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# 2018 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

At Independence Group NL (**IGO** or the **Company**), our approach to corporate governance is more than just compliance. We believe that excellence in corporate governance is essential for the long-term sustainability of the business and is paramount for the protection of the interests of all our stakeholders.

Whilst the Board of Directors is responsible for the Company's corporate governance we do not see governance as just a matter for the Board. We believe good governance is about 'doing the right thing' and this is the responsibility for all those who work at IGO and this ethos is embedded throughout the organisation.

Our governance framework supports our people to deliver our strategy and provides an integral role for effective and responsible decision making at IGO.

The Company regularly reviews its governance arrangements and corporate governance policies to reflect the growth of the Company, current legislation and best practice. Further information about governance at IGO, as well as copies of our Corporate Governance Standards, can be found in the Governance section of our website at <a href="https://www.igo.com.au">www.igo.com.au</a>.

This Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and is up to date as at 29 August 2018 and has been approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Company has a clear understanding that it is responsible for the Company's corporate governance and recognises the importance of its corporate governance framework in establishing accountabilities, guiding and regulating activities, monitoring and managing risks and optimising the Company's performance. The Board recognises the need to regularly review its system of corporate governance as best practice evolves over time.

This Corporate Governance Statement (**Statement**) outlines the Company's current corporate governance framework, by reference to the Corporate Governance, Principles and Recommendations of the ASX Corporate Governance Council (**ASX Recommendations**). This Statement can be found on IGO's website at:

http://www.igo.com.au/irm/content/governance.aspx?RID=295.

During the FY18 reporting period, the Company's corporate governance practices have complied with the ASX Recommendations in their entirety and the Board has made appropriate statements reporting on the adoption of each of the recommendations.

Further to the annual review process conducted during the June 2018 quarter, the Board reviewed all of the Company's Corporate Governance Codes, Charters, Policies and Guidelines, to ensure they are up to date with any changes in regulations and are in line with best practice. The following Corporate Governance Codes, Charters, Standards and Guidelines can be found on IGO's website (www.igo.com.au):



- Code of Conduct
- Dealing in Securities Standard
- Continuous Disclosure and Information Standard
- Whistleblower Standard
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption Standard
- Diversity and Equal Opportunity Standard

- Privacy Standard
- Board Charter
- Audit Committee Charter
- Sustainability & Risk Committee Charter
- People & Performance Committee Charter
- Nomination & Governance Committee Charter

#### Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

The matters reserved to the Board are set out in the Board Charter in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website. In summary, the Board is responsible for promoting the success of the Group in a way which ensures that the interests of shareholders and stakeholders are promoted and protected. Its key functions are setting the long-term corporate strategy, reviewing and approving business plans and annual budgets, approving material capital expenditure, approving financial statements, approving and monitoring the adherence to Company policies, developing and promoting corporate governance, and demonstrating, promoting and endorsing an ethical and engaged culture. The Board Charter provides that the Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chairman, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.

The Board is also responsible for monitoring compliance with the Code of Conduct, monitoring the Company's performance, overseeing risk management and internal controls, and the assessment, appointment and removal of the Managing Director, Company Secretary and other senior management.

The Board has delegated the following functions to the Managing Director and the other senior executives:

- the effective leadership of IGO;
- the preparation and implementation of development and operational plans to achieve the strategic, operational and financial objectives of IGO as determined by the Board;
- the management of the day to day affairs of IGO, including its people, processes, policies and systems;
- the conduct of commercial negotiations with other entities;
- the development and maintenance of effective relationships with IGO's employees, shareholders, joint venture partners, governments at all levels, government agencies, suppliers, customers, local landowners and the communities that are proximal to IGO's activities;
- reporting to the Board and providing prompt and full information regarding the conduct of the business of IGO; and
- ensuring all material matters that affect IGO are brought to the Board's attention.

The last Director appointed to the Board was Ms. Debra Bakker in December 2016. Before the Company proposes to appoint a new Director, appropriate checks are undertaken which include checks such as the person's character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history.

A profile of each Director is included in the Annual Report and all material information which is relevant to the decision to elect or re-elect a Director is included in the Notice of Meeting.

The Company has a written agreement in place with each Director and senior executive which sets out the key terms, conditions and expectations of their engagement.



