

# ROOTS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES LTD ARBN 619 754 540

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at:

TIME: 8:30am (WST)

**DATE**: 28 May 2018

**PLACE**: Suite 2, 1 Altona Street

West Perth WA 6005

The business of the Meeting affects your shareholding and your vote is important.

This Notice of Meeting should be read in its entirety. If Shareholders or holders of CDIs are in doubt as to how they should vote, they should seek advice from their professional advisers prior to voting.

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 8:30am (WST) on 26 May 2018.

# BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

#### **AGENDA**

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

To receive and consider the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 together with the declaration of the directors, the director's report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

# 2. RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

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

"That, for the purposes of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, approval is given for the adoption of the Remuneration Report as contained in the Company's annual financial report for the financial year ended 31 December 2017."

Note: the vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or the Company.

#### **Voting Prohibition Statement:**

A vote on this Resolution must not be cast (in any capacity) by or on behalf of either of the following persons:

- (a) a member of the Key Management Personnel, details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report; or
- (b) a Closely Related Party of such a member.

However, a person (the **voter**) described above may cast a vote on this Resolution as a proxy if the vote is not cast on behalf of a person described above and either:

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

# 3. RESOLUTION 2 - ELECTION OF DIRECTOR – SHARON DEVIR

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

"That, for the purpose of clause 35(a) of the Articles ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, Sharon Devir, a Director, retires, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

#### 4. RESOLUTION 3 - ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - BOAZ WACHTEL

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

"That, for the purpose of clause 35(a) of the Articles, ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, Boaz Wachtel, a Director, retires, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

# 5. RESOLUTION 4 - ELECTION OF DIRECTOR - ADAM BLUMENTHAL

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

"That, for the purpose of clause 35(a) of the Articles, ASX Listing Rule 14.4 and for all other purposes, Adam Blumenthal, a Director who was appointed as an additional Director on 9 November 2017, retires by rotation, and being eligible, is re-elected as a Director."

#### 6. RESOLUTION 5 – APPROVAL OF 10% PLACEMENT CAPACITY

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a **special resolution**:

"That, for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.1A and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to issue up to that number of Equity Securities equal to 10% of the issued capital of the Company at the time of issue, calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2 and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

Voting Exclusion: The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the Resolution by or on behalf of a person who is expected to participate in, or who will obtain a material benefit as a result of, the proposed issue (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the Company) or an associate of that person (or those persons). However, the Company will not disregard a vote if it is cast by a person as a proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the Proxy Form, or, it is cast by the person chairing the meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the Proxy Form to vote as the proxy decides.

Dated: 25 April 2018

By order of the Board

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Sharon Devir Executive Chairman

# Voting in person – Shareholders

To vote in person, attend the Meeting at the time, date and place set out above.

#### Voting by proxy - Shareholders

To vote by proxy, please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, Shareholders are advised that:

- each Shareholder has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company; and

 a Shareholder who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 proxies and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, then in accordance with section 249X(3) of the Corporations Act, each proxy may exercise one-half of the votes.

Shareholders and their proxies should be aware that changes to the Corporations Act made in 2011 mean that:

- if proxy holders vote, they must cast all directed proxies as directed; and
- any directed proxies which are not voted will automatically default to the Chair, who
  must vote the proxies as directed.

#### Voting by holders of CDIs

Holders of CDIs are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting, provided that they cannot vote at the meeting, and if they wish to vote they must direct CDN, the holder of legal title of the CDIs, how to vote in advance of the meeting pursuant to the instructions set out in the accompanying voting instruction form. If you are a holder of CDIs, please sign and date the enclosed voting instruction form and return it in accordance with the instructions on your voting instruction form.

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +61 8 6559 1792.

#### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders and holders of CDIs in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions.

#### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

In accordance with the Constitution, the business of the Meeting will include receipt and consideration of the annual financial report of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 together with the declaration of the directors, the directors' report, the Remuneration Report and the auditor's report.

