# NOTICE OF MEETING AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

# Contango Asset Management Limited

ACN 080 277 998

Date:	11 November 2021
Time:	11:30am
Location:	The Meeting will be an electronic meeting, held as a virtual meeting at https://agmlive.link/CGA21.

# Key dates

Latest time and date for lodgment of completed Proxy Form	11:30am on Tuesday 9 November 2021
Time and date for determining eligibility to vote at Meeting	11:30am on Tuesday 9 November 2021
Time and date of Meeting	11:30am on Thursday 11 November 2021

#### 13 October 2021

#### Dear Shareholder

Attached to this letter is the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Statement for the 2021 Annual General Meeting (**Meeting**) of Contango Asset Management Limited (**Company**).

The AGM will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2021 at 11:30am. In light of the current and ongoing restrictions in place for New South Wales related to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Company has determined that it is prudent for the Meeting to be held online only. The Meeting will be an electronic meeting, held by virtual means at: https:agmlive.link/CGA21.

The business of the Meeting will be to:

- receive and consider the Financial Statements, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021;
- adopt the Remuneration Report;
- re-elect Ms Nerida Campbell as a Non-Executive Director; and
- approve the issuance of Shares to Mr Martin Switzer, Managing Director and CEO, in recognition of the reduction in his base salary for the 2020 and 2021 financial years in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for his outstanding contribution to the Company during this period.

You are urged to consider carefully the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Statement before determining how you wish to vote on the resolutions.

In terms of voting, Shareholders will be able to vote live and online during the Meeting. The Chair of the Meeting will open the poll at the beginning of the Meeting and the poll will remain open until the close of the Meeting.

If you cannot attend the Meeting, please complete the enclosed proxy form and return it to the Company's share registry as soon as possible and in any event by no later than 11:30am on Tuesday, 9 November 2021.

Yours sincerely

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Roger Amos Chair

## Contango Asset Management Limited ACN 080 277 998 NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is given that a general meeting of the members of Contango Asset Management Limited (**Company**) will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2021 at 11:30am AEDT. The Meeting (**Meeting**) will be an electronic meeting and will be conducted by virtual means at **https://agmlive.link/CGA21**.

We recommend logging in to the online platform at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the Meeting using the instructions below:

(a) enter https://agmlive.link/CGA21 into a web browser on a mobile or online device;

(b) enter **your username, which is your Securityholder Reference Number or Holder Identification Number**, this is printed on your Proxy Voting Form; and

(c) enter **your password, which is the postcode registered to your shareholding** (overseas shareholders should contact the Company for their password).

Proxyholders will need their proxy code which Link Market Services will provide via an email no later than 24 hours prior to the Meeting. Shareholders who wish to appoint a Proxyholder will also need to provide the Proxyholder's email address, either on the proxy voting form or by calling the Link Market Services Contact Centre on 1300 554 474.

Information on the business to be considered at the Meeting is contained in the Explanatory Statement, which should be read together with, and forms part of, this Notice of Meeting. The Proxy Form also forms part of this Notice of Meeting.

Please read this Notice of Meeting carefully before attending the Meeting. If you are unable to attend the Meeting but are eligible to vote at it, please consider appointing a proxy to attend on your behalf. You may direct your proxy on how to vote on the Resolutions by marking the appropriate box on the enclosed Proxy Form. Shareholders who intend to appoint the Chair as proxy (including appointment by default) should have regard to the Voting and Proxy Instructions included in this Notice of Meeting.

#### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

#### 1. Financial statements and reports

To receive and consider the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021, including:

- (a) the Directors' Report; and
- (b) the Auditor's Report.

Note: this item of business is for discussion only and is not a resolution. However, shareholders will be given a reasonable opportunity to ask questions or make comments about each of these reports.

#### 2. Adoption of Remuneration Report (Resolution 1)

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

That, pursuant to and in accordance with section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act, the Remuneration Report, as included in the Directors' Report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021, be adopted.