The process, which has been recommended by the Nomination & Governance Committee and approved by the Board, for evaluating the performance of the Board, it's Committees and non-executive directors is that, every third year, the Board engages the services of an independent facilitator with expertise in this field to guide the Board through a comprehensive evaluation process. In the other years, the Board carries out an internal evaluation. A comprehensive evaluation with the assistance of an independent facilitator was carried out in June 2016. In June 2018, the Board carried out an internal evaluation by way of a 44-point questionnaire and the results were reported and discussed on an anonymous basis.

The process for evaluating the performance of senior executives is carried out within the framework of the Company's Remuneration and Reward Standard and delegations set out in the People & Performance Committee Charter which is set out in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website. Evaluations are conducted annually. The evaluation of the Managing Director is conducted by the People & Performance Committee. The evaluations of the other senior executives are conducted by the Managing Director, through a structured interview process and presented to the People & Performance Committee. The most recent evaluations were carried out in July and August 2018. All evaluations were carried out in accordance with the process disclosed.

## Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity

IGO is committed to the active pursuit of a diverse workforce and the creation of a workplace that is fair and inclusive, that applies fair and equitable employment practices and provides a working environment that will allow all employees to reach their full potential.

We recognise that our ability to appreciate and utilise the unique skills, characteristics and experiences that our employees bring to the organisation makes us stronger. We believe that delivering this diversity and providing the environment for diverse ideas to flourish and grow, will drive our ability to make a difference to our employees and our communities.

The Company's commitment to progress diversity and equal opportunity across the organisation can be evidenced through our:

- Application of the IGO Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures which provide the foundation to support fair and equitable treatment for all employees, including zero tolerance for discrimination, harassment, vilification and victimisation;
- Recruitment strategies that are focused on attracting and selecting the broadest range of candidates;
- Commitment to building our pipeline of talent through the employment of Graduates and Apprentices from diverse backgrounds;
- Focus on a fair and transparent approach to a total rewards philosophy across the organisation to achieve gender pay parity and reward for high performance;
- Creation of continuing career opportunities and options for parents through our paid parental leave program;
- Development of our employees through personalised learning and development programs; and
- Scholarships that support learning and development in the broader community to promote opportunity for entry into the Resources sector to a broad range of individuals.

#### 2018 Measurable Objectives

Diversity is no longer seen as 'nice to have', but rather a 'must have' to maximise competitiveness, productivity, organisational culture and job satisfaction. IGO recognises the value of diversity and the impact this has on the working environment, capability, performance and culture of the organisation. To this end, in FY17 the Board approved an increase to the number (breadth and depth) of measurable diversity criteria to drive additional progress in achieving greater diversity with the business.



At the completion of FY18 IGO had made steady progress towards achieving our aim of greater diversity and inclusion. More detailed results for the measurement criteria against which we have measured progress and achievement for the FY18 year are listed below:

Measurable Criteria	Measure	FY18 Result	
Percentage of women employed within the entire Company.	Year on year improvement at 30 June each year.	<ul><li>Improved.</li><li>FY18 = 31% Female (FY17 = 20%)</li></ul>	
Percentage of women employed in senior positions (as defined by the WGEA criteria).	Year on year improvement at 30 June each year.	<ul><li>28.5% of Senior Managers are female.</li><li>(FY17 = 25.9% Female)</li></ul>	
Percentage of women on the Board.  Increase female represent on the Board when appropriate to expand or retained the Board.		Unchanged from FY17 at 16% Female.	
Benchmark IGO's position against its peers on diversity.	Conduct benchmarking exercise.	Complete.	
Report on the measurement criteria set by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency on an annual basis	Annual completion, submission and receipt of "compliant" rating.	Complete, compliant status achieved.	
Establish, publish and implement a Diversity Plan with measurable objectives in the following areas:	Plan established for 2018 – 2020 by 30 June 2018.	Diversity Plan established. Good progress made including:	
<ul> <li>Candidate pool maximisation, recruitment and selection;</li> </ul>		• 62.5% of 2018 Graduates female	
Development and retention plans for key female talent; and		83% of 2017/18     Vacation students     female	
<ul> <li>Expansion of flexible working options and review of parental leave options.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Applicant analysis for gender conducted in FY18</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Flexible working options trialled and implemented in the Perth office</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Paid Parental Leave plan of 16 weeks developed and implemented</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Gender/reward grade remuneration comparison tool established</li> </ul>	



