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# **Nuchev Limited**

## **Notice of 2024 Extraordinary General Meeting**

Explanatory Statement | Proxy Form

19 June 2024

**10:00AM AEST** 

HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, Level 8, 447 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

# The EGM will be conducted as a hybrid meeting, accessible face to face and online.

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

The EGM will be held as a hybrid meeting. If you are a Shareholder and you wish to virtually attend the EGM, please pre-register in advance for the virtual meeting here:

### https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN 292Lc1tfQM2Ew8fcR6CvqA

Shareholders are also strongly encouraged to lodge their completed Proxy Forms in accordance with the instructions in this Notice of Meeting. This Notice of Meeting can be accessed on the Company's website at <a href="http://investor.nuchev.com.au/">http://investor.nuchev.com.au/</a>.

Shareholders are asked to contact Tamara Barr, the Company Secretary on <a href="mailto:tamara@csbcorpservices.com">tamara@csbcorpservices.com</a> if they have any queries in respect of the matters set out in these documents.

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# Venue and Voting Information

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders to which this Notice of Meeting relates will be held at 10:00am (AEST) on 19 June 2024 at HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, Level 8, 447 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 as a **hybrid meeting**.

If you are a Shareholder and you wish to virtually attend the EGM (which will be broadcast as a live webinar), please **pre-register** in advance for the virtual meeting here:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation containing information on how to attend the virtual meeting on the day of the EGM.

Shareholders will be able to vote and ask questions at the virtual meeting.

The Company will provide Shareholders with the opportunity to ask questions during the Meeting in relation to the formal items of business as well as general questions in respect to the Company and its business.

Shareholders are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the Meeting to the Company.

All written questions must be submitted in writing to the Company Secretary, Tamara Barr, at tamara@csbcorpservices.com at least five (5) business days before the Meeting, which is by 12 June 2024.

## **Key Dates**

Record Date for voting eligibility	7:00pm (AEST) on 17 June 2024
Due date for lodgement of proxy forms	10.00am (AEST) on 17 June 2024
Extraordinary General Meeting	10.00am (AEST) on 19 June 2024
Announce results of Extraordinary General Meeting	19 June 2024

**NOTE:** The above timetable is indicative only. The Company may vary any of the above dates without notice, subject to the Corporations Act, the Listing Rules and other applicable law.

### Your vote is important

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

### Voting virtually at the Meeting

Shareholders who wish to vote virtually on the day of the EGM will need to login to the Automic website (<a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a>) with their username and password.

Shareholders who do not have an account with Automic are strongly encouraged to register for an account **as soon as possible and well in advance of the Meeting** to avoid any delays on the day of the Meeting.

### How do I create an account with Automic?

To create an account with Automic, please go to the Automic website

(https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home), click on 'register' and follow the steps. Shareholders will require their holder number (Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN)) to create an account with Automic.

### I have an account with Automic, what are the next steps?

Shareholders who have an existing account with Automic (Note: with a *username* and *password*) are advised to take the following steps to attend and vote virtually on the day of the EGM:

- 1. Login to the Automic website (<a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a>) using your username and password.
- 2. (**Registration on the day**) If registration for the virtual meeting is open, click on 'Meeting open for registration' and follow the steps.
- 3. (**Live voting on the day**) If live voting for the virtual meeting is open, click on 'Meeting open for voting' and follow the steps.

For further information on the live voting process please see the **Registration and Voting Guide** at <a href="https://www.automicgroup.com.au/virtual-agms/">https://www.automicgroup.com.au/virtual-agms/</a>.

## Voting by proxy

To vote by proxy, please use one of the following methods:

Online	Lodge the Proxy Form online at <a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/loginsah</a> by following the instructions: Login to the Automic website using the holding details as shown on the Proxy Form. Click on 'View Meetings' – 'Vote'. To use the online lodgement facility, Shareholders will need their holder number (Securityholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN) as shown on the front of the Proxy Form.  For further information on the online proxy lodgement process please see the Online Proxy Lodgement Guide at <a href="https://www.automicgroup.com.au/virtual-agms/">https://www.automicgroup.com.au/virtual-agms/</a> .	
By post	Automic, GPO Box 5193, Sydney NSW 2001	
By hand	Automic, Level 5, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000	
By email	meetings@automicgroup.com.au	

Your Proxy instruction must be received no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. **Proxy Forms received later than this time will be invalid.** 

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 two or more votes may appoint two proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the Shareholder appoints two 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:

- 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.

## Power of Attorney

If the proxy form is signed under a power of attorney on behalf of a Shareholder, then the attorney must make sure that either the original power of attorney or a certified copy is sent with the proxy form, unless the power of attorney has already provided it to the Share Registry.

### Corporate Representatives

If a representative of a corporate Shareholder or a corporate proxy will be attending the Meeting, the representative should provide the Share Registry with adequate evidence of their appointment, unless this has previously been provided to the Share Registry.

## Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Nuchev Limited ACN 163 225 090 will be held at 10:00am (AEST) on 19 June 2024 at HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, Level 8, 447 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 as a hybrid meeting (**Meeting**).

The Explanatory Statement to this Notice of Meeting provides additional information on matters to be considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting. The Explanatory Statement and the Proxy Form forms part of this Notice of Meeting.

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting are those who are registered Shareholders at 7:00pm (AEST) on 17 June 2024.

Terms and abbreviations used in this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Statement are defined in the Glossary.

## Special business

### **Item 7, Section 611 of the Corporations Act**

 Resolution 1 – Acquisition of a relevant interest by H&S Investments on completion of the Proposed Acquisition

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

"Conditional upon Resolution 2 being passed, that for the purposes of item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules, and for all other purposes, Shareholders authorise and approve the issue of 22,435,898 Shares (at an issue price of \$0.156 per Share) to Brauer Natural Medicine Pty Ltd ACN 008 016 242 (Brauer Natural Medicine) on completion of the Proposed Acquisition (noting that Brauer Natural Medicine is an associate of H&S Investments Australia Pty Ltd ACN 643 475 601 as trustee for the H&S Investment Unit Trust ABN 62 122 826 764 (H&S Investments), and authorise and approve the issue of 8,151,531 Shares (being the pro rata entitlement of H&S Investments) under the Entitlement Offer and up to 15,201,980 shortfall Shares under the Entitlement Offer at an issue price of \$0.156 per Share) to H&S Investments, as a consequence of which H&S Investments could acquire a relevant interest of up to a maximum of 46.6% of the issued voting Shares of the Company, and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

### **Voting exclusion statement**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the resolution by or on behalf of H&S Investments and any other person who will obtain a material benefit as a result of the proposed issue of securities (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the Company) or an associate of H&S Investments.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of a resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the resolution in that way; or
- (b) the chair of the meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the chair to vote on the resolution as the chair decides; or

- (c) a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - a. the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting, on the resolution; and
  - *b.* the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

## **Approval of the Proposed Acquisition**

2. **Resolution 2** – Approval of the Proposed Acquisition

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"Conditional upon Resolution 1 being passed, that, for the purpose of Listing Rule 10.1, and for all other purposes, Shareholders authorise and approve the Company to complete the Proposed Acquisition on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement."

### **Voting exclusion statement**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the resolution by or on behalf of H&S Investments (being an ultimate beneficial holder of bWellness) and any other person who will obtain a material benefit as a result of the Proposed Acquisition (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the Company) or an associate of H&S Investments.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of a resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the resolution in that way; or
- (b) the chair of the meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the chair to vote on the resolution as the chair decides: or
- (c) a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - a. the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting, on the resolution; and
  - b. the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

## <u>Approval for the issue of securities to a Related Party</u>

3. **Resolution 3** – Issue of shortfall Shares to Mr Craig Silbery under the Entitlement Offer

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"That, for the purpose of Listing Rule 10.11 and for all other purposes, Shareholders authorise and approve the issue of up to 2,271,561 shortfall Shares under the Entitlement Offer at an issue price of \$0.156 per Share to Mr Craig Silbery (and/or his nominee(s)), on the terms and conditions in the Explanatory Statement."

### **Voting exclusion statement**

The Company will disregard any votes cast in favour of the resolution by or on behalf of Mr Craig Silbery (and/or his nominee(s)) and any other person who will obtain a material benefit as a result of the proposed issue of securities (except a benefit solely by reason of being a holder of ordinary securities in the Company) or an associate of Mr Craig Silbery.

However, this does not apply to a vote cast in favour of a resolution by:

- (a) a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on the resolution in that way; or
- (b) the chair of the meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on the resolution, in accordance with a direction given to the chair to vote on the resolution as the chair decides; or
- (c) a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - a. the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting, on the resolution; and
  - b. the holder votes on the resolution in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Tamara Barr

Company Secretary

## **Explanatory Statement**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared for the information of the Shareholders in connection with the business to be conducted at the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 10:00am (AEST) on 19 June 2024 at HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, Level 8, 447 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 as a **hybrid meeting**.

The purpose of this Explanatory Statement is to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolutions in the Notice of Meeting.

If you are in any doubt about what to do in relation to the Resolutions contemplated in the Notice of Meeting and this Explanatory Statement, it is recommended that you seek advice from an accountant, solicitor or other professional advisor.

Full details of the business to be considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting are set out below.

## Agenda

## Resolutions

## **Background**

### H&S Group's existing shareholding in the Company

By way of background, on 15 May 2023, the Company entered into:

- a distribution agreement with a proposed strategic investor and distributor known as H&S Group, which is comprised of H&S International (Aust) Pty Ltd ACN 621 762 285 (H&S International) and H&S Investments Australia Pty Ltd ACN 643 475 601 as trustee for the H&S Investment Unit Trust ABN 62 122 826 764 (H&S Investments) (Distribution Agreement); and
- a Share placement agreement with H&S Investments (Placement Agreement) pursuant
  to which H&S Investments agreed to subscribe for Shares equating to a 15% interest in the
  Company following the completion of the Entitlement Offer, excluding any issue of Shares
  to make up the shortfall on the Entitlement Offer or any Options on issue or agreed to be
  issued (Placement Shares) (Placement). The Placement was approved by Shareholders
  at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on Monday, 19 June 2023.

The Distribution Agreement had set out the terms of Performance Options that have been issued to H&S Group with three tranches linked to yearly distribution performance hurdles to be achieved by H&S Group. Each Performance Option, on exercise and upon payment of the exercise price, will convert into a Share on a one-to-one basis.

On 16 May 2023, the Company undertook a non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer allowing participation from Shareholders in Australia and New Zealand, as well as those Shareholders covered by Regulation S (**Entitlement Offer**). Following the close of the Entitlement Offer, the Company had a top-up facility which allowed existing Shareholders to subscribe for more than their pro rata entitlement (subject to board discretion as to allocations) (**Shortfall Facility**).

Following the Placement, Entitlement Offer and Shortfall Facility, H&S Investments acquired a shareholding of 19.9%. As at the date of this Notice (arising from the issue of Shares on vesting and exercise of the Tranche 1 Performance Options), the H&S Group acquired a further 5% shareholding, resulting in their relevant interest increasing from 19.9% to 24.9%. The Company previously obtained Shareholder approval under item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act to issue Shares in the capital of the Company following vesting and exercise of the Tranches 1, 2 and

3 of the Performance Options by H&S International at the extraordinary general meeting held on 19 June 2023. For further details of this previous transaction, please refer to the prior notice of extraordinary general meeting and explanatory statement announced on 16 May 2023.

Assuming that all the Annual Performance Hurdles are achieved, and that each tranche of the Performance Options is vested and fully exercised, and that there is no further issue of securities during the three year period from the grant date of the Performance Options, H&S Group's voting power in the Company may increase up to a maximum of 34.9% during the three year period from grant of the Performance Options. The Company obtained Shareholder approval under item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act to issue Shares in the capital of the Company following vesting and exercise of Tranches 1, 2 and 3 of the Performance Options by H&S International at the extraordinary general meeting held on 19 June 2023.

### **Material Terms of Proposed Acquisition**

As announced to the ASX on 20 May 2024, the Company has entered into a binding agreement (**Share Sale Agreement**) to acquire 100% of the shares in bWellness Pty Ltd ACN 095 359 354 (**bWellness**), an Australian proprietary company (**Proposed Acquisition**).

bWellness Pty Ltd is partly owned by Brauer Natural Medicine Pty Ltd ACN 008 016 242 (**Brauer Natural Medicine**) who is an Associate of H&S International and H&S Investments.

bWellness is a leading distributor of prescription-only, high efficacy premium nutritional and herbal products to over 9,500 Australian and New Zealand based naturopaths, pharmacists, nutritionists, chiropractors and other health care professionals. bWellness owns the leading brand BioPractica and holds exclusion distribution rights for several global health product brands in Australia and New Zealand. Many of these products are supported by extensive clinical trials and scientific research.