The Company will not provide a hard copy of the Company's annual financial report to Shareholders unless specifically requested to do so. The Company's annual financial report is available on its website at www.rootssat.com.

### RESOLUTION 1 – ADOPTION OF REMUNERATION REPORT

#### 2.1 General

The Corporations Act requires that at a listed company's annual general meeting, a resolution that the remuneration report be adopted must be put to the shareholders. However, such a resolution is advisory only and does not bind the company or the directors of the company.

The remuneration report sets out the company's remuneration arrangements for the directors and senior management of the company. The remuneration report is part of the directors' report contained in the annual financial report of the company for a financial year.

The chair of the meeting must allow a reasonable opportunity for its shareholders to ask questions about or make comments on the remuneration report at the annual general meeting.

#### 2.2 Voting consequences

A company is required to put to its shareholders a resolution proposing the calling of another meeting of shareholders to consider the appointment of directors of the company (**Spill Resolution**) if, at consecutive annual general meetings, at least 25% of the votes cast on a remuneration report resolution are voted against adoption of the remuneration report and at the first of those annual general meetings a Spill Resolution was not put to vote. If required, the Spill Resolution must be put to vote at the second of those annual general meetings.

If more than 50% of votes cast are in favour of the Spill Resolution, the company must convene a shareholder meeting (**Spill Meeting**) within 90 days of the second annual general meeting.

All of the directors of the company who were in office when the directors' report (as included in the company's annual financial report for the most recent financial year) was approved, other than the managing director of the company, will cease to hold office immediately before the end of the Spill Meeting but may stand for re-election at the Spill Meeting.

Following the Spill Meeting those persons whose election or re-election as directors of the company is approved will be the directors of the company.

# 2.3 Previous voting results

The Company's remuneration report has not been considered in the context of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act before. Accordingly, the Spill Resolution is not relevant for this Annual General Meeting.

# 3. RESOLUTIONS 2 TO 4 – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – SHARON DEVIR, BOAZ WACHTEL AND ADAM BLUMENTHAL

#### 3.1 General

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Clause 35(a) of the Articles provides that the Directors shall be elected at each annual general meeting and shall serve in office until the close of the next annual general meeting at which one or more Directors are elected, unless their office becomes vacant earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Articles.

ASX Listing Rule 14.4 provides that, other than a managing director, a director of an entity must not hold office (without re-election) past the third AGM following the director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is the longer. However, where there is more than one managing director, only one is entitled not to be subject to re-election.

#### 3.2 Election of Sharon Devir

Sharon Devir, who has served as a Director since 2009, retires and seeks reelection.

# (a) Qualifications and other material directorships

Dr Devir is a Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He previously cofounded Sailcrop, an abiotic stress seed treatment technology as well as Rimonim, an Agri-Tech fund. Dr Devir was the former Chief Executive Officer of NGT, a technology incubator which sold a company Flourinex to Colgate for US\$100 million. He was also the Former Chief Scientific Officer of AFIMILK dairy management systems and he has lectured at The Hebrew University, Israel on behalf of the Agriculture Faculty. Dr Devir's achievements led to being awarded the "Man of the Year" award by Israeli TV Channel 2 and the Daily "Yediot Acharonot" newspaper for his Unique Social Contribution.

Dr Devir holds a Ph.D in Agriculture and Environmental Sciences from Waginingen University, the Netherlands, a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Science from the Technion Institute of Technology, Israel.

#### (b) Independence

If elected the Board does not consider that Mr Devir will be an independent director.

# (c) Board recommendation

The Board supports the election of Mr Devir and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

#### 3.3 Election of Boaz Wachtel

Boaz Wachtel, who has served as a Director since 2009, retires and seeks reelection.

