

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Directors of Beam Communications Holdings Limited (**BCC or the Company**) are committed to protecting and enhancing shareholder value and conducting the company's business ethically and in accordance with the highest standards of corporate governance.

In accordance with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations: 4th Edition (**the Principles**), this corporate governance statement reports on the Company's adoption of the Principles on an exception basis. This statement provides specific information whereby disclosure is required of any recommendations that have not been adopted by the Company, together with the reasons why they have not been adopted. The Company's corporate governance principles and policies are therefore structured with reference to the Principles, which are as follows:

- 1. Lay solid foundations for management and oversight.**
- 2. Structure the Board to be effective and add value.**
- 3. Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly.**
- 4. Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports.**
- 5. Make timely and balanced disclosure.**
- 6. Respect the rights of security holders.**
- 7. Recognise and manage risk.**
- 8. Remunerate fairly and responsibly.**

#### **1. Lay Solid Foundations for Management and Oversight**

##### **Recommendation 1.1: The Board and Senior Management – Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Board Processes**

The Board recognises that its responsibilities should accord with the following general principles:

- the Board should be made up of a majority of Independent Directors;
- the Chairman of the Board should be an Independent Director;
- the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should not be exercised by the same person;
- the Board should meet on a monthly basis;

- all available information in connection with items to be discussed at a meeting of the Board shall be provided to each Director prior to that meeting; and
- Directors are entitled to seek independent professional advice.

To assist in the execution of its responsibilities the Board has established an Audit Committee with a formalised charter and operating principles. Activities which may be conducted by separate committees in a larger company such as Directors Nomination, Risk Management and Remuneration are dealt with by the full Board as separate and specific agenda items in accordance with the principles and policies set down in the Company's corporate governance programme.

The Company has adopted a Board Charter which details the functions and responsibilities of the Board of Directors. A copy of the Board Charter is on the Company's website. The employment contract between the Company and the Chief Executive Officer and the letter of engagement for the Chief Financial Officer and senior executives details the terms of employment, job specifications and responsibilities.

#### **The Role of the Board of Directors**

The BCC Board is responsible to its shareholders for the protection and enhancement of long-term shareholder value.

To fulfil this role the Board is responsible for:

- oversight of the Group, including its controls, risk management, financial structures and accountability systems;
- setting strategic direction for management with a view to maximising shareholder value;
- input into and final approval of strategic plans and goal and performance objectives and key operational and financial matters;
- determining dividend payments;
- selecting, appointing and reviewing the performance of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO);
- ratifying the appointment and, where appropriate, the removal of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Company Secretary;
- approval of annual and half yearly financial reports and related Australian Securities Exchange reports;
- selecting and appointing new non-executive directors;
- approving major capital expenditure and acquisitions;
- evaluating the Board's performance and that of

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individual directors;

- reviewing and ratifying systems of risk management and internal compliance and control, codes of conduct and legal compliance;
- monitoring senior management's performance and implementation of strategy, and ensuring appropriate resources are available;
- dealing with approaches to take over the company; and approving and monitoring financial and other reporting.

### Chairman's Appointment and Responsibilities

The Chairman is appointed by the Board from the non-executive directors. The Chairman:

- provides appropriate leadership to the Board and the Company;
- ensures membership of the Board is balanced and appropriate for the Company's needs;
- facilitates Board discussions to ensure the core issues facing the organisation are addressed;
- maintains a regular dialogue and mentor relationship with the Chief Executive Officer;
- monitors Board performance; and
- guides and promotes the on-going effectiveness and development of the Board and individual directors.

### Conduct of Board Business

The Board normally holds monthly formal Board meetings and will also meet whenever necessary to carry out its responsibilities. In the year ended 30 June 2022, the Board and/or its committees met 16 times. When conducting Board business, Directors have a duty to question, request information, raise any issue of concern, and fully canvas all aspects of any issue confronting the Company and vote on any resolution according to their own judgment. Directors keep confidential, board discussions, deliberations and decisions that are not publicly known.

### Access to Information

Directors are encouraged to access members of the senior management team at any time to request relevant information in accordance with protocols adopted by the Board. Where Directors perceive an irregularity in a Company related matter, they are entitled to seek independent advice at the Company's expense. Directors must ensure that the costs are reasonable and must inform the Chairman before the advice is sought. The advice must be made available to the rest of the Board.