Please refer to the Company's ASX announcement and investor presentation released to the ASX on 20 May 2024 for further information about bWellness and the Proposed Acquisition.

The key terms of the Share Sale Agreement are summarised below.

Conditions Precedent	The Share Sale Agreement contains a condition precedent that the shareholders of the Company approve the issue of shares in the Company to Brauer Natural Medicine	
	(a) for the purpose of item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act; and	
	(b) for the purpose of Listing Rule 10.1,	
	at an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Company to be held on 19 June 2024.	
Consideration	The consideration payable by the Company is A\$7 million ( <b>Purchase Price</b> ) and consists of a combination of cash and scrip consideration payable on completion (depending on the election made by the sellers), comprising:	
	<ul> <li>(a) 22,435,898 Shares in the Company (valued at an issue price of A\$0.156, payable to Brauer Natural Medicine Pty Ltd (whereby the Shares are to be escrowed for 2 years from the date of issue); and</li> <li>(b) A\$2,800,000 cash; and</li> <li>(c) A\$700,000 cash which will be subject to the earn-out structure described below).</li> </ul>	

Adjustments to Target Working Capital and Net Debt	The Purchase Price will be adjusted by any material change (more than 5%) to bWellness' 12-month average monthly net working capital for the 12 months to 29 February 2024 (Target Working Capital) as at Completion. It is the Company's expectation that any such adjustment to the Purchase Price is unlikely to be material.  Target Working Capital will include the following items:  (a) Trade receivables, other receivables, inventory and prepayments; (b) less trade payables, employee provisions (including annual leave, long service leave and superannuation).	
	Additionally, there is a net debt adjustment to capture tax provisions and any indebtedness on completion of the Proposed Acquisition.	
Earn-out structure	The earn-out payment will be structures as follows:  (a) 50% of earn-out payable on successful retention of key vendor management for 12 months after completion of the Proposed Acquisition; and  (b) 50% earn-out payable on successful achievement of at least A\$1.7 million of EBITDA in the 12 months after completion of the Proposed Acquisition.	
Transition Plan	The Company has agreed upon a transition plan with bWellness ( <b>Transition Plan</b> ). Under the Transition Plan, the Company will seek to ensure that it has the relevant support needed from existing bWellness staff to ensure a smooth transition of the business operations to the Company.	
Key Distribution Contracts	bWellness has exclusive distribution rights with certain distributors and brands in Australia and New Zealand which include Protina, BioGaia, Froximun® and Heel ( <b>Key Distribution Contracts</b> ). The Company has sought confirmation of waiver of change of control rights for the above listed brands (except Froximun®).	
Termination Rights	The Company has rights to terminate the Share Sale Agreement where:  (a) a condition precedent that is for the benefit of the Company is not satisfied or waived by 5pm on 31 July 2024;  (b) at any time between signing and completion of the Share Sale Agreement:  (i) a sellers' warranty is found to be incorrect or misleading in any material respect;  (ii) one or more of the sellers breach a material provision of the Share Sale Agreement (including, a	

	breach of the confidentiality provisions or non-compete); or (iii) a receiver/liquidator is appointed to the bWellness group or one or more of the sellers.
Any other material undertakings of the parties	None.

The Company has engaged Moore Australia (Vic) Pty Ltd to prepare an Independent Expert's Report to opine on whether the transaction the subject of Resolution 1 is fair and reasonable to Shareholders. A copy of that report is set out in **Annexure A** to this Notice of Meeting which Shareholders should read carefully in full. The Independent Expert has concluded that the transaction contemplated by Resolution 1 is **not fair but reasonable** to Shareholders.

# **Resolution 1** – Acquisition of a relevant interest by H&S Investments on completion of the Proposed Acquisition

### **Approval under ASX Listing Rules**

The Company is proposing to issue Shares to Brauer Natural Medicine. Pursuant to the Share Sale Agreement, the Shares to be issued to Brauer Natural Medicine are to be escrowed for 2 years from the date of issue.

Conditional upon Resolution 2 being passed, if resolution 1 is passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of Shares in the capital of the Company to Brauer Natural Medicine on completion of the Proposed Acquisition. Brauer Natural Medicine is an Associate of H&S International and H&S Investments. As a result, H&S Group's voting power may increase up to the maximum of 46.6% set out in the Maximum Voting Power Table.

If resolution 1 is not passed, the Company will be unable to issue the scrip consideration to Brauer Natural Medicine for the Proposed Acquisition. As a result, the Company will not proceed with the Proposed Acquisition.

### **Approval under the Corporations Act**

### Section 606 prohibition

Pursuant to section 606(1) of the Corporations Act, a person must not acquire a relevant interest in issued voting shares in a listed company if the person acquiring the interest does so through a transaction in relation to securities entered into by or on behalf of the person and because of the transaction, that person's or someone else's voting power in the company increases:

- (a) from 20% or below to more than 20%; or
- (b) from a starting point that is above 20% and below 90%.

A person's voting power in a company is determined in accordance with section 610 of the Corporations Act. A person's voting power is calculated by determining the percentage of the total number of votes attached to all voting shares in the company that a person and its associates have a relevant interest in.

A person has a relevant interest in securities if they:

(a) are the holder of the securities;

- (b) have the power to exercise, or control the exercise of, a right to vote attached to the securities; or
- (c) have power to dispose of, or control, the exercise of a power to dispose of, the securities.

### Exception to the section 606 prohibition

Item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act provides an exception to the prohibition under section 606 of the Corporations Act. This exception provides that a person may acquire a relevant interest in a company's voting shares with Shareholder approval.

In order for the exemption pursuant to item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act to apply, Shareholders must be given all information known to the person making the acquisition or their Associates, or known to the company, that is material to the decision on how to vote in the resolution, including:

- (a) the identity of the person proposing to make the acquisition and their Associates;
- (b) the maximum extent of the increase in that person's voting power in the company that would result from the acquisition;
- (c) the voting power that person would have as a result of the acquisition;
- (d) the maximum extent of the increase in the voting power of each of that person's Associates that would result from the acquisition; and
- (e) the voting power that each of that person's Associates would have as a result of the acquisition.

### Why Shareholder approval is required

As at the date of this Notice, H&S Group has a relevant interest of 24.9% of the issued capital of the Company arising from the vesting and exercise of the Tranche 1 Performance Options (resulting in their relevant interest increasing from 19.9% to 24.9%). This increase did not result in a breach of section 606 of the Corporations Act as Shareholders approved the issue of Shares on vesting and exercise of Tranches 1, 2 and 3 of the Performance Options by H&S International at the extraordinary general meeting held on 19 June 2023.

If Resolution 1 is approved (and provided that the Entitlement Offer Shares have been issued and H&S Group have subscribed for the shortfall Shares set out in the table below), then the impact of the Proposed Acquisition on the shareholding of Brauer Natural Medicine (and H&S Group) following the issue of the 22,435,898 Shares for the Proposed Acquisition is set out in the table below.

These transactions in the table are relevant for the purpose of assessing the impact given the fact that the Entitlement Offer must occur first in time to fund the Proposed Acquisition (and certain events are conditions precedent to the Proposed Acquisition). Therefore, the impact on shareholding must be determined in the broader context of these transactions prior to the acquisition Shares being issued. On the basis that the relevant Annual Performance Hurdles and vesting conditions are satisfied, H&S Group has indicated its intention to exercise those options at the pre-determined exercise price and receive Shares in the Company (noting that the Tranche 1 Performance options have vested and Shares already issued on exercise).

This could increase up to 46.6% if Resolution 1 is passed and the Proposed Acquisition proceeds, and up to a maximum of 52.7% if the Annual Performance Hurdles for Tranche 2 Performance Options and Tranche 3 Performance Options are achieved, and that each of those tranches of the Performance Options is vested and fully exercised, and that there is no further issue of securities during the three year period from grant of the Performance Options.

### Impact on issued capital and maximum voting power of H&S Group and Brauer Natural

#### Medicine

The Company currently has 90,026,939 Shares on issue.

The following table summarises the maximum voting power of H&S Group and Brauer Natural Medicine following the Proposed Acquisition and exercise of the Performance Options (**Maximum Voting Power Table**):

Increase in voting power of H&S Group and Brauer Natural Medicine caused by:	Number of Shares issued to H&S Group and Brauer Natural Medicine	Issued capital of the Company	Maximum percentage voting power of H&S Group and Brauer Natural Medicine
As at date of Notice of Meeting (including the issue of Shares on exercise of Tranche 1 Performance Options) ***	22,416,708	90,026,939	24.9%
Issue of Shares under the proposed capital raise (H&S pro-rata entitlement) *	8,151,531	123,902,948	24.7%
Issue of shortfall Shares under the proposed capital raise to H&S Group **	15,201,980	123,902,948	36.9%
Issue of Shares under the Proposed Acquisition ****	22,435,898	146,338,846	46.6%
Issue of Shares following exercise of Tranche 2 Performance Options in FY25 ***	8,749,000	155,087,846	49.6% *
Issue of Shares following exercise of Tranche 3 Performance Options in FY26 ***	10,099,000	165,186,846	52.7% *

<sup>\*</sup> Assuming that the pro-rata entitlement offer is to raise an amount of approximately \$5,100,000 and that H&S Group subscribe for their full pro-rata entitlement.

\*\*\* Assuming that all the relevant Annual Performance Hurdles are achieved, and that each tranche of the Performance Options is vested and fully exercised (at an exercise price of \$0.25 per Tranche 1 Performance Options, \$0.30 per Tranche 2 Performance Option, and \$0.36 per Tranche 3 Performance Option) and that there is no further issue of securities during the three year period from grant of the Performance Options, noting that the terms of the Performance Options include a limited customary anti-dilution mechanism to adjust the number of Shares into which the Performance Options convert where there is a share split, share consolidation, bonus issue, entitlement offer or other capital reconstruction. The Company previously obtained Shareholder approval under item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act to issue Shares in the capital of the Company following vesting and exercise of the Tranches 1, 2 and 3 of the Performance Options by H&S International at the extraordinary general meeting held on 19 June 2023.

\*\*\*\* Subject to Resolution 1 being passed, Shares under the Proposed Acquisition are to be issued

<sup>\*\*</sup> Assuming that H&S Group subscribe for approximately \$2,371,500 of shortfall Shares which is the estimated maximum number of shortfall Shares that may be issued to H&S Group. The Company expects to implement a top-up facility to allow existing Shareholders to subscribe for more than their pro-rata entitlement.

to Brauer Natural Medicine (as an associate of H&S Investments and H&S International). Pursuant to the Share Sale Agreement, the Shares to be issued to Brauer Natural Medicine are to be escrowed for 2 years from the date of issue.

### Independent Expert Report

To assist Shareholders in their assessment of Resolution 1, Moore Australia (Vic) Pty Ltd has been appointed as an independent expert to prepare an Independent Expert's Report, the purpose of which is to state whether or not, in their opinion, the proposed issue of Shares under Resolution 1 to Brauer Natural Medicine is fair and reasonable to Shareholders who are not Associates of Brauer Natural Medicine. The Independent Expert's Report is of the opinion that Resolution 1 presents a transaction that is **not fair but reasonable** to the Shareholders.

It is recommended that Shareholders read the Independent Expert's Report carefully in full, as set out in **Annexure A**.

Information for Shareholders under item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act

The following information is provided to Shareholders for the purposes of the requirements under the Corporations Act in respect of obtaining Shareholder approval pursuant to item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act:

The identity of the person proposing to make the acquisition and their Associates

The person proposing to make the Proposed Acquisition pursuant to item 7 of section 611 is Brauer Natural Medicine.

Brauer Natural Medicine is an Australian proprietary company that is ultimately owned by Jiumulin Australia Pty Ltd ACN 621 632 559 (non-beneficially), Vandillo Pty Ltd ACN 621 511 126 (non-beneficially), Nava Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 627 909 362 (non-beneficially) and RMB Fortune Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 600 814 640 (non-beneficially). Meng Zhang is the sole director and secretary of Brauer Natural Medicine. Meng Zhang is also a director and shareholder of RMB Fortune Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 600 814 640.

