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#### Circular to Employee Creditors

Dear Sir/Madam

# Kalium Lakes Potash Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (Receivers and Managers Appointed) ACN 601 436 060 (the Company)

We refer to our appointment as Administrators of the Company on 3 August 2023 pursuant to Section 436A of the Corporations Act 2001(the Act) and our report pursuant to Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 2016 (IPR) 75-225 and Section 438A of the Act dated 26 September 2023 (Voluntary Administrator's Report).

This Circular should be read in conjunction with the aforementioned Voluntary Administrator's Report.

## 1 Proposed Deed of Company Arrangement

In our Voluntary Administrator's Report, we outlined a proposal for a Deed of Company Arrangement (**DOCA**), which has been proposed by Agrimin Limited which is to be considered by creditors (including employees) at a meeting to be held at 10:00am on 4 October 2023.

The terms of the proposed DOCA includes provisions that excludes Continuing Employees from being paid from the deed fund and instead paying their entitlements through the ordinary course by the company.

# 2 Notice of meeting of eligible employee creditors

Pursuant to Section 444DA(2)(a) of the Act, eligible employee creditors of the Company are required to pass a resolution agreeing that eligible employees that are classified as Continuing Employees in the DOCA, will not be admitted as an eligible employee for the purposes of the DOCA and therefore will not be entitled to receive a dividend at least equal to what they would be entitled to receive if the Contribution contemplated in the DOCA at clause 6(A)(i) were applied in accordance with sections 556, 560 and 561 of the Act

Accordingly, we advise that a meeting of <u>Eligible Employee Creditors</u> of the Company will be held on 4 October 2023 at 9:00am at the offices of KPMG, Level 8, 235 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000.

For employee creditors who are unable to attend the meeting physically, a conference call facility will be available. Should you wish to attend the meeting via teleconference, please contact KPMG by email at kaliumlakes@kpmg.com.au or by telephone to +61 8 9263 7297 at least one (1) business day prior to the meeting to advise that you will be using the conference facilities and to be provided with the conference call code.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide employees with an opportunity to:

- 1. Consider the proposed DOCA and variation to statutory priorities of eligible employee creditors.
- Any other business that may be lawfully brought forward.

In this regard, we enclose the following documents:

Document	Description			
Notice of meeting of eligible employee creditors	<ul> <li>Please note that the meeting commences at 9:00am (AWST).</li> <li>You should arrive for registration at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting.</li> </ul>			
Statement by the Administrators	<ul> <li>This outlines the Administrators' opinion as to the exclusion of the claims of Continuing Employees from a distribution under the DOCA being proposed by Agrimin.</li> </ul>			
Proof of debt form (via the Creditors' Portal)	<ul> <li>Employee creditors may register and submit a proof of debt form electronically via the Creditors' Portal with documentation to support the amount they have claimed (i.e., payslips etc).</li> <li>Eligible employees will be admitted for voting purposes at the meeting based upon the amount to them as recorded in the Company's records or others as per their claims previously lodged with the Administrators.</li> <li>If you have already submitted a proof of debt claim form electronically via the Creditors' Portal for the first or any subsequent meeting of creditors, you are <b>not</b> required to resubmit a form for this meeting.</li> </ul>			
Appointment of proxy (form 532)	<ul> <li>This form enables you to appoint a person to act on your behalf at the meeting.</li> <li>Proxy forms submitted for previous meetings are not valid for this meeting.</li> </ul>			

The formal proof of debt form and the proxy form should be lodged with this office before the meeting and, in any event, no later than **4.00pm on the day prior to the meeting**. The Forms can be sent by facsimile on +61 8 9263 7129 marked to the attention of Lachlan Wharton or scanned and emailed to kaliumlakes@kpmg.com.au.