### Independent Professional Advice

Each Director has the right to seek independent legal and other professional advice at the Company's expense concerning any aspect of the Company's operations or undertakings in order to fulfil their duties and responsibilities as directors.

### Conflicts of Interest

Directors are required to continually monitor and disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise. Directors must:

- disclose to the Board any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may exist as soon as the situation arises;
- take necessary and reasonable steps to resolve any conflict of interest within an appropriate period, if required by the Board or deemed appropriate by that director; and
- comply with the Corporations Act requirements about disclosing interests and restrictions on voting.

Directors should discuss with the Chairman any other proposed Board or executive appointments they are considering undertaking and advise the Company of their appointments to other companies as soon as possible after the appointment is made.

The same requirement exists for related party transactions including financial transactions with the Company. Related party transactions are reported in writing to the Company Secretary and where appropriate, raised for consideration at the next board meeting.

### Retirement of Directors

One-third of the Directors are required to retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Directors to retire at each AGM are those who have been longest in office since their last election. Where Directors have served for equal periods, they may agree amongst themselves or determine by lot who will retire. A Director must retire at the third AGM since last elected or re-elected. A Director appointed as an additional or casual director by the Board will hold office until the next AGM when the Director may be re-elected. This re-election will be in addition to any rotational retirements.

A CEO, if also a Managing Director, is not subject to retirement by rotation and is not to be taken into account in determining the rotation of retirement of Directors.

### Functions of Senior Executives

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The Chief Executive Officer reports to the Board and is responsible for the operation and administration of the Company including the implementation of the Company's strategies, plans, policies and control programmes. He is supported by a management team whose responsibilities are delineated by formal authority delegations. The team meets regularly to co-ordinate activities and to review and monitor performance.

As of 1 December 2021, the Board ratified the appointment of Mr Dean Sleigh as CFO to replace Mr Dennis Payne, who is stepping down after 16 years of service. Dennis Payne will continue to act as Company Secretary.

### **Recommendation 1.2: Board Nominations**

#### **Appointment of Directors**

The Company has not established a nomination committee for recommending the appointment of Directors.

Given the nature and size of the Company, the Board considers that as a four-member Board of a small public company the selection and appointment of Directors is such an important task that it should be the responsibility of the entire Board to consider the nominations process. The structure of the Board is reviewed annually as to qualifications, skills, experience and diversity to ensure the Board has an appropriate mix. In a three-member Board the highest requirement is for appropriate skill. Where a vacancy exists or there is a need for particular skills, the Board will determine the selection criteria and identify and appoint a suitable candidate. In this regard, the Company also notes that the Company operated with a four-member Board for part of this financial year. Mr David Stewart will retire from the Board on 30 September 2022 after having served as a Non-Executive Director on the Board for approximately five years, and Mr Mark Chartres was appointed to the Board as an independent Non-Executive Director as of 1 February 2022.

The Company will undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward a candidate for election as a Director, and provide shareholders with this information. Candidates will be assessed through interviews, meetings and background reference checks as appropriate. External advisors may be used in this process. The Company will provide shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to the decision on whether or not to elect (or re-elect) a Director, either in the notice of the meeting at which the election of the Director is to be held, or by including in the notice a clear reference to the location on the Company's website, Annual Report or other document lodged with ASX where the information can be found.

Directors appointed by the Board must stand for re-election at the next meeting of shareholders.

Further information regarding Director nominations can be found in the Company's Election of Directors Policy as posted on the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 1.3: Terms of Appointment – Directors and Senior Executives**

Each new Non-Executive Director will receive a letter formalising their appointment and outlining the material terms of their appointment. Non-Executive Directors of the Company have not been appointed for fixed terms. Senior Executives will generally have written employment agreements with the Company setting out their duties, obligations and remuneration.

The above-mentioned appointment letter and employment agreements are with the Non-Executive Director or Senior Executive personally.

The remuneration paid/payable to the Company's 'key management personnel' is outlined within the Remuneration Report in the Company's latest Annual Report.

### **Recommendation 1.4: The Company Secretary**

The Company Secretary is appointed by the Board and is responsible for developing and maintaining the systems and processes that are appropriate for the Board to fulfil its role. The Company Secretary is responsible to the Board for ensuring compliance with Board procedures and governance matters. The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board. The Company Secretary is also responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating disclosure of information to the ASX as well as communicating with the ASX.