#### Voting Exclusion and Restriction Statement

In accordance with section 250R(4) of the Corporations Act, the Company will disregard any votes cast (in any capacity) in respect of Resolution 1 by or on behalf of:

- a member of the Company's Key Management Personnel (KMP), the details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 June 2021; and
- a Closely Related Party of such a member of KMP.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote cast in respect of Resolution 1 by a member of KMP or a Closely Related Party of such a member of KMP if it is cast as a proxy and:

• it is not cast on behalf of a member of KMP or a Closely Related Party of a member of KMP; and either:

- the proxy is appointed in writing and specifies how the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1; or
- the proxy is the Chair of the Meeting and the appointment of the Chair as the proxy does not specify the way the proxy is to vote on Resolution 1 and expressly authorises the Chair to exercise the proxy even if the resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of KMP.

Shareholders who intend to appoint the Chair as proxy (including appointment by default) should have regard to the Voting and Proxy Instructions included in this document.

#### 3. Re-election of Non-Executive Director – Ms Nerida Campbell (Resolution 2)

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution: *That Ms Nerida Campbell, a Non-Executive Director who retires by rotation in accordance with the Company's Constitution and ASX Listing Rule 14.4, and being eligible offers herself for re-election, be re-elected as a Non-Executive Director.* 

### 4. Approval of issue of Shares to Mr Martin Switzer in recognition of the reduction in his base salary in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (Resolution 3)

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That, for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 10.11, and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue to Mr Martin Switzer (or his nominee) the number of Shares determined in accordance with the formula set out in the Explanatory Statement which accompanies and forms part of this Notice of Meeting and on the terms and conditions set out in that Explanatory Statement."

#### Voting Exclusion and Restriction Statement

As required by the Listing Rules, the Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of **Resolution 3** by or on behalf of:

- Mr Martin Switzer (or his nominee) and any other person who will obtain a material benefit as a result of the issue of the securities (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the entity); or
- an Associate of those persons.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if:

- it is cast by a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with the directions given to the proxy or attorney;
- it is cast by the Chair as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with a
  direction given to the Chair to vote as the Chair decides; or
- it is cast by a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided that:
  - the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting on this Resolution 3 and is not an Associate of a person excluded from voting on this Resolution 3; and
  - it is cast in accordance with a direction given by the beneficiary to the holder.

#### By order of the Board

Kristy Do Company Secretary Dated: 13 October 2021

#### VOTING AND PROXY INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Quorum

The Constitution provides that a quorum for the Meeting is three Shareholders attending in person, by proxy or attorney or where the Shareholder is a body corporate, by a representative.

#### 2. Voting entitlement

For the purposes of the Meeting and in accordance with section 1074E(2)(g)(i) of the *Corporations Act* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) and regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth), the Directors have determined that the Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting will be those persons who are recorded on the Company's register of Shareholders at 11:30am on Tuesday, 9 November 2021. Share transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining the Shareholders entitled to vote at the Meeting.

On a poll, Shareholders will have one vote for every Share held. Holders of options, if any, are not entitled to vote in respect of those options. In the case of joint holders of Shares, if more than one holder votes at the Meeting, only the vote of the first named of the joint holders in the Company's register of Shareholders will be counted.

#### 3. Majority required for the Resolutions

A Resolution will be passed if more than 50% of the votes validly cast on the Resolution (either in person or by proxy, attorney or corporate representative) are in favour of that Resolution.