H&S International is an Australian proprietary company that is owned by Jiumulin Australia Pty Ltd ACN 621 632 559 (non-beneficially) and Vandillo Pty Ltd ACN 621 511 126 (non-beneficially) in equal proportions. H&S Investments is an Australian proprietary company that is wholly owned by Hung Quoc Nguyen. Hung Quoc Nguyen is the sole director of H&S Investments. Hung Quoc Nguyen is also a director and shareholder of Vandillo Pty Ltd ACN 621 632 559.

For the purposes of Chapter 6 of the Corporations Act, Brauer Natural Medicine Pty Ltd, H&S International and H&S Investments are Associates. This means that the Shares in which Brauer Natural Medicine Pty Ltd have a relevant interest are included in calculating H&S Investments and H&S International's voting power in the Company and vice versa.

The maximum extent of the increase in that person's voting power in the company that would result from the acquisition

As at the date of this Notice of Meeting, Brauer Natural Medicine, H&S International's and H&S Investment's voting power in the Company is 24.9%. Brauer Natural Medicine currently does not directly hold Shares in the Company.

If Resolutions 1 and 2 are passed, following completion of the Proposed Acquisition, Brauer Natural Medicine, H&S International and H&S Investments may increase to the maximum voting power of 46.6% set out in the Maximum Voting Power Table.

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The voting power that a person would have as a result of the acquisition

If Resolutions 1 and 2 are passed, following completion of the Proposed Acquisition, Brauer Natural Medicine, H&S International's and H&S Investment's voting power may increase to the maximum of 46.6% set out in the Maximum Voting Power Table.

The maximum extent of the increase in the voting power of each of that person's associates that would result from the acquisition

The maximum extent of the increase in the voting power of H&S Investments and H&S International as an Associate of Brauer Natural Medicine, is 21.7% as set out in the Maximum Voting Power Table.

The voting power that each of that person's associates would have as a result of the acquisition

The maximum voting power of H&S Investments and H&S International, as an Associate of Brauer Natural Medicine is 46.6% as set out in the Maximum Voting Power Table.

Information for Shareholders required by RG 74

Further information required by ASIC Regulatory Guide 74 (RG 74) is set out below:

An explanation of the reasons for the proposed acquisition

The Proposed Acquisition will diversify the Company's product set within the health & wellness sector and will be advantageous to the Company for the following reasons:

(a) The Proposed Acquisition offers the opportunity to scale and diversify the existing Nuchev business and improve its operating cashflows, while leveraging the Company's organisational structure, supply chain, brand marketing and finance functions.

	<ul> <li>(b) The Proposed Acquisition will also provide opportunities to extract improved operating and financial performance from the bWellness business under Nuchev control.</li> <li>(c) The Proposed Acquisition will allow the Company to leverage its existing organisational structure, including its board and executive leadership team as well as enable shared utilisation of the Company's supply chain, marketing, and finance functions to the benefit of both the Company and the bWellness businesses.</li> </ul>
When the proposed acquisition is to occur	The Shares will be granted to Brauer Natural Medicine within 7 Business Days of the Meeting if Resolutions 1 and 2 are passed.
The material terms of the proposed acquisition	The material terms of the Proposed Acquisition can be found in the section titled 'Background' above.
Details of the terms of any other relevant agreement between the acquirer and the target entity or vendor (or any of their associates) that is conditional on (or directly or indirectly depends on) members' approval of the proposed acquisition	The Company and Brauer Natural Medicine (amongst others) are party to the Share Sale Agreement dated 17 May 2024 for the sale of all the shares of bWellness. The Share Sale Agreement contains a condition precedent that the shareholders of the Company approve the issue of Shares in the Company to Brauer Natural Medicine  (a) for the purpose of item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act; and  (b) for the purpose of Listing Rule 10.1,  at an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Company to be held on 19 June 2024.
A statement of the acquirer's intentions regarding the future of the target entity if members approve the acquisition and, in particular:	These intentions are based on information concerning the Company, its business, and the business environment which is known to H&S Group at the date of this Notice. Final decisions regarding these matters will only be made by H&S Group in light of material information and circumstances at the relevant time. Accordingly, the statements set out below are statements of current intention only, which may change as new information becomes available to them or as circumstances change. to change the business of the Company.
any intention to change the business of the entity;	H&S Group does not have any present intention to change the business of the Company. H&S Group is not considering any alternative options for the future of the Company and their intention is for the Company to run on an as is basis.

	H&S remains aligned with the Group's strategy to growth in scale and considers this be a strategic investment in the Company that further underlines H&S' commitment.	
any intention to inject further capital into the entity;	H&S Group does not have any present intention to inject any further capital into the Company other than to:  (a) pay the relevant exercise price to exercise each of the Tranche 2 and Tranche 3 Performance Options if the relevant Annual Performance Hurdles are satisfied (noting that the Tranche 1 Performance Options have vested and Shares already issued on exercise);  (b) subscribe for its pro rata entitlement under the Entitlement Offer; and  (c) subscribe for shortfall Shares under the Entitlement Offer.	
<ul> <li>the future employment of present employees of the entity;</li> </ul>	H&S Group does not have any present intention and is not considering any alternative options with respect to the future employment of employees of the Company.	
<ul> <li>any proposal where assets will be transferred between the entity and the acquirer or vendor or their associates; and</li> </ul>	H&S Group does not have any present intention or proposal and is not considering any alternative options to transfer assets between itself or its Associates and the Company.	
<ul> <li>any intention to otherwise redeploy the fixed assets of the entity</li> </ul>	H&S Group does not have any present intention and is not considering any alternative options to redeploy the fixed	
Any intention of the acquirer to significantly change the financial dividend distribution policies of the entity	H&S Group does not have any present intention and is not considering any alternative options to significantly change the financial or dividend distribution policies of the Company.	
The interests that any director has in the acquisition or any relevant agreement disclosed in respect of any other relevant agreement disclosed above	None of the Directors has an interest in the proposed issue of Shares to Brauer Natural Medicine in relation to the Proposed Acquisition nor in any of the relevant agreements disclosed above.	
The following details about any person who is intended to become a director if		

	embers approve the quisition:	
•	name;	Not applicable.
•	qualifications and relevant professional or commercial experience;	Not applicable.
•	any associations that the proposed director has with the acquirer, vendor or any of their associates; and	Not applicable.
•	any interest that the proposed director has in the acquisition or any relevant agreement disclosed above	Not applicable.

### Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.2

Listing Rule 7.1 provides that a company must not (subject to specified exceptions in Listing Rule 7.2), without the approval of shareholders, issue or agree to issue during any 12 month period any equity securities, or other securities with rights to conversion to equity (such as an option), if the number of those securities exceeds 15% of the number of ordinary securities on issue at the commencement of that 12 month period.

Pursuant to Listing Rule 7.2 (exception 8), Shareholder approval pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1 is not required where approval is being obtained pursuant to item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act. Accordingly, if Resolution 1 is passed by the requisite majority, the issue of Shares to bWellness will be made without reliance on the Company's 15% annual placement capacity and the Company will retain flexibility to issue equity securities in the future up to the 15% annual placement capacity set out in Listing Rule 7.1.

### **Listing Rule 10.11 and 10.12**

Listing Rule 10.11 provides that a company must not (subject to specified exceptions in Listing Rule 10.12), without the approval of shareholders, issue or agree to issue equity securities to any of the following persons:

- (a) a related party (Listing Rule 10.11.1);
- (b) a person who is, or was at any time in the 6 months before the issue or agreement, a substantial (30%+) holder in the company (Listing Rule 10.11.2);
- (c) a person who is, or was at any time in the 6 months before the issue or agreement, a substantial (10%+) holder in the company and who has nominated a director to the board of the company pursuant to a relevant agreement which gives them a right or expectation to do so (Listing Rule 10.11.3);
- (d) an associate of a person referred to in Listing Rule 10.11.1 to 10.11.3 (Listing Rule 10.11.4);
- (e) or a person whose relationship with the company or a person referred to in Listing Rules 10.11.1 to 10.11.4 is such that, in ASX's opinion, the issue or agreement should be approved by its shareholders (Listing Rule 10.11.5),

Pursuant to Listing Rule 10.12 (exception 6), Shareholder approval pursuant to Listing Rule 10.11

is not required where approval is being obtained pursuant to item 7 of section 611 of the Corporations Act.

### **Directors' recommendation**

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of Resolution 1 and the reasons for that recommendation are set out below:

- (a) the acquisition of bWellness offers the Company the opportunity to scale and diversify its existing business and improve its operating cashflows, while leveraging its organisational structure, supply chain, finance and brand management skills and resources;
- (b) bWellness product range is aligned with the Company's strategic purpose of providing "Functional Foods (Products) for a Better Life", with the bWellness product range centred on functional health (nutritional, added immunity or digestive-based);
- (c) both businesses are focused on 'science-backed' support for their products, with many of bWellness' products supported by extensive clinical trials / scientific research; and
- (d) the acquisition of bWellness provides the Company with access to complimentary distribution channels through ANZ practitioners and health food stores, with the potential for future sales growth for Oli6® immunity & digestive products.

The Chair of the meeting intends to vote all available undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of Resolution 1.

A voting exclusion statement is included in respect of Resolution 1.

### **Resolution 2** – Approval of the Proposed Acquisition

### **Listing Rule 10.1**

Listing Rule 10.1 provides that an entity (or any of its subsidiaries) must not acquire a substantial asset from, or dispose a substantial asset to:

- (a) a related party of the Company (Listing Rule 10.1.1);
- (b) a subsidiary of the Company (Listing Rule 10.1.2);
- (c) a person who is, or was at any time in the 6 months before the transaction or agreement, a substantial (10%+) holder in the Company (Listing Rule 10.1.3);
- (d) an associate of a person referred to in Listing Rules 10.1.1 to 10.1.3 (Listing Rule 10.1.4); or
- (e) a person whose relationship to the entity or a person referred to in Listing Rules 10.1.1 to 10.1.4 is such that, in ASX's opinion, the transaction should be approved by Shareholders (Listing Rule 10.1.5).

As at the date of this Notice of Meeting, H&S Group is a substantial (10%+) holder in the Company. bWellness is an Associate of H&S Group. Accordingly, H&S Group is a party covered by the operation of Listing Rule 10.1.

Pursuant to Listing Rule 10.2, an asset is "substantial" if its value, or the value of the consideration for it is, or in ASX's opinion is, 5% or more of the equity interests of the company as set out in the latest accounts given to ASX under the Listing Rules.

The equity interests of the Company as defined by the Listing Rules and as set out in latest audited annual accounts given to ASX under the Listing Rules (being for the half year ended 31 December 2023) is \$9,596,428. A substantial asset is therefore an asset of value greater than \$479,821 (5% of the above figure).

The value of the consideration to be paid for bWellness is greater than 5% of the book value of the

Company's equity (as set out above). Please refer to section 10 of the Independent Expert's Report in **Annexure A** for further details on the valuation of the consideration payable under the Proposed Acquisition.

Accordingly, the consideration payable for bWellness will be considered a "substantial" asset for the purposes of Listing Rule 10.2, and the Company is required to seek Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 10.1 for the Proposed Acquisition.

Conditional upon Resolution 1 being passed, if Resolution 2 is passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the Proposed Acquisition.

If Resolution 2 is not passed, the Company will not proceed with the Proposed Acquisition.

### **Specific Information Required by Listing Rule 10.5**

The following information is provided to Shareholders for the purposes of the requirements under Listing Rule 10.5:

The name of the person from whom the entity is acquiring the substantial asset	Pursuant to the Share Sale Agreement, the Company is proposing to acquire all the shares in bWellness from its shareholders which include Brauer Natural Medicine.	
Which category in rules 10.1.1 - 10.1.5 the person falls within and why	As at the date of this Notice of Meeting, H&S Group is a substantial (10%+) holder in the Company. bWellness is an Associate of H&S Group. Accordingly, Shareholder approval is required as H&S Group is covered by the operation of Listing Rule 10.1.4.	
Details of the asset being acquired	The asset being acquired is all the shares in bWellness. Please refer to the material terms of the Proposed Acquisition which can be found in the section titled 'Background' above.	
The consideration for the Proposed Acquisition	The consideration for the Proposed Acquisition is outlined in the material terms of the Proposed Acquisition which can be found in the section titled 'Background' above.	
The intended source of funds to pay for the Proposed Acquisition	The Company intends to fund the Proposed Acquisition using a combination of cash and scrip consideration (depending on the election made by the sellers). The Company will conduct a capital raise structured as a pro-rata entitlement offer to raise up to approximately \$5,100,000 which will be partially used to pay for the cash component of the Proposed Acquisition. For the scrip component, the Company will issue Shares to Brauer Natural Medicine on completion of the Proposed Acquisition, which is subject to the Company obtaining Shareholder approval under Resolutions 1 and 2.	

