schemes to ensure that they do not lead to "short-termism" on the part of senior executives or the taking of undue risks.

#### 3.5 Termination and other benefits

Termination payments, if any, for senior executives are agreed in advance and the agreement clearly addresses what will happen in the case of early termination. There is no payment for removal for misconduct.

#### 4. Non-executive director remuneration

#### 4.1 Composition

Non-executive directors are remunerated by way of cash fees, superannuation contributions and non-cash benefits in lieu of fees (such as salary sacrifice into superannuation or equity).

### 4.2 Fixed remuneration

Levels of fixed remuneration for non-executive directors reflect the time commitment and responsibilities of the role.

Non-executive directors are paid their fees out of the maximum aggregate amount approved by shareholders for the remuneration of non-executive directors. The sum each



non-executive director is paid is determined by the Board from time to time. Additional fees can be paid for participation on Board Committees; however, the total fees paid to non-executive directors, including fees paid for participation on Board committees, are kept within the total amount approved by shareholders.

# 4.3 Performance-based bonus

Non-executive directors do not receive performance-based remuneration as it may lead to bias in their decision-making and compromise their objectivity.

The Company's non-executive directors do not receive performance-based bonuses.

#### 4.4 Equity-based remuneration

It is generally acceptable for non-executive directors to receive securities as part of their remuneration to align their interests with the interests of other security holders. However, non-executive directors generally should not receive options with performance hurdles attached or performance rights as part of their remuneration as it may lead to bias in their decision-making and compromise their objectivity.

The Company's non-executive directors cannot choose to receive shares in the Company as part of their remuneration instead of receiving cash and may not participate in equity schemes of the Company, such as option schemes, that are designed to encourage enhanced performance of the participant.

#### 4.5 Superannuation benefits

Non-executive directors should not be provided with retirement benefits other than superannuation.

The Company's non-executive directors are entitled to statutory superannuation.

#### 4.6 Written Agreement

The Written Agreement with the non-executive director should include:

- (a) the requirement to disclose director's interests and any matters which could affect the director's independence;
- (b) the requirement to comply with the Company's corporate governance policies and charters;
- (c) the requirement to notify the Company of or seek the Company's approval before accepting, any new role that could impact upon the time commitment expected of the director or give rise to a conflict of interests;
- (d) the company's policy around independent professional advice;
- (e) indemnity and insurance arrangements;
- (f) rights of access to corporate information; and
- (g) ongoing confidentiality obligations.



# 5. Director development

The Company is committed to continuing development of its directors and executives. In line with this commitment, there is an expectation that all directors and the MD will commit to at least 2 days of professional development each year. The Board allocates an annual budget of \$5,000 per director to encourage directors to participate in training and development programs. Any director wishing to undertake either specific directorial training or personal development courses is expected to approach the Chair for approval of the proposed course. Development may be in both governance and governance processes or in the Company's industry.

The Board will also undertake an annual review in relation to whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development.

#### 6. Director induction

New directors will undergo an induction process in which they will be given a full briefing on the Company. This will include meeting with key executives, tours of the premises, an induction package and presentations. Information conveyed to the new Director will include:

- (a) details of the roles and responsibilities of a director with an outline of the qualities required to be a successful director;
- (b) formal policies on director appointment as well as conduct and contribution expectations;
- (c) details of all relevant legal requirements;
- (d) access to a copy of the Board Charter and all other Corporate Governance Policies of the Company;
- (e) guidelines on how the Board processes function;
- (f) details of past, recent and likely future developments relating to the Board including anticipated regulatory changes;
- (g) key accounting matters and outline the responsibilities of directors in relation to the Company's financial statements;
- (h) background information on and contact information for key people in the organisation including an outline of their roles and capabilities;
- (i) an analysis of the company including:
  - (i) core competencies of the Company;
  - (ii) an industry background briefing;
  - (iii) a recent competitor analysis;
  - (iv) details of past financial performance;
  - (v) current financial structure; and
  - (vi) any other important operating information;



- (j) a synopsis of the current strategic direction of the Company including a copy of the current strategic plan and annual budget;
- (k) access to a copy of the M&A of the Company; and Directors Deed of Indemnity, Insurance and Right of Access to Documents.



# Board Charter - Annexure A – Definition of Independence

The Board considers the relationships which may affect independence are as set out in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) as follows:* 

- 1. is, or has been, employed in an executive capacity by the entity or any of its child entities and there has not been a period of at least three years between ceasing such employment and serving on the board;
- **2.** receives performance-based remuneration (including options or performance rights) from or participates in an employee incentive scheme of the entity;
- **3.** is, or has been within the last three years, in a material business relationship (e.g. as a supplier, professional adviser, consultant or customer) with the entity or any of its child entities, or is an officer of, or otherwise associated with, someone with such a relationship;
- **4.** is, represents, or has been within the last three years an officer or employee of, or professional adviser to, a substantial holder<sup>3</sup>;
- **5.** has close personal ties with any person who falls within any of the categories described above; or
- **6.** has been a director of the entity for such a period that their independence from management and substantial holders may have been compromised.

In each case, the materiality of the interest, position or relationship needs to be assessed by the board to determine whether it might interfere, or might reasonably be seen to interfere, with the director's capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the board and to act in the best interest of the entity as a whole rather than in the interests of an individual security holder or other party.

The Board notes that the mere fact that a director has served on a board for a substantial period does not mean that the director has become too close to management or a substantial holder to be considered independent.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  For this purposes, a "substantial holder" is a person with a substantial holding as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act.



# EUROPEAN METALS HOLDINGS LIMITED

# Schedule 2 - Code of Conduct

# 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to provide a framework for decisions and actions in relation to ethical conduct in employment. It underpins the Company's commitment to integrity and fair dealing in its business affairs and to a duty of care to all employees, clients and stakeholders. The document sets out the principles covering appropriate conduct in a variety of contexts and outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected from employees, directors and management.

#### **Our Purpose**

Our purpose is to create shareholder value through the successful delivery of our Vision "to be a leading supplier of lithium products in our target markets" with a clear aim to create a sustainable European lithium supply chain with low carbon footprint.

#### Our Strategy

We are aiming to develop the Cinovec Battery Metals Project to be the premier ethicallysourced lithium product producer in the European Union.

#### Our Values

#### Sustainability

The health and safety of our stakeholders must guide everything we do. Furthermore, our operational activities will improve the lives of the people in our communities.

#### • Integrity

Doing what is right and doing what we say we will do.

#### • Respect

Recognising that we are guests in our target markets, embracing diversity and culture, and fostering mutually beneficial relationships built on trust.

#### • Performance

Never compromising standards, demanding results by stretching our capabilities, and delivering on our commitments.

#### • Simplicity

Focusing on the things that matter most.

### 2. Accountabilities

#### 2.1 Managers and supervisors

Managers and supervisors are responsible and accountable for:

- (a) undertaking their duties and behaving in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Code of Conduct;
- (b) the effective implementation, promotion and support of the Code of Conduct in their areas of responsibility; and
- (c) ensuring employees under their control understand and follow the provisions outlined in the Code of Conduct.



# 2.2 Employees, Directors and Management

All employees, Directors and Management are responsible for:

- (a) undertaking their duties in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Code of Conduct;
- (b) reporting suspected corrupt conduct; and
- (c) reporting any departure from the Code of Conduct by themselves or others.

#### 3. Personal and professional behaviour

When carrying out your duties, you should:

- (a) behave honestly and with integrity and report other employees who are behaving dishonestly;
- (b) act in accordance with the Company's values;
- (c) act ethically and responsibly;
- (d) carry out your work with integrity and to a high standard and in particular, commit to the Company's policy of producing quality goods and services;
- (e) operate within the law at all times;
- (f) follow the policies of the Company; and
- (g) act in an appropriate business-like manner when representing the Company in public forums.

# 4. Conflict of interest

Potential for conflict of interest arises when it is likely that you could be influenced, or it could be perceived that you are influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your duties. Conflicts of interest that lead to biased decision making may constitute corrupt conduct.

- (a) Some situations that may give rise to a conflict of interest include situations where you have:
  - (i) financial interests in a matter the Company deals with, or you are aware that your friends or relatives have a financial interest in the matter;
  - (ii) directorships/management of outside organisations;
  - (iii) membership of boards of outside organisations;
  - (iv) personal relationships with people the Company is dealing with which go beyond the level of a professional working relationship;
  - secondary employment, business, commercial, or other activities outside of the workplace which impacts on your duty and obligations to the Company;



- (vi) access to information that can be used for personal gain; and
- (vii) offer of an inducement.
- (b) You may often be the only person aware of the potential for conflict. It is your responsibility to avoid any conflict from arising that could compromise your ability to perform your duties impartially. You must report any potential or actual conflicts of interest to your manager.
- (c) If you are uncertain whether a conflict exists, you should discuss that matter with your manager and attempt to resolve any conflicts that may exist.
- (d) You must not submit or accept any bribe, or other improper inducement. Any such inducements are to be reported to your manager.

# 5. Public and media comment

- (a) Individuals have a right to give their opinions on political and social issues in their private capacity as members of the community.
- (b) Employees must not make official comment on matters relating to the Company unless they are:
  - (i) authorised to do so by the MD; or
  - (ii) giving evidence in court; or
  - (iii) otherwise authorised or required to by law.
- (c) Employees must not release unpublished or privileged information unless they have the authority to do so from the MD.
- (d) The above restrictions apply except where prohibited by law, for example in relation to "whistleblowing".

## 6. Use of Company resources

Requests to use Company resources outside core business time should be referred to management for approval.

If employees are authorised to use Company resources outside core business times, they must take responsibility for maintaining, replacing, and safeguarding the property and following any special directions or conditions that apply.

Employees using Company resources without obtaining prior approval could face disciplinary and/or criminal action. Company resources are not to be used for any private commercial purposes.

# 7. Security of information

Employees are to make sure that confidential and sensitive information cannot be accessed by unauthorised persons. Sensitive material should be securely stored overnight or when unattended. Employees must ensure that confidential information is only disclosed or discussed with people who are authorised to have access to it. It is



considered a serious act of misconduct to deliberately release confidential documents or information to unauthorised persons and may incur disciplinary action.

# 8. Intellectual property/copyright

Intellectual property includes the rights relating to scientific discoveries, industrial designs, trademarks, service marks, commercial names ad designations, and inventions and is valuable to the Company.

The Company is the owner of intellectual property created by employees in the course of their employment unless a specific prior agreement has been made. Employees must obtain written permission to use any such intellectual property from the Company Secretary or Group Legal Counsel before making any use of that property for purposes other than as required in their role as employee.

#### 9. Discrimination and harassment

Employees must not harass, discriminate, or support others who harass and discriminate against colleagues or members of the public on the grounds of sex, pregnancy, marital status, age, race (including their colour, nationality, descent, ethnic or religious background), physical or intellectual impairment, homosexuality or transgender.

Such harassment or discrimination may constitute an offence under legislation. Managers should understand and apply the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity.

# 10. Corrupt conduct

Corrupt conduct involves the dishonest or partial use of power or position which results in one person/group being advantaged over another. Corruption can take many forms including, but not limited to:

- (a) official misconduct;
- (b) bribery and blackmail;
- (c) unauthorised use of confidential information;
- (d) fraud; and
- (e) theft.

Corrupt conduct will not be tolerated by the Company. Disciplinary action up to and including dismissal will be taken in the event of any employee participating in corrupt conduct.

## 11. Occupational health and safety

It is the responsibility of all employees to act in accordance with occupational health and safety legislation, regulations and policies applicable to their respective organisations and to use security and safety equipment provided.

Specifically, all employees are responsible for safety in their work area by:

(a) following the safety and security directives of management;



- (b) advising management of areas where there is potential problem in safety and reporting suspicious occurrences; and
- (c) minimising risks in the workplace.

## 12. Legislation

It is essential that all employees comply with the laws and regulations of the countries in which we operate. Violations of such laws may have serious consequences for the Company and any individuals concerned. Any known violation must be reported immediately to management.

# 13. Fair dealing

The Company aims to succeed through fair and honest competition and not through unethical or illegal business practices. Each employee should endeavour to deal fairly with the Company's suppliers, customers and other employees.

# 14. Insider trading

All employees must observe the Company's "Trading Policy". In conjunction with the legal prohibition on dealing in the Company's securities when in possession of unpublished price sensitive information, the Company has established specific time periods when Directors, management and employees are permitted to buy and sell the Company's securities.

## 15. Responsibilities to investors

The Company strives for full, fair and accurate disclosure of financial and other information on a timely basis.

#### **16.** Breaches of the code of conduct

Employees should note that breaches of certain sections of this Code of Conduct may be punishable under legislation.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action. The process for disciplinary action is outlined in Company policies and guidelines, relevant industrial awards and agreements.

Any material breaches of the Code of Conduct will be reported by the Company Secretary to the Board.

## 17. Reporting matters of concern

Employees are encouraged to raise any matters of concern in good faith with the head of their business unit or with the Company Secretary, without fear of retribution.

## 18. Review

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board to ensure that it is operating effectively and ascertain whether changes are required to the code.



#### Schedule 3 – Audit and Risk Committee Charter

MEMBERS: Mr Lincoln Bloomfield (Chair) Mr Kiran Morzaria

#### 1. ROLE

The role of the Audit and Risk Committee is to assist the Board in monitoring and reviewing any matters of significance affecting financial reporting and compliance. This Charter defines the Audit and Risk Committee's function, composition, mode of operation, authority and responsibilities.

## 2. COMPOSITION

- (a) To the extent possible, the Committee shall comprise at least three members, whom all must be non-executive Directors.
- (b) The Board will appoint members of the Committee. The Board may remove and replace members of the Committee by resolution.
- (c) All members of the Committee must be able to read and understand financial statements.
- (d) The Chairman of the Committee may not be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and must be independent.
- (e) The Chairman shall have leadership experience and a strong finance, accounting or business background.
- (f) The external auditors, the other Directors, the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and senior executives, may be invited to Committee meetings at the discretion of the Committee.

## 3. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities relating to:

- (a) the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements, accounting policies and financial reporting and disclosure practices;
- (b) compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and company policy;
- (c) the effectiveness and adequacy of internal control processes;
- (d) the performance of the Company's external auditors and their appointment and removal;
- (e) the independence of the external auditor and the rotation of the lead engagement partner;
- (f) the identification and management of business, economic, environmental and social sustainability risks; and



(g) the review of the Company's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound.

A secondary function of the Committee is to perform such special reviews or investigations as the Board may consider necessary.

# 4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

## 4.1 Review of Financial Reports

- (a) Review the appropriateness of the accounting principles adopted by management in the financial reports and the integrity of the Company's financial reporting.
- (b) Oversee the financial reports and the results of the external audits of those reports.
- (c) Assess whether external reporting is adequate for shareholder needs.
- (d) Assess management processes supporting external reporting.
- (e) Establish procedures for treatment of accounting complaints.
- (f) Review the impact of any proposed changes in accounting policies on the financial statements.
- (g) Review the quarterly, half yearly and annual results.
- (h) Ensure that before the Board approves the Company's financial statements for a financial period, the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer have declared that, in their opinion, the financial records of the Company have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

#### 4.2 Relationship with External Auditors

- (a) Recommend to the Board procedures for the selection and appointment of external auditors and for the rotation of external auditor partners.
- (b) Review performance, succession plans and rotation of lead engagement partner.
- (c) Approve the external audit plan and fees proposed for audit work to be performed.
- (d) Discuss any necessary recommendations to the Board for the approval of quarterly, half yearly or annual reports.
- (e) Review the adequacy of accounting and financial controls together with the implementation of any recommendations of the external auditor in relation thereto.
- (f) Meet with the external auditors at least twice in each financial period without management being present and at any other time the Committee considers appropriate.
- (g) Provide pre-approval of audit and non-audit services that are to be undertaken by the external auditor.



- (h) Ensure adequate disclosure as may be required by law of the Committee's approval of all non-audit services provided by the external auditor.
- (i) Ensure that the external auditor prepares and delivers an annual statement as to their independence which includes details of all relationships with the Company.
- (j) Receive from the external auditor their report on, among other things, critical accounting policies and alternative accounting treatment, prior to the filing of their audit report in compliance with the Corporations Act.

## 4.3 Internal Audit Function

- (a) Monitor the need for a formal internal audit function and its scope.
- (b) Assess the performance and objectivity of any internal audit procedures that may be in place.
- (c) Review risk management and internal compliance procedures.
- (d) Monitor the quality of the accounting function.
- (e) Review the Internal Control Reports on a quarterly basis.

## 4.4 Risk Management

- (a) Oversee the Company's risk management systems, practices and procedures to ensure effective risk identification and management and compliance with internal guidelines and external requirements.
- (b) Assist in identifying and managing potential or apparent business, economic, environmental and social sustainability risks (if appropriate).
- (c) Review the Company's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound.
- (d) Review reports by management on the efficiency and effectiveness of risk management and associated internal compliance and control procedures.

#### 4.5 Other

- (a) The Committee will oversee the Company's environmental risk management and occupational health and safety processes.
- (b) The Committee will oversee procedures for whistle-blower protection.
- (c) As contemplated by the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, and to the extent that such deviation or waiver does not result in any breach of the law, the Committee may approve any deviation or waiver from the "Corporate code of conduct". Any such waiver or deviation will be promptly disclosed where required by applicable law.
- (d) Monitor related party transactions.

# 5. MEETINGS

(a) The Committee will meet at least each financial quarter and additionally as circumstances may require for it to undertake its role effectively.



- (b) Meetings are called by the Secretary as directed by the Board or at the request of the Chairman of the Committee.
- (c) Where deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Committee, meetings and subsequent approvals and recommendations can be implemented by a circular written resolution or conference call.
- (d) A quorum shall consist of two members of the Committee. In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee or their nominees, the members shall elect one of their members as Chairman of that meeting.
- (e) Decisions will be based on a majority of votes with the Chairman having a casting vote.
- (f) The Committee Chairman, through the Secretary, will prepare a report of the actions of the Committee to be included in the Board papers for the next board meeting.
- (g) Minutes of each meeting are included in the papers for the next full Board meeting after each Committee meeting.