# 3 Further information

For further information concerning the voluntary administration process, please visit our website at https://kpmg.com/au/en/home/creditors/kalium-lakes.html.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lachlan Wharton of this office on 08 9263 7297 or email to kaliumlakes@kpmg.com.au

Yours faithfully

Kalium Lakes Potash Pty Ltd



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## Statement by Administrators

Corporations Act 2001 Section 444DA(4)

Kalium Lakes Potash Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (Receivers and Managers Appointed) ACN 601 436 060 (the Company)

Pursuant to Section 444DA(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 (the Act) a meeting of eligible employee creditors of the Company has been called for 4 October 2023 at 9.00am (AWST) to consider a resolution agreeing to the non-inclusion of the claims of Continuing Employees from being paid as a priority distribution under the proposed Deed of Company Arrangement (DOCA) of the Company.

# **Background to requirement for Eligible Employee Meeting**

Section 444DA(1) of the Act stipulates that the DOCAs 'must contain a provision to the effect that... any eligible employee creditors will be entitled to a priority at least equal to what they would have been entitled if the property were applied in accordance with sections 556, 560 and 561' (**Priority Provision**). However, pursuant to section 444DA(2), the Priority Provision will not apply where:

- at a meeting of eligible employee creditors, the eligible employee creditors pass a resolution agreeing to the non-inclusion of the priority provision; or
- the Court makes an order approving the non-inclusion of such a provision.

In our Voluntary Administrator's Report, we outlined a proposal for a DOCA, which has been proposed by Agrimin Limited (**Agrimin**) which is to be considered by creditors (including employees) at a meeting to be held at 10:00am (AWST) on 4 October 2023.

The terms of the Agrimin DOCA at Clause 15 gives priority to eligible employee creditors by providing that each DOCA will contain a provision as contemplated Section 444DA of the Act. However, we note that clause 6(J) of the DOCA allows the Proponent to specify certain eligible employee creditors to be Continuing Employees, in which case their Claims will be <u>excluded</u> from the DOCA and is to be paid from the ordinary course of their continuing employment

A 'Continuing Employee' is defined at clause 28 to be 'any eligible employee creditor whose employment with a Company is agreed by the Proponent to continue following SSA Completion'.

In deciding whether to approve the non-inclusion of the Priority Provision in a DOCA, the Court in *Re TLC Marketing Worldwide Pty Ltd (Subject to a Deed of Company Arrangement) [2018] NSWSC 454 at [17]* found that the issue of excluding continuing employees from the deed fund and instead paying their entitlements through the ordinary course by the company, is a matter that 'could readily have been addressed, by a meeting of eligible employees conducted under s 444DA(2) of the Act'.

The case law confirms that where it is proposed to exclude continuing employees from the DOCA, those continuing employees are 'eligible employee creditors' and pursuant to s 444DA(2), a meeting of the eligible employee creditors must held.

# Eligible Employee Creditors of the Company and their position under the DOCA

At the time of our appointment, KLP employed approximately ninety-seven (97) employees. We understand that employees have been notified of the proposed sale to Agrimin and that Agrimin had identified twenty (20) employees as Continuing Employees and the others will be notified of their last day with the Company on or before 29 September 2023 (if not already).

Continuing Employees, should they choose to accept the continuity of employment with KLP (under Agrimin) will not be able claim in the DOCA for any entitlements accrued or owed to them prior to the Administrators' and Receivers and Managers' appointment on 3 August 2023.

The position and estimated returns for employees under the DOCA as are follows:

- priority employee creditors (other than Continuing Employees) will be allocated a sum from the purchase consideration from the Share Sale Agreements (to be directed by the Receivers and Managers) to enable a payment of 100 cents in the \$ for their entitlements.
- Continuing Employees are being offered the continuity of employment with KLP (under the ownership of Agrimin
  and the direction of directors nominated by Agrimin), whereby their employee entitlements (such as annual leave
  or long service leave accrued) will be preserved and continued as is. No other entitlements will have been
  crystalised for payment.

In a nutshell, the position for eligible employee creditors can be summarised below:

Eligible Employee Creditors classes	Effect of DOCA on entitlements and estimated return	
Terminated employees	Allocated a sum from the purchase consideration from the Share Sale Agreements (to be directed by the	
(approx. 77 employees)	Receivers and Managers).	
	This will enable a payment of 100 cents in the \$ for their entitlements.	
Continuing Employees	Offered continuity of employment with KLP where the	
(approx. 20 employees)	entitlement accrued will be preserved and continued as is.	
	Will <u>not</u> be entitled to claim in the proposed Agrimin DOCA.	