# (a) Qualifications and other material directorships

Mr Wachtel is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Wachtel is the inventor of irrigation by condensation (NASA Tech Brief magazine- Technologies of the Month) and root zone heating and cooling - the Company's core technologies. He has published 25 publications focussing on water and he is a frequent lecturer on agricultural technology, Middle East water issues and sustainability. He is a former assistant army attaché to the Israeli Embassy in Washington DC and has lectured at the UN conflict resolution conference. Mr Wachtel holds a Masters in Management and Marketing from the University of Maryland.

Mr Wachtel co-founded two ASX listed medical cannabis companies; MMJ Phytotech Limited and Creso Pharma Limited, which he is currently Non-Executive Chairman of. The Directors do not consider that Mr Wachtel's other directorship will affect his ability to act as an executive Director of the Company.

# (b) Independence

If elected the Board does not consider that Mr Wachtel will be an independent director.

#### (c) Board recommendation

The Board supports the re-election of Mr Wachtel and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

#### 3.4 Election of Adam Blumenthal

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Adam Blumenthal, who has served as a Director since 2017, retires and seeks reelection.

#### (a) Qualifications and other material directorships

Mr Blumenthal has 10 years' experience in investment banking and corporate finance. He has deep exposure to Australian and international markets, having provided capital raising and financing solutions to an extensive number of unlisted and listed companies. Mr Blumenthal has played a lead role in advising and supporting multiple organisations across a broad spectrum of industries. Using his experience and extensive network of international contacts to provide corporate advisory and capital markets input, he has successfully brought to market several companies and is actively involved in mining, cyber security, agricultural technology, medicinal cannabis, pharmaceutical and information technology sectors.

Mr Blumenthal is a shareholder and Chairman of EverBlu Capital.

#### (b) Independence

If elected the Board does not consider that Mr Blumenthal will be an independent director.

# (c) Board recommendation

The Board supports the re-election of Mr Blumenthal and recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4.

#### 4. RESOLUTION 5 – APPROVAL OF 10% PLACEMENT CAPACITY

#### 4.1 General

ASX Listing Rule 7.1A provides that an Eligible Entity (as defined below) may seek shareholder approval by special resolution passed at an annual general meeting to have the capacity to issue up to that number of Equity Securities (as defined below) equal to 10% of its issued capital (10% Placement Capacity) without using that company's existing 15% annual placement capacity granted under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

An Eligible Entity is one that, as at the date of the relevant annual general meeting:

- (a) is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index; and
- (b) has a maximum market capitalisation (excluding restricted securities and securities quoted on a deferred settlement basis) of \$300,000,000.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company is an Eligible Entity as it is not included in the S&P/ASX 300 Index and has a current market capitalisation of \$24,400,000 (based on the number of Shares on issue and the closing price of Shares on the ASX on 6 April 2018.

An Equity Security is a share, a unit in a trust, a right to a share or unit in a trust or option, an option over an issued or unissued security, a convertible security, or, any security that ASX decides to classify as an equity security.

Any Equity Securities issued under the 10% Placement Capacity must be in the same class as an existing class of quoted Equity Securities.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company currently has one class of quoted Equity Securities on issue, being the Shares (ASX Code: ROO).

If Shareholders approve Resolution 5, the number of Equity Securities the Company may issue under the 10% Placement Capacity will be determined in accordance with the formula prescribed in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.2.

Resolution 5 is a special resolution. Accordingly, at least 75% of votes cast by Shareholders present and eligible to vote at the Meeting must be in favour of Resolution 5 for it to be passed.

#### 4.2 Technical information required by ASX Listing Rule 7.1A

Pursuant to and in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 7.3A, the information below is provided in relation to this Resolution 5:

#### (a) Minimum Price

The minimum price at which the Equity Securities may be issued is 75% of the volume weighted average price of Equity Securities in that class, calculated over the 15 ASX trading days on which trades in that class were recorded immediately before:

- (i) the date on which the price at which the Equity Securities are to be issued is agreed; or
- (ii) if the Equity Securities are not issued within 5 ASX trading days of the date in Section 4.2(a)(i) the date on which the Equity Securities are issued.