# 6. SECRETARY

- (a) The Company Secretary or their nominee shall be the Secretary of the Committee and shall attend meetings of the Committee as required.
- (b) The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings of the Committee and circulating them to Committee members and to the other members of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the Committee as far in advance as possible.
- 7. RELIANCE ON INFORMATION OR PROFESSIONAL OR EXPERT ADVICE Each member of the Committee is entitled to rely on information, or professional or expert advice, to the extent permitted by law, given or prepared by:
  - (a) an employee of the Group whom the member believes on reasonable grounds to be reliable and competent in relation to the matters concerned;
  - (b) a professional adviser or expert in relation to matters that the member believes on reasonable grounds to be within the person's professional or expert competence; or
  - (c) another Director or officer of the Group in relation to matters within the Director's or officer's authority.

#### 8. ACCESS TO ADVICE

- (a) Members of the Committee have rights of access to management and to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as Committee members, except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.
- (b) Members of the Committee may meet with the auditors, both internal and external, without management being present.
- (c) Members of the Committee may consult independent legal counsel or other advisers they consider necessary to assist them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities,



subject to prior consultation with the Chairman. Any costs incurred as a result of the Committee consulting an independent expert will be borne by the Company.

## 9. REVIEW OF CHARTER

- (a) The Board will conduct an annual review of the membership to ensure that the Committee has carried out its functions in an effective manner and will update the Charter as required or as a result of new laws or regulations.
- (b) The Charter shall be made available to members on request, to senior management, to the external auditor and to other parties as deemed appropriate and will be posted to the Company's website.

## 10. REPORT TO THE BOARD

- (a) The Committee must report to the Board formally at the next Board meeting following from the last Committee meeting on matters relevant to the Committee's role and responsibilities.
- (b) The Committee must brief the Board promptly on all urgent and significant matters.



#### Schedule 4a – Nomination Committee Charter

MEMBERS: Mr Kiran Morzaria (Chairman) Mr Keith Coughlan Mr Richard Pavlik Mr Lincoln Bloomfield

# 1. GENERAL SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

- (a) The Nomination Committee is a Committee of the Board.
- (b) The Charter may be subject to review by the Board at any time.
- (c) The primary purpose of the Committee is to support and advise the Board in:
  - (i) maintaining a Board that has an appropriate mix of skills and experience to be an effective decision-making body; and
  - (ii) ensuring that the Board is comprised of Directors who contribute to the successful management of the Company and discharge their duties having regard to the law and the highest standards of corporate governance.

# 2. COMPOSITION

- (a) To the extent possible, the Committee shall comprise at least three Directors, the majority being independent non-executive Directors.
- (b) The Committee will be chaired by an independent Director who will be appointed by the Board.
- (c) The Board may appoint additional non-executive Directors to the Committee or remove and replace members of the Committee by resolution.

# 3. SECRETARY

- (a) The Company Secretary or their nominee shall be the Secretary of the Committee and shall attend meetings of the Committee as required.
- (b) The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings of the Committee and circulating them to Committee members and to the other members of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the Committee as far in advance as possible.

# 4. MEETINGS

- (a) The Committee will meet at least once a year and additionally as circumstances may require.
- (b) Meetings are called by the Secretary as directed by the Board or at the request of the Chairman of the Committee.



- (c) Where deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Committee, meetings and subsequent approvals may be held or concluded by way of a circular written resolution or conference call.
- (d) A quorum shall comprise any two members of the Committee. In the absence of the Committee Chairman or appointed delegate, the members shall elect one of their number as Chairman.
- (e) Decisions will be based on a majority of votes with the Chairman having a casting vote.
- (f) The Committee may invite executive management team members or other individuals, including external third parties to attend meetings of the Committee, as they consider appropriate.

# 5. ACCESS

- (a) Members of the Committee have rights of access to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as Committee members, except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.
- (b) The Committee may consult independent experts where the Committee considers this necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Any costs incurred as a result of the Committee consulting an independent expert will be borne by the Company.

## 6. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee shall periodically review and consider the structure and balance of the Board and make recommendations regarding appointments, retirements and terms of office of Directors. In particular, the Committee is to:

- (a) identify and recommend to the Board candidates for the Board after considering the necessary and desirable competencies of new Board members to ensure the appropriate mix of skills and experience and after assessment of how the candidates can contribute to the strategic direction of the Company;
- (b) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a candidate, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director;
- (c) ensure that each Director and senior executive is a party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive's appointment;
- (d) prepare and disclose a Board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has (or is looking to achieve);
- (e) approve and review induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for Directors to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities;
- (f) assess and consider the time required to be committed by a non-executive Director to properly fulfil their duty to the Company and advise the Board.
- (g) consider and recommend to the Board candidates for election or re-election to the Board at each annual shareholders' meeting;



- (h) review Directorships in other public companies held by or offered to Directors and senior executives of the Company;
- (i) review succession plans for the Board will a view to maintaining an appropriate balance of skills and experience on the Board;
- (j) arrange an annual performance evaluation of the Board, its Committee and individual Directors;
- (k) make recommendations to the Board on the appropriate size and composition of the Board; and
- (I) make recommendations to the Board on the terms and conditions of appointment to, and removal and retirement from, the Board.

# 7. REVIEW OF CHARTER

- (a) The Board will conduct an annual review of the membership to ensure that the Committee has carried out its functions in an effective manner and will update the Charter as required or as a result of new laws or regulations.
- (b) The Charter shall be made available to members on request, to senior management, to the external auditor and to other parties as deemed appropriate and will be posted to the Company's website.



#### Schedule 4b – Remuneration Committee Charter

## MEMBERS: Mr Kiran Morzaria (Chairman) Mr Lincoln Bloomfield

## 1. GENERAL SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

- (a) The Remuneration Committee is a Committee of the Board of European Metals Holdings Limited.
- (b) The primary purpose of the Committee is to support and advise the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities to shareholders by:
  - reviewing and approving the executive remuneration policy to enable the Company to attract and retain executives and Directors who will create value for shareholders;
  - (ii) ensuring that the executive remuneration policy demonstrates a clear relationship between key executive performance and remuneration;
  - (iii) recommending to the Board the remuneration of executive Directors;
  - (iv) fairly and responsibly rewarding executives having regard to the performance of the Group, the performance of the executive and the prevailing remuneration expectations in the market;
  - (v) reviewing the Company's recruitment, retention and termination policies and procedures for senior management;
  - (vi) reviewing and approving the remuneration of director reports to the Managing Director, and as appropriate other senior executives; and
  - (vii) reviewing and approving any equity-based plans and other incentive schemes.
- (c) The Committee shall have the right to seek any information it considers necessary to fulfil its duties, which includes the right to obtain appropriate external advice at the Company's expense.

# 2. COMPOSITION

- (a) To the extent possible, the Committee shall comprise at least three Directors, the majority being independent non-executive Directors.
- (b) The Committee will be chaired by an independent Director who will be appointed by the Board.
- (c) The Board may appoint such additional non-executive Directors to the Committee or remove and replace members of the Committee by resolution.

# 3. SECRETARY

(a) The Company Secretary or their nominee shall be the Secretary of the Committee and shall attend meetings of the Committee as required.



- (b) The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes of meeting of the Committee and circulating them to Committee members and to the other members of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the Committee as far in advance as possible.

## 4. MEETINGS

- (a) The Committee will meet at least once per year and additionally as circumstances may require.
- (b) Meetings are called by the Secretary as directed by the Board or at the request of the Chairman of the Committee.
- (c) A quorum shall comprise any two members of the Committee. In the absence of the Committee Chairman or appointed delegate, the members shall elect one of their members as Chairman.
- (d) Where deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Committee, meetings and subsequent approvals may be held or concluded by way of a circular written resolution or a conference call.
- (e) Decisions will be based on a majority of votes with the Chairman having the casting vote.
- (f) The Committee may invite any executive management team members or other individuals, including external third parties, to attend meetings of the Committee, as they consider appropriate.

# 5. ACCESS

- (a) Members of the Committee have rights of access to the books and records of the Company to enable them to discharge their duties as Committee members, except where the Board determines that such access would be adverse to the Company's interests.
- (b) The Committee may consult independent experts to assist it in carrying out its duties and responsibilities. Any costs incurred as a result of the Committee consulting an independent expert will be borne by the Company.

# 6. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**1.** In order to fulfil its responsibilities to the Board the Committee shall:

#### (a) **Executive Remuneration Policy**

- (i) Review and approve the Group's recruitment, retention and termination policies and procedures for senior executives to enable the Company to attract and retain executives and Directors who can create value for shareholders.
- (ii) Review the on-going appropriateness and relevance of the executive remuneration policy and other executive benefit programs.
- (iii) Ensure that remuneration policies fairly and responsibly reward executives having regard to the performance of the Company, the performance of the executive and prevailing remuneration expectations in the market.



# (b) **Executive Directors and Senior Management**

- Consider and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration for each executive Director (including base pay, incentive payments, equity awards, retirement rights, service contracts) having regard to the executive remuneration policy.
- (ii) Review and approve the proposed remuneration (including incentive awards, equity awards and service contracts) for the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director. As part of this review the Committee will oversee an annual performance evaluation of the executive team. This evaluation is based on specific criteria, including the business performance of the Company and its subsidiaries, whether strategic objectives are being achieved and the development of management and personnel.

## (c) **Executive Incentive Plan**

Review and approve the design of any executive incentive plans.

## (d) Equity Based Plans

- (i) Review and approve any equity-based plans that may be introduced (**Plans**) in the light of legislative, regulatory and market developments.
- (ii) For each Plan, determine each year whether awards will be made under that Plan.
- (iii) Review and approve total proposed awards under each Plan.
- (iv) In addition to considering awards to executive Directors and direct reports to the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, review and approve proposed awards under each plan on an individual basis for executives as required under the rules governing each plan or as determined by the Committee.
- (v) Review, approve and keep under review performance hurdles for each equitybased plan.
- (vi) Review, manage and disclose the policy (if any) under which participants to a Plan may be permitted (at the discretion of the Company) to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating.

#### (e) Other

The Committee shall perform other duties and activities that it or the Board considers appropriate.

# 7. APPROVALS

- **1.** The Committee must approve the following prior to implementation:
- (a) changes to the remuneration or contract terms of executive Directors and direct reports to the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director;
- (b) the Plans or amendments to current equity plans or executive cash-based incentive plans;



- (c) total level of awards proposed from equity plans or executive cash-based incentive plans; and
- (d) termination payments to executive Directors or the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director. Termination payments to other departing executives should be reported to the Committee at its next meeting.

# 8. **REVIEW OF CHARTER**

- (a) The Board will conduct an annual review of the membership to ensure that the Committee has carried out its functions in an effective manner and will update the Charter as required or as a result of new laws or regulations.
- (b) The Charter shall be made available to members on request, to senior management, to the external auditor and to other parties as deemed appropriate and will be posted to the Company's website.



# Schedule 5 – Environmental, Social and Governance Committee Charter

MEMBERS: Lincoln Bloomfield (Chair) Kiran Morzaria Keith Coughlan Richard Pavlik

# 1. ROLE

The role of the environmental, social and governance committee is to assist the board of directors (Board) for European Metals Holdings Limited (ABN 55 154 618 989) in monitoring and reviewing any matters pertaining to the management of activities to minimise adverse workforce, community or environmental impacts in accordance with the environmental, social and governance policy.

# 2. COMPOSITION

The Board will strive to adhere to the following composition requirements for the committee where at all possible. However, the Board acknowledges that the composition of the Board may not allow adherence to the following composition requirements from time to time.

- (a) The committee must comprise at least three members.
- (b) All members of the committee must be non-executive Directors.
- (c) A majority of the members of the committee must be independent non-executive Directors.
- (d) The Board will appoint members of the committee. The Board may remove and replace members of the committee by resolution.
- (e) The Chairman of the committee must not be the Chairman of the Board and must be independent.

# 3. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the committee is to support and advise the Board in fulfilling its environmental, social and governance responsibilities by:

- (a) recognising its legal and other obligations to all legitimate stakeholders from time to time where and to the extent appropriate; and
- (b) managing its activities in a sustainable manner with respect to the company's workforce, its communities and the environment.

## 4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

#### 4.1 General Responsibilities

The committee will use all reasonable endeavours to understand the Company's business and operations to assess whether the operating risks and sustainability issues, including



any consequential financial risks faced by the Company, have been identified, ameliorated or that appropriate mitigation plans have been implemented.

The committee will ensure appropriate management practices and assurance methodologies are adopted to inform the Board of the adequacies and effectiveness of the specific requirements outlined in this Charter. This will include, but not be limited to, ensuring appropriate escalation of material risks is occurring for authorisation.

The committee will review and monitor a sample of significant incident investigations and corrective actions for quality and investigative veracity.

## 4.2 Social, Environmental and Governance Responsibility

In assisting the Board, the committee will use all reasonable endeavours to:

- (a) review and monitor the processes in place which are designed to ensure compliance with all Company social, environmental and governance policy;
- (b) review and monitor the risk management processes and standards to ensure that all material risks are identified, and that appropriate risk mitigation, controls and assurance processes are in place and effective;
- (c) monitor the adequacy of social, environmental and governance reporting systems for actual or potential incidents, breaches and trends;
- (d) review and monitor the environmental related contingency planning within the Company which are designed to ensure that all material environmental risks have appropriate contingency plans developed;
- (e) review and monitor the plans, activities and corrective actions in place which are designed to ensure that there is appropriate engagement with communities impacted by the Company's operations; and
- (f) monitor relevant community perceptions of the Company as a consequence of its activities.

# 4.3 Risk Management

The committee will ensure management has established and operates a risk management system which is designed to:

- (a) identify, assess, monitor and manage operational risk;
- (b) establish an overall risk profile of the Company's risks;
- (c) escalate risks to the appropriate level of the organisation dependant on materiality; and
- (d) in assisting the Board, the committee will use all reasonable endeavours to:
  - liaise with the Audit and Risk Committee on risk management processes for the identification and management of material financial risks, these are the accountability of the Audit and Risk Committee;
  - (ii) review any periodic risk management reports prepared by the executive management and present to the Board, the overall results of this assessment and updates as required;



- (iii) review and monitoring the operational contingency planning and assurance processes within the Company to ensure all material risks and critical systems and processes are identified and that appropriate contingency plans are in place and are effective; and
- (iv) periodically review the effectiveness and suitability of the risk management system.

## 4.4 Legal and Regulatory Compliance

The committee will:

- (a) review and monitor the Company's policies, procedures and systems for detecting, reporting and preventing breaches of conduct, whistle-blowing, data breaches and anti-bribery and corruption policies; and
- (b) in conjunction with the Board and audit committee, use all reasonable endeavours to monitor the Company's compliance with:
  - (i) all relevant statutory and regulatory obligations; and
  - (ii) all environmental licenses and permits.

## 5. MEETINGS

- (a) The committee will meet at least twice in each financial year and additionally as circumstances may require for it to undertake its role effectively.
- (b) Meetings are called by the Secretary as directed by the Board or at the request of the Chairman of the committee.
- (c) Where deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the committee, meetings and subsequent approvals and recommendations can be implemented by a circular written resolution or conference call.
- (d) A quorum shall consist of two members of the committee. In the absence of the Chairman of the committee or their nominees, the members shall elect one of their members as Chairman of that meeting.
- (e) Executive management and technical personnel are to attend committee meetings, or part thereof, as requested by the Chairman of the committee to provide required reports and presentations to the committee.
- (f) Decisions will be based on a majority of votes with the Chairman having a casting vote.
- (g) The Chairman of the committee, through the Secretary, will prepare a report of the actions of the committee to be included in the Board papers for the next Board meeting.
- (h) Minutes of each meeting are included in the papers for the next full Board meeting after each committee meeting.

## 6. SECRETARY

(a) The Company Secretary or their nominee shall be the Secretary of the committee and shall attend meetings of the committee as required.



- (b) The Secretary will be responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings of the committee and circulating them to committee members and to the other members of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary shall distribute supporting papers for each meeting of the committee as far in advance as possible.

## 7. RELIANCE ON INFORMATION OR PROFESSIONAL OR EXPERT ADVICE

Each member of the committee is entitled to rely on information, or professional or expert advice, to the extent permitted by law, given or prepared by:

- (a) an employee of the company group whom the member believes on reasonable grounds to be reliable and competent in relation to the matters concerned;
- (b) a professional adviser or expert in relation to matters that the member believes on reasonable grounds to be within the person's professional or expert competence; or
- (c) another Director or officer of the Group in relation to matters within the Director's or officer's authority.

## 8. **REVIEW OF CHARTER**

- (a) The Board will conduct an annual review of the membership to ensure that the committee has carried out its functions in an effective manner and will update this charter as required or as a result of new laws or regulations.
- (b) The charter shall be made available to members on request, to senior management, to the external auditor and to other parties as deemed appropriate and will be posted to the Company's website.

#### 9. REPORTING

The Chairman of the committee shall report the findings and recommendations of the committee to the Board after each committee meeting. The minutes of all committee meetings shall be circulated to members of the Board.

All recommendations of the committee are to be referred to the Board for approval.

The committee is to review all major health, safety, environment or community issues as notified or otherwise advised by Executive Management at its next meeting and report on its findings and recommendations, if applicable, to the Board in accordance with standard reporting protocol of the committee.



## **Schedule 6 - Continuous Disclosure Policy**

## 1. Purpose and scope

The Company is a listed public company and must meet the requirements of Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and Alternative Investment Market (AIM) Listing Rules regarding Continuous Disclosure to keep the market informed of material events as they occur. This document describes the policy for Directors and Executive Management who become aware of material information which may require disclosure under ASX and AIM Listing Rules.