### **Recommendation 1.5: Diversity Policy**

The Company has taken measures to establish a corporate culture in which the principles of diversity are embedded. By promoting and supporting transparent recruiting processes, flexible work practices, an enlightened code of conduct, equal employment opportunity policies and clear reporting of outcomes, the Board feels that the objectives of diversity will be achieved. The results of recruiting and the composition of staff are reported by the Chief Executive Officer and reviewed at monthly Board meetings.

The Board, at this time, has not established an explicit policy on diversity or measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. Because of the size of the Company (47 staff including Board members, as at the date of this report), the Board is of the view that the scale and nature of the Company's operations does not currently lend itself to an effective and meaningful application of a targeted diversity policy.

Rather, the Board recognises the positive benefits for the organisation of increased diversity, especially gender, and has sought to integrate diversity objectives within the existing policies and procedures of the Company. The Board intends to reconsider the adoption of a formal diversity policy periodically.

At the date of this report the Company has a total staff excluding Board members of 44 employees (including Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director) of which 31.8% (14 employees) are women. The Senior Executive team is made up of 7 managers including Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director and 1 of those members is female. At this time there are no women on the Board which comprises four positions.

### **Recommendations 1.6 and 1.7 – Performance Review and Evaluation**

#### **Evaluating the Performance of Directors**

The Board has adopted a self-evaluation process to measure its own performance and the performance of its Committees.

On an annual basis, the Chairman facilitates a discussion and evaluation of the Board's performance in accordance with this process. This includes discussions about the Board's role, processes, performance and other relevant issues. Each Director's performance is reviewed by the Chairman and Board prior to the Director standing for re-election. Performance evaluations will take place during September at the same time as those for all staff members. A performance evaluation was undertaken during the reporting period.

If the contribution of a Non-Executive Director appears to a majority of Directors to be less than adequate, they may direct the Chairman to inform that Director accordingly and ask that person to consider his or her position on the Board. If the Director takes no action in response, a circulated minute signed by a majority of Directors will authorise the Company Secretary to inform the shareholders that the Board will not support the re-election of the Director at the general meeting where they are next due to offer for re-election.

#### **Evaluating the Performance of Senior Executives**

Arrangements put in place by the Board to monitor the performance of the Group's key executives include:

- regular monthly reporting submitted to the Board and attendance at all Board Meetings by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer;
- a review by the Board of the Group's financial performance and revised forecast results on a

monthly and annual basis at Board meetings at which reports are presented by the key executives; and

- an evaluation of the detailed presentations made by the Chief Executive Officer and his direct reports during business planning/strategy meetings which are at least bi-annual.

A performance evaluation was undertaken during the reporting period.

## **2. Structure Board to Be effective and Add Value**

### **Recommendation 2.1: Nomination Committee**

Due to the small size of the Board and the Company's current level of operations, the Company does not have a separate nomination committee. Nominations for positions on the Board are considered by the entire Board.

### **Recommendation 2.2: Skills, Knowledge and Experience**

Directors are appointed based on the specific business, industry and governance skills and experience as required by the Company. The Board recognises the need for Directors to have a relevant and applicable range of skills and personal experience in a range of disciplines as required for the proper management and oversight of the Company's operations, as having regard to the scale and nature of its activities.

The Board skills matrix set out below describes the skills, experience and expertise that the Board would look to maintain and build on:

- capital markets;
- corporate finance;
- regulatory and compliance;
- operations;
- legal;
- sales;
- marketing;
- corporate governance; and
- financial and business acumen.

### **Recommendations 2.3 and 2.4: Independent Directors**

#### **Directors Independence**

At the date on which the Directors' report is made out, the Company's Board has four Directors. The Board currently consists of three Non-Executive Directors. One (Mr David Stewart) of the Non-Executive Directors

will be retiring effective 30 September 2022, leaving three Directors on the Board. At this time two (Mr Simon Wallace and Mr Mark Chartres) of the three Non-Executive Directors are considered by the Board to be independent, and as such the Company does not comply with Recommendation 2.4 of the Corporate Governance Council at the date of this report, which recommends that a majority of Board members should be independent. However, the Board considers that both its structure and composition are appropriate given the size of the Group and that the interests of shareholders are well met. Upon David Stewart's retirement, the Company will be in compliance with Recommendation 2.4, as 2 of the 3 Directors will be independent.

The Board regularly assesses its composition, having regard to the nature and size of the Company's operations and the relevant skills, knowledge, and experience of each Board member.