#### 4. Proxies

- (a) Any Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint:
  - (1) one proxy (if the Shareholder is entitled to one vote); or
  - (2) one or two proxies (if the Shareholder is entitled to more than one vote).
- (b) The person or persons appointed may, but need not necessarily, be a Shareholder.
- (c) Where two proxies are appointed, each proxy should be appointed to represent a specified portion or number of the Shareholder's voting rights (failing which each appointee will be entitled to cast half the Shareholder's votes, in which case any fraction of votes will be disregarded).
- (d) Where a Shareholder appoints two proxies, on a show of hands, neither proxy may vote if more than one proxy attends and, on a poll, each proxy may only exercise votes in respect of those Shares or voting rights the proxy represents.
- (e) The Proxy Form must be signed by the Shareholder (or, in the case of a joint holding, by each joint holder) or his/her attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the member is a corporation, in a manner permitted by the Corporations Act. A proxy given by a foreign corporation must be executed in accordance with the laws of that corporation's place of incorporation.
- (f) If a Proxy Form is signed under a power of attorney on behalf of a Shareholder, then either the original power of attorney, or a certified copy of it, must be lodged with the Proxy Form (before the deadline for appointment of proxies), unless the power of attorney has already been sighted by the Company or its share registrar.
- (g) A proxy may decide whether or not to vote on any item of business or other motion at the Meeting, except where the proxy is required by law or the Constitution to vote or abstain from voting in their capacity as proxy. If the proxy's appointment directs the proxy how to vote on an item of business, the proxy may vote on that item only in accordance with the direction. If the proxy's appointment does not direct the proxy how to vote on an item of business or any other motion at the Meeting, the proxy may vote as he or she thinks fit on that item or motion.
- (h) If the same person (such as the Chair) is appointed as proxy for two or more Shareholders and those Shareholders have specified different ways for the proxy to vote on an item of business, then the proxy is not entitled to vote (as proxy) on a show of hands on that item.
- (i) The appointment of one or more proxies will not preclude a Shareholder from attending the Meeting and voting personally. If the Shareholder votes on a Resolution, the proxy or proxies must not vote as the Shareholder's proxy on that Resolution.
- (j) Proxies may be appointed using the enclosed Proxy Form. Detailed instructions for appointing a proxy are provided on the back of the Proxy Form.
- (k) Proxy appointments (and any necessary supporting document) must be received by the Company no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting (i.e. by 11:30am on Tuesday, 9 November 2021). Proxies received after this deadline will not be effective for the Meeting.
- (I) Proxy appointments may be lodged in any of the following ways:

	Lodgment with the Company's share registrar
By mail	Contango Asset Management Limited C/- Link Market Services Limited
	Locked Bag A14

#### 5. Appointment of corporate representatives

A body corporate that is a Shareholder and is entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting, or that has been appointed as proxy of a Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting, may appoint an individual to act as its representative at the Meeting. The appointment must comply with section 250D of the Corporations Act. The representative must bring to the Meeting adequate evidence of his/ her appointment, including any authority under which the appointment is signed, unless that evidence has previously been provided to the Company's share registrar.

#### 6. Appointing the Chair as your proxy

The Proxy Form accompanying this Notice of Meeting contains detailed instructions regarding how to complete the Proxy Form if a Shareholder wishes to appoint the Chair as the Shareholder's proxy. You should read those instructions carefully.

The Chair intends to exercise all available proxies by voting in favour of the Resolutions on the Notice of Meeting.

If you do not wish to give the Chair such a directed proxy, you should ensure that a box other than the 'For' box is clearly marked in relation to the Resolutions on the Proxy Form.

#### 7. Undirected proxies

If you return your Proxy Form but do not nominate a proxy, the Chair will be your proxy and will vote on your behalf as you direct on the Proxy Form. If your nominated representative does not attend the Meeting, then your proxy will revert to the Chair and the Chair will vote on your behalf as you direct on the Proxy Form.

If a proxy is not directed how to vote on a Resolution, the proxy (including, if applicable, the Chair) may vote, or abstain from voting, as he/she thinks fit.

If you appoint the Chair as your proxy (including appointment by default) and do not direct the Chair how to vote on the Resolutions, the Chair will vote your proxy in favour of the Resolutions even if the Chair has an interest in the outcome of the Resolutions and votes cast by the Chair, other than as proxy holder, would be disregarded because of that interest.

#### 8. Questions and comments from Shareholders

In accordance with the Corporations Act, a reasonable opportunity will be given to Shareholders – as a whole - to ask questions about, or make comments on, the management of the Company at the Meeting.

Similarly, a reasonable opportunity will be given to Shareholders – as a whole – to ask the Company's external auditor, Ernst & Young, questions relevant to:

- the conduct of the audit;
- the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report;
- the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of its financial statements; and
- the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

Shareholders may also submit written questions to the Company or to Ernst & Young via the Company (if the question is relevant to the content of the Auditor's Report or the conduct of its audit of the Company's Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021) in advance of the Meeting. Questions may be submitted:

- by mail to the Company Secretary, Contango Asset Management Limited, Level 6, 10 Spring Street, Sydney NSW 2000; or
- by email to <u>invest@contango.com.au</u>;

and must be submitted no later than 5 Business Days before the Meeting.