The Company is committed to:

- (a) complying with its disclosure obligations under the Corporations Act and ASX and AIM Listing Rules;
- (b) the promotion or investor confidence by ensuring that all investors have equal and timely access to material information concerning the Company, including material information about its financial position, performance, ownership and governance; and
- (c) providing announcements that are accurate, balanced and expressed in a clear and objective manner.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- (a) raise awareness of the Company's obligations under the continuous disclosure regime;
- (b) establish a process to ensure that information about the Company which may be market sensitive and which may require disclosure is brought to the attention of the relevant person in a timely manner and is kept confidential; and
- (c) sets outs obligations of Directors, officers, employees and contractors of the Company to ensure that the Company complies with its continuous disclosure obligations.

Compliance with this policy does not obviate the need for the Company to comply with 'Annual Report Disclosure'.

#### 2. Responsibilities

#### 2.1 Executive Management

- (a) Understand the continuous disclosure regulations; and
- (b) Report potentially material information immediately to either the Company Secretary, the MD or the Chair.



# 2.2 Company Secretary

- (a) Liaise with the MD and/or Chair on information supplied to determine if it needs to be disclosed under continuous disclosure regulations; and
- (b) Report the material information to the market.

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- (a) Executive Management will make themselves aware of the continuous disclosure regulations in the ASX and AIM Listing Rules.
- (b) In the event that any member of management becomes aware of any fact or circumstance which may give rise to a requirement to disclose such information under the ASX and AIM Listing Rules, they will immediately inform either the Company Secretary, the MD or the Chair.
- (c) Prior to disclosure, the Company Secretary, in conjunction with the MD and/or the Chair, will review the information to enable a judgement as to the appropriate disclosure to be made.
- (d) If there is uncertainty over the requirement to comply with the continual disclosure requirements then the Company will seek external legal advice.
- (e) The Company, through the Company Secretary, will notify the market of any information it is determined is required to be disclosed. In accordance with ASX and AIM Listing Rules, the Company will immediately notify the market of information:
  - (i) concerning the Company that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities; and
  - (ii) that would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly invest in securities in deciding whether to acquire or dispose of the Company's securities. The only exception to this is where the ASX and AIM Listing Rules do not require such information to be disclosed.
- (f) The Board must receive a copy of all material ASX and AIM announcement promptly after they have been made.

# 3.2 Internal notification and decision-making concerning the disclosure obligation

The Board has designated the Company Secretary as the person responsible for overseeing and coordinating disclosure of information to the market as well as communicating with the relevant authorities. The Company Secretary will be responsible for ensuring that Company announcements are made in a timely manner, and will establish a vetting procedure to ensure that the announcements are factual and do not omit any material information.

The Company Secretary will also ensure that Company announcements are expressed in a clear and objective manner that allows investors to assess the impact of the information when making investment decisions.

To assist the Company Secretary fulfil the Company's disclosure requirements, executive staff are responsible for immediately communicating to the Company Secretary any possible continuous disclosure matter concerning the operations of the Company.



Executive staff are responsible for ensuring that the information is provided to the Company Secretary as soon as they become aware of it and that it is factual and does not omit any material information. Executive staff will promptly respond to requests from the Company Secretary for further information concerning the possible continuous disclosure matter.

The Company Secretary, after consultation with the Chair and MD, determines whether information should be disclosed to the market.

Before an announcement is released to ASX and AIM, the Company must ensure:

- (a) the Company Secretary has completed its review process; and
- (b) the announcement has been circulated to the Board for review; and
- (c) the Board has authorised the release of the announcement in writing.

# 3.3 Measures for seeking to avoid the emergence of a false market in the Company's securities

The Company recognises that a false market in the Company's securities may result if the Company provides incomplete information to the market or if the Company fails to respond to market and media speculation that may, or may be likely to, have an impact on the price of the Company's securities.

While the Company does not, in general, respond to market speculation or rumours unless required to do so by law or other relevant bodies, the Company is committed to disclosing as much information as possible, without harming the Company, to a wide audience of investors through media releases of important milestones, including information that may not strictly be required under continuous disclosure requirements. Information given to the market will also be provided to investors through media releases.

Where appropriate, the Company will request a trading halt to prevent trading in the Company's securities by an inefficient and uninformed market until the Company can make an announcement to the market.

# 3.4 Safeguarding confidentiality of corporate information to avoid premature disclosure

All employees are advised of the confidentiality of Company information. In addition, the Company imposes communication blackout periods for financial information between the end of financial reporting periods and the announcement of results to the market. To protect against inadvertent disclosure of price sensitive information, the Company does not hold meetings or briefings to discuss financial information with individual investors, institutional investors, analysts or media representatives during the communication blackout periods, unless such meetings or briefings are the subject of a specific announcement to the market.

# 3.5 Media contact and comment

The Board has designated MD or the Chair (where appropriate) to speak to the press on matters associated with the Company. In speaking to the press, the MD or the Chair will not comment on price sensitive information that has not already been disclosed to the market, however, they may clarify previously released information. To assist in safeguarding against the inadvertent disclosure of price sensitive information, the MD or the Chair will be informed of what the Company has previously disclosed to the market on any issue prior to briefing anyone outside the Company.



Subject to the policies of the Board and any committee that the Board may appoint from time to time, the Chair is authorised to comment on:

- (a) annual and half yearly results at the time of the release of the annual or half yearly report;
- (b) resolutions to be put to General Meetings of the Company;
- (c) changes in Directors, any matter related to the composition of the Board or Board processes;
- (d) any speculation concerning Board meetings or the outcomes of Board meetings; and
- (e) other maters specifically related to shareholders.

Subject to the policies of the Board and any committee that the Board may appoint from time to time, the MD is authorised to comment on:

- (a) the Company's future outlook;
- (b) any operational matter;
- (c) media queries concerning operational issues which reflect either positively or negatively on the Company;
- (d) proposed or actual legal actions; and
- (e) queries and general discussion concerning the Company's industry.

There will be times when Directors and employees will be approached by the media for public comment. On such occasions, the Director(s) or employee(s) should comply with the following:

- (a) refer the person to the MD or the Chair of the Board as appropriate for comment;
- (b) refrain from disclosing any information, documents or other forms of data to the person without the prior consent of the MD or the Chair of the Board; and
- (c) report the person who contacted the Director/employee, the reason (explicit or inferred) for the contact and a summary of any other relevant information as soon as possible to the MD or the Chair.

# 3.6 External communications including analyst briefings and responses to shareholder questions

The Company discloses its financial and operational results to the market each year/half year/quarter as well as informing the market of other events throughout the year as they occur. Quarterly financial reports, media releases and AGM speeches are all lodged with the relevant authority. As all financial information is disclosed, the Company will only comment on factual errors in information and underlying assumptions when commenting on market analysts' financial projections, rather than commenting on the projections themselves.

In addition to the above disclosures, the Company does conduct briefings and discussions with analysts and institutional investors. However, price sensitive information will not be discussed unless that particular information has been formally disclosed to the market via



an announcement. Slides and presentations used in briefings will also be released immediately prior to the briefing to the market.

After the conclusion of each briefing or discussion, it will be reviewed to determine whether any price sensitive information has been inadvertently disclosed. If any price sensitive information was disclosed, it will be announced immediately to the market.

Similarly, when answering shareholder questions, price sensitive information will not be discussed unless that particular information has been formally disclosed to the market via an announcement.

Where a question can only be answered by disclosing price sensitive information, the Company will decline to answer it or take it on notice and announce the information to the market prior to responding.

If any new price sensitive information is to be used in briefing media, institutional investors and analysts or in answering shareholder queries, written materials containing such information will be lodged with the relevant authority prior to the briefing commencing. These briefing materials may also include information that may not strictly be required under continuous disclosure requirements.

This policy will form a component of the induction process for all new employees (managers).

The Company is committed to the full and accurate reporting of its financial results. Consequently, when complying with its periodic disclosure requirements, the Company will provide commentary on its financial results. The purpose of the commentary will be to clarify and balance the information in the financial results.

This commentary will be delivered in a manner that is neutral, free from any bias and easy to understand. This may involve the provision of both positive and negative information about the Company that the Company believes is necessary to keep investors fully informed.

The Company respects the rights of its shareholders and to facilitate the effective exercise of those rights the Company is committed to:

- (a) communicating effectively with shareholders;
- (b) giving shareholders ready access to balanced and understandable information about the Company and corporate proposals; and
- (c) making it easy for shareholders to participate in general meetings of the Company.

#### 3.7 **Provision of information**

The Company will communicate with shareholders in three main ways:

- (a) through releases to the market;
- (b) through information provided directly to shareholders at general meetings of the Company; and
- (c) market releases.



It is the Company's policy to comply with its continuous and periodic disclosure obligations. In accordance with the Company's continuous disclosure policy, unless exempted by the ASX and AIM Listing Rules, the Company will immediately notify the market of information:

- (a) concerning the Company that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities; and
- (b) that would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly invest in securities in deciding whether to acquire or dispose of the Company's securities.

Where practicable the Company will also make available the opportunity for shareholders to participate in new and substantive investor presentations by dial-in or live-stream or by uploaded a transcript or recording of the presentation to ASX subsequently. The Company is not required to make available presentations that do not contain new market sensitive information.

"Substantive" presentations include results presentations and the types of presentations given at annual general meetings, investor days or broker conferences.

## **3.8 Provision of Information to the Board**

The Company Secretary is to ensure that a copy of all material market announcements is to be circulated to the Board as soon as is practicable after its release.

## 3.9 Company website

The Company provides general information about the Company and its operations, details of the Company's corporate governance policies and procedures and information specifically targeted at keeping the Company's shareholders informed about the Company on its website.

In particular, where appropriate, after confirmation of receipt by the relevant authority, the following will be posted to the website:

- (a) relevant announcements made to the market;
- (b) media releases;
- (c) information provided to analysts or the media during briefings;
- (d) the full text of notices of meeting and explanatory material;
- (e) information related to general meetings, including the Chair's address, speeches and voting results;
- (f) copies of press releases and announcements for the preceding year; and
- (g) copies of annual and half-yearly reports including financial statements for the preceding year.

Where possible, the website will also be used for web-casting or teleconferencing analyst and media briefings as well as general meetings of the Company. Where the Company does web-cast the preceding events, and even where it is not possible to do so, a transcript or summary of the information discussed will be posted to the website.



## 3.10 Direct communications with shareholders

Throughout the year it may be appropriate for the Company to directly communicate with shareholders. For example, to give shareholders notice of general meetings or to update shareholders by way of a Chair's letter.

In relation to information that is directly communicated to shareholders, all shareholders have the right to elect to receive all such information by post, facsimile or electronic mail.

## 3.11 Meetings of the Company

In preparing for general meetings of the Company, the Company will draft the notice of meeting and related explanatory information so that they provide all of the information that is relevant to shareholders in making decisions on matters to be voted on by them at the meeting. This information will be presented clearly and concisely so that it is easy to understand and not ambiguous.

The Company will use general meetings as a tool to effectively communicate with shareholders and allow shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask questions of the Board of Directors and to otherwise participate in the meeting.

The external auditor of the Company will be asked to attend each annual general meeting and to be available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.

# 3.12 Other information

While the Company aims to provide sufficient information to shareholders about the Company and its activities, it understands that shareholders may have specific questions and require additional information. To ensure that shareholders can obtain all relevant information to assist them in exercising their rights as shareholders, the Company will make available a telephone number and email address for shareholders to make their enquiries.

## 3.13 Investor Presentations

Where a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation is to be given, the Company will release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX and AIM market announcements platform ahead of the presentation.

#### 4. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board to ensure it is operating effectively and determine whether any amendments are required.

# 5. Associated documents

- (a) Annual Report Disclosure.
- (b) ASX and AIM Listing Rules.



# Schedule 7 - Performance Evaluation Policy

The Nomination Committee will arrange a performance evaluation of the Board, the Company's Committees and its individual Directors on an annual basis. To assist in this process an independent advisor may be used.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee will conduct an annual review of the role of the Board, assess the performance of the Board over the previous 12 months and examine ways of assisting the Board in performing its duties more effectively.

The review will include:

- 1. comparing the performance of the Board with the requirements of its Charter;
- 2. examination of the Board's interaction with management;
- 3. the nature of information provided to the Board by management; and
- 4. management's performance in assisting the Board to meet its objectives.

A similar review will be conducted for each Committee by the Board with the aim of assessing the performance of each Committee and identifying areas where improvements can be made.

The Remuneration Committee will oversee the performance evaluation of the executive team. This evaluation is based on specific criteria, including the business performance of the Company, whether strategic objectives are being achieved and the development of management and personnel. Other factors that will be considered include:

- 1. currency of a director's knowledge and skills; and
- 2. if a director's performance has been impacted by other commitments.

The Company will disclose whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in each reporting period in accordance with the process outlined above.



## Schedule 8 - Risk Management Policy

Risk management is a complex and critical component of the Company's governance, the Board will oversee and guide the detail of risk management. The MD is charged with implementing appropriate risk systems within the Company. Aspects of this process may be delegated. Risk management is considered a key governance and management process. It is not an exercise merely to ensure regulatory compliance. Therefore, the primary objectives of the risk management system at the Company are to ensure:

- 1. all major sources of potential opportunity for and harm to the Company (both existing and potential) are identified, analysed and treated appropriately;
- 2. business decisions throughout the Company appropriately balance the risk and reward trade off;
- 3. regulatory compliance and integrity in reporting are achieved; and
- 4. senior management, the Board and investors understand the risk profile of the Company.

In line with these objectives, the Company's risk management system covers:

- 1. operations risk;
- 2. financial reporting; and
- 3. compliance.

The Board reviews all major strategies, transactions and corporate actions for their impact on the risk facing the Company and makes appropriate recommendations. The Company also undertakes an annual review of operations to update its risk profile. This normally occurs in conjunction with the strategic planning process. The Company discloses in each reporting period that such a review has taken place. The Board undertakes a quarterly review of those areas of risk identified.

In addition, as specified by Recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, the CEO and CFO conduct a review and provide a written declaration of assurance that their opinion, that the financial records of the Company for any financial period have been properly maintained, comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

The Board of the Company has identified a range of specific risks that have the potential to have an adverse impact on its business.

These include:

- 1. operational risk;
- 2. environmental risks;
- 3. insurance risk;



- 4. litigation risks;
- 5. financial risk;
- 6. privacy and data breaches risks;
- 7. conduct risks;
- 8. cyber-security risks;
- 9. sustainability and climate change risks;
- 10. treasury and finance risks;
- 11. compliance risk; and
- 12. disease outbreak.



## Schedule 9 - Policy on Selection, Appointment and Rotation of External Auditors

# 1. Selection of external auditors

Should there be a vacancy for the position of external auditor, the Company, through the Board, will conduct a formal process, either general or selective, to select which audit firm will fill the vacancy.

Audit firms are evaluated in accordance with criteria, as appropriate from time to time, and are not assessed solely on the basis of who is cheapest, but on a number of issues such as:

- (a) skills and knowledge of the team proposed to do the work;
- (b) quality of work;
- (c) independence of the audit firm;
- (d) lead signing partner and independent review partner rotation and succession planning policy;
- (e) value for money; and
- (f) ethical behaviour and fair dealing.

# 2. Appointment of external auditors

The Board identifies and recommends an appropriate external audit partner for appointment by the Board and/or the Company in general meeting. The appointment is made in writing.

#### 3. Rotation of external audit partners

The external auditor is required to rotate its audit partners so that no partner of the external auditor is in a position of responsibility in relation to the Company's accounts for a period of more than five consecutive years. Further, once rotated off the Company's accounts no partner of the external auditor may assume any responsibility in relation to the Company's accounts for a period of three consecutive years. This requires succession planning on the part of the external auditor, a process in which the Company is involved.



## **Schedule 10 - Shareholder Communications Policy**

## 1. Overview

European Metals Holding Limited ABRN 154 618 989 (**Company**) recognises the value of providing current and relevant information to its shareholders. This Shareholder Communications Policy (**Policy**) sets out how the Company communicates relevant information to its shareholders.

This Policy is subject to the terms of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association (**M&A**). This Policy should be read in conjunction with other relevant policies and procedures of the Company including the Company's Social Media Policy.

# 2. How information is communicated

The Managing Director/ Executive Directors and Company Secretary have the primary responsibility for communicating with shareholders.

Information is communicated to shareholders through:

- (a) periodic disclosure through the annual report on the financial and operational performance of the Company;
- (b) notices of general meetings and explanatory material;
- (c) general meetings;
- (d) periodic newsletters or letters from the Chairman;
- (e) the Company's website at [company website]; and
- (f) the Company's social media platforms.

Through the Company's share registry, all shareholders are given the option to receive communications from the Company electronically.

# 3. Electronic communication and website

The Company believes that communicating with shareholders by electronic means, particularly through its website, is an efficient way of distributing information in a timely and convenient manner.

The Company's website includes the following pages, which contain relevant information for shareholders:

- (a) section on the Company's corporate governance policies and practices;
- (b) reports section, which contains copies of annual reports
- (c) media releases section, that may contain sections on press releases, newsletters and media clippings; and
- (d) presentations section which contains power point presentations.



All website information will be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that information is current, or appropriately dated and archived.

## 4. Written communication and annual report

Shareholders have been given the opportunity to elect to receive a printed copy of the annual report on the financial and operational performance from the Company.

In addition, the Company publishes its annual report on the Company's website and notifies all shareholders of the web address where they can access the annual report.

The Company will also make available via ASX and/or AIM any new and substantive investor or analyst presentation prior to the presentation being given.

#### 5. General meetings

The Company recognises the rights of shareholders and encourages the effective exercise of those rights through the following means:

- (a) notices of general meetings are distributed to shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the M&A;
- (b) notices of general meeting and other meeting material are drafted in concise and clear language;
- (c) shareholders are encouraged to use their attendance at general meetings to ask questions on any relevant matter, with time being specifically set aside for shareholder questions;
- notices of general meetings encourage participation in voting on proposed resolutions by lodgement of proxies, if shareholders are unable to attend the meeting;
- (e) any documents tabled or made available at a shareholder meeting are uploaded at the Company's website; and
- (f) it is general practice for a presentation on the Company's activities to be made to shareholders at each general meeting, unless the Board considers otherwise.