The timetable for	Indicative timetable:	
completing the Proposed Acquisition	Event	Date (2024)
	Signing of Share Sale Agreement	17 May
	Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting sent to shareholders	20 May
	Completion of Entitlement Offer	20 June
	Completion of Share Sale Agreement	26 June
If the Proposed Acquisition is occurring under an agreement, a summary of any other material terms of the agreement	Please refer to the material terms of the Proposed Acquisition which can be found in the section titled 'Background' above.	
A voting exclusion statement	A voting exclusion statement is included in respect of Resolution 2 of the Notice of Meeting.	
A report on the Proposed Acquisition from an independent expert	The Independent Expert's Report is contained in <b>Annexure A</b> of this Notice of Meeting.	

### **Directors' recommendation**

The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of Resolution 2 and the reasons for that recommendation are set out below:

- (a) the acquisition of bWellness offers the Company the opportunity to scale and diversify its existing business and improve its operating cashflows, while leveraging its organisational structure, supply chain, finance and brand management skills and resources;
- (b) bWellness product range is aligned with the Company's strategic purpose of providing "Functional Foods (Products) for a Better Life", with the bWellness product range centred on functional health (nutritional, added immunity or digestive-based);
- (c) both businesses are focused on 'science-backed' support for their products, with many of bWellness' products supported by extensive clinical trials / scientific research; and
- (d) the acquisition of bWellness provides the Company with access to complimentary distribution channels through ANZ practitioners and health food stores, with the potential for future sales growth for Oli6® immunity & digestive products.

The Chair of the meeting intends to vote all available undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of Resolution

A voting exclusion statement is included in respect of Resolution 2.

# **Resolution 3** - Issue of shortfall Shares to Mr Craig Silbery under the Entitlement Offer

### General

Resolution 3 seeks Shareholder approval pursuant to and in accordance with Listing Rule 10.11 (and for all other purposes) to issue up to 2,271,561 shortfall Shares under the Entitlement Offer at \$0.156 per Share to Mr Craig Silbery and/or his nominee(s) under the Entitlement Offer (**Director Shares**). The Director Shares will raise up to \$354,363.52.

In accordance with Listing Rule 10.11, Shareholder approval is required for the issue of Shares to a related party. Mr Craig Silbery is a director and therefore is a related party of the Company.

The issue of Director Shares does not fall within any of the exceptions to Listing Rule 10.11 and is therefore conditional upon Shareholder approval.

### Listing Rule 10.11

Listing Rule 10.11 is set out in the explanatory statement for Resolution 1 above.

The issue of Director Shares to Mr Craig Silbery falls within Listing Rule 10.11.1 as Mr Craig Silbery is a related party to the Company, and does not fall within any of the exceptions in Listing Rule 10.12. As a result, Shareholder approval is required under Listing Rule 10.11.

If Resolution 3 is passed, the Company will be able to proceed with the issue of Director Shares to Mr Craig Silbery (and/or his nominee(s)) and pursuant to Listing Rule 7.2 (exception 14), the issue of Director Shares will be excluded from the calculation of the number of equity securities that the Company can issue without Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 7.1.

If Resolution 3 is not passed, the Company will not be able to proceed with the issue of Director Shares to Mr Craig Silbery (and/or his nominee(s)), and the Company will not be able to raise funds from issuing Director Shares to Mr Craig Silbery and may seek to raise them from alternate investors.

### **Specific Information Required by Listing Rule 10.13**

The following information is provided to Shareholders for the purposes of the requirements under Listing Rule 10.13:

The name of the person	Mr Craig Silbery.
Which category in rules 10.11.1 - 10.11.5 the person falls within and why	Mr Craig Silbery falls within Listing Rule 10.11.1 as he is a director of the Company and therefore is a related party of the Company.
The number of securities to be issued to the person	The maximum number of Director Shares to be issued is 2,271,561.
If the securities are not fully paid ordinary securities, a summary of the material terms of the securities	The Director Shares will be fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company and will rank equally in all respects with the Company's existing Shares on issue.

The date on or by which the entity will issue the securities, which must not be more than 1 month after the date of the meeting	The Director Shares will be issued no later than one month after the date of the Meeting (or such later date to the extent permitted by any ASX waiver or modification of the Listing Rules).
The price or other consideration the entity will receive for the issue	The Director Shares will have an issue price of \$0.156 per Share, raising a total of up to \$354,363.52.
The purpose of the issue, including the intended use of any funds raised by the issue	Funds raised from the issue of Director Shares are intended to be used to partially fund the cash component of the Proposed Acquisition, with the remainder applied to fund working capital and transaction costs.
If the person is  - a director and therefore a related party under rule 10.11.1; or - an associate of, or person connected with, a director under rules 10.11.4 or 10.14.5, and the issue is intended to remunerate or incentivise the director, details (including the amount) of the director's current total	The issue of Director Shares is not intended to remunerate or incentivise the director.
remuneration package  If the securities are issued under an agreement, a summary of any other material terms of the agreement.	The Director Shares are to be offered pursuant to a binding commitment letter pursuant to which Mr Craig Silbery (and/or his respective nominee(s)) will, subject to Resolution 3 being passed, subscribe for Director Shares at an issue price of \$0.156 per shortfall Share under the Entitlement Offer.
Voting exclusion statement	A voting exclusion statement is included in respect of Resolution 3 of the Notice of Meeting.

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

Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act requires that a public company, or an entity that the public company controls, to give a financial benefit to a related party of the public company, the public company or entity must:

- (a) obtain the approval of the public company's members in the manner set out in sections 217 to 227 of the Corporations Act; and
- (b) give the benefit within 15 months following such approval,

unless the giving of the financial benefit falls within an exception set out in sections 210 to 216 of the Corporations Act.

Mr Craig Silbery is a director of the Company and therefore is a related party of the Company for the purposes of section 208 of the Corporations Act.

Section 210 of the Corporations Act states that member approval is not needed to give a financial benefit on terms that:

- (a) would be reasonable in the circumstances if the public company or entity and the related party were dealing at arm's length; or
- (b) are less favourable to the related party than the terms referred to in paragraph (a).

The Directors (other than Mr Craig Silbery) have determined that, as the issue of Director Shares is proposed to take place on the same terms as the Entitlement Offer to all Shareholders and the shortfall offer, the financial benefit given by the Company is reasonable in the circumstances where the Company and the recipients are dealing at arm's length. Accordingly, Shareholder approval is not required under Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act.

### **Directors' recommendation**

The Board (excluding Mr Craig Silbery) recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of Resolution 3. The Chair of the meeting intends to vote all available undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of Resolution 3.

A voting exclusion statement is included in respect of Resolution 3.

## Enquiries

Shareholders are asked to contact the Company Secretary, Tamara Barr, at tamara@csbcorpservices.com if they have any queries in respect of the above matters.

## Glossary

**AEST** means Australian Eastern Standard Time as observed in Melbourne, Victoria.

**ASIC** means Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

**Associate** has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.

**ASX** means ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 or the financial market operated by it, as the context requires, of 20 Bridge Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

**ASX Listing Rules** or **Listing Rules** means the official ASX Listing Rules of the ASX and any other rules of the ASX which are applicable while the Company is admitted to the official list of the ASX, as amended from time to time, except to the extent of any express written waiver by the ASX.

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

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

**Chair** means the person chairing the Meeting.

Company means Nuchev Limited ACN 163 225 090.

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

**Director** means a current director of the Company.

**Distribution Agreement** means the distribution agreement between the Company, H&S International and H&S Investments.

**Dollar** or "\$" means Australian dollars.

**Entitlement Offer** means the non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer to be conducted by the Company to raise up to approximately \$5,100,000 (before costs).

**Explanatory Statement** means the explanatory statement accompanying this Notice of Meeting.

**Extraordinary General Meeting** or **EGM** or **Meeting** means an extraordinary general meeting of the Company and, unless otherwise indicated, means the meeting of the Company's members convened by this Notice of Meeting.

**Notice** or **Notice of Meeting** or **Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting** means this notice of Extraordinary General Meeting dated 20 May 2024 including the Explanatory Statement.

**Option** means an option to acquire a Share.

**Ordinary Resolution** means a resolution that can only be passed if at least 50% of the total votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on the resolution are voted in its favour at the meeting.

**Performance Option** means a performance option which, subject to its terms, could convert to a Share.

**Proposed Acquisition** means the acquisition of all the shares in bWellness Pty Ltd ACN 095 359 354.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form attached to this Notice of Meeting.

**Regulation S** means regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933 as amended from time to time.

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

**Securities** mean Shares and/or Options (as the context requires).

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

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

**Share Registry** means Automic Pty Ltd, Level 5, 126 Philip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

**Special Resolution** means a resolution that can only be passed if at least 75% of the total votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on the resolution are voted in its favour at the meeting.





# **NUCHEV LIMITED**

Independent Expert's Report and Financial Service Guide for distribution to Shareholders.

Proposed issue of Shares requiring Shareholder approval relating to the bWellness acquisition.

16 MAY 2024





16 May 2024

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#### **Dear Directors**

## INDEPENDENT EXPERT'S REPORT FOR SHAREHOLDERS

# PROPOSED ISSUE OF SHARES REQUIRING SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL RELATING TO THE BWELLNESS ACQUISITION.

- 1. We refer to our engagement letter dated 25 March 2024 and are pleased to submit our Independent Expert opinion on the above Proposal.
- This summary should be read with the body of our Report, which sets out our scope of work, reasoning, and findings. It should also be read with the Notice of Meeting (**NoM**) provided to Shareholders.

### 1.1. Introduction

### Background

- Nuchev Limited (NUC, Nuchev or Company) is an Australian company listed on the ASX. The
  Company's main activity is health and nutrition solutions. It produces, markets, and sells goat milkbased infant formula and nutritional products to consumers mainly in Australia and China.
- In H1FY24 it reported revenue of \$6.6m and an operating loss of \$3.4m. Net assets were reported as \$9.6m at 31 Dec 23. The current Share price of NUC is \$0.16 per Share and a market cap of \$13.5m<sup>1</sup>.
- 5. On 23 February 2024 the Company signed a non-binding indicative offer (**NBIO**) to acquire 100% of the equity in bWellness Pty Ltd (**bWellness**) for a total enterprise value of \$7.0m to be paid as:
  - \$2.8m in upfront cash (to be funded by a Rights Issue. This funding round is supported by major NUC shareholders including H&S (see below).
  - \$0.7m in cash, but subject to 12 month EBITDA and keyperson earn-out targets.
  - \$3.5m in NUC shares to be issued. The NUC shares will be issued to a related party of H&S International (Aust) P/L (H&S). H&S is an existing shareholder of NUC and therefore will increase its holding in NUC which already exceeds 20%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S&PCapIQ 14 May 2024



### Summary of the Proposal

- The NoM sets out the terms of the H&S **Share Issue** for the bWellness acquisition and the H&S **Rights issue** (including any **Shortfall**) being the subject of this Report. In summary, NUC plans to:
  - Offer to issue to H&S the Share Issue for the bWellness acquisition. The exact number of Shares to be issued was agreed to be based upon the 30-day VWAP price prior to 15 May 2024, which is 15.6 cents per Share.
  - An equal access Rights Issue to raise \$5.1m at an issue price of 15.6 cents per Share. The
    purpose of the Rights Issue is to fund the \$2.8m cash component of the bWellness
    Acquisition and for working capital. Under the terms of the Rights Issue, any Shortfall may be
    taken up by H&S to a maximum of \$2.4m.
- 7. Therefore, the effect of the Proposal is that if both the Rights Issue and the Share Issue proceeds, then H&S's interest in the Company is likely to exceed 20%. Conversely non-associated ordinary shareholders will have their interest in the Company diluted.
- As per our engagement terms, the focus of our opinion is on the Share Issue. However due to the combined and interrelated impacts we consider the H&S participation in the Rights Issue (including any Shortfall), Share Issue, the acquisition of bWellness and any alternatives as forming part of the **Proposal** for the purposes of our analysis. Whilst the Directors have advised that it is not subject to shareholder approval, we also include the estimated effects of the Rights Issue for all Shareholders generally as part of our analysis of the Proposal.

### 1.2. Purpose of this Report

- As set out in the NoM, an increase in shareholdings above 20% is prohibited under takeover provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth.) (**Act**) unless it falls into one of the exemptions. Exemptions include an acquisition approved by non-associated shareholders. We consider the ordinary shareholders other than H&S or their associates as the non-associated shareholders (**Shareholders**).
- 10. You have received advice that our Report is required for the Share Issue the purposes of Act. Our report is also required for ASX Listing Rules 10 (Transactions with persons of influence) and 11 (Significant transactions).
- 11. Therefore, the Directors have engaged Moore to prepare this Independent Experts Report. The scope of the Report is to assess whether the Proposal is fair and reasonable to Shareholders.