In the interest of clear disclosure, Mr David Stewart serving as a Non-Executive Director until his retirement on 30 September 2022, is not regarded as being independent, as two companies associated with and/ or controlled by Mr Stewart in total hold a relevant interest in 10,905,000 shares in the Company, representing 12.62% of the issued capital of the Company and Mr Stewart is thereby a substantial holder.

The names, qualifications and experience of each Director of the Company are detailed in the Directors' Report in the Annual Report.

### **Recommendation 2.5: Independent Chairman**

The Chairman, Mr Simon Wallace, is an independent Non-Executive Director of the Company at this time. Mr Wallace was appointed as Chairman of the Company on 22 December 2016, based on his extensive experience in legal and commercial matters, project finance and fundraising background and his experience as a Director including of an ASX-listed entity.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Company is Mr Michael Capocchi.

### **Recommendation 2.6: Induction of New Directors and Regular Review for Existing Directors**

The Company has a program for inducting new Directors. This includes giving new Directors a full briefing about the nature of the business, current issues, the corporate strategy and the expectations of the Board concerning the performance of the Directors and access to all employees to gain full background to the Company's operations. The Company does not have a formal program to periodically review whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain their skills and knowledge.

However, existing Directors are generally encouraged to attend director training and professional development courses, as may be required to enable them to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to effectively perform their roles as Directors, at the Company's expense (as approved by the Chairman and or the Board, as appropriate and applicable).

## **3. Act Lawfully, Ethically and Responsibly**

### **Recommendation 3.1: Articulate and disclose its cultures**

BCC values are behaviours that guide the actions and decision-making of staff, and reflect the Company's brand and culture. The values are conducting its business activities openly, with honesty, integrity and responsibility and maintaining a strong sense of corporate social responsibility. In maintaining its corporate social responsibility, BCC will conduct its business ethically and accordingly its values, encourage community initiatives, consider the environment and ensure a safe, equal and support workplace.

The values were developed collaboratively by management and endorsed by the Board. Management is responsible for instilling these values across the Company.

### **Recommendation 3.2: Code of Conduct**

As part of the Board's commitment to the highest standard of personal and corporate behaviour, the Company adopts a Code of Conduct to guide executives, management and employees in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. The code of conduct covers such matters as:

- responsibilities to shareholders;
- compliance with laws and regulations;
- relations with customers and suppliers;
- ethical responsibilities including responsibility for reporting and investigating unethical practices;
- employment practices including a fair and open approach to all forms of diversity; and
- responsibilities to the environment and the community.

The Code of Conduct is available at the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 3.3: Whistleblower policy**



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The Board has established and adopted a Whistleblower Policy. The Whistleblower Policy will be reviewed regularly by the Board. The Policy sets out the steps and process to ensure that the Board is informed of any material breaches of the Whistleblower Policy.

A copy of the Company's Whistleblower Policy is available on the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 3.4: Corporate Ethics and Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy**

In addition to the Code of Conduct, the Company has established a specific Corporate Ethics Policy setting out the Company's behavioural expectations of its employees when conducting business in Australia and internationally and specifically aims to maintain the good standing and reputation of the Company along with highlighting the importance of anti-bribery and anti-corruption practices to its employees and directors. The Corporate Ethics Policy also sets out the process for employees and officers of the Company to inform the Board of any behaviour or situation which they believe breaches or potentially breaches the Policy.

The Corporate Ethics Policy is also available at the website.

The Company's objective is to maintain and further develop its business to increase shareholder value while also adding value for customers, employees and other stakeholders. To ensure this occurs, the Group conducts its business within the ethical responsibilities documented and outlined in the Company's Code of Conduct and Corporate Ethics Policy.

## **4. Safeguard Integrity in Corporate Reporting**

### **Recommendation 4.1: Audit Committee**

The Board has established an Audit Committee to consider certain issues and functions in further detail. The chairman of the Audit Committee reports to the Board on any matters of substance at the next full board meeting. The Audit Committee has its own terms of reference, approved by the Board and reviewed annually, with additional review when appropriate.

The members of the Committee at the date of this report are Mr David Stewart and Mr Simon Wallace. David Stewart is the current Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mark Chartres will replace David Stewart as the Chairman of the Audit Committee upon David Stewart's retirement. Details of the qualifications, experience and attendance at Committee meetings by each Committee Member is included in the Directors' Report in the Annual Report.