Measurable Criteria	Measure	FY18 Result
Establish and conduct an awareness campaign with Managers and Supervisors.	Diversity seminars held for all Managers and Supervisors in FY18.	In progress - Unconscious Bias workshops developed and implemented.
Establish a Diversity Committee to discuss and action a broad range of workplace diversity objectives.	Committee established by completion of FY18.	In progress.
Specific, level appropriate, key performance indicators developed for Managers and Supervisors to promote improved gender diversity.	Inclusion of gender focused KPIs in all Managers and Supervisors annual performance plans.	Ongoing.

In summary, the proportion of women employed by the Company as at 30 June 2018 is outlined below:

Level	Proportion of female employees (per cent)		
2515.	2017	2018	
Board (1)	16.6%	16.6%	
Senior Executive (2)	19.4%	14.3%	
Other management levels	12.9%	28.5%	
Total IGO Group	20%	31%	

<sup>(1)</sup> excludes MD/CEO

A full copy of IGO's Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity Standard as well as a full copy of the most recent IGO Workplace Gender Equality Agency Report is available on IGO's website.

#### Aboriginal and Indigenous Employment

In FY18, we continued to actively support the employment of Aboriginal people within our business. We are proud to note that, in last 12 months, we have made the following significant achievements:

- Sustained aboriginal employment at 3% of the workforce for FY18 through the application of a preferential selection process for Aboriginal people;
- Continued collaboration with our major contractors to promote Aboriginal employment and development opportunities;
- Support for the first IGO sponsored Ngadju student in preparation for university study in Geology;
- Support for the commencement of several Ngadju apprenticeships and the employment of IGO's first female, aboriginal apprentice at Nova; and
- Introduction of the first Ngadju cultural competency workshops for IGO employees.

In FY18, IGO will continue to support the creation of real employment opportunities for Aboriginal people in the lands and communities in which we operate through the introduction of an IGO Ngadju traineeship and work experience program along with a broadening of our cultural competency and cultural awareness training to strengthen IGO as a culturally sensitive workplace.

### Key Performance Indicators

<sup>(2)</sup> senior executives are categorised as those who hold a senior manager or senior executive role and includes the MD/CEO and his senior executive direct reports as defined by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency framework.



IGO has made significant progress during FY18 towards the achievement of greater diversity across the business since the adoption of the current criteria. Continued improvement in FY19 can be achieved by deliberate efforts to proactively include all employees through robust, transparent communications; leadership development and modelling; participatory work processes; cross-functional work experiences; and a focus on employee engagement on matters of diversity.

To ensure sustained progress the use of the following diversity objectives will continue in FY19:

Measurable Criteria	Measure
Percentage of women employed within the entire Company.	Year on year improvement at 30 June each year.
Percentage of women employed in senior positions (and the definition of "senior positions" for this purpose).	Year on year improvement at 30 June each year.
Percentage of women on the Board.	Target suitably qualified female directors to supplement the Board in preparation for the next stage of Board renewal.
Benchmark IGO's position against its peers on diversity.	Annual benchmarking exercise conducted.
Report on the measurement criteria set by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency on an annual basis.	Annual completion, submission and receipt of at least "compliant" rating.
Publish and implement Diversity Plan with measurable objectives in the following areas:	Plan published and implemented for 2018 – 2020 by 30 June 2019.
Candidate pool maximisation, recruitment and selection;	
Development and retention plans for key female talent; and	
<ul> <li>Expansion of flexible working options and review of parental leave options.</li> </ul>	
Continue professional development initiatives for Managers and Supervisors focused on diversity and inclusion.	Continuing professional development conducted for Managers and Supervisors in FY19.
Establish a Diversity Committee to action a broad range of workplace diversity objectives.	Committee established by completion of FY19.
Specific, level appropriate, key performance indicators developed for Managers and Supervisors to promote improved gender diversity.	Key performance indicators, linked to the achievement of the organisational diversity strategies for senior management, form part of senior management remuneration (either directly or as part of a "balanced scorecard" approach) through the Company's ESG measures.