### 1.3. Basis of evaluation

- 12. Fairness is a "quantitative" assessment. Reasonableness is a "qualitative" assessment. To assess if the Proposal is fair and reasonable, we have:
  - Undertaken a quantitative assessment. The Proposal is fair if the Post Proposal Share value
    on a minority basis is greater than the Pre Proposal value on a control basis. This includes an
    assessment of the value of bWellness shares received for the Share Issue.
  - Assessed the qualitative merits as reasonable if it is fair, or despite not being fair, in the
    overall best interests of Shareholders.

### 1.4. Summary of quantitative assessment

13. Table 1 below sets out our estimated values and comparison of the change in Share price Pre and Post Proposal. It also shows Rights Issue and Share Issue price under the Proposal.



### Table1

Table1			
\$ whole per Share	Low	Mid	High
Evaluation summary			
Pre Proposal Share price - control	0.118	0.146	0.173
Post Proposal Share price - minority	0.100	0.126	0.152
Share price Higher / (Lower) Post Proposal	-0.018	-0.020	-0.021
Quantitative evaluation	Not Fair	Not Fair	Not Fair
Rights Issue & Share Issue price offered	0.156	0.156	0.156
Fair value of Shares H&S receives	0.118	0.146	0.173
Placement & Options price Higher / (Lower) securities			
issued fair value	0.038	0.010	-0.017
Quantitative evaluation offer price vs securities	Fair	Fair	Not Fair
Overall Quantitative evaluation		Not Fair	

- We estimate that the Pre Proposal value is 12 cents to 17 cents per Share on a control basis (rounded). On a Post Proposal minority basis, we estimate the Share price is lower and ranges from 10 cents to 15 cents (rounded).
- 15. The main influence of Pre Proposal Share value is an estimate of Total Enterprise Value (**TEV**) using a capitalised future maintainable revenue method. We selected this methodology as alternate methods were not in our view suitable. The 'low' range in the table means lower estimates of the revenue multiple sourced from market comparables and revenue base.
- 16. We determined that the equity value is equal to the TEV plus \$1.4m in proceeds from the H&S Performance Tranche 1 Options exercised in early May 2024. There is no debt. We otherwise regard cash as part of net working capital as it is required to fund operating losses and is not available for distribution as a surplus asset.
- 17. The Post Proposal amounts, were estimated by taking the Pre Proposal control value, adding our estimate of the TEV for bWellenss, adding any surplus funds raised, less the liability for the earn-out payment and avoidable transaction costs. The TEV for bWellness was determined by a capitalised future maintainable earnings method. The 'low' range in the table means lower estimates of the earnings multiple sourced from market comparables and EBITDA base
- 18. For the Post Proposal Equity value, we also applied a minority discount so as to see if a control premium is being paid.
- 19. The Pre and Post Equity values were then divided by the Pre and Post Proposal number of Shares to derive the Share price. The Pre Proposal number of shares includes 5.6m Tranche 1 H&S Performance Options exercised at 25 cents under the existing distribution arrangements. The Post Proposal number of Shares is following the effects of the Rights Issue and the Share Issue to H&S.
- 20. As a result, the position of Shareholders is generally worse under the Proposal by about 2 cents per Share (rounded).
- 21. We also compared the Rights Issue price and Share Issue Price of 15.6 cents per Share to the Pre Proposal Share price of 12 cents to 17 cents on a control basis. The Rights Issue price and Share Issue Price of 15.6 cents is greater than the Pre Proposal Share price at the low and mid ranges but not at the high range.

### Fairness opinion

22. The focus of this report is on the Share Issue and the interrelated impacts of the Acquisition and Rights issue. Therefore, our overall opinion emphasises the Pre and Post Proposal assessment following the acquisition of bWellness.



23. As the Post Proposal Share minority values are less than the Pre Proposal control value shown above, we conclude that the Proposal is **Not Fair** to Shareholders.

### 1.5. Summary of qualitative assessment

24. We summarise the merits of the Proposal and also any alternatives to the Proposal:

# Advantages of the Proposal

- bWellness is profitable with a normalised EBITDA for FY23 of \$2.0m being ~25% of NUC's loss for FY23 of -\$8.2m. Therefore it is likely to improve NUC's overall financial performance and mitigate expected ongoing losses.
- bWellness sells wellness products that are in a complimentary market to NUC's products.
- NUC is likely to receive surplus funds of \$2.3m (see paragraph 151) from the Rights Issue to be applied to operations.

# Disadvantages of the Proposal

- The Proposal is not fair as it is likely no control premium is being paid.
- Ordinary shareholders will have their voting interests in the Company diluted.
- H&S will likely form a greater significant shareholder block which may further reduce liquidity in the Company's shares. However, it is possible H&S's greater shareholding may increase the minority discount for other shareholders which we have estimated in our fairness assessment as reducing NUC's Share price ~ a half cent.
- The Rights Issue price of 15.6 cents is greater than our view of the Pre Proposal fair value of NUC Shares (12 cents at the low and 15 cents mid ranges) which may be considered reasonable. The Rights Issue price is also equal to the recent traded price, (albeit we consider that price illiquid). Rationally, it would also be less likely for H&S to sell below its purchase price of 15.6 cents which may also benefit minority shareholders. However, without a discount, this may also discourage participation by all Shareholders, resulting in H&S taking up the Shortfall and increasing their interest in NUC further.
- If the Performance Options (see below) are converted to shares at the exercise prices of 25-36 cents, H&S could increase their interest further to ~ 53% Post Proposal.
- The expected avoidable transaction costs of ~\$0.5m.

### Other considerations including no change in circumstances

- H&S interests continue to be aligned with the Company in increasing sales and value through the unchanged distribution arrangements.
- H&S retain Tranche 2 & 3 Performance Options under the existing distribution arrangements.

# Alternatives to the Proposal

 Directors confirm there are no other Proposals to fund the acquisition of bWellness that are capable of acceptance in the short term.

# Impact of the Proposal if the

 Directors advise that the Company is continuing to incur monthly operating losses for at least the remainder of FY24 and into FY25. We



# Proposal does not proceed

calculate the H1FY24 monthly operating loss was \$0.6m which we do not expect to improve in the near term if the Proposal does not proceed. The Company has diminishing resources to fund those losses or continue to operate. On 31 December 2023, cash was \$5.6m, which is less than 10 months average operating losses.

- The Directors advise that if the Proposal does not proceed, then it is likely that the acquisition of bWellness will not proceed in its current form or if at all.
- The Directors may also explore other funding opportunities which are likely to be on less favourable terms than the current Proposal.
- 25. We are mostly persuaded by the advantage of the Proposal in providing funds and a profitable business such that NUC can continue to operate, and the poor consequences if those funds are not received. Therefore, in our opinion the advantages of the Proposal outweigh the disadvantages, and the Proposal is **Reasonable** to Shareholders.

### 1.6. Summary of Opinion

On the balance of the above matters considered, we think that the Proposal is **Not Fair but Reasonable** to the Shareholders of Company.

### 1.7. Summary of disclosures and limitations

Our opinion is subject to the limitations and disclaimers set out in the body of this Report.

### Changes in market conditions

28. Our analysis and conclusions are based on market conditions existing at the date of this Report. We have assumed a valuation date of 30 April 2024. A limitation of our conclusion is that market conditions may change between the date of this Report and when the various aspects of the Proposal are concluded.

### Individual Shareholder circumstances

29. Acceptance or rejection of the Proposal is a matter for individual Shareholders based upon their own views of value, risk, and portfolio strategy. Shareholders who are in doubt as to the action that they should take in relation to the Proposal should consult their professional advisor.

### Financial Services Guide

30. Our Financial Services Guide is attached in **Appendix 4**. This includes the contact details of whom to address any concerns with this Report.

We thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this important matter.

Yours faithfully

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## **GLOSSARY**

Term	Meaning
ACT	Corporations Act 2001.
Acquisition	The acquisition of bWellness as set out in the NoM.
APES	Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard.
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
ASX (GN)	Australian Stock Exchange. (Guidance Note).
bWellness	bWelness Pty Ltd, the subject of the acquisition to be funded by the Placement and the Share Issue.
CFME / CFMR	Capitalised future maintainable earnings / revenue.
Company	Nuchev Limited.
DCF	Discounted cash flow.
Directors	Directors of the Nuchev Limited.
FMV	Fair Market Value.
FY	Financial Year ending 30 June.
НоА	Non-binding Heads of Agreement between Nuchev and bWellness dated 23 February 2024



Term	Meaning
H&S	H&S Group entities including H&S International (Aust) Pty Ltd ABN: 93 621 762 285.and H&S Investment Australia Pty Ltd ATF H&S Investment Unit Trust: ABN 621 228 267 64.
MAV	Moore Australia (Vic) Pty Ltd – the employer of the authors of this Report.
Mithaq	Mithaq Capital SPC – a major shareholder.
NUC / Nuchev	Nuchev Limited.
Proposal	The Rights Issue and Share Issue and associated conditions set out in the NoM.
QMP	Quoted market price.
Directors	The Directors of the Company.
Rights Issue	The offer made to existing shareholders to issue new shares in the Company at 15.6 cents per Share up to \$5.1m. This includes the Shortfall terms to H&S.
RG	ASIC Regulatory Guide
Shares	Shares in the Company.
Shareholders	The non-associated shareholders of the Company, being non-Director ordinary shareholders and associates (including H&S) who do not take up the Rights Issue, Placement or Share Issue.
Share Issue	The issue of shares to H&S for the Acquisition as set out in the NoM.
Shortfall	Where H&S may acquire further shares under the Rights Issue if there is a shortfall in subscriptions up to \$2.4m, and Silbery may acquire up to \$0.4m of the shortfall.



Term	Meaning
Silbery	Craig Silbery
SKU	Stock keeping unit (individual unique product).
TEV	Total Enterprise Value.



# 2.0 THE PROPOSAL

# 2.1. Acquisition, Rights Issue, Share Issue

- 31. The Company signed **NBIO** to acquire 100% of the equity in bWellness for a TEV of \$7.0m to be paid as:
  - \$2.8m in upfront cash (to be funded by a Rights Issue). This funding round is supported by major NUC shareholders including H&S and Silbery (see below).
  - \$0.7m in cash, but subject to 12 month EBITDA target of \$1.7m for FY25. It is also a condition that certain key-persons remain in the business.
  - \$3.5m in NUC shares to be issued at a price based upon the 30-day VWAP price prior to 15 May 2024, which is 15.6 cents per Share. The NUC shares will be issued to a related party of H&S who part own bWellness. H&S is an existing shareholder of NUC and therefore will increase its holding in NUC which already exceeds 20%.
  - Other conditions from the NBIO is that the offer is subject to due diligence, funding and Shareholder approvals.
- The Rights Issue of \$5.1m is made to all current NUC Shareholders to subscribe for 1 NUC Share at 15.6 cents per Share on a pro rata basis reflecting their current interest in NUC. H&S and Silbery have confirmed their intention to participate in the Offer. Dingle has indicated he may participate up to \$0.9m or 50% of his entitlement. If there is a Shortfall in subscriptions, H&S have confirmed their intention to take up the Shortfall up to \$2.4m and Silbery up to \$0.4m (rounded).
- 33. Table 2 below shows the current Shareholdings 15 May 2024 and the estimated effect of the Proposal including the Rights Issue and the Share Issue as described above, assuming Post Proposal:
  - At the Low range, all Shareholders take up their entitlement under the Rights Issue.
  - At the high range, H&S take up the Rights Issue shortfall up to \$2.4m and Silbery up to \$0.4m totalling \$2.7m (rounded).