## 6. Review

This Policy is reviewed regularly and at least annually.



# Schedule 11 – Guidelines for Buying and Selling Securities on ASX

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This document sets out the Company's policy regarding its directors, officers, employees, consultants and contractors (irrespective of location) who Deal or may Deal in Company Securities and should be read in its entirety.

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- (a) provide a summary of the law on insider trading in Australia;
- (b) outline the prohibitions on dealing in Company Securities to prevent the misuse of unpublished information which could materially affect the value of such securities;
- (c) ensure that the reputation of the Company, its directors, officers, employees, consultants and contractors is not adversely impacted by perceptions of dealing in securities at inappropriate times; and
- (d) achieve high standards of corporate conduct and support market confidence in the integrity of Dealing in Company Securities.

# 1.2 Source of legal obligations

The sources of legal obligations underpinning this Policy include:

- (a) the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**), which, among other things, prohibits insider trading by anyone (regardless of geographical location); and
- (b) the ASX Listing Rules, ASX Guidance Note 27 (Trading Policies) and ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations, which set out requirements for responsible trading in listed company shares.

## 2. Defined terms

For the purposes of this Policy:

**Company Securities** includes shares, options, warrants, derivatives and interests in shares (including vested options and vested performance share rights) linked in any way to the underlying price of shares in the Company.

**Black-out Periods** means a relevant period as defined by the Company when Designated Persons may not Deal in Company Securities.

#### **Dealing** includes:

- (a) applying for, acquiring or disposing of securities;
- (b) entering into an agreement to apply for, acquire or dispose of, securities; and



(c) granting, accepting, acquiring, disposing, exercising or discharging an option or other right or obligation to acquire or dispose of securities.

## Derivatives include:

- (a) derivatives within the meaning given in section 761D of the Corporations Act (such as options, forward contracts, swaps, futures, warrants, caps and collars); and
- (b) any other transaction in financial products which operate to limit (in any way) the economic risk associated with holding the relevant securities.

## **Designated Persons** means each of:

- (a) the Directors of the Company;
- (b) any person who by their role or otherwise, becomes aware of Inside Information by having access to confidential material which may contain potentially price sensitive information including the Company board papers, periodic disclosure materials or any other relevant document; and
- (c) in relation to those persons identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, the following people are also deemed to be Designated Persons:
  - (i) their spouse or any of their children (including step children) under the age of 18 years;
  - (ii) a trust which they, any members of their family, or family controlled company are a trustee or beneficiary; and
  - (iii) a company which they or their family control.

**Inside Information** means information which is not generally available to the market and, if it were generally available to the market, would be likely to have a material effect on the price or value of securities. Annexure A provides further details about what constitutes Inside Information.

**Margin Loan** means any lending or similar arrangement allowing a person to borrow money to invest in securities using existing investments as security.

Related Party has the meaning given in section 228 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

#### 3. Insider trading prohibition – the law

It is an offence under the Corporations Act to Deal using Inside Information, or communicate Inside Information to others who will, or are likely to, Deal on the Inside Information.

# 4. Dealing in Company securities

## 4.1 When a Designated Person MAY Deal

A Designated Person may Deal in Company Securities unless restricted from doing so under clause 4.2 (When a Designated Person May Not Deal).



# 4.2 When a Designated Person MAY NOT Deal

- (a) Subject to clause 5 (Exceptions), a Designated Person may not Deal in Company Securities during the following designated Black-out Periods:
  - (i) the period two weeks prior to, and 24 hours after the release of the Company's quarterly results;
  - (ii) the period two weeks prior to, and 24 hours after the release of the Company's half-year results;
  - (iii) the period two weeks prior to, and 24 hours after the release of the Company's full-year results;
  - (iv) the 21 calendar days up to and including the date of the Annual General Meeting; and
  - (v) any other period determined by the Chair in consultation with the Company Secretary to be a Black-out Period from time to time.
- (b) In addition to the restrictions in clause 4.2(a), a Designated Person may not Deal in Company Securities at any time if he or she has:
  - (i) information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information; or
  - (ii) not complied with clause 6 (Notice of Dealing in Company Securities).

## 4.3 When employees, consultants or contractors (other than a Designated Person) MAY Deal

An employee, consultant or contractor (who is not a Designated Person) may, at any time, Deal in Company Securities if he or she does not have information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information.

# 4.4 When employees, consultants or contractors (other than a Designated Person) MAY NOT Deal

An employee, consultant or contractor (who is not a Designated Person) who has information that he or she knows, or ought reasonably to know, is Inside Information may not:

- (a) Deal in Company Securities;
- (b) advise, procure or encourage another person to deal in Company Securities; or
- (c) pass on information to any person if they know, or ought reasonably to know, that the person may use the information to Deal in (or procure another person to Deal in) Company Securities.

# 5. Exceptions

# 5.1 Permitted dealings

Subject to not being in the possession of Inside Information, a Designated Person may at any time:



- (a) transfer Company Securities already held into a superannuation fund or other saving scheme in which the Designated Person is a beneficiary;
- (b) invest in, or trade in units of, a fund or other scheme (other than a scheme only investing in Company Securities) where the assets of the fund or scheme are invested at the discretion of a third party;
- (c) undertake to accept, or accept, a takeover offer;
- (d) participate in an offer or invitation made to all or most security holders, including a rights issue, equal access buy-back, security purchase plan or dividend or distribution reinvestment plan, where the timing and structure of the offer or invitation has been approved by the Board. This includes decisions relating to whether or not to take up the entitlements and sale of entitlements required to provide for the take up of the balance of entitlements under a renounceable pro rata issue;
- (e) exercise (but not Deal with the securities following exercise) an option or right under an employee incentive scheme where the final date for the exercise of the option or right falls during a Black-out Period or the Company has had a number of consecutive Black-out Periods and the Designated Person could not reasonably have been expected to exercise it at a time when free to do so;
- (f) acquire (but not Deal with the securities following acquisition) Company shares by conversion of financial instruments giving rights to conversion to shares (e.g. options or convertible securities) where the final date for the conversion of the security falls during a Black-out Period or the Company has had a number of consecutive Black-out Periods and the Designated Person could not reasonably have been expected to exercise it at a time when free to do so;
- (g) acquire Company securities under a bonus issue made to all holders of securities of the same class;
- (h) acquire Company securities under a dividend reinvestment, or top-up plan that is available to all holders of securities of the same class;
- (i) acquire, or agree to acquire or exercise options under a Company employee share plan;
- (j) withdraw ordinary shares in the Company held on behalf of the Designated Person in an employee share plan where the withdrawal is permitted by the rules of that plan;
- (k) acquire ordinary shares in the Company as a result of the exercise of options held under an employee share scheme; or
- (I) where the Designated Person is a trustee, trade in the securities of the Company by that trust, provided the Designated Person is not a beneficiary of the trust and any decision to trade during a Black-out Period is taken by the other trustees or by the investment managers independently of the Designated Person.

# 5.2 Approval to dispose or transfer Company Securities in exceptional circumstances

(a) In exceptional circumstances a Designated Person may seek written approval from the Chair (Approval Officer) to dispose of or transfer (but not acquire or otherwise Deal with) Company Securities during a Black-out Period (Disposal Consent).



- (b) The Approval Officer will act with caution in determining whether there are exceptional circumstances, which may include, but will not be limited to, where:
  - the Designated Person is in severe financial hardship and a pressing financial commitment cannot be satisfied otherwise than by disposing of Company Securities; or
  - (ii) the Designated Person is required by a court order, or there are court enforceability undertakings, to transfer or dispose of Company Securities or there is some other overriding legal regulatory requirement for them to do so.
- (c) A Designated Person seeking Disposal Consent based on paragraph 5.2(b)(i) must provide the Approval Officer with:
  - (i) a written application stating all of the facts; and
  - (ii) copies of relevant supporting documentation, including contact details of the Designated Person's accountant, bank and other such independent institutions (where applicable).
- (d) A Designated Person seeking Disposal Consent based on paragraph 5.2(b)(ii) must provide the Approval Officer with a written application accompanied by relevant court and/or supporting legal documentation (where applicable).
- (e) The Approval Officer may grant Disposal Consent to a Designated Person:
  - (i) only if that Designated Person is not in possession of Inside Information; and
  - (ii) on such terms and conditions (including the duration of the right to dispose or transfer) as considered reasonable in the circumstances by the Approval Officer.
- (f) The Approval Officer will notify the Board of any Disposal Consent granted to a Designated Person.
- (g) A Disposal Consent, if granted, will be issued in writing to the Designated Person and will contain a specified time period during which the disposal or transfer can be made.

#### 6. Approval and notification requirements

#### 6.1 Directors

- (a) If a Director or their Related Party intends to Deal in Company Securities, the Director must give prior notice to the Company Secretary and Chair. If the Chair or their Related Party intends to Deal in Company Securities, prior notice must be given to the Company Secretary. A notice must include a statement that the Director and/or their Related Party is not in the possession of any Inside Information.
- (b) Directors have agreed with the Company to provide details of such Dealings to the Company Secretary as soon as possible to enable the Company to comply with its obligations under the ASX Listing Rules. A notice given by the Company



to the ASX under the ASX Listing Rules satisfies the Director's obligation to notify the ASX under the Corporations Act.

#### 6.2 Notification process not an approval

The processes for notification of an intention to Deal in Company Securities, as set out in this clause 6.3 do not provide for the Chair or the Company Secretary (as applicable) to approve of the proposed Dealing. The person intending to Deal in Company Securities is personally responsible for any decision to Deal and compliance with this Policy and the law.

#### 7. Other restrictions

#### 7.1 Incomplete Buy or Sell Orders

- (a) Buy or sell orders for Company Securities which are placed but not completed outside of a Black-out Period are subject to the following restrictions once the Black-out Period commences:
  - (i) the order must be completed within 5 trading days otherwise it will lapse; and
  - (ii) the order cannot be varied.
- (b) Any order subject to this procedure should be notified in writing to the Company Secretary within 24 hours of the Black-out Period commencing.

#### 7.2 Derivatives

- (a) The Company prohibits the use of Derivatives in relation to unvested equity instruments, including performance share rights, and vested Company Securities that are subject to disposal restrictions (such as a "Holding Lock").
- (b) Derivatives may be used in relation to vested positions which are not subject to disposal restrictions subject to compliance with the law and the other provisions of this Policy.

#### 7.3 Prohibition on Margin Loan Arrangements

Designated Persons may not:

- (a) enter into a Margin Loan or similar funding arrangement to acquire any Company Securities; or
- (b) use Company Securities as security for a Margin Loan or similar funding arrangement.

#### 7.4 Securities of other companies

The prohibitions in the Corporations Act against insider trading applies equally to where Inside Information is being held by a person about another listed company or entity. This may occur, for example, where in the course of negotiating a transaction with the Company, another listed entity provides confidential information about itself or another



listed entity. Accordingly, if a person possesses Inside Information in relation to the securities of another listed entity, they must not Deal in those securities.

#### 8. Penalties

- (a) Insider trading is a criminal offence. A person who commits a breach of the insider trading provisions could be subject to both civil and criminal penalties for the individual and for the Company.
- (b) In addition, the insider trader, and any other persons involved in the contravention, may also be liable to compensate third parties for any resulting loss.

#### 9. Policy compliance

- (a) During the year the Company may require confirmation from Designated Persons that they have complied with this Policy. The Company may also require confirmation (or declarations) of holdings in securities. All such requested information must be supplied within 5 business days of the request being made.
- (b) A breach of this Policy will be regarded very seriously and may lead to disciplinary action being taken (including termination of employment). If the Company becomes aware of any breach of this Policy, then the Company may report such breach to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

#### 10. Publication

This Policy will be made available from the Company website (https://www.europeanmet.com/corporate-governance/).

#### 11. Who to contact

If an individual is in any doubt regarding their proposed dealing in securities, they should contact the Company Secretary.



#### EUROPEAN METALS HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### Schedule 12 - Guidelines for Buying and Selling Securities on AIM

#### INTRODUCTION

Set out in this guideline is the Company's code on dealings in securities (**Code**). The Code is based substantially on the terms of the "Model Code", formerly contained in the Listing Rules issued by the Financial Conduct Authority (**FCA**), amended to conform to the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 ("MAR") and new Rule 21 of the AIM Rules.

The Code applies to you if you are a:

- **Person Discharging Management Responsibility** (otherwise referred to as a **PDMR**) as defined below, which includes persons other than just those persons who act as a director of the Company (whether or not officially appointed as such);
- Closely Associated Person as defined below; or
- An Applicable Employee of the Company as defined below.

The Code will therefore apply to your immediate family as well as you.

If the Code does apply to you, you must understand that your freedom to deal in securities (including in particular, the Company's securities) is restricted in a number of ways - not only by English law (for example, the insider dealing provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1993 (UK) (**CJ Act**)) or MAR or restrictions in a Director's service agreement, but also by the Code.

It is a criminal offence for an individual who has information as an insider to deal on a regulated market, or through or as a professional intermediary, in securities whose price would be significantly affected if the inside information were made public. It is also an offence to encourage insider dealing and to disclose inside information with a view to others profiting from it.

The principal aim of MAR is to expand and develop the existing EU market abuse regime. MAR's direct applicability is intended to reduce regulatory complexity and offer greater legal certainty. Another key aim is to help ensure a level playing field and avoid competition distortions.

MAR establishes a new, common regulatory framework on market abuse, as well as measures to prevent market abuse to ensure the integrity of the EU financial markets and enhance investor protection and confidence in those markets.

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (UK) (**FSMA**) introduced a civil offence regime relating to market abuse, which supplements the existing offences of insider dealing and market manipulation/misleading statements offences under the FSMA.

Encouraging someone else to engage in market abuse is also an offence. The offence applies to any person (corporates as well as individuals), it can catch behaviour outside the UK, it is purely effect-based (no intention is required) and no transaction is required.



The FCA has powers to impose an unlimited fine or make a public statement about market abuse and to apply for court orders to remedy instances of market abuse.

Notwithstanding the introduction of MAR the FSMA and enabling legislation made under the FSMA remains in force and provides the mechanism by which MAR will be implemented in the United Kingdom.

Before any form of dealing in the Company's securities you must follow the authorisation procedures set out below including, where appropriate, consulting the Company's nominated adviser (in respect of the AIM Rules) or the Company's solicitors (in respect of MAR). For example, a dealing which may fall outside the Code might still constitute an offence under insider dealing or relevant market abuse legislation.

This guideline addresses the share dealing restrictions as required by the AIM Rules and where applicable MAR. The Code's purpose is to ensure that Directors and other PDMRs, Closely Associated Persons and Applicable Employees and their families do not abuse, or place themselves under suspicion of abusing, inside information that they may have or be thought to have, especially in periods leading up to an announcement of results.

If you are uncertain as to whether the Code applies to you or whether, under the Code, you or your family may deal in the Company's securities or indeed whether anyone can deal on your behalf, you must follow Rules 2 to 4 set out below. If you are in any doubt about any provision of the Code, you should consult the Company's nominated adviser (in respect of the AIM Rules) or the Company's solicitors (in respect of MAR) prior to undertaking any transaction in the Company's securities or encouraging anyone else to trade.

If you are uncertain as to the notification procedure which you should follow prior to any dealing, see Rule 2.3.

Remember also that a Director is under an obligation to notify the Company in writing of his or her interests (and of the interests of persons connected with him or her) from time to time in its securities (within the meaning of the AIM Rules). In each case, strict time limits apply. A Director must disclose to the Company all information known to him or her (or which he or she could with reasonable diligence ascertain) which it needs in order to comply with that obligation. You must take care and where appropriate consult the Company's nominated adviser (in respect of the AIM Rules) or the Company's solicitors (in respect of MAR). For example, a dealing which may fall outside the Code might still need to be disclosed to the Company.

Compliance with the Code is not a defence in law and it may therefore be necessary to be satisfied that a proposed dealing would not be in contravention of statutory provisions. It should not automatically be assumed that compliance with the procedure set out in the Code would necessarily preclude contravention of, for example, MAR.

The preceding introduction and the paragraph headings in this guideline, do not form part of the Code, are for guidance and ease of reference only and are not to be construed as affecting the substance or interpretation of the Code.

Compliance with the Code may not constitute a defence to any charge under applicable law.



## 1 DEFINITIONS

**1.1** The following terms have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires: **"AIM"** means the AIM Market operated by London Stock Exchange plc.

"**AIM Rules**" means together the AIM Rules for Companies, the AIM Rules for Nominated Advisers and the AIM Disciplinary Procedures and Appeals Handbook as published from time to time.

"AIM security" means a security of a class which has been admitted to trading on AIM.

"**associated instruments**" means the following financial instruments, including those which are not admitted to trading or traded AIM, or for which a request for admission to trading on AIM has not been made:

- (a) contracts or rights to subscribe for, acquire or dispose of securities;
- (b) financial derivatives of securities;
- where the securities are convertible or exchangeable debt instruments, the securities into which such convertible or exchangeable debt instruments may be converted or exchanged;
- instruments which are issued or guaranteed by the Company or guarantor of the securities and whose market price is likely to materially influence the price of the securities, or vice versa;
- (e) where the securities are securities equivalent to shares, the shares represented by those securities and any other securities equivalent to those shares; or
- (f) any related financial product

"**applicable employee**" means any employee of the Company or of a subsidiary undertaking or parent undertaking of the Company who for the purposes of AIM Rule 21, other than a Director, is a PDMR (as defined below).