The ASX Corporate Governance Council has made recommendations for the composition of the Audit Committee:

- the Committee should consist only of Non-Executive Directors;
- it should have a majority of Independent Directors;
- it should be chaired by an Independent Director who is not Chairman of the Board;
- the Committee should have at least 3 members.

While recognising these recommendations, the Board is restricted by having currently only four Board positions, which will reduce to three on 30 September 2022. The Board's small size is a function of the relatively small scale of the Company's operations. The Company may assess the composition of the Board from time to time, with a view to considering compliance with the recommendation that the Audit Committee have a majority of Independent Directors.

Mr David Stewart, although not an Independent Director was appointed Chairman of the Audit Committee due to his financial and commercial experience. Upon David Stewart's retirement Mark Chartres is an independent Non-Executive Director and will take his place as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee assists the Board to discharge its corporate governance responsibilities, in regard to the business' relationship with, and the independence of, the external auditors. It especially:

- recommends appointment of external auditors and fees;
- ensures reliability and integrity of disclosure in the financial statements and external related financial communications, although ultimate responsibility rests with the full Board;
- reviews compliance with statutory responsibilities;
- reviews budgets and accounting policy;
- ensures maintenance of an effective framework of business risk management including compliance and internal controls and monitoring of the internal audit function;
- reviews adequacy of the Company's insurance program, including directors' and officers' professional indemnity and other liability insurance cover;
- promotes and ensures an ethical financial culture is embedded throughout the Company; and
- undertakes any special investigations required by the Board.

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The Audit Committee provides a forum for the effective communication between the Board and external auditors. The Committee reviews:

- the annual and half-year financial report prior to their approval by the Board;
- the effectiveness of management information systems and systems of internal control; and
- the efficiency and effectiveness of external audit functions, including reviewing the respective audit plans.

The Committee invites the CEO, the CFO, the Company's remaining Directors, and the external auditors to attend Committee meetings where appropriate. The Committee also meets with and receives regular reports from the external auditors concerning any matters which arise in connection with the performance of their respective roles, including the adequacy of internal controls.

The Company's Audit Committee met 3 times during the course of the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

The Company's Audit Committee has a formal charter setting out the Committee's role and responsibilities. The charter is posted on the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 4.2: Approval of Financial Statements**

The Board receives regular reports about the financial condition and operational results of the Company and its controlled entities. The CEO and CFO periodically provide formal statements to the Board that, in all material aspects, the Company's financial statements present a true and fair view of the Company's financial condition and operational results.

The CEO and the CFO each provide declarations to the Board in accordance with Section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 confirming that in their opinion, with regard to risk management and internal compliance and control systems:

- the statements made with respect to the integrity of financial statements and notes thereto are founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control systems which, in all material respects, implement the policies adopted by the Board of Directors; and
- the risk management and internal control systems are operating effectively and efficiently in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks.

### **Auditor independence**

Best practice in financial and audit governance is rapidly evolving and the independence of the external auditor

is particularly important to shareholders and the Board. The Company's practices in this area are reviewed regularly by the Board to ensure they are in line with emerging practices both domestically and internationally. The Company's current approach in relation to independence of its auditor encompasses the following:

- rotation of the senior audit partner every five years;
- annual confirmation by the auditor that it has satisfied all professional regulations relating to auditor independence;
- half yearly reporting on the levels of audit and non-audit fees; and
- specific exclusion of the audit firm from work which may give rise to a conflict.

### **Recommendation 4.3: Verification process for periodic corporate report**

Before the financial statements for the half-year and full-year are approved, the Board receives a statement from the CEO and CFO consistent with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). The Company has also appointed RSM Australia Partners as its external auditor, who reviews the above statements and provides an opinion on whether the Company's financial report gives a true and fair view of the Company's financial position and financial performance, and whether it complies with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

The Company's external Auditor attends the Company's AGMs and is available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the Auditor's Report.

As to periodic corporate reports which are not subject to audit or review by an external auditor, the Company has not established a Disclosure Committee. However, due to the small size of the Board, all Directors and Company Secretary are required to comment on and approve an announcement before it is published.

## **5. Make Timely and Balanced Disclosure**

### **Recommendation 5.1: Continuous Disclosure Policy**

The Board and senior management are aware of the continuous disclosure requirements of the ASX and have written policies and procedures in place, including a Continuous Disclosure Policy.

The guiding principle of this policy is that the Company must immediately notify the market via an

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announcement to the ASX of any information concerning the Company that a reasonable person would expect to have a 'material' effect on the price or value of the Company's securities.