Table 2

Table 2							
#'000's		Pre Proposal		Post Proposal		Post Proposal	
Share summary	Associated with		%	Low	%	High	%
Top 5 holders	Witti		70	Low	70	mgn	70
Whiti Trust	Ben Dingle	32,084	35.6%	43,752	29.9%	37,854	25.9%
H&S Investments Australia	· ·	22,417	24.9%	53,004	36.2%	68,206	46.6%
Mithaq Capital		12,565	14.0%	17,134	11.7%	12,565	8.6%
Craig Silbery		3,693	4.1%	5,035	3.4%	7,307	5.0%
Chemist Wareh.Mirabooka		1,030	1.1%	1,405	1.0%	1,030	0.7%
Total Top 5		71,789	79.7%	120,329	82.2%	126,962	86.8%
All Other Shareholders		18,238	20.3%	26,009	17.8%	19,377	13.2%
Total Ordinary Shares		90,027	100.0%	146,339	100.0%	146,339	100.0%
Reconciliation of movement							

New Shares to:		
Other shareholders under Rights		
Issue (pro-rata)	24,586	7,112
Wilson equity advisory	1,139	1,139
Silbery under Shortfall	-	2,272



#'000's		Pre Proposal	Post Proposal	Post Proposal
Share summary	Associated with	%	Low %	High %
H&S under Rights Issue			8,152	8,152
H&S under Shortfall			-	15,202
H&S under Share Issue			22,436	22,436
Total New Shares			56,312	56,312

#### 34. Notes on Table 2 are:

- Pre Proposal amounts are stated following H&S exercise of the Tranche 1 Performance
   Options under existing distribution arrangements in May 2024. H&S were issued 5.6m shares
   at 25 cents per share.
- Post Proposal, NUC advisors Wilson Equity Advisory will receive 1.1m Shares.
- The Post Proposal "Low" column assumes all shareholders take up their entitlements under the Rights Issue on a pro-rata basis. The Post Proposal "High" column assumes only Dingle takes up 50% or \$\$0.9m of his entitlement, and Silbery \$0.4m and H&S \$2.4m of the Shortfall.
- H&S may acquire an interest in the Company up to 37% and up to 47% if they take up the Shortfall under the Rights Issue.
- Outside the Top 5, all Other non-associated shareholders may collectively be diluted from 20% to 13%.
- 35. We have disregarded circa 19.5m options including the H&S Performance Tranche 2 & 3 Options in our analysis. This is because those options continue to exist regardless of whether the Proposal proceeds or not. We note that Nuchev also disregarded those options in its 31 Dec 23 Half-year reporting of earnings per Share.

#### 2.2. Shareholders resolution in the Notice

- 36. The NOM sets out the resolutions (**Resolutions**) relevant to this Report which we summarise:
  - Resolution 1 Acquisition of a relevant interest by H&S Investments on completion of the Proposed Acquisition per s.611(7) of the Act and ASX Listing Rules. The Share Issue for the purpose of the acquisition of bWellness and any shares issued via the Shortfall from the Rights issue of a relevant interest to H&S up to a maximum of 42%.
  - Resolution 2 Approval of the Proposed Acquisition, for ASX LR 10.
  - Resolution 3 Issue of Shortfall shares to Silbery, for ASX LR 10.
- We understand that H&S are excluded from voting on the above resolutions. We regard the ordinary shareholders other than H&S as the non-associated **Shareholders**.
- 38. As per our engagement terms, the focus of our opinion is on the Share Issue (Resolution 1).
- 39. However due to the combined and interrelated impacts we consider H&S and Silbery's participation in the Rights Issue (including any Shortfall), the Share Issue, the acquisition of bWellness and any alternatives as forming part of the Proposal for the purposes of our analysis. Whilst the Directors have advised that it is not subject to shareholder approval, we also include the estimated effects of the Rights Issue for all Shareholders generally as part of our analysis of the Proposal.



# 3.0 SCOPE OF THIS REPORT

# 3.1. Purpose

- 40. An increase in shareholdings is prohibited under takeover provisions in S.611 of the Act unless it falls into one of the exemptions. Exemptions include an acquisition approved by non-associated shareholders of the target (S.611 (7)).
- 41. You have received advice that shareholder approval and our Report is required for the Share Issue for the purposes of the (S.611 (7)) of the Act. Our report is also required for ASX Listing Rules 10 (Transactions with persons of influence) and 11 (Significant transactions).
- 42. Therefore, the Directors have engaged Moore to prepare this Independent Experts Report. The scope of the Report is to assess whether the Proposal is fair and reasonable to Shareholders.

#### 3.2. Basis of evaluation

- 43. The scope of the Report is to assess whether the Proposal is fair and reasonable to the non-associated Shareholders defined above.
- 44. Fairness is a "quantitative" assessment. Reasonableness is a "qualitative" assessment. We have considered the below guidance in our analysis where relevant. The methodology that we have used to form an opinion as to whether the Proposal is fair and reasonable, is summarised as:

#### **Fairness**

- 45. We have undertaken a quantitative assessment. The Proposal is fair if the Post Proposal Share value on a minority basis is greater than the Pre Proposal value on a control basis. This includes an assessment of the value of bWellness shares received for the Share Issue.
- We have also considered the Proposal fair if the offer price H&S pay for the Rights Issue and the Share Issue is equal to or above the fair market value of the Pre Proposal Share on a control basis.
- 47. We utilised historical financial information available as of 31 December 2023 plus adjustments to cater for estimated unavoidable expenses to 15 May 2024 which is our assessment valuation date.

#### Reasonableness

- 48. We assessed the qualitative merits as reasonable if it is fair, or despite not being fair, in the overall best interests of Shareholders. We analysed significant matters which include:
  - The advantages of the Proposal.
  - The disadvantages of the Proposal.
  - Any alternatives to the Proposal.
  - The impact if the Proposal does not proceed.

#### Guidance

- 49. Resolution 1 refers to approval being sought for an issue of shares under item 7 of s611 of the Act. This is considered a 'control' transaction under RG111.8.
- 50. We have considered RG111.11 in respect of control transactions and whether a control premium is paid. The recommended form of 'fair and reasonableness' analysis is consistent with our basis described above.
- 51. We have undertaken our valuations assuming a knowledgeable and willing, but not anxious, buyer and a knowledgeable and willing, but not anxious, seller acting at arm's length. This is a standard of fair value.
- 52. We have also assumed premise of value as a going concern.



#### 3.3. Limitations

- 53. We have only considered the effects of the Proposal.
- 54. We are not aware of any other significant limitations on scope. Had our work not been limited in scope, then our opinion could differ, perhaps materially.

#### 3.4. Other terms of reference

- 55. We have conducted our Services according to the guidelines contained in APES 110 "Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants" and the principals of APES 225 "Valuation Services".
- We confirm MAV are the holder of AFSL licence 247 262, which authorises us to provide reports and advice in respect of securities. A copy of our Financial Services Guide is included in **Appendix 4**.
- 57. Regulatory guidance from ASIC includes:
  - RG 112 "Independence of Experts March 2011". We confirm our qualifications and independence in Appendix 3.
  - RG 111 "Content of Experts Reports October 2020". Relevant guidance is given on the
    basis of evaluation including the standard of fair market value on a control basis and the use
    of prospective financial information only where there is a 'reasonable' (and not hypothetical –
    per RG 170) basis to do so. Specific guidance relevant to this report are referred to above
    and elsewhere in this Report.
  - RG 170 "Prospective Financial Information April 2011" factors that indicate 'reasonable grounds' for prospective financial information.



# 4.0 PROFILE OF NUC

# 4.1. Background<sup>2</sup>

- 58. Nuchev is an Australian based food business specialising in the development, marketing and distribution of premium Australian-made nutritional, immunity and digestive products globally.
- 59. Primary products include its Oli6® branded goat infant formula (GIF) and a range of immunity offerings. These products are distributed across various channels in Australia, New Zealand, and China.
- 60. Directors of NUC are presently:
  - Mr Ben Dingle
  - Mr Jeffrey Martin
  - Ms Michelle Terry
  - Mr Craig Silbery (appointed 16 October 2023).
- 61. Recent highlights announced by NUC on 26 Feb 2024 include:
  - Australian and China sales channels delivered revenue from branded sales of Oli6® of \$6.7m. an increase of 78%.
  - Strategic distribution agreement with H&S has delivered substantial sales growth in China Cross-Border e-Commerce, with branded sales of Oli6® of \$4.4m. H&S is a distributor of health products in China, and other Asian markets
  - Australian retail branded sales of Oli6® of \$2.3m, with Oli6® continues to drive strong momentum in the Australian Retail Goat Infant Formula Market.
  - Oli6voted the "Number 1 Toddler Drink" by Product Review for the fourth consecutive year.
  - NUC continues to actively explore new business development opportunities in domestic and overseas markets aligned with the Group's strategy of providing functional foods for a better life through premium immunity and digestion products.
- 62. Utilising a capital-light business model, NUC partners with strategic suppliers of functional ingredients and leverage Australian manufacturers with a secure and scalable supply chain. Products are backed by ongoing scientific research and are formulated to support digestion and overall health.
- 63. The business model focuses on investing in its premium brand positioning and developing a sustainable multi-channel distribution strategy with high quality channel partners.
- 64. Customers are predominantly its channel partners, including H&S and major Australian retail outlets (Coles, Woolworths, Chemist Warehouse).
- 65. End consumers of Nuchev's products are located predominantly in Australia and China.

#### 4.2. Capital structure and Shareholders

66. Table 2 above sets out Shareholders in the Company as of May 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Directors / management, previous announcements.



- 67. There are 90.0m shares on issue. All shares carry equal voting rights. There is a total of ~ 1,033<sup>3</sup> ordinary Shareholders in Company and each Share is one fully paid Share entitled to one vote at a meeting of the Shareholders.
- 68. Outside of the top four Shareholders no individual ordinary Shareholder holds more than 2% of the Shares of the Company.
- 69. Mr Ben Dingle is the founder, Non-Executive Director (Chair) and former CEO of the Company and currently holds 36% of the shares.
- 70. H&S acquired their Shares during FY23 around the time of entering into the strategic distribution agreement. They presently hold 24.9% following meeting the FY24 sales target to receive 5.6m Tranche 1 Performance options. Those options were converted to ordinary NUC shares at a conversion price of 25 cents.
- 71. Mithaq is a family office investment entity based in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 72. The contributed equity to the Company to 31 December 2023 was \$101.9 million arising from previous capital raisings including the 2019 IPO.

# 4.3. Financial Performance of Company

- 73. The historical financial information in this Section was extracted from the audited financial reports of for 30 June 2022 & 2023 (FY22 and FY23) as well as the audit reviewed report for the half year ending 31 Dec 2023 (H1FY24).
- 74. The Auditor, Ernst & Young issued an unqualified audit opinion dated 31 August 2023 on the FY23 financial report. They issued an unmodified review report on the H1FY24 result on 27 February 2024.
- 75. We set out below the recent historic financial performance for the Company.

Table 3: Profit and Loss - NUC.

\$ '000s		FY22	FY23	H1FY24
Nuchev	Note	Audit extract	Audit extract	Reviewed extract
Formula & nutritional powder	а	7,250	7,506	6,477
Raw materials	а _	2,474	1,286	126
Total Revenue	а	9,724	8,792	6,603
Less cost of sales	_	(6,899)	(6,891)	(4,673)
Gross profit	b	2,825	1,901	1,930
Marketing & selling expenses	С	(4,597)	(2,410)	(2,032)
Employment expenses		(3,702)	(3,950)	(1,937)
Distribution, warehouse & logistics expenses		(916)	(655)	(260)
General & administrative & other expenses	_	(3,858)	(3,090)	(1,160)
EBITDA	е	(10,248)	(8,204)	(3,459)
Depreciation		(199)	(195)	(45)
Impairment / FV costs		(739)	(553)	32
Other income		97	213	54

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Per FY23 annual report.



\$ '000s Nuchev		FY22	FY23	H1FY24 Reviewed
Nuchev	Note	Audit extract	Audit extract	extract
Finance income		13	16	13
Finance costs		(32)	(84)	(15)
Tax expense	-			
Comprehensive / Net profit / (loss)	-	(11,108)	(8,807)	(3,421)
Key Performance Indicators				
Annualised revenue growth YoY	а	-10.8%	-9.6%	50.2%
Gross profit % revenue	b	29.1%	21.6%	29.2%
Marketing & selling expenses % revenue	С	-47.3%	-27.4%	-30.8%
Marketing & selling expenses / GP	С	-1.6x	-1.3x	-1.1x
Employment expenses % revenue		-38.1%	-44.9%	-29.3%
Distribution, warehouse & logistics expenses % revenue		-9.4%	-7.5%	-3.9%
General & administrative expenses % revenue		-39.7%	-35.1%	-17.6%
EBITDA % revenue		-105.4%	-93.3%	-52.4%
Cash flow from operations	е	(8,301)	(8,301)	(1,541)
EBITDA / Cashflow from operations	е	1.2x	1.0x	2.2x

Source: Financial Reports and MAV analysis. Classifications may differ from the financial reports.