In FY19, further emphasis will be given to increasing the participation of the groups that continue to be underrepresented in the IGO and resources sector workforces including females, aboriginal people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. To this end, in FY19, IGO will include the addition of the following criteria to further broaden our approach and achievements:



Measurable Criteria	Measure
Percentage of the workforce who are aboriginal people employed within the entire Company.	Year on year improvement at 30 June each year.
Percentage of the workforce who are from linguistically or culturally diverse backgrounds employed within the entire Company.	

#### **Board Composition**

The Board acknowledges that there was still a need for increased female representation on the Board. The Board has commenced a succession planning process that will likely result in the number of directors being supplemented in the next 12 months by the appointment of an additional suitably qualified and experienced female director. It is then expected that the Board size would revert to the current number of directors through a planned director retirement, thereby resulting in 30% female representation on the Board.

The Nomination & Governance Committee is responsible to the Board for ensuring IGO does not discriminate against any group, including females, when considering the nomination of new directors. The Nomination & Governance Committee ensures that Board performance reviews include consideration of diversity criteria as well as skills.

The Board has also introduced various Policies and Charters which are designed to foster ethical and professional conduct such as the Code of Conduct, the Board Charter and the Nomination & Governance Committee Charter.

#### Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value

The Board currently consists of one executive director (the Managing Director) and six non-executive directors (including the Chairman). The Board considers that five of the six directors are independent: Mr. Peter Bilbe (Chairman), Ms. Debra Bakker, Mr. Peter Buck, Mr. Geoff Clifford and Mr. Keith Spence.

The Board considers that Mr. Neil Warburton is not independent because he is considered an associate of IGO's largest shareholder, Mr. Mark Creasy.

In making these assessments of independence, the Board has followed the evaluation criteria of the Board's Guidelines on Director Independence which is set out in the Board Charter available in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website. These guidelines conform with the guidelines of the ASX Corporate Governance Council.

Information pertaining to the relevant skills, experience and expertise of the directors of the Company as at the date of this Statement is included in the 2018 Annual Report. As at 30 June 2018, the period in office of each of those directors was as follows:

- Mr. Peter Bilbe: 9 years and 3 months
- Mr. Peter Bradford: 4 years and 3 months
- Ms. Debra Bakker: 1 year and 6 months
- Mr. Geoff Clifford: 5 years and 6 months
- Mr. Keith Spence: 3 years and 6 months
- Mr. Neil Warbuton: 2 year and 9 months

Mr. Peter Buck: 3 years and 9 months

The Board has established a Nomination & Governance Committee pursuant to the Nomination & Governance Committee Charter and the policies included therein. The Board considers it appropriate that all of the directors should be members of that Nomination & Governance Committee. As of January 2018, the Committee was chaired by an independent director, Mr. Geoff Clifford. Prior to this Mr. Peter Bilbe chaired the Committee.



There were three meetings of the Nomination & Governance Committee held during FY18. Details of attendance are disclosed in the Directors' Report.

In considering new appointments, the Board will have regard to the need to augment the skills, knowledge, experience and capabilities of the current members and to meet its future needs, the Company's sustainable growth ambitions and diversity aspirations. In doing so, the Board recognises the unique skills, experience and outlook that different genders can bring to the group.

In accordance with the Nomination & Governance Committee Charter and the Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity Standard, the Board seeks members with demonstrable skills, capability, experience and ability to question and debate with other Board members, the ability to operate as part of a team, the ability to contribute outstanding performance and who have a track record of impeccable ethics and values. The Board seeks to have a mix of age, skills, knowledge, experience, expertise and gender in its ranks.

In July 2018, a comprehensive board skills review was conducted to identify what the Board considered were the key board skills areas that they felt were necessary for the Board of IGO in order to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with the highest standards of governance whilst executing the Company's long-term corporate strategy. A self-assessment was then completed on the level of experience each Director had in each skill.

The results of this review were then fully discussed with the Board as a whole to ascertain whether there were any skill gaps that would need to be addressed through succession planning and/or professional development programs.

The key board skills areas were made up of:

General Skills & Experience	The Board felt it was important that each Board member should possess a competent level of experience in these skills.
Business Skills & Experience	The Board felt is was important that at least two members of the Board should possess a level of competence in each of these skills.
Qualities	The Board agrees that the personal qualities of each Board member is just as important as their academic qualificiations and/or work experience.