#### "Closely Associated Person" or "CAP" means:

- (a) a spouse, or a partner considered to be equivalent to a spouse in accordance with national law;
- (b) a dependent child, in accordance with national law;
- (c) a relative who has shared the same household for at least one year on the date of the transaction concerned; or
- (d) a legal person, trust or partnership, the managerial responsibilities of which are discharged by a person discharging managerial responsibilities or by a person referred to in point (a), (b) or (c), which is directly or indirectly controlled by such a person, which is set up for the benefit of such a person, or the economic interests of which are substantially equivalent to those of such a person; or
- (e) in so far as not included in paragraphs (a) to (d) above, that person's family, as defined below

"close period" means any of the periods when a PDMR or CAP is prohibited from dealing as specified in rule 2.2 of this Code.



"Company" or "Issuer" means [company name].

"**Competent authority**" means the Financial Conduct Authority or such other authority designated in accordance with Article 22 of MAR.

"**dealing**" means, subject to the specific exceptions listed in rule 4 of this Code, any change whatsoever to the holding (as defined below) of AIM securities of which the holder is a PDMR or CAP including for the avoidance of doubt.

- (a) any sale or purchase of, or agreement to sell or purchase, any AIM securities of the Company;
- (b) the grant to, or acceptance by such a person, of any option relating to such AIM securities or of any other right or obligation, present or future, conditional or unconditional, to acquire or dispose of any such AIM securities;
- (c) the acquisition, disposal, exercise or discharge of, or any dealing with, any such option, right or obligation in respect of such AIM securities;
- (d) dealings between PDMRs and/or CAPs;
- (e) off-market dealings;
- (f) transfers for no consideration;
- (g) any AIM securities taken into or out of treasury;
- (h) the acquisition, disposal or discharge (whether in whole or in part) of a related financial product referenced to AIM securities of the Company in which the holder is a PDMR or CAP or their families;
- (i) the amendment or cancellation of an order in relation to any AIM securities where such order was placed before the person became aware of any inside information

and "deal" shall be construed accordingly.

"**Director**" means a person who acts as a director of the Company whether or not officially appointed to such position.

**"Family"** means in relation to any person, his or her spouse and any child of his or hers where such child is under the age of eighteen years and shall include any trust of which any such individuals are trustees or beneficiaries and any company over which they have control of more than 20% of the equity or voting rights (excluding treasury shares) in general meeting, but shall exclude for the purpose of determining control, any share held by any employee share or pension scheme in relation to which any such individuals are beneficiaries.

"holding" means any legal or beneficial interest, direct or indirect.

"Inside information" means information which is of a precise nature, which has not been made public, relating, directly or indirectly, to the Company or to the AIM securities, and which, if it were made public, would be likely to have a significant effect on the prices of those AIM securities and without prejudice to the generality of the above, it should be considered that any unpublished information regarding the Company or the AIM securities required to be notified to a Regulatory Information Service in accordance with



the AIM Rules or otherwise referred to in the AIM Rules is inside information.

"person" means a natural or legal person as the context admits or requires.

**"person discharging managerial responsibilities**" or **"PDMR**" means a person within the Company who is:

- (a) a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the Company; or
- (b) a person who acts as a director of the Company whether or not officially appointed to such position; or
- (c) a senior executive who is not a member of the Board who has regular access to Inside Information relating directly or indirectly to that entity and power to take managerial decisions affecting the future developments and business prospects of the Company.

**"Regulatory Information Service"** means a service approved by the London Stock Exchange plc for the distribution to the public of AIM announcements and included within the list maintained on the website of the London Stock Exchange plc, www.londonstockexchange.com.

**"related financial product"** means any financial product whose value in whole or in part is determined directly or indirectly by the price of AIM securities or securities being admitted to trading including a contract for difference or a fixed odds bet.

"**security**" means a financial instrument as defined in point (15) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU and any other associated instrument and including but not limited to:

- (a) shares and other securities equivalent to shares;
- (b) bonds and other forms of securitised debt;
- (c) transferable securities;
- (d) securitised debt convertible or exchangeable into shares or into other securities equivalent to shares;
- (e) money-market instruments;
- (f) units in collective investment undertakings;
- (g) options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contracts relating to securities, currencies, interest rates or yields, or other derivatives instruments, financial indices or financial measures which may be settled physically or in cash;
- (h) derivative instruments for the transfer of credit risk; or
- (i) financial contracts for differences.

#### 2 DEALINGS BY DIRECTORS, PDMRS AND THEIR FAMILIES

2.1 Purpose of dealing



Any Director, PDMR, or Closely Associated Person or member of their families must not deal in any AIM securities of the Company on considerations of a short term nature.

2.2 Dealing in close periods

Any Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person or their families must not deal in any AIM securities of the Company during a "close period". A close period is:

- 2.2.1 [30] calendar days before the announcement of an interim financial report or a year-end report which the Company is obliged to make public according to the AIM Rules, the rules of any other trading venue where the Company's shares are admitted to trading or national law;
- 2.2.2 if the Company reports on a half-yearly basis the period of [30] calendar days before the announcement of its half-yearly report which the Company is obliged to make public according to the AIM Rules, the rules of any other trading venue where the Company's shares are admitted to trading or national law; or
- 2.2.3 if the Company reports on a quarterly basis, 30 calendar days before the announcement of the quarterly results which the Company is obliged to make public according to the AIM Rules, the rules of any other trading venue where the Company's shares are admitted to trading or national law;
- 2.2.4 any other period when the Company is in possession of inside information; or
- 2.2.5 any time it has become reasonably probable that such information will be required to be notified pursuant to the AIM Rules for Companies.

#### 2.3 Clearance to deal

Any Director, PDMR Closely Associated Person or their families must not deal in any securities of the Company without the Director, PDMR Closely Associated Person <u>first</u> ensuring the Chairman (or such other Director(s) of the Company who has been designated for this purpose as the authorising Director(s) for this purpose) is advised in advance and receiving written clearance that there is no regulatory restriction on the dealing in the securities of the Company from the Chairman or designated authorising Director(s) before any dealing in the Company's securities may take place (such clearance not to be unreasonably withheld).

To obtain clearance to deal, the procedure is as follows:

- 2.3.1 You **must** complete and submit to the Chairman or designated authorising Director(s) an Application to Deal form (specimen attached in Appendix 1) copies are obtainable from the Chairman or designated authorising Director(s).
- 2.3.2 The Chairman or designated authorising Director(s) will forward the Application to Deal form to the Company's nominated adviser (in respect of the AIM Rules) and the Company's solicitors (in respect of MAR).
- 2.3.3 Following review by the Company's nominated adviser (in respect of the AIM Rules) and the Company's solicitors (in respect of MAR), you will be informed by the Chairman or designated authorising Director(s) as to whether permission has been granted for the proposed dealing together with any conditions attaching to such dealing as may be appropriate including a



timeframe for the deal to be completed following receipt of clearance.

2.3.4 In his own case, the Chairman, or other designated Director(s), must advise the board in advance at a board meeting, or advise another designated authorising Director(s), and receive clearance from the board or designated authorising Director(s) and the Company's nominated adviser (in respect of the AIM Rules) and the Company's solicitors (in respect of MAR), before any dealing in the Company's securities may take place.

#### 2.4 Circumstances for refusal

A Director, PDMR Closely Associated Person or their families will not be given clearance (as required by rule 2.3 of this Code) to deal in any AIM securities of the Company during a prohibited period. A **prohibited period** means:

- 2.4.1 any close period; or
- 2.4.2 any period when there exists any matter which constitutes inside information in relation to the Company's AIM securities or the Company (whether or not the Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person has knowledge of such matter); or
- 2.4.3 any time where it has become reasonably probable that an announcement under the AIM Rules of a matter under 2.4.2 above will be required; or
- 2.4.4 any period when the person responsible for the clearance otherwise has reason to believe that the proposed dealing is in breach of this Code.

#### 2.5 Written records and disclosure

The Company will maintain a written record of the receipt of any advice received from a Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person pursuant to rule 2.3 of this Code and of any clearance given. Written confirmation from the Company that such advice and clearance (if any) have been recorded will be given to the Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person concerned.

On completion of any dealing the Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person must notify **both** the Company promptly (and by no later than [the following] business day after the date of every transaction in relation to the AIM securities) **and** the FCA (by no later than three business days after the date of the transaction in relation to the AIM securities), the information specified by MAR in the form and by the means required (as set out in Appendix 2) and more specifically:

- (a) the name of the person;
- (b) the reason for the notification;
- (c) the name of the Company;
- (d) a description and the identifier of the AIM security;
- (e) the nature of the transaction(s) (e.g. acquisition or disposal), indicating whether it is linked to the exercise of share option programmes);
- (f) the date and place of the transaction(s); and



(g) the price and volume of the transaction(s). In the case of a pledge whose terms provide for its value to change, this should be disclosed together with its value at the date of the pledge.

In addition, the following additional information should also be provided to the Company:

- (h) the nature and extent of the Director's interest in the transaction;
- (i) the person's holding in the AIM securities following the transaction; and
- (j) where the notification concerns a related financial product, the detailed nature of the exposure.

The notification by the Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person to the FCA is to be done using the online form at <a href="http://www.fca.org.uk/your-fca/documents/forms/pdmr-notification-form">www.fca.org.uk/your-fca/documents/forms/pdmr-notification-form</a>

#### 2.6 **Prior commitment**

The Company may in writing permit a Director, PDMR Closely Associated Person or their families to deal on a case-by-case in a close period provided that such transactions are carried out in the discharge of an obligation that has become due in good faith and not to circumvent the prohibition against insider dealing and such person is able to demonstrate that the particular transaction cannot be executed at another moment in time than during the closed period and:

- (a) that obligation results from an order placed or an agreement concluded before the person concerned possessed inside information; or;
- (b) that transaction is carried out to satisfy a legal or regulatory obligation that arose, before the person concerned possessed inside information.

#### 2.7 Exceptional circumstances

The Company may in writing, subject to the prior written approval of the Company's nominated advisor (in respect of the AIM Rules) and the Company's solicitor (in respect of MAR), permit a Director, PDMR, Closely Associated Person or their families to deal on a case-by-case basis:

- (a) due to the existence of exceptional circumstances, such as severe financial difficulty, which require the immediate sale of shares provided that such circumstances are extremely urgent, unforeseen and compelling and where their cause is external to such Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person and that person has no control over them; and/or
- (b) in transactions made under, or related to, an employee share or saving scheme subject to the conditions set out more fully in Appendix 3; and / or
- (c) the acquisition of a qualification or entitlement to AIM securities of the Company and the final date for such an acquisition, under the Company's statute or by-law falls during the close period, provided that the Director, PDMR or Closely Associated Person submits evidence to the Company of the reasons for the acquisition not taking place at another time, and the Company is satisfied with the provided explanation; and/or



(d) the transfer or receipt, directly or indirectly, between two accounts of such person such that such person's beneficial interest in the AIM securities of the Company does not change <u>and</u> that such a transfer does not result in any change in the price of the AIM securities of the Company.

#### 3 CHANGES TO THE HOLDINGS OF DIRECTORS, PDMRS, CLOSELY ASSOCIATED PERSONS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

It should be noted that the definition of dealing includes any change in the holdings (as defined) of Directors, PDMR, Closely Associated Person and their families. Accordingly this Code will apply when others (such as investment managers) have discretion to deal on their behalf. It also applies to indirect holdings and to both beneficial and legal interests.

## 4 DEALINGS NOT PROHIBITED

For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding the definition of dealing contained in Rule 1.1 of this Code, the following dealings by a Director, PDMR, Closely Associated Person or their families are not prohibited by the provisions of this Code:

**4.1** An acceptance of an offer for the Company, provided that any inside information has been made public or has otherwise ceased to constitute inside information at the point of acceptance;

#### Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Specimen Application to Deal Form
- Appendix 2 Specimen MAR Notification Form
- Appendix 3 Employee Share Schemes



## **APPENDIX 1**

Specimen Application to Deal Form [o/s]



## **APPENDIX 2**

## **Specimen MAR Notification**

## Form ANNEX XIV

# Template for notification and public disclosure of transactions by persons discharging managerial responsibilities and persons closely associated with them

1	Details of the person discharging managerial responsibilities / person closely associated	
a)	Name	[For natural persons: the first name and the last name(s).]
		[For legal persons: full name including legal form as provided for in the register where it is incorporated, if applicable.]
2	Reason for notification	- · ·
a)	Position / status	[For persons discharging managerial responsibilities: the position occupied within the Company should be indicated e.g. CEO, CFO.]
		[For persons closely associated,
		- An indication that the notification concerns a person closely associated with a person discharging managerial responsibilities;
		- Name and position of the relevant person discharging managerial responsibilities.]
b)	Initial notification /Amendment	[Indication that this is an initial notification or an amendment to prior notifications. In case of amendment, explain the error that this notification is amending.]
3	Details of the issuer, emission allowance market participant, auction platform, auctioneer or auction monitor	
a)	Name	[Full name of the Company.]
b)	LEI	[Legal Entity Identifier code in accordance with ISO 1744 LEI code.]
4	Details of the transaction(s): section to be repeated for (i) each type of instrument; (ii) each type of transaction; (iii) each date; and (iv) each place where transactions have been conducted	



a)	Description of the financial instrument, type of instrument Identification code	<ul> <li>[-Indication as to the nature of the instrument: i.e. a share, a debt instrument, a derivative or a financial instrument linked to a share or a debt instrument;</li> <li>Instrument identification code as defined under delegated acts adopted under Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014.]</li> </ul>
b)	Nature of the transaction	[Description of the transaction type using, where applicable, the type of transaction identified in Article [X] of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) xxxx/xx [Act adopted u n d e r A r t i c l e 19(14) of R e g u l a t i o n (EU) No 596/2014] or a specific example set out in Article 19(7) of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014. Pursuant to Article 19(6)(e) of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014, it shall be indicated whether the transaction is linked to the exercise of a share option programme]
c)	Price(s) and volumes(s)	Price(s)       Volumes(s)         [Where more than one transaction of the same nature (purchases, sales, lendings, borrows,) on the same financial instrument or emission allowance are executed on the same day and on the same place of transaction, prices and volumes of these transactions shall be reported in this field, in a two columns form as presented above, inserting as many lines as needed.         Using the data standards for price and quantity, including where applicable the price currency and the quantity currency, as defined under delegated acts adopted under Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014.]



d)	Aggregated information	[The volumes of multiple transactions are aggregated when these transactions:
		<ul> <li>relate to the same financial instrument or emission allowance;</li> </ul>
		- are of the same nature;
		- are executed on the same day; and
		- are executed on the same place of transaction. Usingthe data standard for quantity, including where applicable the quantity currency, as defined under delegated acts adopted under Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014.]
		[Price information:
		- In case of a single transaction, the price of the single transaction;
		<ul> <li>In case the volumes of multiple transactions are aggregated: the weighted average price of the aggregated transactions.</li> </ul>
		Using the data standard for price, including where applicable the price currency, as defined under defined under delegated acts adopted under Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014.]
e)	Date of the transaction	[Date of the particular day of execution of the notified transaction.
		Using the ISO 8601 date format: YYYY-MM-DD; UTC time.]
f)	Place of the transaction	[Name and code to identify the MiFID trading venue, the systematic internaliser or the organised trading platform outside of the Union where the transaction was executed as defined under delegated acts adopted under Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014, or
		<i>if the transaction was not executed on any of the above mentioned venues, please mention "outside a trading venue".</i> ]



Further Explanatory	Notes:
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MAR Form reference	MAR requirement	Explanatory Note
3 b)	LEI	The Company secretary can provide you with this number on request
4 a)	Identification code	<ul> <li>This means the ISIN number and is available either:</li> <li>From the Company secretary on request; or</li> <li>From the London Stock Exchange website see:</li> <li><u>http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/prices-and-markets/stocks/prices-search/stock-prices-search.html?nameCode=&amp;page=1</u></li> </ul>
4 b)	Nature of the transaction	This means acquisition, sale etc
4 c)	Price(s) and volumes(s)	This means that you should use <b>GBP</b> as the relevant code for £. So if, for example, you buy an AIM security at a price of 125p the price should be entered into the form as: GBP 1.25
4 e)	Date of the transaction	<i>If, for example, you deal on 25 December 2016, you should enter the date as follows: 2016-12-25</i>
4 f)	Place of the transaction	If you deal in respect of an AIM security you should enter the name of the exchange as follow: London Stock Exchange - AIM And enter the code as follows: XLON



## **APPENDIX 3**

## **Employee Share Schemes**

The following sets out the circumstances in which the Company may give permission to deal during a close period pursuant to EU regulation 2016/522 of 17 December 2015. Notwithstanding these circumstances, the Company may refuse at is sole discretion to grant authorisation to any dealing otherwise permitted below.

The Company shall have the right to permit a Director, PDMR, Closely Associated Person or applicable employee and their families to deal during a closed period, including but not limited to circumstances where such person:

(a) had been awarded or granted financial instruments under an employee scheme, <u>provided that</u>

the following conditions are met:

- the employee scheme and its terms have been previously approved by the Company in accordance with national law and the terms of the employee scheme specify the timing of the award or the grant and the amount of financial instruments awarded or granted, or the basis on which such an amount is calculated and given that no discretion can be exercised;
- (ii) such person seeking permission to deal does not have any discretion as to the acceptance of the financial instruments awarded or granted;
- (b) had been awarded or granted financial instruments under an employee scheme that takes place in the closed period <u>provided that</u> a pre-planned and organised approach is followed regarding the conditions, the periodicity, the time of the award, the group of entitled persons to whom the financial instruments are granted and the amount of financial instruments to be awarded, the award or grant of financial instruments takes place under a defined framework under which any inside information cannot influence the award or grant of financial instruments;
- (c) exercises options or warrants or conversion of convertible bonds assigned to such person under an employee scheme when the expiration date of such options, warrants or convertible bonds falls within a closed period, as well as sales of the shares acquired pursuant to such exercise or conversion, <u>provided that all</u> of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) such person notifies the Company of its choice to exercise or convert <u>at least</u> four months before the expiration date;
  - (ii) the decision of such person is irrevocable;
  - (iii) such person has received the authorisation from the Company prior to proceeding;
- (d) acquires the Company's financial instruments under an employee saving scheme, **provided that all** of the following conditions are met:
  - such person has entered into the scheme before the closed period, except when he cannot enter into the scheme at another time due to the date of commencement of employment;
  - (ii) such person does not alter the conditions of his participation into the scheme or



cancel his participation into the scheme during the closed period;

- (iii) the purchase operations are clearly organised under the scheme terms and that such person discharging managerial responsibilities has no right or legal possibility to alter them during the closed period, or are planned under the scheme to intervene at a fixed date which falls in the closed period;
- (e) transfers or receives, directly or indirectly, financial instruments, provided that the financial instruments are transferred between two accounts of the person discharging managerial responsibilities and that such a transfer does not result in a change in price of financial instruments.