#### 76. Table 4 notes are as follows:

- The Company's revenue is mainly derived from sales of formula and nutritional power. Sales increased YoY in H1FY24 with better channel performance and strategic alignment with H&S.
- b) Gross margin % averaged 30% for FY22 and H1FY24 which is considered by Directors as normal. The decline in FY23 is an anomaly relating to a non-recurring write down in inventories.
- c) Marketing and selling costs are a relatively high proportion of sales and as a multiple of gross profit. Marketing costs exceed that of gross profit for all the periods shown. Directors regard marketing and selling expenses are a key enabler to achieving sales in the markets that the Company operates in. Both in establishing the brand and maintaining sales volumes in the competitive market environment. The Company adopted a much stronger focus on the achievement of improved returns from its investment in marketing and selling, which has resulted in the ratio of marketing and selling expenses reducing.
- d) All other expenses contribute to the significant ongoing losses of the business, although savings have been made. We understand the Company has never made a profit, because it is yet to achieve revenue and margins at a commercial scale.
- e) Cash flow from operations is also negative, albeit less negative than EBITDA.
- 77. In our view the historical financial performance of the Company has been poor and unsustainable although showing signs of improvement.



# 4.5. Financial Position of Company

78. We set out below a summary of the financial position for Company as at, 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2023 extracted from the audited / reviewed financial reports noted above. We also show how we classify items used in our later calculations.

Table 4: Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000s	Notes	30-Jun-23 Audit extract	31-Dec-23 Reviewed extract	Classification
ASSETS		Audit extract	extract	
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	а	7,479	5,586	Working Capital
Trade and other receivables	b	666	1,356	Working Capital
Inventories	С	5,310	4,075	Working Capital
Prepayments and other assets		1,141	861	Working Capital
Total current assets	<del>-</del>	14,596	11,879	
Non-current assets				
Property, plant & equipment		63	51	P&E
Intangible assets		-	_	Other
Right of use assets	g	285	253	Other
Other & other financial assets	9	381	381	Other
Total non-current assets	d -	729	685	
TOTAL ASSETS	<del>-</del>	15,325	12,564	
LIABILITIES				
Trade and other payables	е	(1,958)	(2,455)	Working Capital
Provisions	f	(170)	(142)	Working Capital
Lease liabilities	g	(48)	(47)	Other
Other	J	(13)	(34)	Other
Total current liabilities	<del>-</del>	(2,189)	(2,678)	
Non-current liabilities				
Provisions	f	(81)	(75)	Other
Lease liabilities	g _	(237)	(215)	Other
Total non-current liabilities	5 <u>-</u>	(318)	(289)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	(2,506)	(2,968)	
NET ASSETS	- -	12,818	9,596	
Net operating assets (NWC+P&E)		13,196	9.967	
Change in net assets		NA	(3,222)	

Source: Financial Reports and MAV analysis. Classifications may differ from the Financial Reports.

#### 79. Table 3 notes are:

- a) We regard the whole of the cash balance as part of working capital due to a monthly operating loss run rate of approximately \$0.5 million and therefore not available to Shareholders as a surplus asset.
- b) Trade and other receivables we assume are in good order and realisable.



- c) Inventories in our view appear high relative to the level of sales. Directors noted in the Company announcement for H1FY24, that disciplined inventory and working capital management has enabled the Group to reduce its Inventory holdings and an improved stock turn ratio. We assume inventory is stated mostly at its cost. However we also expect that significant marketing and distribution expenditure (based on historical trends) would be required to monetise this inventory.
- d) Plant and equipment relate to office and IT equipment and are minimal. Other intangible assets have either been written off for accounting purposes or are not significant to our assessment of value.
- e) Trade payables appear to be at reasonable levels given the expenses of the business.
- f) Provisions relate to employee leave entitlements.
- g) We disregard the lease liability as largely offset but the ROU intangible asset and is not significant to our analysis.
- 80. The Company exhibits positive net assets and net operating assets largely as a function of cash and the high inventory balance. The change in net assets from 30 June 2023 to 31 Dec 2023 largely reflects losses.

# 4.6. Share trading performance of the Company

81. We set out below the Share trading performance of the Company over the last 12 months to May 2024:

# Chart – Share price & volume



### Source: S&PCapIQ

- 82. The chart shows a decline in the Share price since May 2023. Apart from some isolated periods, trading volumes have generally been flat.
- 83. The implied market capitalisation of the Company at the current Share price of 16 cents<sup>4</sup> is \$13.5m which is greater than the book net asset value of \$9.6m taken from Table 4.
- 84. We summarise recent Share trading in the following table:

<sup>4 14</sup> May 2024



Table 5 recent Share trading summary

				Last 12
Share trading summary	Last 30 days	Last 3 months	Last 6 months	months
\$'whole Value	\$41,203	\$150,259	\$297,019	\$583,096
Number of shares	263,921	892,697	1,632,407	2,872,268
VWAP \$ whole	\$0.156	\$0.168	\$0.182	\$0.203
Number of shares % to total				
issued	0.31%	1.06%	1.93%	3.40%
Annualised % traded	3.94%	4.23%	3.87%	3.40%

Source: S&PCapIQ and MAV analysis

- 85. We calculated the VWAP for the periods shown in Table 5 as well as the annualised number of shares traded in the periods, (using 84.4m share on issue prior to the issue of the H&S Performance shares in May 2024).
- 86. This results in a price of ~16 cents in the last 30 days and 17-20 cents over the longer periods.
- 87. The table shows that the number of shares traded over the past year was 3% of the total shares on issue, or \$0.6m vs a market capitalisation of \$13.5m.
- 88. The annualised trading was lower in the more recent periods. This is unsurprising given that in aggregate Mr Ben Dingle, H&S and Mithraq control 75% of the shares on issue. We generally consider there is an active and deeply liquid market when there is more than 15% of security turnover in a year, refer **Appendix 5**.
- 89. In our view, the level of Share trading is highly illiquid and does not support using the current Share price as a meaningful guide to value.



# 5.0 PROFILE OF BWELLNESS

# 5.1. Background<sup>5</sup>

- 90. bWellness is a privately owned Australian company that distributes prescription-only nutritional and herbal products via health practitioners. The business was partly owned by the Managing Director and General Manager, along with two other shareholders. The retention of these two persons for 12 months is a requirement for 50% of the earn-out payment.
- 91. Its sales arise from five brands, of which one "BioPractica" is an owned brand and accounts for ~ 24% of sales. The other brands bWellness has exclusive distribution rights to Australia and New Zealand:
  - Bio-Practica. Stated to be a market leading adrenal health and immunity product range of 23 individual SKU's.
  - Protina. An Alkalizing and magnesium product range from a German based supplier.
  - BioGaia. bWellenss has been distributing these gastrointestinal products since 2017 from a Swedish based supplier.
  - Froximun. bWellenss has been distributing these intestinal health products since 2015 from a German based supplier.
  - Heel. A range of homeopathic products distributed since 2002 from a German based supplier.
- 92. bWellness sells products to ~ 9,500+ Australian and New Zealand naturopaths, pharmacists, nutritionists, chiropractors and other health professionals. As such, bWellness focuses on practitioner education for both marketing and business development, rather than direct to consumer sales.
- 93. Education is through social media posts, e-learning, clinical survey results, industry magazine articles and other similar mediums. Sales are also supported by six business development managers.

#### 5.2. Financial Performance

The table below sets out unaudited bWellness management normalised historical financial performance taken from the bWellness Information Pack provided to NUC.

Table 6: Profit and Loss -bWellness

\$ '000s		FY22	FY23
bWellness	Note	Unaudited, mgt normalised	Unaudited, mgt normalised
Total Revenue	a	9,756	9,001
Less cost of sales		(4,781)	(3,982)
Gross profit	b	4,975	5,019
Other operating income		111	65
Marketing, trade & promotional expenses	С	(411)	(415)
Employment expenses		(1,773)	(1,858)
Other operating expenses		(452)	(780)
Mgt. normalised EBITDA	е	2,450	2,031

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Source: Directors / management, bWelleness Information Pack.



\$ '000s		FY22	FY23
bWellness	Note	Unaudited, mgt normalised	Unaudited, mgt normalised
Key Performance Indicators			
Annualised revenue growth YoY	а	3.0%	-7.7%
Gross profit % revenue	b	51.0%	55.8%
Marketing, trade & promotional expenses % Rev	С	-4.2%	-4.6%
Employment expenses % Rev	d	-18.2%	-20.6%
Other operating expenses % Rev		-4.6%	-8.7%
EBITDA % Rev	е	25.1%	22.6%

#### 95. Table notes are:

- a) Revenue is comprised of sales of goods to customers. bWellness experienced strong growth during the COVID years which declined in FY23.
- b) Margins are strong at greater than 50%.
- c) Marketing costs are stable and comprise of conferences, advertising and consultancy fees.
- d) Employment expenses are stated after significant normalisations to deduct owners' remuneration and add-back a stated market value for replacement management.
- e) bWellness management normalised EBITDA is stated at ~ \$2.0 to \$2.5m. We observe that the earn-out target 12 month post completion EBITDA stated in the NBIO is \$1.7m. We use a combination of these values in our calculations below.
- 96. In our view bWellness financial performance reflects a stable business with positive earnings that ought to be maintainable in the future.

### 5.3. Financial Position

- 97. A completion or near completion balance sheet is not currently available. We understand from the Information Pack, that a normalised level of net working capital is expected to be included in the acquisition price. Otherwise, the acquisition will be cash free and debt free.
- 98. Target net working capital is largely based upon a 12 month average of:
  - Trade receivables, other receivables, inventory and prepayments.
  - Trade payables, employee entitlements (excluding those of the vendors).
  - Other operating items to be agreed.
- 99. In June 2023, unaudited net working capital was stated as \$1.5m.



# 6.0 INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

#### 6.1. Overview

- 100. We are aware of significant industry background provided on the (goat) infant milk industry in Australia and globally in the 2019 Nuchev Prospectus. We refer readers of this report to Section 2 of that Prospectus.
- 101. IBISWorld also publish more recent data on the following industries<sup>6</sup>.

IBISWorld Summary of industry performance.

Industry	Historical growth 5 years 2019-2024	2023 Industry Total Revenue	Profit margin	Outlook growth 5 years 2024-2029
Milk Powder manufacturing industry in Australia	Revenue growth -2.5% Profit growth -0.7%	\$0.83 billion	0.5%	Revenue growth +1.6%
Baby Food Manufacturing in Australia	Revenue growth -0.2% Profit growth -2.4%	\$0.24 billion	0.4%	Revenue growth +1.2%
Vitamin and Supplement Manufacturing in Australia	Revenue growth -0.5% Profit growth -6.8%	\$1.60 billion	10.7%	Revenue growth +2.4%

# 102. Key takeaways

Milk Powder	manufacturing	in
Australia		

# Baby Food Manufacturing in Australia

# Vitamin and Supplement Manufacturing in Australia

# Performance:

Milk powder production has plunged over the past five years. Unfavourable weather conditions have seen a sharp fall in raw milk production. Yet, revenue falls have been constrained by strong growth in milk powder prices.

Revenue is forecast to remain volatile, but rise through to 2028-29. Output is expected to continue edging down, but this is set to be mitigated by a rise in world milk powder prices.

# Baby food manufacturers have

faced divergent demand trends in recent years. Demand for premium baby foods is rising but slow growth in the number of births has weakened overall demand.

Demand is forecast to recover in the coming years. This trend is set to follow from an increase in the number of women in the labour force and growth in the number of births. Changing Chinese demand patterns have influenced both local sales and export earnings.

Converging health, wellbeing and beauty trends will drive the industry going forwards.

#### **External environment:**

<sup>6</sup> IBSIWORLD Industry Reports – C1133B, OD5058, OD5417 respectively, August / September 2023.



In January 2020, a national Dairy Industry Code of Conduct was implemented, setting out mandatory conditions for all contracts. Among these conditions is the requirement for processors to establish a minimum milk price.

Dairy Australia is an industryowned organization dedicated to enhancing the profitability and competitiveness of Australia's dairy sector. It works with the government on trade policies, develop markets for international dairy trade, and emphasize the health benefits of dairy to health professionals and the public. Baby food producers in Australia are governed by Food Standards Australia New Zealand, with several laws specific to infant foods and formulas. Regulations include nutritional labelling, storage stipulations and agerelated restrictions.

While Australia's Federal Government offers little direct aid, baby food manufacturers profit from free trade agreements (FTAs). Despite increased import competition, FTAs lower export tariffs, enhancing growth and access to foreign markets. New health consciousness trends are seeing consumers adopt an increasingly proactive and holistic approach to their general health and wellbeing.