The following combination of skills and experience were chosen due to the strategic direction of the Company as well as the risks, opportunities, challenges and developments related to the mining industry and the Company's business.

# General Board Skills & Experience

Executive Leadership	Effective leadership delivering business success through engagement, enablement and organisational design & change
Strategy	Demonstrated ability to envision a desired outcome and to develop, contextualise and keep alive strategic plans to deliver the desired outcome
Financial Acumen	Management oversight of, or qualifications and/or experience, in corporate finance, accounting and financial controls functions
Risk Management	Experience working with and applying broad risk management frameworks in various countries, regulatory regimes or business environments
Governance & Board	Commitment to high standards of governance, including experience with a large business enterprise which is subject to rigorous governance standards



People & Remuneration	Experience in reward/recognition strategy to mobilise a critical mass of people who want to come to work, know what to do and can and want to be their best
Regulatory & Public Policy	Experience in diverse political, cultural, regulatory and business environments and in influencing public policy decisions and outcomes.

# Business Specific Board Skills & Experience

Industry Specific	Senior executive experience in the mining or resources industry including an indepth knowledge of exploration, project development and construction, operations, markets, competitors, technology and innovation
International	Experience in a global organisation or working in a non-Australian jurisdiction with international assets, business partners, cultures and communities
M&A & Funding	Experience managing, directing or advising on mergers, acquisitions, divestments, portfolio optimisations and delivering funding solutions
Capital Projects	Experience with projects with large capital outlays and longer term investment horizons, in both the planning and execution phases
Innovation & technology	Experience with new and emerging technology and insights from industries that have been through significant technology/digital disruption or transformation
HSE	Senior management experience in workplace health, wellbeing and safety, environmental and social responsibility including climate change, and sustainability
Stakeholders	Experience in socially responsible development and operation and with engaging, influencing and building positive relationships with stakeholders

# **Board Qualities**

Can (the ability)	The strategic sensing capability to discover insights and validate assumptions to make better informed strategic decisions
Know (the understanding)	The understanding of the resources industry and what is required to be a highly engaged and effective director
Want (the desire)	The desire to enduringly exert energy towards the creation of longer term value
Are (the being)	The reputation for being of high integrity with a strong moral compass
Dare (the courage)	The courage to take new paths through uncertain and turbulent times and often facing adversity and criticism along the way



Value and care	A genuine sense of value and care for employees, organisational culture, customers, society & the environment and shareholders
Diversity	Delivering differing views to the Board discussion as a result of diversity of gender, age, race, background, experience etc

Following the review, it was determined that the Board and Committees currently have a strong combination of skills and experience and each area is currently well represented on the Board.

Nevertheless, as mentioned in the earlier Diversity section, the lack of gender diversity on the Board is recognised and the Board is committed to a succession plan that will address this.

The review also highlighted that, whilst the Board felt all the key board skills areas were well represented, there are areas that could be improved through the Company's continuing education program and the review has helped to determine what subjects to prioritise for that program.

To assist Directors in maintaining an appropriate level of knowledge, skill and experience in the operations of the Company, Directors undertake site visits to familiarise themselves with the Company's operations and projects on a biannual basis and regularly meet with employees throughout all levels and areas of the Company to gain a better understanding of the business.

In addition to site visits, as part of the Directors' continuing education program, presentations concerning key developments in IGO and the industry and environment within which it operates are given at scheduled Board meetings, either by external experts or by IGO employees. Individual Directors are also encouraged to undertake appropriate professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as Directors effectively.

Board members have the right to seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense in the furtherance of their duties as directors.

# Principle 3: Promote ethical and responsible decision making

The Company aims to maintain the highest standard of ethical behaviour in business dealings and to behave with integrity in all its dealings with customers, clients, shareholders, government, employees, suppliers and the community. Directors and employees are expected to perform their duties in a professional manner and act with the utmost integrity and objectivity, striving at all times to enhance the reputation and performance of the Company.

The Board has a clear understanding that it is responsible for setting the tone of legal, ethical and moral conduct to ensure that the Company is considered reputable by the industry and other outside entities. This involves considering the impact of the Company's decisions on the industry, its colleagues and the general community.