#### EUROPEAN METALS HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### Schedule 13 - Diversity Policy

## 1. Introduction

The Company, the Company's stated values and all the Company's related bodies corporate are committed to workplace diversity.

The Company recognises the benefits arising from employee and Board diversity, including a broader pool of high-quality employees, improving employee retention and motivation, accessing different perspectives and ideas and benefiting from all available talent.

The Company is committed to inclusion at all levels of the organisation, regardless of gender, marital or family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disabilities, ethnicity, religious beliefs, cultural background, socio-economic background, perspective and experience,

To the extent practicable, the Company will consider the recommendations and guidance provided in the ASX Corporate Governance *Council's Corporate Governance Principles* and Recommendations –  $4^{th}$  Edition and AIM Rules for Companies, where appropriate to the Company.

The Diversity Policy does not form part of an employee's contract of employment with the Company, nor gives rise to contractual obligations. However, to the extent that the Diversity Policy requires an employee to do or refrain from doing something and at all times subject to legal obligations, the Diversity Policy forms a direction of the Company with which an employee is expected to comply.

#### 2. Objectives

The Diversity Policy provides a framework for the Company to achieve:

- (a) a diverse and skilled workforce, leading to continuous improvement in service delivery and achievement of corporate goals;
- (b) a workplace culture characterised by inclusive practices and behaviours for the benefit of all staff;
- (c) an inclusive workplace where discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), vilification and victimisation cannot and will not be tolerated;
- (d) improved employment, talent management and career development opportunities for women;
- (e) enhanced recruitment practices whereby the best person for the job is employed, which requires the consideration of a broad and diverse pool of talent;
- (f) a work environment that values and utilises the contributions of employees with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives through improved awareness of the benefits of workforce diversity and successful management of diversity; and
- (g) awareness in all staff of their rights and responsibilities with regards to fairness, equity and respect for all aspects of diversity,



(collectively, the **Objectives**).

The Diversity Policy does not impose on the Company, its directors, officers, agents or employee any obligation to engage in, or justification for engaging in, any conduct which is illegal or contrary to any anti-discrimination or equal employment opportunity legislation or laws in any State or Territory of Australia or of any foreign jurisdiction.

#### 3. **Responsibilities**

#### 3.1 The Board's commitment

The Board is committed to workplace diversity, and supports representation of women at the senior level of the Company and on the Board where appropriate.

The Board maintains oversight and responsibility for the Company's continual monitoring of its diversity practices and development of strategies to meet the Objectives.

The Board is responsible for developing measurable objectives and strategies to meet the Objectives of the Diversity Policy (**Measurable Objectives**) and monitoring the progress of the Measurable Objectives through the monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms listed below. The Board shall annually assess any Measurable Objectives (if any), and the Company's progress towards achieving them.

The Board will also set Measurable Objectives for achieving gender diversity and monitor their achievement.

The Board will consider conducting all Board appointment processes in a manner that promotes gender diversity, including establishing a structured approach for identifying a pool of candidates, using external experts where necessary.

#### 3.2 Strategies

The Company's diversity strategies include:

- (a) recruiting from a diverse pool of candidates for all positions, including senior management and the Board;
- (b) reviewing succession plans to ensure an appropriate focus on diversity;
- (c) identifying specific factors to take account of in recruitment and selection processes to encourage diversity;
- (d) developing programs to develop a broader pool of skilled and experienced senior management and Board candidates, including, workplace development programs, mentoring programs and targeted training and development;
- (e) developing a culture which takes account of domestic responsibilities of employees; and
- (f) any other strategies the Board develops from time to time.

## 4. Monitoring and evaluation

The Chairperson of the Board will monitor the scope and currency of this policy.

The Company is responsible for implementing, monitoring and reporting on the Measurable Objectives.



Measurable Objectives as set by the Board may be included in the annual key performance indicators for the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director and senior executives.

In addition, the Board will review progress against the Measurable Objectives as a key performance indicator in its annual performance assessment.

## 5. Reporting

The Company will disclose, for each financial year:

- (a) any Measurable Objectives set by the Board;
- (b) progress against these Measurable Objectives; and
- (c) either:
  - (i) the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions (including how the Company has defined "senior executive" for these purposes) and across the whole Company; or
  - (ii) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in that the Workplace Gender Equality Act.



#### EUROPEAN METALS HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### Schedule 14 - Social Media Policy

## 1. Background

European Metals Holding Limited ("**EMH**" or the **Company**) has the following Social Media Policy (**Policy**) to regulate the use of social media by people associated with European Metals Holding Limited or its subsidiaries. The Policy covers the use of electronic media for engagement within and between the Company and the market by directors and employees, the Company's contractors (including subcontractors) and employees of the Company's contractors, joint venture partners (who have agreed to be bound by the Policy) and suppliers (**Restricted Persons**).

To preserve the reputation and integrity of EMH and its subsidiaries, this Policy will apply to the wide range of technologies commonly referred to as 'social media' which fundamentally are no different to other forms of communication, but do represent a risk as well as an opportunity because they can connect large numbers of people with relative ease. The rationale for the Policy is to manage the risks associated with the use of technology platforms and tools of this nature.

#### 2. Social Media Definition

Social media means online social networking or Web 2.0 technologies services and tools used for publishing, sharing and discussing information, including without limitation blogs or web logs, electronic forums or message boards, micro-blogs (e.g.: Twitter<sup>™</sup>), photo sharing sites (e.g.: Flickr®), social bookmarking sites (e.g.: Delicious<sup>™</sup>, Digg<sup>™</sup>, Reddit<sup>™</sup>) social networking websites (e.g.: Facebook®, Instagram®, Snapchat ®, WhatsApp®, LinkedIn®, Google+<sup>™</sup>) video sharing sites (e.g.: YouTube<sup>™</sup>), virtual worlds (e.g.: Second Life®) and wikis (e.g.: Wikipedia®) and any other electronic media that allow individual users to upload and share content regardless of format.

#### 3. Scope of Policy

The Policy outlines requirements for compliance with confidentiality, governance, legal, privacy and regulatory parameters when using social media to conduct Company business.

This Policy is intended to apply to both EMH and its subsidiaries. References to the Company or EMH in this Policy should be read as referring to both EMH and its subsidiaries, as appropriate.

This Policy aims to:

- (a) inform appropriate use of social media tools for the Company;
- (b) promote useful market engagement through the use of social media;
- (c) minimise problematic communications; and
- (d) manage the inherent challenges of speed and immediacy.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with other relevant policies and procedures of the Company and is not intended to cover personal use of social media where the author publishes information in their personal capacity and not on behalf of, or in association



with EMH and no reference is made to EMH, its directors, employees, policies and products, suppliers, shareholders, other stakeholders or Company related issues.

## 4. Legislative & Policy Framework

The Restricted Persons are expected to demonstrate standards of conduct and behaviour that are consistent with relevant legislation, regulations and policies, including the following non-exhaustive list:

- (a) Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Corporations Act);
- (b) ASX Listing and Operating Rules;
- (c) AIM Rules for Companies;
- (d) EMH's employment contracts; and
- (e) EMH's Trading Policy.

#### 5. Policy Requirements

- (a) When using social media in relation to EMH, Restricted Persons are expected to:
  - (i) seek prior authorisation from the Chair or MD;
  - (ii) adhere to Company policies and procedures;
  - (iii) behave with caution, courtesy, honesty and respect;
  - (iv) comply with relevant laws and regulations;
  - (v) only disclose information that has already been released to the market; and
  - (vi) reinforce the integrity, reputation and values the Company seeks to foster.
- (b) Restricted Persons may enter into a separate standing arrangement with EMH to enable the Restricted Person to use social media in certain circumstances without obtaining the consent on every occasion from the Chair or MD. Such a standing arrangement, could include, for example, the posting of announcements that EMH has released on the platform of the ASX and AIM.
- (c) The following content is not permitted under any circumstances:
  - (i) content that has not been released to the market;
  - (ii) abusive, profane or language of a sexual nature;
  - (iii) content not relating to the subject matter of that blog, board, forum or site;
  - (iv) content which is false or misleading;
  - (v) confidential information about the Company or third parties;



- (vi) copyright or trade mark protected materials;
- (vii) discriminatory material in relation to a person or group based on age, colour, creed, disability, family status, gender, nationality, marital status, parental status, political opinion or affiliation, pregnancy or potential pregnancy, race or social origin, religious beliefs or activity, responsibilities, sex or sexual orientation;
- (viii) illegal material or materials designed to encourage law breaking;
- (ix) materials that could compromise the safety of any employee;
- materials which would breach applicable laws (Corporations Act and regulations, ASX Listing and Operating Rules, AIM Rules, defamation, privacy, consumer and competition law, fair use, copyright, trade marks);
- (xi) material that would offend contemporary standards of taste and decency;
- (xii) material which would bring the Company into disrepute;
- (xiii) personal details of Company directors, employees or third parties;
- (xiv) spam, meaning the distribution of unsolicited bulk electronic messages; and
- (xv) statements which may be considered to be bullying or harassment.

If you have any doubt about applying the provisions of this policy, the Chair or MD is the correct person to check with prior to using social media to communicate on behalf of the Company. Depending upon the nature of the issue and potential risk, it may also be appropriate to consider seeking legal advice prior to publication.

#### 6. **Prior Authorisation**

Authorisation from the Chair or MD must be obtained before a Restricted Person can use social media including but not limited to uploading content or speaking on behalf of the Company.

## 7. Media Statements

Statements or announcements cannot be made through social media channels unless authorised by the Chair or MD. No Restricted Person may respond directly if approached by media for comment through social media and must refer the inquiry to the Chair or MD.

#### 8. Expertise

No Restricted Person may comment outside his or her area of expertise.

#### 9. Confidential Information

Restricted Persons may only discuss publicly available information. Restricted Persons must not disclose confidential information, internal discussions or decisions of the board, employees, consultants or other third parties.



#### 10. Accuracy

Information published should be accurate, constructive, helpful and informative. Restricted Persons must correct any errors as soon as practicable and not publish information or make statements which are known to be false or may reasonably be taken to be misleading or deceptive.

## 11. Identity

Restricted Persons must be clear about their professional identity, or any vested interests and must not use fictitious names or identities that deliberately intend to deceive, mislead or lie or participate in social media anonymously or covertly or via a third party or agency.

#### 12. Personal Opinions

Restricted Persons should not express or publish a personal opinion on the Company generally or about Company business via social media and should be mindful of market disclosure rules when discussing or commenting on Company matters. Generally, Restricted Persons should not express personal opinions on Company decisions or business nor be critical of EMH and its personnel. If it is not possible to separate official EMH positions from personal opinions, Restricted Persons should consider using a formal disclaimer to separate interests.

#### 13. Privacy

Restricted Persons should be sensitive to the privacy of others. However, the Company is not required to seek permission from anyone who appears in any photographs, video or other footage before sharing these via any form of social media if it is the copyright owner of the relevant image or footage.

## 14. Intellectual Property

Restricted Persons will use the Company's own intellectual property where possible and shall obtain prior consent where EMH is not the creator or copyright owner, to use or reproduce copyright material including applications, sound recordings (speeches, music), footage (cinematographic vision), graphics (graphs, charts, logos, clip-art), images, artwork, photographs, publications or musical notation. Restricted Persons will also typically seek permission before publishing or uploading the intellectual property of a third party or before linking to another site or social media application.

#### 15. Defamation

Restricted Persons will not comment, contribute, create, forward, post, upload or share content that is scurrilous, malicious or defamatory. Restricted Persons will endeavour to be courteous, patient and respectful of the opinions of others, including detractors and the discourteous.

#### 16. Discrimination

Restricted Persons will be conscious of anti-discrimination laws and must not publish statements or information which may be discriminatory in a human rights sense.



#### 17. Language

Restricted Persons will remain mindful of language and expression and not lapse into excessive use of colloquialisms, having regard to an international audience.

#### 18. State of Mind

Restricted Persons must not use social media when irritated, upset or tired.

#### 19. Personal Privacy

Restricted Persons should protect their personal privacy and guard against identity theft.

#### 20. Modification and moderation

Restricted Persons should ensure that any social media sites created or contributed to can be readily edited, improved or removed and appropriately moderated.

## 21. Responsiveness

EMH will endeavour to specify the type of comments and feedback that will receive a response and clearly communicate a target response time. Restricted Persons are required to make it easy for audiences to reach the Company and/or its subsidiaries by publishing appropriate company telephone numbers, generic emails, LinkedIn, and Facebook accounts.

#### 22. Monitoring

The Company reserves the right, for legal compliance purposes, to monitor social media usage on its systems without advance notice and consistent with any applicable state, federal or international laws. EMH may be legally required to produce logs, diaries and archives of social media use to judicial, law enforcement and regulatory agencies and will comply with any relevant requests. Restricted Persons and other users should govern themselves accordingly.

#### 23. General Responsibilities

Restricted Persons should seek advice or authorisation from the Chair or MD on using social media or, if unsure about applying the provisions of this Policy, should register social media accounts with the Chair or MD, understand and comply with the provisions in this Policy and any End User Licence Agreements, seek training and development for using social media and maintain records of email addresses, comments, 'friends', followers and printed copies or electronic 'screen grabs' when using externally hosted sites to the extent practicable. Each Restricted Person is responsible for adhering to the EMH Social Media Policy.

### 24. Enforcement

All content published or communicated by or on behalf of EMH using social media must be recorded (including the author's name, date, time and media site location) and kept on record. The Company will actively monitor social media for relevant contributions that impact on the Company or its subsidiaries, and their officers, operations or reputation.

Company employees breaching this policy may be the subject of disciplinary action, performance management or review. Serious breaches may result in suspension or



termination of employment or association. EMH reserves the right to remove, where possible, content that violates this Policy or any associated policies.

#### 25. Corporations Act

The requirements imposed by this Policy are separate from, and additional to, the legal prohibitions in the Corporations Act. Directors, officers, consultants and employees should be aware that they can be charged with criminal offences under the rules and regulations associated with the prevention of market manipulation, false trading, market rigging and misleading and deceptive conduct, all of which apply at law regardless of this Policy.

#### 26. Failure to comply

Failure to comply with this Policy may be considered cause for termination of employment.

This policy will be published and promoted to personnel of EMH through www.europeanmet.com/corporate-governance/ and the appropriate Policy Manuals for the Company.



#### EUROPEAN METALS HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### Schedule 15 – Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy

## 1. Introduction

This Policy is intended to apply to both European Metals Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). References to the Company in this Policy should be read as referring to both European Metals Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, as appropriate.

Bribery can be described as the giving to or receiving by any person of anything of value (usually money, a gift, loan, reward, favour, commission or entertainment), as an improper inducement or reward for obtaining business or any other benefit. Bribery can take place in the public sector (e.g. bribing a public official) or private sector (e.g. bribing the employee of a customer). Bribery can also take place where an improper payment is made by or through a third party. Bribes and kickbacks can therefore include, but are not limited to:

- (a) gifts and excessive or inappropriate entertainment, hospitality, travel and accommodation expenses;
- (b) payments, whether by employees or business partners such as agents or consultants;
- (c) other 'favours' provided to public officials or customers, such as engaging a company owned by a public official or customer's family; and
- (d) the uncompensated use of company services, facilities or property.

#### 2. Scope

This Policy applies to all employees, executive management, suppliers, consultants, customers, joint venture partners (where they agree to be bound by the Policy) as well as temporary and contract staff (including subcontractors) (**Representatives**). Representatives must ensure that they do not become involved, in any way, in the payment of bribes or kickbacks, whether in the public or commercial sector. This Policy sets out the minimum standards to which all Representatives of the Company must adhere to at all times.

Given the Company's operations are also based in other countries outside Australia, each business unit is required to adhere to this policy with integrity and in compliance with the law in all jurisdictions where it operates, including all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws.

#### 3. Objective

The Company has a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and is committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all business dealings. The objective of this Policy is to:

- (a) set out the responsibilities in observing and upholding the Company's position on bribery and corruption;
- (b) reinforce the Company's values; and



(c) provide information and guidance to those working for the Company on how to recognise and deal with bribery and corruption issues.

#### 4. Anti-bribery and anti-corruption policy

#### 4.1 Policy details

No Representative of the Company is permitted to pay, offer, accept or receive a bribe in any form. A Representative must never:

- (a) offer, pay or give anything of value to a public official in order to obtain business or anything of benefit to the company. "Public official" should be understood very broadly, and this means anyone paid directly or indirectly by the government or performing a public function, including officials of state owned enterprises and public international organisations;
- (b) attempt to induce a public official, whether local or foreign, to do something illegal or unethical;
- (c) pay any person when you know, or have reason to suspect, that all or part of the payment may be channelled to a public official. You should therefore be careful when selecting third parties, such as agents, contractors, subcontractors and consultants;
- (d) offer or receive anything of value as a "quid pro quo" in relation to obtaining business or awarding contracts. Bribery of "public officials" is a serious matter, but bribery of those working in the private sector is also illegal and contrary to the Company's Code of Conduct;
- (e) establish an unrecorded (slush) fund for any purpose;
- (f) otherwise use illegal or improper means (including bribes, favours, blackmail, financial payments, inducements, secret commissions or other rewards) to influence the actions of others; or offering anything of value when you know it would be contrary to the rules of the recipient's organisation for the recipient to accept it;
- (g) make a false or misleading entry in the company books or financial records;
- (h) act as an intermediary for a third party in the solicitation, acceptance, payment or offer of a bribe or kickback;
- (i) so-called "facilitation" or "grease" payments are prohibited. Such payments should not be made to public officials, even if they are nominal in amount and/or common in a particular country;
- (j) do anything to induce, assist or permit someone else to violate these rules; and
- (k) ignore, or fail to report, any suggestion of a bribe.