# **Administrators Opinion**

It is the Administrators' opinion that the exclusion of the claims of Continuing Employees from the Agrimin DOCA would likely to result in the same or better outcome for eligible employee creditors as a whole than would result from an immediate winding up of the company.

The Administrators' opinion is based on the following factors:

- Continuing Employees will have their entitlements preserved and continued as is, they will also benefit from
  continued employment with the KLP (under Agrimin). No other entitlements of Continuing Employment will
  have been crystalised for payment.
- likelihood that there would be insufficient funds available to pay outstanding employee entitlements in a winding
  up of the Company. Although eligible employees may be able to make a claim under the Fair Entitlements
  Guarantee Scheme (FEG) subject to its terms and conditions, FEG does not provide funding to meet
  outstanding employee superannuation entitlements.

Dated this 26th day of September 2023.



#### Form 529

# Notice of meeting of eligible employees creditors of a company

Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 2016, Section 75-15

Kalium Lakes Potash Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (Receivers and Managers Appointed) ACN 601 436 060 (the Company)

NOTICE is given that a meeting of eligible employee creditors of the Company will be held on 4 October 2023 at 9:00am at the offices of KPMG, Level 8, 235 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000.

# Agenda

- 1. To consider the proposed Deed of Company Arrangement and variation to statutory priorities of eligible employee creditors.
- Any other business that may be lawfully brought forward.

Employee creditors wishing to vote at the meeting of eligible employee creditors, who will **not** be attending in person, must complete and return a Proxy Form (by no later than 4pm on the last business day prior to the meeting by email to kaliumlakes@kpmg.com.au or by post to GPO Box A29, PERTH WA 6837. A Form 532, Appointment of Proxy is enclosed for this purpose.

For the purposes of this meeting, eligible employees will be admitted for voting purposes based upon the amount to them as recorded in the Company's records or others as per their claims previously lodged with the Administrators

For employee creditors who are unable to attend the meeting physically, a conference call facility will be available. Should you wish to attend the meeting via teleconference, please contact KPMG by email at kaliumlakes@kpmg.com.au or by telephone to +61 8 9263 7297 at least one (1) business day prior to the meeting to advise that you will be using the conference facilities and to be provided with the conference call code.

Dated this 26th day of September 2023.

Martin Jones Administrator

Kalium Lakes Potash Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (Receivers and Managers Appointed) c/- KPMG

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## Form 532 - Appointment of Proxy

<sup>2</sup> Signature: <sup>3</sup> Name / Capacity:

Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 2016, Section 75-25

Return to no later than 3 October 2023 to: KPMG, GPO Box A29, PERTH WA 6837

kaliumlakes@kpmg.com.au

Tel: +61 8 9263 7297 +61 8 9263 7129 Fax:

Email:

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ACN 601 436 060 Date of Appointment: 3/08/2023 A. Employee Name and Contact Details of Person or Entity Entitled to Attend Meeting (if entitled in a personal capacity, given name and surname; if a corporate entity, full name of company, etc) (address) 3 Tel: <sup>4</sup> Email: B. Appointment of Person to Act as Proxy Note: You may nominate "the Chairperson of the meeting" as your proxy (or your alternate proxy in the event that the first-named proxy is not in attendance). <sup>1</sup> I/We, as named in Section A above, a creditor/employee/contributory/member of the Company, appoint 2 (name of person appointed as proxy) <sup>4</sup> or in his / her absence (address of person appointed as proxy) (name of person appointed as alternate proxy) 7 as \*my / \*our proxy (address of person appointed as alternate proxy) to vote at the meeting of eligible employee creditors to be held on 4 October 2023 at 9:00 am, or at any adjournment of that meeting in accordance with the instructions in Section C below. C. Voting Instructions 1 \*My / \*Our proxy, as named in Section B above, is entitled to act as \*my / \*our: <sup>2</sup> general proxy, to vote on \*my / \*our behalf and / or <sup>3</sup> **special proxy,** to vote on \*my / \*our behalf specifically as follows: Resolution For **Against Abstain** 1. "That pursuant to section 444DA(2) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Act), under the terms of the Agrimin Deed of Company Arrangement (DOCA) to be voted on by creditors at the second meeting of creditors on 4 October 2023, or at any adjournment to that meeting, eligible employees that are classified as Continuing Employees in the DOCA, will not be admitted as an eligible employee for the purposes of the DOCA and therefore will not be entitled to receive a dividend at least equal to what they would be entitled to receive if the Contribution contemplated in the DOCA at clause 6(A)(i) were applied in accordance with sections 556, 560 and 561 of the Act" Signature 1 Dated:

# **Creditor Assistance Sheet: Completing a Proxy Form**

#### Section A - Name and Contact Details of Person or Entity Entitled to Attend Meeting

- 1. Insert the full name of the employee, individual, sole trader, partnership or company that the debt is owed to.
- 2. Insert the address of the employee, individual, sole trader, partnership or company that the debt is owed to.
- 3. Insert the telephone number of the employee, individual, sole trader, partnership or company that the debt is owed to.
- 4. Insert the email address of the employee, individual, sole trader, partnership or company that the debt is owed to.

#### Section B - Appointment of Person to Act as Proxy

- 1. Cross out any wording that is **not** applicable. For example, if the employee/individual/sole trader/partnership/company is a creditor, cross out '\*eligible employee creditor', '\*contributory', '\*debenture holder' and '\*member'.
- 2. Insert the name of the person who will be exercising the creditor's vote at the meeting. If someone is attending the meeting in person, that person's name should be inserted. Alternatively, if someone is unable to attend, but you still want to cast a vote at the meeting, then you can appoint the Chairperson of the meeting to vote on your behalf by inserting the words 'the Chairperson' here.
- 3. Insert the address of the person nominated at (2) that will be attending the meeting as proxy. If you have elected 'the Chairperson' because no one is attending in person, leave this row blank.
- 4. Cross out any wording that is **not** applicable.
- 5. If the person you have elected to attend is unavailable on the day, you may nominate a second person to attend in their absence. Alternatively, you can appoint the Chairperson of the meeting to vote on your behalf by inserting 'the Chairperson'.
- 6. Insert the address of the second person here. If you have elected 'the Chairperson', leave this row blank.
- 7. Cross out any wording that is not applicable.

#### Section C - Voting Instructions

- 1. Cross out any wording that is not applicable.
- 2. Insert an 'X' in this box if you want the person who is attending the meeting to vote as they see fit on each of the resolutions in the 'Resolution' table. If you select this option, proceed to Section D, **unless** you wish to vote specifically on certain resolutions, in which case you also insert an 'X' in the special proxy box and select 'For', 'Against' or 'Abstain' on the resolutions. The person voting at the meeting will have discretion to vote as they see fit on any resolutions where you have **not** selected 'For', 'Against' or 'Abstain'.
- 3. Insert an 'X' in this box if you want the person who is attending the meeting, to vote exactly in accordance with your instructions. If you select this option, you must select 'For', 'Against' or 'Abstain' for each of the resolutions in the 'Resolution' table. Do not tick more than one box for each resolution.

## Section D - Signature Instructions

- 1. Insert the date that the proxy form is being signed.
- 2. The form should be signed by **one** of the following persons:
  - If the debt is owed to an employee/individual, then the individual that the debt is owed to; or
  - If the debt is owed to a sole trader, then the sole trader that the debt is owed to; or
  - If the debt is owed to a partnership, then one of the partners of the partnership; or
  - If the debt is owed to a company, then a duly authorised office of the company (normally a director or secretary of the company).
- 3. Insert the name of the person signing the form, and note their capacity (that is, their role):
  - If the debt is owed to a sole trader, note their capacity as proprietor, eg: "[Full name], proprietor"; or
  - If the debt is owed to a partnership, note their capacity as partner, eg: "[Full name], partner of the firm named in Section A above"; or
  - If the debt is owed to a company, note their capacity as director or secretary, eg: "[Full name], director/secretary of the company named in Section A above"]