The Code of Conduct adopted by the Company and set out in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website requires that all employees and directors:

- act in accordance with occupational health and safety legislation, regulations and policies applicable to their respective organisations and to use security and safety equipment provided;
- act with honesty and integrity;
- respect the law and act accordingly;
- respect confidentiality and not misuse information;
- value and maintain professionalism;



- avoid conflicts of interest;
- act in accordance with the Company's policies, procedures and guidelines;
- strive to be good corporate citizens on responsibilities such as sustainable development, health, safety, environment and community; and
- have respect for each other, including by embracing diversity, openness, sharing, mutual trust and teamwork.

The Code of Conduct imposes a responsibility on individuals to report breaches of the Code either internally or through the Company's external reporting service provided by BDO, which includes a secure reporting telephone number, email and postal addresses. Further details on this service can be found in IGO's Whistleblower Standard.

#### Principle 4: Safeguarding integrity in financial reporting

The Board has an Audit Committee, structured in accordance with the ASX Recommendations. The Board's Audit Committee's Charter, which was reviewed and updated for best practice during FY18, is set out in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

As of January 2018, the Chair of the Audit Committee was Ms. Debra Bakker, a non-executive director who is not the Chair of the Board. Prior to this Mr. Geoff Clifford chaired the committee. Ms. Bakker was appointed to the Audit Committee in December 2016. The other members of the Audit Committee are non-executive directors Mr. Peter Bilbe, Mr. Peter Buck, Mr Geoff Clifford. and Mr. Keith Spence. All the members of the Audit Committee are independent directors. Ms. Bakker is an experienced financier and investment banker to the resources industry and holds a Master of Applied Finance and a Bachelor of Business (Financial Accounting). There were six meetings of the Audit Committee held during FY18. Details of attendance are disclosed in the Directors' Report.

The Audit Committee reports to the Board and, in summary, is responsible for the following:

- overseeing the Company's relationship with the external auditor and the external audit function generally
  as set out in the External Audit Policy (set out in Attachment 1 of the Audit Committee Charter);
- overseeing the adequacy of the control processes in place in relation to the preparation of financial statements and reports; and
- overseeing the adequacy of the Company's financial controls.

The Audit Committee has specific functions on audit and is required to review and report to the Board on certain matters set out in the Audit Committee Charter.

The external auditor is required to attend the Annual General Meeting to answer any questions from security holders relevant to the Audit.

The Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer provided a declaration in accordance with Section 295A of the Corporations Act most recently on 24 August 2018 for the FY18 annual accounts and assured the Board that the declaration is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal controls and that the systems are operating effectively and efficiently in all material respects. The Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer also provided a similar declaration during FY18 in relation to accounts for the half-year ended 31 December 2017 and the annual accounts for FY17.

# Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure

The Company has established policies and procedures, set out in its Continuous Disclosure and Information Standard, relating to the disclosure of information to interested parties. The Standard outlines:

 The procedures to be applied to safeguard against breaches of the Company's continuous disclosure obligations;



- The disclosure reporting processes; and
- The obligation to protect confidential information of IGO from unauthorised disclosure.

A copy of the Standard is in the Corporate Governance section of IGO's website.

The Company Secretary is responsible for ensuring the Company complies with ASX Listing Rules and is responsible for communicating with the ASX.

#### Principle 6: Respect the rights of shareholders

The Company respects the rights of shareholders and supports governance practices that are designed to ensure that the Company communicates effectively with its shareholders and the investment community and that information is released and made available in an equitable manner.

The Company has in place the following initiatives to facilitate communication with shareholders:

#### Website - www.igo.com.au

All ASX announcements are placed on IGO's website. Information is also provided on the Board and Leadership team, the Company's Operations, Corporate Governance and Sustainability.

The Investor section of the website includes information on the Company's share price, financial reports, key reporting dates, dividend information and copies of investor presentations as well as access to archived investor webcasts. There are also details on how to contact the Company's share registry by phone or email.

The website also provides an online form for shareholders to direct inquiries to the Company as well as phone and email contact details. There is also a subscription service to subscribe for Email Alerts when ASX/Media announcements are released.