Questions should relate to matters that are relevant to the business of the Meeting, as outlined in the Notice of Meeting and the enclosed Explanatory Statement.

During the Meeting, the Chair will seek to address as many of the more frequently raised topics as possible and, where appropriate, will give a representative of the Company's auditor, Ernst & Young, the opportunity to answer, or to table answers to, written questions submitted to the auditor.

#### 9. Electronic Annual Reports

In accordance with the Corporations Act, and in the interests of maximum efficiency and reducing costs, the Company is providing printed copies of its 2021 Annual Report only to those Shareholders who have specifically made this request. For all other Shareholders, an electronic copy of the Company's 2021 Annual Report is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.contango.com.au">www.contango.com.au</a>.

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## Contango Asset Management Limited ACN 080 277 998 EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to assist Shareholders in understanding the business of the Meeting and the Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting.

This Explanatory Statement accompanies and forms part of the Notice of Meeting and should be read by Shareholders in conjunction with the Notice of Meeting.

The Directors recommend that Shareholders read this Explanatory Statement in full before making any decisions in relation to the Resolutions. If you are in doubt as to what you should do, you should consult your legal, investment or other professional financial adviser.

A number of terms used in this document are defined in the Glossary in section 4 of this Explanatory Statement.

This Explanatory Statement is dated 13 October 2021.

#### 2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The business of the Meeting is to:

- (a) receive and consider the Financial Statements, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021;
- (b) approve the Resolutions required for the Company to:
  - adopt the Remuneration Report (as included in the Directors' Report);
  - · re-elect Ms Nerida Campbell as a Non-Executive Director; and
  - approve the issuance of Shares to Mr Martin Switzer, Managing Director and CEO, in recognition of the reduction in his base salary during the 2020 and 2021 financial years in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for his outstanding contribution to the Company during this period.

#### 2.1 Financial Statements and Reports

The Financial Statements, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021 form part of the Company's 2021 Annual Report. The Company's 2021 Annual Report, including the Remuneration Report, is available to access and download from <a href="http://www.contango.com.au">www.contango.com.au</a>.

Shareholders who have requested a printed copy of the Company's 2021 Annual Report will receive a copy by post. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the Company's 2021 Annual Report free of charge, you can contact the Company's share registrar on <u>registrars@linkmarketservices.com.au</u>.

There is no requirement for Shareholders to approve the Financial Statements, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report. Therefore, Shareholders will not be asked to vote on this item of business.

During the discussion of this item, Shareholders will be given a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about, and make comments on, those reports and on the business, operations and management of the Company generally.

A representative of the Company's auditor, Ernst & Young, will be present at the Meeting. During this item, Shareholders will also be given a reasonable opportunity to ask Ernst & Young's representative questions relevant to the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report, the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the Financial Statements and the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit. Shareholders may also submit a written question to Ernst & Young if the question is relevant to the content of the Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 or the conduct of the audit of the financial report for that year.

Written questions for the auditor must be received by the Company by no later than 5 Business Days before the date of the Meeting. During this item, Ernst & Young will be given the opportunity to answer, or to table written answers to, any relevant written questions received by that date.

Shareholders are also invited to submit written questions to the Company in advance of the Meeting. Where appropriate and practical to do so, the Company will provide answers to any such written questions at the Meeting.

#### 2.2 Adoption of Remuneration Report (Resolution 1)

The Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 contains a Remuneration Report which sets out the policies of the Company for and applicable to the remuneration of its officers and senior employees.