### (b) Date of Issue

The Equity Securities may be issued under the 10% Placement Capacity commencing on the date of the Meeting and expiring on the first to occur of the following:

- (i) 12 months after the date of this Meeting; and
- (ii) the date of approval by Shareholders of any transaction under ASX Listing Rules 11.1.2 (a significant change to the nature or scale of the Company's activities) or 11.2 (disposal of the Company's main undertaking) (after which date, an approval under Listing Rule 7.1A ceases to be valid),

(10% Placement Capacity Period).

# (c) Risk of voting dilution

Any issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity will dilute the interests of Shareholders who do not receive any Shares under the issue.

If Resolution 5 is approved by Shareholders and the Company issues the maximum number of Equity Securities available under the 10% Placement Capacity, the economic and voting dilution of existing Shares would be as shown in the table below.

The table below shows the dilution of existing Shareholders calculated in accordance with the formula outlined in ASX Listing Rule 7.1A(2), on the basis of the market price of Shares and the number of Equity Securities on issue as at 6 March 2018.

The table also shows the voting dilution impact where the number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) changes and the economic dilution where there are changes in the issue price of Shares issued under the 10% Placement Capacity.

Number of Shares on Issue	Dilution			
	Issue Price (per Share)	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$0.60
		50% decrease in Issue Price	Issue Price	50% increase in Issue Price
61,000,000	Shares issued - 10% voting dilution	6,100,000 Shares	6,100,000 Shares	6,100,000 Shares
	Funds raised	\$1,220,000	\$2,440,000	\$3,660,000
91,500,000	Shares issued - 10% voting dilution	9,150,000 Shares	9,150,000 Shares	9,150,000 Shares
	Funds raised	\$1,830,000	\$3,660,000	\$5,490,000
122,000,000	Shares issued - 10% voting dilution	12,200,000 Shares	12,200,000 Shares	12,200,000 Shares
	Funds raised	\$2,440,000	\$4,880,000	\$7,320,000

#### Notes:

- The number of Shares on issue (Variable A in the formula) could increase as a result of the issue of Shares that do not require Shareholder approval (such as under a pro-rata rights issue or scrip issued under a takeover offer) or that are issued with Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.
- 2. The table above uses the following assumptions:
  - (a) There are currently 61,000,000 Shares on issue.
  - (b) The issue price set out above is the closing price of the Shares on the ASX on 6 April 2018.
  - (c) The Company issues the maximum possible number of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity.
  - (d) The Company has not issued any Equity Securities in the 12 months prior to the Meeting that were not issued under an exception in ASX Listing Rule 7.2 or with approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.
  - (e) The issue of Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity consists only of Shares. It is assumed that no Options are exercised into Shares before the date of issue of the Equity Securities.
  - (f) The calculations above do not show the dilution that any one particular Shareholder will be subject to. All Shareholders should consider the dilution caused to their own shareholding depending on their specific circumstances.
  - (g) This table does not set out any dilution pursuant to approvals under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.
  - (h) The 10% voting dilution reflects the aggregate percentage dilution against the issued share capital at the time of issue. This is why the voting dilution is shown in each example as 10%.
  - (i) The table does not show an example of dilution that may be caused to a particular Shareholder by reason of placements under the 10% Placement Capacity, based on that Shareholder's holding at the date of the Meeting.

#### Shareholders should note that there is a risk that:

(i) the market price for the Company's Shares may be significantly lower on the issue date than on the date of the Meeting; and

(ii) the Shares may be issued at a price that is at a discount to the market price for those Shares on the date of issue.