#### **Annual Reporting**

The Annual Report is available on the Company's website and contains important information about the Company's activities and results for the previous financial year. Shareholders can elect to receive the Company's Annual Report as an electronic copy or in hard copy through the mail.

The Sustainability Report is also available as an interactive document through the Company's website.

Copies of the Company's quarterly and half yearly reports are provided to the ASX and placed on IGO's website. Copies of these reports are sent to any shareholder or interested party requesting a copy.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM provides an important occasion to update shareholders on the Company's performance and offers an opportunity for shareholders to ask questions of, and to hear from, the Board. IGO encourages shareholder attendance at shareholders' meetings through the use of electronic communication, including making notices of meeting available on IGO's website and sending alerts to those subscribed to the Email Alert service. Shareholders are also able to submit proxies electronically through a link to the Company's share registry.

Shareholders who are not able to attend shareholder meetings have the opportunity to provide questions or comments ahead of the meeting. Where appropriate, these questions will be answered at the meeting.

Copies of the Chairman's and CEO's speeches/presentations will be lodged with the ASX immediately prior to any shareholder meeting and placed on the IGO website.



#### **Investor Relations**

IGO actively engages with shareholders and the wider investment community by providing investor results presentations and media releases with the quarterly activities reports and half and full year financial results which can be found on the IGO website.

As part of the Company's efforts to ensure that it communicates effectively with its shareholders and the investment community, the Company's analyst briefing and presentation for each Quarterly Report during FY18 was webcast live on the Company's website and all shareholders are encouraged to dial-in to the call. A link and dial-in details to this webcast is released to ASX to allow shareholders to either listen live or at a later date. Webcasts are available for a substantial period of time after the live webcast.

#### Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk

IGO's risk management system is designed to ensure that the Company identifies, documents, communicates and proactively manages risks in a systematic way. It is our aspiration to fundamentally embed risk management within the culture of the business.

#### Sustainability and Risk Committee

At the highest level, IGO operates a Sustainability and Risk Committee of the Board, to oversee the management of risk. The Board considered it appropriate that all Directors should be members of the Committee. As of January 2018, the Committee was chaired by an independent director, Mr. Peter Buck. Prior to this Mr. Keith Spence chaired the Committee. There were five meetings of the Sustainability and Risk Committee held during FY18 and details of attendance are disclosed in the Directors' Report.

In FY18, the Board's Sustainability and Risk Committee's Charter was reviewed and updated to reflect recognised best practice. This document is made publicly available through the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

In accordance with the Committee's Charter, the Committee must:

- oversee and review (at least once annually) the Company's Risk Management System to ensure its
  effectiveness. Specifically, it should be expected that the Risk Management System addresses risks
  which may materially:
  - o impede the Company from realising its Purpose and delivering its Strategic Plan;
  - impact on the Company's performance;
  - o affect the health, safety or welfare of employees, visitors, communities and others in relation to the Company's operations;
  - impact on the community and the environment in which the Company operates (inclusive of climate change);
  - impact on insurance arrangements;
  - threaten compliance with the Company's statutory obligations;
  - o impact on the Company's reputation, or that of its people; and
  - result in personal liability for Company officers arising from the Company's operations.
- oversee the development and approval of a position statement on risk appetite in relation to business critical risks and the definition of materiality. This is to be captured in the Company's Risk Management Policy and associated Standards;
- ensure that management has controls in place for unusual types of transactions and/or any potential transactions that may carry more than an acceptable degree of risk;



- review at least biannually the Company's current business critical risks and their associated treatment strategies; and
- review and report to the Board on the risk management disclosure in the Company's Annual Report, and all other risk management information published by the Company or released to the market.

#### IGO's risk management system

IGO has a documented risk management system based on a policy and standards. IGO's Common Management System Standard 3 – Risk Management outlines a) the Board's approved Risk Appetite statement, and b) the business's hierarchy of risk management processes:

- Business Critical Risk Management;
- Operational and Project Risk Management; and
- Personal Risk Management.

Business critical risks are those risks that have the potential to materially impact IGO's business. Operational and project risks include those risks that have the potential to materially impact individual sites or projects. Personal risk management is focused solely on the safety of individuals and task-related environmental impacts in the workplace.