The contents of the Remuneration Report include (among other things):

• discussion of the Board's policy in relation to the nature and level of remuneration of the KMP of the Company;

- if applicable, information about the performance conditions applicable to the incentive components of the remuneration of certain senior executives; and
- the required details of the remuneration provided to the KMP (including the Executive and Non-Executive Directors) of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

While the Corporations Act (section 250R(2)) requires a listed company put a resolution to its members at its annual general meeting that its Remuneration Report be adopted, the Corporations Act expressly provides that the vote on any such resolution is advisory only and does not bind the directors or the Company. However, under the Corporations Act, if at least 25% of the votes cast on Resolution 1 at the 2021 Meeting are against adoption of the Remuneration Report, then:

- the Company's Remuneration Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 will be required to include an
  explanation of the Board's proposed action in response or, if no action is proposed, the Board's reasons for this; and
- if subsequently, at the Company's annual general meeting in the following year, at least 25% of the votes cast on the resolution for adoption of the Remuneration Report for that financial year are against its adoption, the Company will be required to put to Shareholders a resolution proposing that a general meeting (**Spill Resolution**) be called to consider the election of Directors of the Company (**Spill Meeting**). The Spill Meeting must be held within 90 days of the date the Spill Resolution is passed. For any Spill Resolution to be passed, more than 50% of the votes cast on the resolution must be in favour of it. If a Spill Resolution is passed, all of the Directors (other than any Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director) will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting unless reelected at that meeting.

The Remuneration Report forms part of the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 and is made in accordance with a unanimous resolution of the Directors. While noting that each Director has a personal interest in their remuneration, as described in the Remuneration Report, the Board unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of adopting the Remuneration Report.

Shareholders attending the Meeting will be given a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about, or make comments on, the Remuneration Report.

#### 2.3 Appointment of Non-Executive Director – Ms Nerida Campbell (Resolution 2)

As required by the Company's Constitution and the ASX Listing Rules, Ms Nerida Campbell retires by rotation, and being eligible, offers herself for re-election.

The non-candidate Directors unanimously support the appointment and recommend Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

#### Qualifications of Ms. Nerida Campbell: B.Bus, CA, FINSIA, GAICD.

Appointment date: Director since 17 August 2018 and elected 13 November 2018.

#### Independent: Yes.

**Skills and experience:** Ms Campbell has held a variety of roles since graduating with a Bachelor of Business from New South Wales Institute of Technology (now University of Technology Sydney) in 1984. She previously worked as an auditor for 4 years with Ernst and Whinney (now Ernst & Young) before joining Bankers Trust Australia Limited and then ABN Amro Australia Limited for 5 and 3 years respectively. Her most prominent roles include 9 years with UBS AG, Australia initially as a Chief Financial Officer for 6 years and then as a Chief Operating Officer, and 11 years as the Chief Operating Officer of Magellan Financial Group Limited. During her time at Magellan, Ms Campbell also held the roles of Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary.

Other offices: ASX Disciplinary Tribunal panel member (2002-2008).

#### 2.4 Approval of issue of Shares to Mr. Martin Switzer, Managing Director (Resolution 3)

#### Background

In April 2020, Contango provided an update to the ASX on the impact of COVID-19 on its business, including that with effect from 1 April 2020 the Board had reduced the Managing Director and CEO's base salary (inclusive of superannuation) by approximately 16%.

On 16 October 2020, Contango provided a further update to the ASX on its business including that, as a result of the resilience of the business, the Board had restored the Managing Director and CEO's base salary to a level 8% below its pre-COVID-19 level. The Board further proposed the issuance of 60,303 new Shares with a total value of \$43,750 (**Proposed Issue**) to the Managing Director and CEO in recognition of the reduction in his base salary in the 2020 and 2021 financial years in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for his outstanding contribution to the Company during this period.

The issue price of such Shares is equal to the volume weighted average price of Shares on the ASX over the 5 Business Days ended 23 November 2020, being \$0.7255 per Share.

The Board believes that the issuance of these Shares will continue to align the Managing Director and CEO to the long term success of the Company.

The Company seeks approval under this Resolution 3 to undertake the Proposed Issue.

#### **Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act**

The Proposed Issue constitutes giving a financial benefit as Mr Switzer is a related party of the Company by virtue of him being a Director. Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act provides that, for a public company to give a financial benefit to a related party of the public company, the public company must obtain the approval of members unless the giving of the financial benefit falls within an exception set out in sections 210 to 216 of the Corporations Act. These exceptions include where the financial benefit is given on terms that would be reasonable in the circumstances if the public company and the related party were dealing at arm's length, and where the financial benefit is remuneration to the related party as an officer of the public company and the giving of such remuneration is reasonable given the circumstances of the public company and the related party's circumstances (including the responsibilities involved in the office).