## (d) Purpose of Issue under 10% Placement Capacity

The Company may issue Equity Securities under the 10% Placement Capacity for the following purposes:

- (i) as cash consideration in which case the Company intends to use funds raised for the acquisition of new resources, assets and investments consistent with the Company's business strategy, including expenses associated with such an acquisition, to satisfy its commitments under its current sales and distribution agreements, to review and pursue new investment opportunities that may arise, and for general working capital.
- (ii) as non-cash consideration for the acquisition of new resources, assets and investments excluding previously announced acquisitions, for corporate advisory and capital raising services in relation to funds raised and potential acquisitions, in such circumstances the Company will provide a valuation of the non-cash consideration as required by listing Rule 7.1A.3.

The Company will comply with the disclosure obligations under Listing Rules 7.1A(4) and 3.10.5A upon issue of any Equity Securities.

# (e) Allocation policy under the 10% Placement Capacity

The recipients of the Equity Securities to be issued under the 10% Placement Capacity have not yet been determined. However, the recipients of Equity Securities could consist of current Shareholders or new investors (or both), none of whom will be related parties of the Company.

The Company will determine the recipients at the time of the issue under the 10% Placement Capacity, having regard to the following factors:

- (i) the purpose of the issue;
- (ii) alternative methods for raising funds available to the Company at that time, including, but not limited to, an entitlement issue or other offer where existing Shareholders may participate;
- (iii) the effect of the issue of the Equity Securities on the control of the Company;
- (iv) the circumstances of the Company, including, but not limited to, the financial position and solvency of the Company;
- (v) prevailing market conditions; and
- (vi) advice from corporate, financial and broking advisers (if applicable).

Further, if the Company is successful in acquiring new resources, assets or investments, it is likely that the recipients under the 10% Placement Capacity will be vendors of the new resources, assets or investments.

# (f) Previous approval under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A

The Company has not previously obtained approval from its Shareholders pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.

# 4.3 Voting Exclusion

A voting exclusion statement is included in this Notice. As at the date of this Notice, the Company has not invited any existing Shareholder to participate in an issue of Equity Securities under ASX Listing Rule 7.1A. Therefore, no existing Shareholders will be excluded from voting on Resolution 5.



#### **GLOSSARY**

\$ or A\$ means Australian dollars.

Annual General Meeting or Meeting means the meeting convened by the Notice.

Articles means the Company's amended and restated articles of association.

**ASIC** means the Australian Securities & Investments Commission.

ASX means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by ASX Limited, as the context requires.

**ASX Listing Rules** means the Listing Rules of ASX.

**Board** means the current board of directors of the Company.

Business Day means Monday to Friday inclusive, except New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and any other day that ASX declares is not a business day.

**CDIs** means CHESS Depositary Interests over Shares.

**CDN** means CHESS Depositary Nominees Pty Ltd.

**Chair** means the chair of the Meeting.

**Closely Related Party** of a member of the Key Management Personnel means:

- (a) a spouse or child of the member;
- (b) a child of the member's spouse;
- (C) a dependent of the member or the member's spouse;
- (d)anyone else who is one of the member's family and may be expected to influence the member, or be influenced by the member, in the member's dealing with the entity;
- a company the member controls; or (e)
- (f) a person prescribed by the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) for the purposes of the definition of 'closely related party' in the Corporations Act.

Company means Roots Sustainable Agricultural Technologies Ltd (ARBN 619754540).

Companies Law means the Israeli Companies Law 5759-1999.

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

**Directors** means the current directors of the Company.

EverBlu Capital means EverBlu Capital Pty Ltd (ACN 612 793 683).

**Explanatory Statement** means the explanatory statement accompanying the Notice.

Key Management Personnel has the same meaning as in the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and means those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the









Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of the consolidated entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the Company, or if the Company is part of a consolidated entity, of an entity within the consolidated group.

Notice or Notice of Meeting means this notice of meeting including the Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form accompanying the Notice.

Remuneration Report means the remuneration report set out in the Director's report section of the Company's annual financial report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Resolutions means the resolutions set out in the Notice, or any one of them, as the context requires.

**Section** means a section of the Explanatory Statement.

**Share** means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.

**Shareholder** means a registered holder of a Share.

WST means Western Standard Time as observed in Perth, Western Australia.