In the completion of risk assessments, IGO uses a Company standard 'consequence-frequency-risk' model to rank risks. This model is reviewed at least annually by the Sustainability and Risk Committee. On the basis of this model, the Committee has approved a risk appetite statement defining what risks IGO will accept and those that it will not. This statement is documented in, and communicated to employees and company officers, by means of IGO's Risk Management Standard. IGO defines who has what authority in respect of the acceptance of risk in IGO's Corporate Control Standard.

IGO's executive team completes a review of business critical risks at least quarterly. This is followed by a quarterly Sustainability and Risk Committee meeting in which the risks are further reviewed in accordance with the Committee's Charter. Additionally, the Sustainability and Risk Committee meets with senior management to participate in, or review the outcomes of, an annual Business Critical Risk Workshop; the specific purpose of which is to review IGO's business critical risks, their associated mitigation measures, and review the business' risk management processes.

Further, IGO's executive team and selected members of senior management are required to complete a Quarterly Compliance Declaration. This declaration addresses both compliance disclosures and confirmation that risk reviews have been completed pertaining to an individual's specific areas of responsibility.

IGO confirms that the above activities were completed to plan during FY18.

In 2016, IGO established an internal audit function within its Sustainability Team. The internal audit function provides assurance that those risks identified as being both business critical and within the effective control of the business, are managed in compliance with the Company's policies and procedures. An internal audit plan is formulated following the annual review of IGO's business critical risks, and a defined set of risk management processes are selected for audit. Appropriate subject matter experts are then engaged to complete the defined set of audits. Key findings from internal audit reviews are reported to both IGO's Executive Committee and the Sustainability and Risk Committee. The internal audit function and the Sustainability and Risk Committee have direct access to each other and have the necessary access to management and the right to seek information and explanations.

#### Material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks

The Company has material exposure to a range of economic, environmental and social sustainability risks, including exposure to commodity and foreign exchange market fluctuations and changes in environmental regulatory legislation. To assist with the management of its exposure to commodity and foreign exchange market fluctuations, the Company has established a Financial Risk Management Standard which is overseen



by the Board's Audit Committee. This committee makes recommendations to the Board on hedging policies and considers relevant financial risk management strategies. Further details on the Audit Committee are disclosed in the Directors' Report.

The Company employs suitably qualified personnel to assist with the management of its exposure to environmental and social sustainability risks including appropriate health and safety personnel as well as heritage and environmental experts. These risks are discussed in more detail in the Company's Sustainability Report which can be found on the Company's website.

#### Dealing in Securities Standard (Share Trading Policy)

The Company has put in place a policy to ensure that its directors, officers and employees do not trade in the Company's shares if they are aware of non-public information that could be expected to have a material effect on the market price of the Company's shares. This policy is set out in IGO's Dealing in Securities Standard which can be found in the Corporate Governance section of IGO's website. The Company has also put in place a restriction on any employee or director securing Company's shares by way of margin loans and other derivative trading methods. Executive directors and employees are prohibited from entering into transactions or arrangements which limit the risk of participating in unvested employee entitlements (i.e. hedging arrangements).

IGO's risk management system is designed to ensure that the Company identifies, documents, communicates and proactively manages risks in a systematic way. It is our aspiration to fundamentally embed risk management within the culture of the business.

#### Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

The Board has a People & Performance Committee, structured in accordance with the ASX Recommendations. As of January 2018, the Committee was chaired by an independent director, Mr. Keith Spence. Prior to this Mr. Peter Buck chaired the committee. The other five members are Ms. Debra Bakker, Mr. Peter Bilbe, Mr. Peter Buck, Mr. Geoff Clifford and Mr. Neil Warbuton. The majority of the members are independent directors. There were three meetings of the People & Performance Committee held during FY18 and details of attendance are disclosed in the Directors' Report. The People & Performance Committee Charter is disclosed in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website.

The Company has clearly distinguished the remuneration structures of the non-executive directors from that of executive directors and executives. The full details of the remuneration of these persons during the year ended 30 June 2018 is set out in the Remuneration Report within the Directors' Report in this 2018 Annual Report.

Non-executive directors are not entitled to retirement benefits other than statutory superannuation or other statutory required benefits.

#### **Sustainability Report**

A copy of IGO's latest Sustainability Report can be found on the Company's website.

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