The Company considers that approval pursuant to Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act is not required in respect of the Proposed Issue because:

- the Shares are being issued to Mr Switzer as remuneration for his services to the Company as its Managing Director and CEO; and
- the remuneration is reasonable on the basis that:
  - the Shares are being issued to Mr Switzer in recognition of the reduction in his base salary in the 2020 and 2021 financial years in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for his outstanding contribution to the Company during this period;
  - o the quantum of the Proposed Issue was negotiated on arm's length basis; and
  - the price at which the Shares will be issued to Mr Switzer is determined by reference to the price at which Shares are traded on the ASX. Using a market valuation for the Shares ensures that the benefit received by Mr Switzer as a result of the issue the Shares is directly referable to the reduction in his base salary which is itself reasonable remuneration.

#### ASX Listing Rule 10.11

ASX Listing Rule 10.11 provides that unless one of the exceptions in Listing Rule 10.12 applies, a listed company must not issue or agree to issue equity securities to the following persons unless it obtains the approval of Shareholders:

- (a) a related party;
- (b) a person who is, or was at any time in the 6 months before the issue or agreement, a substantial (30%+) holder in the Company;
- (c) a person who is, or was at any time in the 6 months before the issue or agreement, a substantial (10%+) holder in the Company and who has nominated a Director to the Board pursuant to a relevant agreement which gives them a right or expectation to do so;
- (d) an Associate of a person referred to in (a) to (c); or
- (e) a person whose relationship with the Company or a person referred to in (a) to (d) is such that, in ASX's opinion, the issue or agreement should be approved by Shareholders.

The Proposed Issue falls within Listing Rule 10.11.1 (by reason of Mr Switzer being a related party of the Company by virtue of him being a Director) and does not fall within any of the exceptions set out in Listing Rule 10.12. The Company therefore requires the approval of Shareholders under Listing Rule 10.11.

Resolution 3 seeks the required Shareholder approval to the Proposed Issue under and for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.11. If Resolution 3 is passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the Proposed Issue and Mr Switzer will be issued 60,303 Shares.

If Resolution 3 is not passed, the Company will not be able to proceed with the Proposed Issue and will not be able to issue Mr Switzer any Shares relating to the Proposed Issue.

#### Information required by ASX Listing Rule 10.13

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 10.13, the following information is provided:

- (a) the Shares will be issued to Mr Martin Switzer (or his nominee);
- (b) Mr Switzer is a related party of the Company for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 10.11.1 by virtue of him being a Director;
- (c) the number of Shares to be issued to Mr Switzer is 60,303 fully paid ordinary shares;
- (d) the Shares will be issued to Mr Switzer no later than one month after the date of the Meeting;
- (e) the value of the Proposed Issue is \$43,750 based on an issue price of \$0.7255 per Share, being the volume weighted average price of Shares on the ASX over the 5 Business Days ended 23 November 2020, representing consideration for the reduction in the base salary of Mr Switzer for the 2020 and 2021 financial years;

- (f) the Shares are being issued in recognition of the reduction in Mr Switzer's base salary for the 2020 and 2021 financial years in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for his outstanding contribution to the Company during this period, therefore no funds will be raised by the issue of the Shares;
- (g) the issue of Shares to Mr Switzer is intended to remunerate Mr Switzer whose current remuneration package comprises a base salary of \$406,211 including superannuation, and variable remuneration of up to 100% of his base salary which is split 35% cash and 65% in rights over new Shares in the Company; and
- (h) a voting exclusion statement is included in the Notice of Meeting.

Approval pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1 is not required for the Shares as approval is being obtained under ASX Listing Rule 10.11. Accordingly, the issue of Shares to Mr. Switzer (or his nominee) will not be included in the use of the Company's 15% annual placement capacity pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

#### **Board recommendation**

The Board (with Mr Switzer abstaining because of his interest) recommends that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

#### 3. FURTHER INFORMATION

#### 3.1 No other material information

Except as set out in this Explanatory Statement, in the opinion of the Directors, there is no other information that is reasonably required by Shareholders in order to decide whether or not it is in the Company's interests to pass the Resolutions, and is known to the Company or any of its Directors.