As well as complying with the specific prohibitions in this Policy, Representatives must exercise common sense and judgement in assessing whether any arrangement could be perceived to be corrupt or otherwise inappropriate.



## 4.2 Agents and Intermediaries

- (a) Representatives should not hire an agent, consultant or other intermediary if they have reason to suspect that they will pay bribes on behalf of the Company's behalf.
- (b) Representatives should seek to ensure that any third parties that are hired will not make, offer, solicit or receive improper payments on behalf of the Company. All fees and expenses paid to third parties should represent appropriate and justifiable remuneration for legitimate services to be provided and should be paid directly to the third party. Accurate financial records of all payments must be kept.
- (c) All business units should adopt appropriate procedures directed towards ensuring that their arrangements with third parties do not expose them to noncompliance with this Policy. Such procedures should assist Representatives in determining whether particular third parties present a corruption risk and, if so, what steps should be taken to address that risk. This may include, in particular, cases where a third party is engaged to act on behalf the Company:
  - (i) to solicit new business;
  - (ii) to interact with public officials; or
  - (iii) In other high risk situations.
- (d) Representatives must also be aware of factors which suggest the third party may pose a high corruption risk, and consult with their line managers to assess whether there is a need for enhanced due diligence and monitoring, or whether a proposed relationship should not proceed.

#### 4.3 Gifts, entertainment and hospitality

The Company prohibits the offering of acceptance of gifts, entertainment or hospitality in circumstances which would be considered to give rise to undue influence. All Representatives must notify the Company Secretary or Executive Chairman of any gifts and/or benefits, either offered or accepted and valued at AUD\$500 or more, to safeguard and make transparent their relationships and dealings with third parties.

#### 4.4 Charitable and political donations

- (a) The Company does not make political donations or payments.
- (b) Charitable donations can in some circumstances be used as a disguise for bribery, e.g. where a donation is provided to a 'charity' which is controlled by a public official who is in a position to make decisions affecting the Company. Therefore, whilst the Company supports community outreach and charitable work, recipients must be subject to a suitable due diligence and approval process in all circumstances. It must be clear who the actual recipient of the donation is and for whose benefit the donation is ultimately made.

#### 4.5 Mergers and acquisitions

An anti-corruption due diligence on companies which the Company is considering acquiring should be performed during the overall due diligence process. The following risk areas should be considered during the due diligence process:



- (a) an entity's control environment: policies, procedures, employee training, audit environment and whistle-blower issues;
- (b) any ongoing or past investigations (government or internal), adverse audit findings (external or internal), or employee discipline for breaches of anticorruption law or policies;
- (c) the nature and scope of an entity's government sales and the history of significant government contracts or tenders. Risks include improper commissions, side agreements, cash payments and kickbacks;
- (d) an entity's important regulatory relationships, such as key licenses, permits, and other approvals. Due diligence in that context would focus on employees who interact with these regulators, and whether there are any fees, expediting payments, gifts or other benefits to public officials;
- (e) travel, gifts, entertainment, educational or other expenses incurred in connection with marketing of products or services, or in connection with developing and maintaining relationships with government regulators. Diligence in this area would include examining expense records, inspection or training trips, and conference attendee lists and expenses;
- (f) an entity's relationships with distributors, sales agents, consultants, and other third parties and intermediaries, particularly those who interact with government customers or regulators; and
- (g) an entity's participation in joint ventures or other teaming arrangements that have significant government customers or are subject to significant government regulation.

#### 4.6 Reporting bribery and suspicious activity

- (a) If you become aware of any actual or suspected breach of this Policy or if you are ever offered any bribe or kickback, you must report this to the Company Secretary and/or the Independent Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee. Processes are in place to ensure that such complaints are investigated and appropriate action taken. The Company will not permit retaliation of any kind against any Representative for making good faith reports about actual or suspected violations of this Policy. These processes apply to all Representatives of the Company.
- (b) Whistle-blowing reports should be made in accordance with the reporting procedure in the Company's Whistle-blower Protection Policy. Matters which may be reported to the Company Secretary and/or the Independent Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee include (but are not limited to):
  - (i) conduct which is inconsistent with the Company stated vision, its Code of Conduct, policies and procedures;
  - (ii) violation of law;
  - (iii) abuse of company resources and assets;
  - (iv) danger to health and safety of any individual;
  - (v) deliberate concealment of information;



- (vi) fraud, corruption, bribery, extortion and theft;
- (vii) financial misconduct;
- (viii) unfair discrimination; and
- (ix) attempt to suppress or conceal information relating to any of the above.
- (c) The Company expects all Representatives whether full-time, part-time or temporary acting in good faith to report unethical or fraudulent conduct without fear or favour.
- (d) Customers and suppliers are also encouraged to report unethical and fraudulent activities and (in the case of customers) activities that could constitute, or could be perceived to be, collusion or price fixing.
- (e) Representatives have an obligation to report suspected or potential breaches of this Policy to their supervisor, the Company Secretary or the Independent Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee. All information and reports to a supervisor, the Company Secretary or the Independent Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee will be dealt with in a responsible and sensitive manner.

#### 5. Enquiries

Enquiries about this Policy should be directed to the Company Secretary and/or the Independent Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee.

#### Company Secretary

Mr David Koch (david@europeanmet.com)

#### Independent Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee

Ambassador Lincoln Palmer Bloomfield Jr (LBloomfield@palmercoates.com)

#### 6. Roles and Responsibilities

- (a) It is the responsibility of all Representatives to know and adhere to this Policy.
- (b) The Board have direct responsibility for the Policy, for maintaining it and for providing advice and guidance on its implementation.
- (c) All business unit managers are directly responsible for implementing the Policy within their business areas, and for adherence by their staff.
- (d) The Board must ensure that managers and employees likely to be exposed to bribery and corruption are trained to recognise and deal with such conduct in accordance with this Policy.

#### 7. Compliance

- (a) Representatives are required to familiarise and fully comply with this Policy.
- (b) Any Representative who fails to comply with the provisions as set out above or any amendment thereto, may be subject to appropriate disciplinary or legal action.
- (c) The Company's policies, standards, procedures and guidelines comply with legal, regulatory and statutory requirements.



- (d) This Policy may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the Company.
- (e) The Board is responsible for reviewing this Policy to determine its appropriateness to the needs of the Company from time to time.

## 8. Related Documents

- (a) European Metals Holdings Limited Code of Conduct.
- (b) European Metals Holdings Limited Whistle-blower Protection Policy.



## EUROPEAN METALS HOLDINGS LIMITED

Schedule 16 – Whistle-blower Policy

## 1. BACKGROUND

This policy supports the commitment of European Metals Holdings Limited (**European Metals**) in creating and maintaining a culture of proper conduct and fair and honest dealing in its business activities.

European Metals encourages the reporting of any instances of suspected unethical, illegal, fraudulent, or undesirable conduct involving European Metals and provides protections and measures so that those persons who make a report may do so confidentially and without fear of intimidation or reprisal.

This policy should be read in conjunction with other European Metals policies, including the Code of Conduct.

#### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- (a) help detect and address Improper Conduct;
- (b) maintain a working environment in which Employees are able to raise concerns regarding instances of Improper Conduct (where there are reasonable grounds to suspect such conduct) without fear of intimidation, disadvantage or reprisal;
- (c) outline the procedures for reporting and investigating reported matters;
- (d) outline the measures in place to protect people who report Improper Conduct; and
- (e) comply with the Corporations Act requirement to have a whistle-blower policy

It is expected that Employees will report known, suspected or potential cases of Improper Conduct. Failure to raise issues could result in disciplinary action including termination of employment.

#### 3. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy:

European Metals means European Metals Holdings Limited.

APRA means the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority

ASIC means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

**Corporations Act** means the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) as amended or modified from time to time.

Employee means any employee, director, contractor or consultant of European Metals.

**Improper Conduct** means conduct that is illegal, unacceptable or undesirable, or the concealment of such conduct. It includes, but is not limited to, conduct that:



- (a) is against the law or is a failure by European Metals to comply with any legal obligation;
- (b) is dishonest, fraudulent or corrupt;
- (c) is potentially damaging to European Metals, an Employee or a third party, including unsafe work practices, environmental damage, health risks or substantial wasting of corporate resources;
- (d) is misleading or deceptive conduct of any kind, including questionable accounting or financial reporting practices;
- (e) involves bullying, harassment or discrimination; or
- (f) is unethical or breaches European Metals' policies, protocols or codes of conduct.

**Reasonable Grounds** means that a reasonable person in your position would also suspect the information indicates Improper Conduct.

Section means a section of this policy.

Whistle-blower Protection Officers means persons nominated by European Metals whose key responsibilities include protecting Disclosing Persons who report concerns under this policy. The current Whistle-blower Protection Officers nominated by European Metals are Mr David Koch, Company Secretary and Ambassador Lincoln Palmer Bloomfield Jr, Independent Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee.

## 4. **REPORTING PROCEDURE**

#### 4.1 Who is covered by this Policy?

This Policy applies to reports of Improper Conduct which are made by individuals who are, or have been, any of the following:

- (a) a director, officer or employee of European Metals;
- (b) a contractor or supplier of European Metals;
- (c) an employee of a contractor or supplier of European Metals;
- (d) an individual who is an associate of the European Metals, for example a director of a related company of the European Metals; and
- (e) a relative, dependent or spouse (or that spouse's dependents) of an individual referred to at (a) to (d) above.

In this policy, each person in the categories listed above is referred to as a "**Disclosing Person**".

#### 4.2 To whom can a report of Improper Conduct be made?

The law gives certain protections to a Disclosing Person who reports Improper Conduct on Reasonable Grounds to:

(a) ASIC;



- (b) APRA (although that is unlikely to be relevant given the nature of European Metals' business);
- (c) the ATO (for Improper Conduct relating to tax matters);
- (d) a Commonwealth authority specified in regulations (at present no authority has been specified); or
- (e) an "eligible recipient" as listed below.

An eligible recipient is:

(a) any person authorised by European Metals to receive disclosures of Improper Conduct that may qualify for protection. European Metals authorises the nominated Whistleblower Protection Officers listed below:

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Mr David Koch

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## Independent Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee

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- (b) an external auditor or actuary of European Metals; and
- (c) a senior manager or officer of European Metals.

## 4.3 Legal advice and communicating with a lawyer

Before or after making a report of Improper Conduct, a Disclosing Person is entitled to discuss their concerns about Improper Conduct with their lawyer and get legal advice from a lawyer about how the whistleblower laws apply to them. Generally, the legal protections referred to below also apply to such communications between a Disclosing Person and their lawyer.

## 4.4 Public interest and emergency disclosures to a journalist or Member of Parliament

Protections for public interest and emergency disclosures only apply if a Disclosing Person has first made a report of Improper Conduct to a Commonwealth agency and does not apply if a report has only been made to an "eligible recipient".

(a) Public Interest disclosures

lf:

a Disclosing Person has made a report of Improper Conduct to one of the Commonwealth agencies specified in Section 4; and

at least 90 days have passed since making the report; and



- the Disclosing Person does not have reasonable grounds to believe that action is being taken on the report and reasonably believes that further disclosure is in the public interest; and
- has given prior written notice to the relevant Commonwealth agency of his or her intention to make further disclosure,

then the Disclosing Person may make a report of the Improper Conduct to a journalist or Federal or State Member of Parliament. In this case, this further report will have the legal protections referred to in Sections 5 and 6 of this policy, provided it is limited to the information necessary to inform the recipient of the Improper Conduct.

(b) Emergency disclosures

A Disclosing Person will also have the legal protections referred to in Sections 5 and 6 of this policy if the person:

- has made a report of Improper Conduct to a specified Commonwealth agency;
- has reasonable grounds to believe that the Improper Conduct concerns a substantial and imminent danger to any person's health or safety or to the natural environment;
- has given prior written notice to the relevant Commonwealth agency of his or her intention to make further disclosure; and
- makes a report to a journalist or Member of Parliament that is limited to the information necessary to inform the recipient of the substantial or imminent danger.

## 4.5 How to make a report to an eligible recipient

Employees may report Improper Conduct to an eligible recipient by:

- post to PO Box 646, West Perth WA 6872 (marked as private and confidential to the attention of the Employee's immediate manager or the Whistle-blower Protection Officer); or
- (b) email david@europeanmet.com or LBloomfield@palmercoates ; or
- (c) telephone +61 8 6245 2050.

The Disclosing Person may choose to remain anonymous (and will still have the same legal protections) or may disclose their name, which will be kept confidential subject to certain exceptions referred to in Section 5 of this policy.

## 4.6 What kind of conduct can you report under this policy?

A Disclosing Person who reports Improper Conduct, whether made directly or anonymously, must have reasonable grounds to suspect that the information being disclosed about the Company concerns:

(a) misconduct or an improper state of affairs or circumstances in relation to any entity within European Metals; or



(b) indicates that European Metals or any of its officers or employees has engaged in conduct that:

breaches the Corporations Act;

breaches other financial sector laws enforced by ASIC or APRA;

constitutes an offence against other law of the Commonwealth that is punishable by imprisonment for a period of 12 months; or

represents danger to the public or the financial system.

Examples of what may be disclosed include a breach of any legal or regulatory requirement, the European Metals Code of Conduct or any other European Metals policy, including, inter alia:

- (a) fraud, dishonesty or corruption;
- (b) negligence;
- (c) criminal offences;
- (d) financial loss to European Metals, reputational damage or conduct otherwise detrimental to European Metals' interests;
- (e) potential misconduct or an improper state of affairs or circumstances in relation to European Metals' tax affairs;
- (f) failure to comply with legal obligations of European Metals as a company listed on the ASX; and
- (g) unethical or corrupt conduct.

Legal protections apply in favour of a Disclosing Person even if the allegations he or she makes are wrong, provided that the Disclosing Person had Reasonable Grounds for making the allegations.

## 4.7 What kind of conduct is not covered by this policy?

Generally, disclosures that solely concern the Disclosing Person's personal work-related grievances do not qualify for protection under the Corporations Act.

Examples of disclosures regarding personal work-related grievances that may not qualify for protection under whistle-blower laws and this policy include:

- (a) an interpersonal conflict between the Disclosing Person and another employee;
- (b) a decision relating to the engagement, transfer or promotion of the Disclosing Person;
- (c) a decision relating to the terms and conditions of engagement of the Disclosing Person; or
- (d) a decision to suspend or terminate the engagement of the Disclosing Person, or otherwise discipline the Disclosing Person.



However, a report about a personal work-related grievance may still be covered if it includes information about other Improper Conduct beyond the Disclosing Person's personal circumstances, or the Disclosing Person is being threatened with some detriment for making a report.

## 5. CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY

Improper Conduct reports, whether made in the Disclosing Person's name or anonymously, will be kept confidential and details of the report, or the Disclosing Person, will only be released to those necessarily involved in the investigation, unless the Disclosing Person consents or European Metals is obliged or allowed by law to disclose, such as disclosures to ASIC, the Australian Federal Police, or a legal practitioner for the purpose of obtaining advice about the application of the Disclosing Person's protections.

European Metals will ensure that any records relating to a report of Improper Conduct are stored securely and confidentially and are able to be accessed only by European Metals employees who are authorised to access the information for the purposes of the investigation.

Unauthorised disclosure of:

- (a) the identity of the Disclosing Person who has made a report of Improper Conduct; or
- (b) information from which the identity of the reporting person could be inferred,

may be an offence under Australian law and will be regarded as a disciplinary matter.

## 6. PROTECTIONS AND SUPPORT

European Metals is committed to protecting and respecting the rights of any Disclosing Person who reports Improper Conduct in accordance with this policy.

European Metals will not tolerate any reprisals against any person suspected of making a report of Improper Conduct, or against that person's colleagues, employer (if a contractor), relatives or any other person where the reason for the detrimental conduct relates to the suspicion that a Disclosing Person has made a report of Improper Conduct.

Any such retaliatory action may be an offence and will be treated as serious misconduct and will be dealt with in accordance with European Metals' disciplinary procedures.

In addition to the above, under Australian law, a Disclosing Person who has reasonable grounds for suspecting that Improper Conduct has taken place, and who reports the matter to an appropriate person or agency as referred to in Section 4, may be entitled to additional legal protections in certain circumstances, including:

- (a) they may be protected from civil, criminal or administrative legal action for making the report;
- (b) no contractual or other right may be exercised against the Disclosing Person for making the report;
- (c) the information they provide may not be admissible in evidence against them in legal proceedings (unless they have provided false information); and



(d) anyone who causes or threatens to cause detriment to a Disclosing Person in the belief or suspicion that a report has been made, or may have been made, proposes to or could be made, may be guilty of an offence and may be liable to pay damages to the Disclosing Person for any loss suffered by him or her as a result.

# 7. INTERNAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

Whether an internal investigation is required, and the investigation processes undertaken, will vary depending on the precise nature of the alleged Improper Conduct. Any investigation will be conducted in a manner that is fair and objective to all people involved. The time that an investigation takes will depend on the particular facts of each case, but European Metals will conduct any internal investigation as quickly as practicable.

The Whistle-blower Protection Officer is responsible for investigating Improper Conduct reports made under the Whistle-blower Policy. The Whistle-blower Protection Officer has access to independent financial, legal and operational advisors as required, and for serious matters, will be assisted by the Board of European Metals.

An investigation will generally involve making enquiries and collecting evidence for the purpose of assessing whether the Improper Conduct report can be substantiated.