The Board must ensure that Company announcements:

- are made in a timely manner;
- are factual;
- do not omit material information; and
- are expressed in a clear and objective manner that allows investors to assess the impact of the information when making investment decisions.

Where that information, however, is incomplete or confidential, or its disclosure is illegal, no disclosure is required. The Directors and senior management of the Company ensure that the Company Secretary is aware of all information to be presented at briefings with analysts, stockbrokers, shareholders, the media and the public. Prior to being presented, information that has not already been the subject of disclosure to the market and is not generally available to the market is the subject of disclosure to the ASX. Only when confirmation of receipt of the disclosure and release to the market by the ASX is received may the information be presented.

If the Company becomes aware of market-sensitive information which ought to be disclosed, but the Company is not in a position to issue an announcement promptly and without delay, the Company may request that the ASX grant a trading halt or suspend the Company's securities from quotation. Management of the Company may consult external professional advisers and the ASX in relation to whether a trading halt or suspension is required.

The Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 5.2: Board's visibility of information disclosed**

Material market announcements are approved by the Board at regular board meetings scheduled to coincide with ASX filing timetable requirements. Other material market announcements are always circulated to the Board via e-mail.

### **Recommendation 5.3: Release of investor or analyst presentations**

Presentations and transcripts of the Managing Director's address at annual general meetings will be released on the ASX Market Announcements Platform

before the start of the meetings. Other presentations to new or substantive shareholders or investor analysts are released on the ASX Market Announcements Platform prior to the relevant presentation.

## **6. Respect the Rights of Security Holders**

### **Recommendation 6.1: Communication to Shareholders and Investors**

The Company is committed to increasing the transparency and quality of its communication and to be regarded by our shareholders as an outstanding corporate citizen. Our approach to communication with shareholders and financial markets is set out in the Company's Shareholder Communication Policy document.

Information is communicated to shareholders through the distribution of the Company's Annual Report and other communications. All significant information is posted on the Company's website as soon as it is disclosed to the ASX. All investors will have equal and timely access to information on the Company's financial position, performance, ownership and governance. Shareholders who wish to send and receive communications with the Company electronically should contact the Company Secretary, Mr Dennis Payne.

The Company ensures that shareholders are informed of all major developments affecting the Group promptly through the issue of ASX announcements and commentary on operations in quarterly reports. All ASX announcements and quarterly reports are posted on the ASX website for the Company and on the Company's website.

All shareholders receive copies of shareholders notices by email or post and a copy of the annual report is distributed to all shareholders who elect to receive one (hardcopy in the mail or electronically). The Company's most recent annual report is also available on the Company's website.

### **Website Information**

The Company has established a website at [www.beamcommunications.com](http://www.beamcommunications.com), where shareholders can access information about the Company's corporate governance policies and practices. Information lodged on this website in a specific corporate governance section includes:

- Board Charter;
- Audit Committee Charter;
- Risk Management Policy;



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- Remuneration Policy;
- Securities Trading Policy;
- CEO and CFO Declarations;
- Whistle Blower Policy;
- Code of Conduct;
- Election of Directors Policy;
- Disclosure Policy;
- Shareholder Communication Policy;
- Health and Safety Policy;
- Environmental and Community Relations Policy;
- Corporate Ethics Policy; and
- Related Parties and Conflicts Policy.

### **Recommendation 6.2: Investor Relations Program**

Two-way communication between the Company and its shareholders is facilitated primarily via the Company's AGM. The Board encourages shareholder participation at the AGM and other general meetings of the shareholders. The Chairman encourages questions and comments from shareholders and seeks to ensure that shareholders are given ample opportunity to participate. Shareholders who are unable to attend the AGM or a general meeting may submit questions and comments before the meeting to the Company and/or to the Auditor (in the case of the AGM).

### **Recommendation 6.3: Shareholders' Participation at General Meetings**

All shareholders are encouraged to attend and participate in shareholder meetings. All Directors, senior managers, Auditors and the Company Secretary attend these meetings and respond to shareholder questions in relation to specific agenda items and general business. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on in-person gatherings and travel which may be in place at the time of the Company's 2022 Annual General Meeting, the Company will consider available methods of facilitating virtual attendance by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. Further details regarding the nature of the Annual General Meeting and how shareholders may ask questions about agenda items will be contained in the notice of meeting. The Annual General Meeting features an address by the Chairman and an extensive presentation by the CEO which is also released as an ASX announcement for shareholders who cannot attend the meeting.