#### 3.2 Authorisation

The Notice of Meeting and this Explanatory Statement have been approved by a resolution passed by the Directors.

#### 3.3 Responsibility

The Notice of Meeting and this Explanatory Statement have been prepared by the Company under the direction and oversight of the Directors.

#### 3.4 Forward-looking statements

Some of the statements appearing in this Explanatory Statement may be in the nature of forward-looking statements. Actual events or results may differ materially from the events or results expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement and those deviations are both normal and to be expected.

None of the Company, any of its officers or any person named in this Explanatory Statement or involved in its preparation makes any representation or warranty (either express or implied) as to the accuracy or likelihood of fulfilment of any forward-looking statement, or any events or results expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement, and you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on those statements.

The forward-looking statements in this Explanatory Statement reflect views held only at the date of this document. The Company has no obligation to disseminate, after the date of this Explanatory Statement, any updates or revisions to those statements to reflect any change in expectations in relation to those statements, or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which those statements are based, unless it is required under the Corporations Act to update or correct this document or to do so pursuant to its continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules and/or the Corporations Act.

#### 3.5 Times

All times referred to in the Notice of Meeting and this Explanatory Statement are **Australian Eastern Daylight Time** (**AEDT**).

#### 4. GLOSSARY

In this Explanatory Statement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms will have the following meanings:

Associate has the meaning given to it by the ASX Listing Rules.

ASX means, as the case requires, ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 or the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited.

ASX Listing Rules or Listing Rules means the official listing rules of the financial market operated by ASX.

Board means the board of directors of the Company.

Business Day means a day on which trading takes place on the stock market of ASX.

Chair means the Chair of the Meeting.

Company means Contango Asset Management Limited ACN 080 277 998.

Constitution means the constitution of the Company as amended from time to time.

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

Director/Directors means a current director of the Company.

**Explanatory Statement** means this explanatory statement (as amended or supplemented from time to time) annexed to and forming part of the Notice of Meeting.

**Meeting** means the general meeting of Shareholders to be held on Thursday, 11 November 2021 at 11:30am hosted as a virtual meeting at **https://agmlive.link/CGA21**.

Notice of Meeting means the notice of meeting convening the Meeting.

**Proposed Issue** means the proposed issue of Shares to Mr Martin Switzer as set out in the Background to Resolution 3 in the Explanatory Notes.

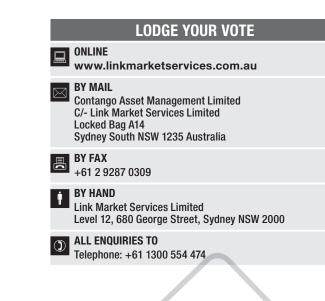
**Resolutions** means the resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting, an explanation of which is set out in this Explanatory Statement and **Resolution** means any one of the Resolutions.

Shareholders means holders of Shares and Shareholder means any one of those Shareholders.

Shares means the fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company and Share means any one of those Shares.

# Contango. Asset Management

ABN 56 080 277 998



Name



### PROXY FORM

I/We being a member(s) of Contango Asset Management Limited and entitled to attend and vote hereby appoint:

#### **APPOINT A PROXY**

the Chairman of the Meeting (mark box) **OR** if you are **NOT** appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name and email of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy. An email will be sent to your appointed proxy with details on how to access the virtual meeting.

or failing the person or body corporate named, or if no person or body corporate is named, the Chairman of the Meeting, as my/our proxy to act on my/our behalf (including to vote in accordance with the following directions or, if no directions have been given and to the extent permitted by the law, as the proxy sees fit) at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at **10:00am on Thursday**, **11 November 2021** (the **Meeting**) and at any postponement or adjournment of the Meeting.

The Meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting and you can participate by logging in online at https://agmlive.link/CGA21 (refer to details in the Virtual Annual General Meeting Online Guide). You can view and download the Notice of Annual General Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum at the Company's website at https://contango.com.au/shareholder-centre/

Important for Resolution 1: If the Chairman of the Meeting is your proxy, either by appointment or by default, and you have not indicated your voting intention below, you expressly authorise the Chairman of the Meeting to exercise the proxy in respect of Resolution 1, even though the Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Company's Key Management Personnel (KMP).