European Metals employees about whom reports are made will generally be given an opportunity to respond to the relevant allegations made in the Improper Conduct report. Feedback will be provided to the Disclosing Person, if appropriate, on the progress of the investigation, unless they have remained anonymous.

Generally, the Whistle-blower Protection Officer will decide whether to escalate any report and the findings of any investigation, and to whom the report and findings should be escalated for any decision. This will depend on the facts and seriousness of each case. For example, a decision on how to respond to the findings of any investigation could be made by a Whistle-blower Protection Officer.

## 8. REVIEW OF THIS POLICY

This policy will be reviewed from time to time to ensure it remains effective and meets best practice standards and the needs of European Metals. This policy can only be amended by resolution of the Board.

The Whistle-blower Policy can be accessed via the European Metals website at **www.europeanmet.com**.



## **Schedule 17 - Conflict of Interest Policy**

#### 1. Introduction

Directors have a legal obligation to act in the best interests of the Company, and in accordance with obligations as per the Company's constitution and Code of Conduct, both under common law and in accordance with legislation. Conflicts of interest may arise where a director's personal interests' conflict with those of the Company.

The aim of this Policy is to ensure that directors comply with these obligations and protect the Company and the directors involved from any appearance of impropriety.

## 2. Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Corporations Act)

Section 191 of the Corporations Act provides that if a director has any material personal interest that director must disclose the nature and extent of their interest to the other directors as soon as they become aware of that interest. Section 192 of the Act permits the director to give standing notice of interest.

#### 3. Disclosure Obligations

All directors are required by the Company to avoid any action, position or interest that may conflict with an interest of the Company and the extent this is unavailable, that interest should be declared in accordance with the procedures set out below.

#### Initial Disclosure

The directors will provide the following information as at the date they become a director:

- (a) details of any direct or indirect company with any material supplier or contractor of the Company; and
- (b) details of any interest and any business, contractual or other relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to, materially interfere with the directors' ability to act in the Company's best interest.

A Director Declarations and Conflict of Interest Undertaking form is attached for use in initial disclosure, and must be updated annually at a minimum. In any event, the director must provide details of any changes to the initial disclosure given as soon as reasonably possible after the date of the change and in any event no later than three business days after the change.

#### 4. Pecuniary Interests

Where a director has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract made by, or being considered by, the Company, the director shall disclose the nature and extent of that interest to the Board as soon as they become aware of the interest.

Every disclosure made in accordance shall be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

Where a director makes a disclosure of a pecuniary interest that director shall not take part in any deliberations or decision of the Committees with respect to that contract.



## 5. Other Interests

The following steps apply to the extent that the director has any other interest or relationship which may conflict with the interests of the Company but is not a pecuniary interest (either direct or indirect).

- (a) Where a director has any interest or relationship (either personal or professional) which may conflict with the interest of the Company but is not a pecuniary interest, the director shall disclose the nature and extent of the interest to the Board to the extent that the interest is relevant to a matter being considered by the Board, as soon as they become aware of the potential for conflict.
- (b) Every disclosure made under paragraph (a) shall be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.
- (c) Where a director makes a disclosure under paragraph (a), the Board shall consider all of the circumstances and determine whether the director should be allowed to participate in deliberations, and vote on, the relevant matter. The outcome of all deliberations shall be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

## 6. Gifts and Hospitality

In accordance with the Company's Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, all Directors and Officers shall declare any gifts or hospitality received in connection with their role in the Company.

## 7. Related Documents

- (a) European Metals Holdings Limited Code of Conduct.
- (b) European Metals Holdings Limited Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy.



## Schedule 18 - Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Policy

## 1. INTRODUCTION

European Metals Holdings Limited (ABN 55 154 618 989) (**Company**) is committed to the sustainable exploration and development of lithium. As a responsible explorer, the Company must identify, assess and report responses to environment, climate change and social challenges. The Company acknowledges that it has a role to play in protecting the natural environment, reducing global greenhouse gas emissions and to improving people's lives now and for generations to come.

This environmental, social and governance policy (**ESG Policy**) regulates and provide guidance for the Company's management of activities to minimise adverse workforce, community or environmental impacts.

The Board has delegated to the ESG committee responsibility for implementing the ESG management system.

#### 1.1 Purpose

A strong environmental, social and governance performance is essential for the success and growth of the Company's business. The Company's aim is to recognise its legal and other obligations to all legitimate stakeholders from time to time where and to the extent appropriate. With the recognised obligations in mind, the Company will manage its activities in a sustainable manner with respect to our workforce, our communities and the environment.

The Company is committed to managing its activities to minimise adverse workforce, community or environmental impacts.

## 1.2 Governing principles

## (a) General governance principles

The Company will achieve this by:

- (i) implementing a systematic approach to ESG risk management;
- (ii) complying with and exceeding all relevant laws and regulations and applying responsible industry standards where laws do not exist;
- (iii) setting, measuring and reviewing objectives and targets that will drive continuous improvement in ESG performance;
- (iv) embedding ESG considerations in the Company's business planning and decision making processes;
- (v) integrating ESG requirements when designing, purchasing, constructing and modifying equipment and facilities;
- (vi) reviewing the ESG contingency planning process to ensure high risk activities identified in the ESG risk management have appropriate contingency plans in place;



- (vii) maintaining a culture in which stakeholders are aware of their ESG obligations and are empowered to intervene on ESG issues;
- (viii) providing continued education to all stakeholders to identify and act upon opportunities to improve the ESG performance;
- (ix) undertaking and supporting research to gain better understanding of ESG and using scientific approach to support impact assessments and evidence-based decision making;
- (x) taking a collaborative and pro-active approach with our stakeholders; and
- (xi) requiring directors, contractors and employees to comply with our ESG expectations in a mutually beneficial manner.

#### (b) Environment

In relation to the environment, the Company will:

- (i) ensure that, as a minimum, all policies and procedures comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, assessment and approval requirements, licences and conditions;
- (ii) commit to operate all business unit's sustainably by:
  - (A) identifying, mitigating, managing and reporting on material environmental risks and impacts associated with the business unit's activities;
  - (B) planning and implementing strategies to effectively manage and reduce key environmental risks and impacts such as greenhouse gas emissions, water management and waste reduction with the focus on reducing the Company's environmental footprint;
  - (C) where relevant, protecting and respecting natural systems and associated biodiversity in areas where the Company operates;
  - (D) efficiently using water and energy and maximising the value of existing resources;
  - (E) integrating mine closure and progressive rehabilitation into the life-cycle of the Company's operations to minimise its environmental legacies; and
  - (F) encouraging environmentally responsible actions and behaviours including supporting the use of materials that are safe, recycled or reused.
- (iii) inform employees, customers and suppliers about this Policy and require compliance with such expectations as well as considering environmental performance of potential suppliers in decision-making;
- (iv) strive to improve environmental performance based on defined objectives and targets for monitoring, measuring and reporting performance; and
- (v) report openly, honestly and in a timely manner to stakeholders on the Company's environmental and sustainability performance.



# (c) Climate change

The Company will:

- take action to appropriately identify and manage climate change risks and opportunities, consistent with the objective to sustainably deliver superior returns to shareholders;
- (ii) seek opportunities to better understand the life-cycle of greenhouse gas emissions (**GHG**) for the lithium value chains;
- seek to increase the transparency of the Company's climate change reporting of performance metrics and targets to meet the needs of all stakeholders including shareholders, governments, lenders, insurers, customers and communities;
- (iv) when in full operation report the Company's energy use, Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions against the Company's annual targets.
- (v) ensure that measuring, reporting and verification processes are robust across all operating sites;
- (vi) pro-actively assess options to increase the use of renewable power and lower emission energy technologies to reduce the Company's GHG emissions intensity;
- (vii) focus on opportunities to improve energy efficiency to reduce energy used and reduce direct mining costs;
- (viii) identify and pursue best practices in the mining and metals industry and party with technology developers to explore new opportunities for lithium extraction and processing in the transition to a low carbon future;
- (ix) continue to assess climate change scenarios and projected future energy prices in medium and long term analysis to ensure that the cost of carbon informs business decision;
- (x) partner with or engage experts and research organisations to identify potential physical threats of climate change at current and planned operating sites and invest in appropriate adaption responses to build resilience; and
- (xi) contribute constructively to policy development in host countries where the Company has operating sites.

## (d) Social

The Company will:

- (i) provide and maintain a safe workplace so that its employees, contractors and visitors go home safe and well;
- (ii) identify and manage risks, impacts and opportunities within our operations and host communities;



- (iii) be responsible stewards of the commodities the Company extracts and the natural resources used while promoting enduring environmental, social and economic benefits;
- (iv) create shared value with the Company's stakeholders and deliver sustainable and long-term benefits in a manner that supports and respects the rights and aspirations of the communities in which the Company operates;
- (v) respect and promote human rights and will not engage in or condone forced or compulsory labour or other forms of modern slavery and will work to ensure these are not present in the Company's supply chain;
- (vi) recognise and honour the cultural heritage, customs and traditions of all indigenous peoples touched by the Company's activities;
- (vii) uphold ethical business practices and comply with all legal requirements in all jurisdictions in which the Company operates;

#### 1.3 Application

Responsibility for the application of this policy rests with, but not limited to, all Company employees and contractors engaged in activities under the Company's operational control.

Each department of the Company is responsible for the development of its own internal policies to implement the principles set out in section 1.2 above (**Department Policy**).

The Company's managers are also responsible for promotion the ESG and Department Policy.

#### 1.4 Monitoring and review

- (a) Material breaches of this ESG Policy will be reported to the Company's board of directors (**Board**) or a committee of the Board.
- (b) The Board will monitor the content, effectiveness and implementation of this ESG Policy on a regular basis. There may also be independent reviews taken from time to time. Any findings, updates or improvements identified will be addressed as soon as possible.
- (c) Personnel are invited to comment on this ESG Policy and suggest ways in which it may be improved. Comments, suggestions and queries should be addressed to the Board.



## Schedule 19 – Health and Safety Policy

This policy defines European Metals Holdings Limited's (ABN 55 154 618 989) (**EMH**) commitment to providing a healthy and safe workplace and achieving an injury-free work environment for all its employees, contractors and visitors. This Policy supports legislative compliance requirements across all business activities and operations.

#### Scope

This Policy applies to:

- all Directors of EMH;
- all employees of EMH, whether full time, part time or casual; and
- all persons working for EMH under a contract or a consultancy agreement.

The Policy also applies to visitors and other personnel present on EMH work sites, using its facilities, or dealing with its employees or contractors.

#### Implementation

To fulfil its commitments, EMH will:

- ensure that each division/business unit adopts and implements policies and procedures which comply with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations, safe work practices and fitness for work procedures in each jurisdiction in which EMH operates;
- set health and safety targets and objectives and distribute these to all personnel together with suitable training and supervision to enable everyone to work safely;
- ensure that managers and supervisors understand their responsibilities and are authorized to take remedial action where necessary;
- complete comprehensive risk assessments for all operations and implement relevant controls or procedures for managing hazards that are identified;
- review health and safety targets annually to ensure they are measurable and appropriate to the nature and scale of EMH's operations and to continuously improve safety performance;
- promote awareness and communicate to all employees and contractors their responsibility for protecting their own health and safety, the wellbeing of other workers and the local communities in which we operate and the requirement to comply with all safety rules and procedures adopted by EMH;
- implement mechanisms for reporting all accidents, incidents and injuries and any known or observed hazards in the workplace and act on any reported safety or health incidents; and
- conduct regular audits of safety procedures and regularly review safety performance at top management level

EMH encourages the participation and feedback of everyone in all matters relating to safety and commits to providing adequate resources and communication to enable the effective implementation of this Policy. The Board will monitor and review operational health and safety compliance to ensure continual industry 'best practice'.



## Schedule 20 – Human Rights Policy

European Metals Holdings Limited (ABN 55 154 618 989) (**EMH** or **Company**) respects the human rights of the individuals and communities impacted by our operations and activities. This Policy underpins our commitment to protect and uphold fundamental human rights at our operations and projects, by conducting ourselves with due care and in accordance with ethical standards and relevant laws and regulations. Respect for human rights is at the core of our sustainability journey.

If this Policy is breached, EMG will act as quickly as practicable to remedy any adverse impacts on workers, individuals or communities and we will engage directly with affected stakeholders.

This Policy has been approved by the Board and is periodically reviewed and updated as required. The Board has responsibility for the implementation of this Policy including establishing initiatives and objectives that promote and support this Policy.

#### Scope

This Policy applies to:

- all Directors of EMH;
- all employees of EMH, whether full time, part time or casual; and
- all persons working for EMH under a contract or a consultancy agreement.

The Policy also applies to visitors and other personnel present on EMH work sites, using its facilities, or dealing with its employees or contractors. We also expect suppliers to respect human rights and to adopt standards of conduct consistent with this Policy.

The Policy applies at work and to work related events and out-of-hours activities that are connected to employment with the Company.

## Commitments

EMH commits to:

- respecting and complying with internationally recognised human rights including, at a minimum, rights related to working conditions, freedom of association, freedom of speech, collective bargaining, maximum working hours, minimum wages, peaceful assembly and equal opportunity;
- rejecting any form of slavery in our operations and supply chains;
- promoting inclusion and rejecting discrimination against individuals based on race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, colour, gender, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, marital status, pregnancy, disability or any other legally protected characteristic unrelated to an individual's job performance;
- requiring that relevant personnel receive appropriate human rights and cultural training and guidance;
- consulting with host communities to minimise adverse social impacts;
- undertaking due diligence activities to identify, prevent and mitigate adverse human rights impacts across our operations and business relationships; and
- maintaining formal mechanisms, including grievance mechanisms, to resolve complaints related to human rights matters.



## Implementation

To fulfil the commitments set out above, EMH will:

- ensure that each division/business unit adopts policies and procedures to ensure that it is
  respecting human rights and addressing modern slavery and ethical sourcing risks in its
  operations and supply chains in a way that is appropriate for the relevant division/business
  unit;
- endeavour, as far as practicable, to include in operational and supplier contract terms, requirements that suppliers comply with all local, national and other applicable laws and regulations in the areas in which they operate;
- provide a safe workplace for its staff free from discrimination and harassment;
- promote diversity and inclusion;
- tailor our approach to each location where we work and be guided by international standards and initiatives in respect of human rights including, amongst others, the International Labour Organisation Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (which contains eight core conventions, including freedom of association, the right to collective bargaining the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation and the effective abolition of child labour) and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights;
- communicate this Policy internally and externally to help ensure stakeholders and host communities understand our human rights responsibilities and commitments;
- provide training on this Policy and our expectations as part of our employee and contractor induction program;
- regularly review our performance on human rights matters relative to our policies to enable continual improvement in our human rights management; and
- prevent, mitigate, and where appropriate, remedy negative human rights impacts that are caused, or contributed to, by EMH.

This Policy does not supersede applicable laws and regulations in the jurisdictions in which we operate, rather, it is intended to support host governments in the protection of human rights and the prevention of human rights abuses.



## Schedule 21 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Management and Action Plan

European Metals Holdings Limited (ABN 55 154 618 989) (**EMH**) provides and maintains, as far as is practicable, a working environment in which our employees and contractors are not exposed to unacceptable health risks. This includes situations where employees and contractors may be at risk of contracting viruses such as the Novel Coronavirus (**COVID-19**).

This document has been developed to provide a structured company response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We strictly enforce and promote all government health and disease control measures around isolation, international and domestic travel and the advice regarding hygiene and social distancing.

This document covers all EMH operational functions including on-site locations.

#### Commitments

EMH commits to:

- ensuring the safety and well-being of our employees, contractors, suppliers and the broader community;
- educating EMH personnel and on-site personnel on current COVID-19 health advice; and
- adapting our processes to ensure continued operation of our sites while also ensuring that the health and well-being of all personnel are supported during these highly uncertain times.

#### Implementation

To fulfil the commitments set out above, EMH will

- establish procedures and policies in respect of:
  - workplace attendance and physical distancing (including arrangements to work from home or rosters at our on-site locations to reduce exposure and protect our workers);
  - hygiene and cleaning;
  - record keeping; and
  - responsive actions to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases including isolation and quarantine if required;
- implement travel restrictions as and when required in accordance with government guidance;
- develop business continuity plans to manage any outbreaks;
- provide mental health support and initiatives across our businesses as the challenges of COVID-19 continue; and
- update procedures and policies as the COVID-19 situation evolves.



## Schedule 22 – Information Technology Policy

This Policy defines the requirements and protocols for European Metals Holdings Limited's (ABN 55 154 618 989) (**EMH** or **Company**) Information, Communication and Technology (**ICT**) systems, to ensure that they are used in an appropriate manner, consistent with the values and policies of the Company and do not compromise the integrity and security of the Company's assets and data.

EMH's ICT system includes all computer systems such as its computer network equipment, servers, desktop and notebook computers, fixed and mobile communication devices and tablets, and electronic information resources used for business purposes.

#### Scope

This Policy applies to:

- all Directors of EMH;
- all employees of EMH, whether full time, part time or casual; and
- all persons working for EMH under a contract or a consultancy agreement, using any ICT supplied by the Company or using any personal device on the Company's ICT system.

The Board is responsible for the confidentiality, integrity and availability of corporate data. Computer Troubleshooters (Scott Thompson) is responsible for the execution and maintenance of the Company's ICT infrastructure.

## Implementation

EMH will:

- develop policies and procedures and educate employees and contractors on the use of Company ICT systems, personal devices and social media to ensure that the integrity of the Company and its ICT systems are not put at risk and confidentiality is maintained and unauthorized use or dissemination is avoided;
- establish procedures and policies to adequately deal with emerging risks such as digital disruption, cyber security threats, privacy and data retention;
- establish reporting systems and complete comprehensive risk assessments for all ICT systems to ensure cyber-security resilience and data privacy; and
- regularly review the adequacy of the Company's ICT systems and policies.

EMH encourages the participation and feedback of everyone in all matters relating to information technology to enable the effective implementation of this Policy.