A description of the arrangements the Company has to promote communications with shareholders is detailed

in the Shareholder Communication Policy, available at the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 6.4: Substantive Resolutions decided by Polls**

The Company is committed to the principle of "one share one vote" and substantive resolutions at shareholder meetings are decided by a poll instead of by a show of hands which does not take into account the number of shares held.

### **Recommendation 6.5: Electronic Communication**

Shareholders may elect to send communication to and receive communications from the Company and its Share Registry electronically. The contact email address for the Company is [investor@beamcommunications.com](mailto:investor@beamcommunications.com) and shareholders may submit electronic queries to the Company's Share Registry via its website [www.linkmarketservices.com.au](http://www.linkmarketservices.com.au).

## **7. Recognise and Manage Risk**

### **Recommendation 7.1: Risk Committee**

Due to the size of the Company and the nature of the Company's operations, a formal Risk Committee has not been established. The Board is responsible for ensuring appropriate measures are in place in order to manage risk in line with the Company's risk strategy. An external consultant has assisted the Board in this process.

The Board has required management to implement internal control systems to manage the Company's material business risks and to report on whether risks are being effectively managed.

Arrangements put in place by the Board to monitor risk include:

- review of risk areas at monthly Board meetings;
- regular monthly reporting to the Board in respect of operations, the financial position of the Company and new contracts;
- reports by the Chairman of the Audit Committee;
- attendance and reports by the Managing Director, CFO and the Company's management team at Board Meetings; and
- any Director may request that operational and project audits be undertaken either internally or be external consultants.

### **Recommendation 7.2: Risk Management Framework**

The Company has implemented a risk management program that enables the business to identify and assess risks, respond appropriately and monitor risks and controls.

The Company is exposed to risk from operations (employee health and safety, environmental, insurance, litigation, disaster, business continuity), compliance issues and financial risks (interest rate, foreign currency, credit and liquidity). To mitigate these risks, the Company has established risk and assurance policies and procedures, which aim to:

- assist management to discharge its corporate and legal responsibilities; and
- assure management and the Board that the framework is effective.

Responsibility for control and risk management is delegated to the appropriate levels of management within the Company and the CEO has ultimate responsibility to the Board for risk management and control. Areas of significant business risk to the Company are detailed in the Business Plan presented to the Board by the CEO at the start of each financial year. The Board reviews and approves the parameters under which significant business risks will be managed before adopting the Business Plan. Risk parameters and compliance information are reported monthly to the Board by the CEO and CFO.

The Board has adopted reporting procedures which allow it to:

- monitor the Company's compliance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the ASX; and
- assess the effectiveness of its risk management and control framework.

The Company reviews its risk management framework on at least an annual basis. The review examines the processes and procedures that the Company must initiate to control and/or mitigate these risks from impacting upon the performance of the Company. The key risk categories to which the Company is exposed, and how it manages or intends to manage those risks, are set out in the Risk Management Policy on the Company's website.

The abovementioned review took place in the 2021-2022 financial year with input from external consultants.

### **Recommendation 7.3: Internal Audit Function**

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities in this regard by reviewing the financial and reporting aspects of the Group's risk management and control framework.

The Audit Committee meets regularly to ensure, amongst other things, that the risk management internal control structures and compliance with laws and regulations are operating effectively. Details of the Audit Committee are also set out in the Risk Management Policy, available at the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 7.4: Exposure to Environmental or Social Risks**

The Company recognises, in particular, the environmental and social risks to which it may be exposed. The Company considers environmental risk to be the ability to continue its undertakings without compromising the health of the ecosystems in which it operates. The Company views social sustainability as the ability to continue operations in a manner that is acceptable to social norms.

The Board does not consider that the Company currently has any material exposure to environmental or social sustainability risk. Since the beginning of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Board has continued to monitor the impact of the pandemic on the Company's operations, compliance obligations and finances, and risks to the Company resulting from the pandemic associated with macroeconomic factors.

The Board intends to manage risks related to social and environmental risks in accordance with the Company's Risk Management Policy, if such risks should be identified in the future.

## ***8. Remunerate Fairly and Responsibly***

### **Recommendation 8.1: Remuneration Committee**

The Board considers that, due to its small size, and the current level of the Company's operations, all members of the Board should be involved in determining remuneration levels. Accordingly it has not established a separate remuneration committee. Instead time is set aside at two Board meetings each year specifically to address the matters usually considered by a remuneration committee. Executive Directors absent themselves during discussion of their remuneration.