The Chairman of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of each item of business.

#### **VOTING DIRECTIONS**

Proxies will only be valid and accepted by the Company if they are signed and received no later than 48 hours before the Meeting. Please read the voting instructions overleaf before marking any boxes with an  $\boxtimes$ 

#### Resolutions

For Against Abstain\*

- 1 Adoption of Remuneration Report
- 2 Re-election of Non-executive Director – Ms Nerida Campbell
- **3** Approval of issue of Shares to Mr Martin Switzer
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LEP 2

\* If you mark the Abstain box for a particular Item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf on a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority on a poll.

#### SIGNATURE OF SHAREHOLDERS - THIS MUST BE COMPLETED

Shareholder 1 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 2 (Individual)

Joint Shareholder 3 (Individual)

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#### Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary

Director/Company Secretary (Delete one)

Director

This form should be signed by the shareholder. If a joint holding, either shareholder may sign. If signed by the shareholder's attorney, the power of attorney must have been previously noted by the registry or a certified copy attached to this form. If executed by a company, the form must be executed in accordance with the company's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).



#### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

This is your name and address as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, please make the correction on the form. Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes. **Please note: you cannot change ownership of your shares using this form.** 

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

If you wish to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, mark the box in Step 1. If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chairman of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name email address of that individual or body corporate in Step 1. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

#### **DEFAULT TO CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

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

#### **VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS – PROXY APPOINTMENT**

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

#### **APPOINTMENT OF A SECOND PROXY**

You are entitled to appoint up to two persons as proxies to attend the Meeting and vote on a poll. If you wish to appoint a second proxy, an additional Proxy Form may be obtained by telephoning the Company's share registry or you may copy this form and return them both together.

To appoint a second proxy you must:

- (a) on each of the first Proxy Form and the second Proxy Form state the percentage of your voting rights or number of shares applicable to that form. If the appointments do not specify the percentage or number of votes that each proxy may exercise, each proxy may exercise half your votes. Fractions of votes will be disregarded; and
- (b) return both forms together.

#### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

You must sign this form as follows in the spaces provided:

Individual: where the holding is in one name, the holder must sign.

**Joint Holding:** where the holding is in more than one name, either shareholder may sign.

**Power of Attorney:** to sign under Power of Attorney, you must lodge the Power of Attorney with the registry. If you have not previously lodged this document for notation, please attach a certified photocopy of the Power of Attorney to this form when you return it.

**Companies:** where the company has a Sole Director who is also the Sole Company Secretary, this form must be signed by that person. If the company (pursuant to section 204A of the *Corporations Act 2001*) does not have a Company Secretary, a Sole Director can also sign alone. Otherwise this form must be signed by a Director jointly with either another Director or a Company Secretary. Please indicate the office held by signing in the appropriate place.

#### **CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES**

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting Virtually the appropriate "Certificate of Appointment of Corporate Representative" must be received at vote@linkmarketservices.com.au prior to admission in accordance with the Notice of Annual General Meeting. A form of the certificate may be obtained from the Company's share registry or online at www.linkmarketservices.com.au.

#### LODGEMENT OF A PROXY FORM

This Proxy Form (and any Power of Attorney under which it is signed) must be received at an address given below by **10:00am on Tuesday**, **9 November 2021**, being not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Form received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

Proxy Forms may be lodged using the reply paid envelope or:

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www.linkmarketservices.com.au

Login to the Link website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Select 'Voting' and follow the prompts to lodge your vote. To use the online lodgement facility, shareholders will need their "Holder Identifier" - Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN).

#### BY MAIL

Contango Asset Management Limited C/- Link Market Services Limited Locked Bag A14 Sydney South NSW 1235 Australia

#### BY FAX

+61 2 9287 0309

#### BY HAND

delivering it to Link Market Services Limited\* Level 12 680 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

\*during business hours Monday to Friday (9:00am - 5:00pm) and subject to public health orders and restrictions