At these two meetings the Board reviews the following:

- the Company's remuneration, recruitment, retention and termination policies and procedures for senior executives;
- senior executive remuneration and incentives;

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- superannuation arrangements;
- remuneration framework for Directors; and
- whether there is any gender or other inappropriate bias in remuneration for directors, senior executives or other employees.

### **Recommendation 8.2: Remuneration of Executive and Non-Executive Directors**

The remuneration structure of Non-Executive Directors and executives is disclosed in the Remuneration Report within the Directors' Report in the Annual Report. The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors is determined by the Board having regard to the level of fees paid to Non-Executive Directors by other companies of similar size and stature.

The aggregate amount payable to the Company's Non-Executive Directors must not exceed the maximum annual amount approved by the Company's shareholders, currently \$500,000 as determined at the General Meeting held on 3 August 2007.

The Company is committed to remunerating its Executive Directors and senior executives in a manner that motivates them to pursue the long-term growth and success of the Company and is consistent with best practice. The Company aims to align the interests of Executive Directors and senior executives with those of shareholders through short-term and long-term incentive plans which demonstrate a clear relationship between performance and remuneration.

Consequently, Executive Directors and senior executives' remuneration consists of the following elements:

- fixed salary;
- short-term incentive bonus based on performance;
- long-term incentive share/option scheme; and
- other benefits including superannuation.

#### *Fixed Salary*

The salary of Executive Directors and senior executives is determined from a review of the market and reflects core performance requirements and expectations. In addition, the Company considers the following:

- the scope of the individual's role;
- the individual's level of skill and experience;
- the Company's legal and industrial obligations;
- labour market conditions; and
- the size and complexity of the Company's business.

#### *Performance Bonus*

The purpose of the performance bonus is to reward actual achievement by the individual of performance objectives and for materially improved Company performance. Consequently, performance-based remuneration is paid where a clear contribution to successful outcomes for the Company is demonstrated and the individual attains and excels against pre-agreed key performance indicators during a performance cycle.

#### *Other Benefits*

Senior executives are entitled to statutory superannuation and may also receive other bonus payments subject to the discretion of the Board.

#### *Long-Term Incentives*

The Company has a share options scheme which is discussed further below which is designed to provide long-term incentives to senior executives.

#### *Termination Payments*

Senior executives may be entitled to a payment upon termination of employment from the Company. Where so entitled, the termination payment has been agreed in the senior executive's contract of employment and it is not payable where termination of employment is for misconduct.

Further details in relation to the Company's remuneration policies are contained in the Remuneration Report within the Directors' Report in the Annual Report. The Company's Remuneration Policy is available on the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 8.3: Equity Based Remuneration**

#### *Long-Term Incentives*

The Company has a share option scheme in which senior executives may be invited to participate. The Share Option Incentive Plan was approved by shareholders on 30 November 2021 and authorises the Directors to issue options up to 10% of the shares issued by the Company. The number of shares and options issued under the scheme is reasonable in relation to the existing capitalisation of the Company and all payments under the scheme are made in accordance with thresholds set in plans approved by shareholders. Any issue of options to Executive and Non-Executive Directors must be approved by Shareholders.

The Company has a Securities Trading Policy which aims to:

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- protect stakeholders' interests at all times;
- ensure that directors and employees do not use any information they possess for their personal advantage or the Company's detriment; and
- ensure that Directors and employees comply with insider trading legislation of the various jurisdictions in which transactions may take place.

Purchase or sale of the Company's shares and/or options over such shares by Directors, executives and staff of the Company should only occur in circumstances where the market is considered to be fully informed of the Company's activities. This policy requires that the relevant person notify the Company Secretary of their intention to trade in the Company's shares and/or options over such shares prior to the transaction and that the Company Secretary be required to discuss the proposed trading intentions with the Chairman. The Board recognises that it is the individual responsibility of each Director to comply with this policy. Breaches of this policy may lead to disciplinary action being taken, including dismissal in serious cases. The Company's Securities Trading Policy is available on the Company's website.

The Corporations Act prohibits the key management personnel of an ASX listed company established in Australia, or a closely related party of such personnel, from entering into an arrangement that would have the effect of limiting their exposure to risk relating to an element of their remuneration that either has not vested or has vested but remains subject to a holding lock.