New regulations relating to sports supplements have meant that many sports medicines have been reclassified as medicines, with associated changes needed to formulation, labelling, claims and advertising

#### Major industry participants are:

Fonterra Co-op Group Saputo Dairy Australia

Burra Foods Bega Cheese PZ Cussons Kraft Heinz

Bellamy's Organic

Nestle

Bubs Australia

Blackmores

Sanofi-Aventis Australia

Australia By Saint
CK Life Sciences
Integria Healthcare

Lavida Nutraceuticals Pty Ltd Vitex Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd

103. We acknowledge that much of the IBISWorld Milk Powder reporting relates to cow's milk and not goat milk.

#### 6.2. Industry remarks

- 104. In essence, the infant milk formula market is very large, and the Prospectus described high (>10% annually) market growth opportunities especially in China. This was thought to align with Nuchev's specialty goat milk-based products.
- 105. We observe that since the Prospectus Nuchev has largely failed to capture a meaningful Share of that market growth.
- 106. We have no reason to believe that the industry or market opportunity has abated since the disclosures made in the 2019 Prospectus.
- 107. We observe that the Vitamin Supplement industry (relevant to bWellness) shows a more attractive profile for revenue growth and profit margin than the other industries.
- 108. Our valuation and assessment of the Proposal does not greatly depend on any further industry analysis.



# 7.0 VALUATION METHODOLOGIES

# 7.1. Available methodologies

- 109. The following summarises the various methodologies we have considered:
  - Market Based: Business value or equity or an asset is determined by reference to comparable market buy/sell transactions or quoted market prices (QMP) if it is listed on an exchange or recent transactions.
  - Income Based: Value is determined by reference to capitalised future maintainable earnings or revenue (CFME / CFMR) or discounted cash flows (DCF) derived by the business or asset.
  - Asset Based: Value is determined by reference to the sale or realisable proceeds of individual assets or groups of assets in an entity.
- 110. We provide more details of the available valuation methodologies in **Appendix 2** of this Report.

#### 7.2. Selected methodology for Company

#### Market Based Value

- 111. NUC is an ASX listed Company with a current Share price of 16 cents and a market capitalisation of \$13.5m. However, for the reasons set out in Section 4.6, we do not believe there is an active and liquid market for the Shares. Therefore, we do not think it is appropriate to use a market-based value for Nuchev. bWellness is a private company with no market price for its shares.
- 112. We have considered market comparables in our inputs to other valuation techniques.

#### Asset Based Value

113. NUC's book value of net assets is largely comprised of cash and inventory. However, as noted above the monetisation of inventory requires further marketing and distribution expenditure. Any intangible assets are likely to be a function of the income they generate. Therefore, our preference is to use an income method. This is also the case for bWellness.

#### Income Based Value

- 114. NUC is an operating business with positive revenue, but negative EBITDA and cash flows.
- 115. Given a lack of positive earnings historically or in the near term we have therefore applied a CFMR technique for NUC. For bWellness we have applied a CFME technique given positive EBITDA.
- 116. Whilst our preference is often for a DCF, in our view there are no reliable forecasts available from management on which to reasonably determine a value. NUC management provided an FY24 budget, however that shows that operating losses are expected to continue. A forecast for FY25 was also provided however, that also shows continued operating losses. Any projection beyond FY25 we think would contain assumptions that are considered hypothetical in the context of RG 170. We do not mean this as a pejorative statement on the prospects of the business, but simply a reflection of the regulatory guidance we are obliged to follow.



# 8.0 VALUATION OF COMPANY PRE PROPOSAL

#### 8.1. TEV CFMR Method

117. We have assessed the Total Enterprise Value for Nuchev using a CFMR method as set out in the following table:

Table 7: Nuchey CFMR value

\$'000s		FY22	FY23	FY24 Anualised
CFMR	Ref	Reported	Reported	Rev
Revenue	Tbl.3	9,724	8,792	13,205
Estimated weighting		20%	30%	50%
Simple Average normalised revenue				10,574
Weighted average normalised revenue				11,185
		Low	Mid	High
Adopted normalised revenue		10,574	10,879	11,185
Multiple		0.9x	1.1x	1.3x
Equals estimated CFMR TEV		9,249	11,720	14,192
Book value of net operating assets 31 Dec 23	Tbl.4	9,967	9,967	9,967

#### Operating revenue

118. This is taken from Table 3 for the periods shown FY22 and FY23 as reported revenues as well as H1FY24 annualised revenue as of December 2023. We acknowledge that the second half of FY24 may not be as strong as a simple annualization would suggest. We cater for this in our weightings.

#### **MAV Normalisations**

119. We have not applied any specific revenue normalisations.

#### Weightings

120. In estimating our weightings, based on our judgement we place more emphasis on FY24 revenue. This is given H&S achieved their performance target. As per Table 3, for the full year FY23 revenue was \$8.9m. That H1FY24 revenue was \$6.6m or ~75% of the FY23 full year result gives us some confidence to apply more weight to the more recent period. Nevertheless, as noted, (para 118) our weightings are such that out of caution our adopted normalised revenue ranges are less than what an annualised FY24 would suggest.

#### Normalised revenue

121. We calculate a simple average and a weighted average of historical normalised revenue. We use that range as the low and high values and calculate a mid-value.

#### Market multiples

- 122. Our estimate of the revenue multiple is taken from our comparable company and comparable deal data set out in **Appendix 6**.
  - The comparable company data sourced from S&PCapIQ is based on Australia & New Zealand public listed companies that provide milk or similar food products. The liquid minority revenue multiple ranges 0.3x to 2.6x with an average of 0.9x.
  - Comparable company deals are sourced from Mergermarket. We assume the deal data is based upon control transactions. Revenue multiple ranges are from 0.5x to 5.3x excluding outliers with an average 1.6x. The high value was for "Bellemy's" and was a large transaction in 2019. Pure Nutrition Ltd in June 2023 was a \$23m deal at an implied 25.4x revenue. However we regard that deal as an outlier, given the larger disparity between it and all other deals. Whilst there have been other more recent transactions in the sector, few were with



publicly available data disclosed to give a meaningful guide to value. We think the presence of more recent deals supports that there is an ongoing market for milk businesses, even if current deal valuation metrics are unclear.

#### Premium for control

- 123. A premium for control can be defined as an amount or a percentage by which the pro-rata value of a controlling interest exceeds the pro-rata value of a non-controlling interest in a business enterprise, to reflect the power of control. The requirement for an explicit valuation adjustment for a control premium depends on the valuation purpose, methodology and approach adopted.
- 124. An Australian empirical study<sup>7</sup> calculated observed premiums paid in takeovers to be in the order of 22%-35% over the long run. However takeover premiums in any period were volatile depending on the sectors involved and the economic cycle. This is based upon successful takeover offers and schemes of arrangement completed between 2005 and 2020 for companies listed on the ASX. Another study of ASX takeover data from 2012 to 2023<sup>8</sup> showed median acquisition premiums of 35% but ranging from 15% to 46% by industry.
- 125. We have also considered other empirical control premium studies and authorities<sup>9</sup> that take into account international markets. KPMG's 2019 valuation practices survey (not an empirical study) notes premiums for control adopted in the range of 14-34%.
- 126. It is not clear from acquisition price observational studies as to how much of an acquisition premium is paid for control, versus other factors including synergies or irrational exuberance. In theory, the value of control arises from the ability to optimise business decisions and improve returns to the owner. However, H&S already likely influences the performance of the NUC business through the existing distribution arrangements. Therefore, any advantage for further control through the ability to influence business decisions or cashflows in our view is likely to be at the lower end of price premiums.
- 127. We therefore adjust the average comparable company multiple above for a 20% control premium. No control premium adjustment is required for deal comparables as we assume the deals were control transactions.

#### Specific risk discount

- 128. Some of the comparable companies and comparable deals are larger or more diversified than NUC. For example, we observe that for many of the comparables they:
  - Are larger or in some cases much larger than Nuchev in revenue.
  - Show a mixture of operating EBITDA profits and losses.
  - Show strong 3-year compound or last financial year revenue growth.
  - We think that amongst the sample companies, Noumi Limited (ASX:NOU) which markets special plant and diary based products has some comparability to Nuchev. Its revenues are larger, and it is profitable, but its revenue growth rate is low. Bubs Australia Limited (ASX:BUB) shows \$68.0m in revenues, 14% CAGR 3-year revenue growth, but very high LTM losses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.rsm.global/a<u>ustralia/report/control-premium-study-2021</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.findex.com.au/insights/article/acquisition-premium-study-an-analysis-of-acquisition-premiums-in-australia-from-2013-to-2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Mergerstat, & Pratt "Discounts & Premiums, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition



129. We also think the near term losses and likelihood of the Company requiring further funding is a specific risk. We have therefore applied a specific risk discount of 20%.

#### Multiple conclusion

- 130. This results in an estimated revenue multiple applicable to NUC range of 0.9x to 1.3x.
- 131. In the context of our assessment of the Proposal, we prefer to err on the side of overvaluing Nuchev rather than undervaluing it and add a net control premium. This is consistent with ASIC RG 111 guidance which we are obliged to follow in that a control premium should be added.

#### Estimated CMFR TEV

- 132. Our calculations result in the range of TEV shown from \$9.2m to \$14.2m.
- 133. As stated above, due to negative earnings and the hypothetical nature of forecasts, we are unable to provide a cross check to value using a DCF based approach.
- 134. We compare the TEV shown to the net operating assets as a cross check. Our TEV is greater than the net operating asset value at the high and mid-ranges and below that at the low range. This means there is only modest goodwill or intangible assets in our value at the mid-range. We think this is plausible due to:
  - Low revenue growth.
  - Historical and near term expected operating losses.
  - Accounting impairment of intangible assets in recent financial reports.

#### 8.2. Nuchev Pre Proposal equity value

135. We set out below our calculation of adjustments from TEV to equity value for Nuchev Pre Proposal.

Table 8: Nuchev equity value

\$'000s		Low	Mid	High
Equity value Pre Proposal	Ref			
Adopted TEV (CFMR)	Tbl.7	9,249	11,720	14,192
Equity adjustments - H&S Tranche 1 options proceeds		1,405	1,405	1,405
Equals estimated equity fair value (control basis)		10,654	13,125	15,597
Number of Shares #'000's Pre Proposal		90,027	90,027	90,027
Pre Proposal share price \$ whole (control value,				
undiluted)		\$0.118	\$0.146	\$0.173

TEV

136. The TEV is taken from Table 7.

#### Equity adjustments

137. We add \$1.4m in cash proceeds received in May 24 from the exercise of 5.2m H&S Performance Options at 25 cents per Share. We think there is no other material net debt. We disregard the lease liability and do not regard other cash as a surplus asset for the reasons set out below Table 4.

# Shares outstanding

138. Pre Proposal the Company has 90.0m Shares outstanding taken from Table 2 on an undiluted basis. We show the impact of fully diluted Shares later in our evaluation.

# Pre Proposal value per Company Share

139. We estimate the Pre Proposal value is 12 cents to 17 cents per Share (rounded).



# 9.0 VALUATION OF BWELLNESS

#### 9.1. CFME Method

140. We have assessed the Total Enterprise Value for bWellness using a CFME method as set out in the following table:

Table 9: bWellness CFME value

\$'000s			FY22	FY23
bWellbness CFME	Ref		Unaudited	Unaudited
Normalised EBITDA	Tbl.6		2,450	2,031
Estimated weighting			40%	60%
Simple Average normalised revenue				2,241
Weighted average normalised revenue				2,199
		Low	Mid	High
Adopted normalised EBITDA		1,700	1,970	2,241
Multiple		3.9x	4.5x	5.0x
Equals estimated CFME TEV		6,567	8,850	11,133

#### Normalised EBTIDA

141. This is taken from Table 6 for the periods shown and is based upon bWellness normalised historical earnings disclosed in their Information Pack as described in Section 5.2.

#### Weightings

142. In estimating our weightings, based on our judgement we place more emphasis on FY23 as we consider more recent data to be likely more relevant.

#### Normalised EBITDA

143. We calculate a simple average and a weighted average of historical normalised revenue. As they are similar, we use the higher value as the high value. We observe that the earn-out target 12 month post completion EBITDA stated in the NBIO is \$1.7m. Therefore, we adopted that as the low value and calculate a mid-value.

#### Market multiples

- 144. Our estimate of the EBITDA multiple is taken from our comparable company and comparable deal data set out in **Appendix 7**.
  - The comparable company data sourced from S&PCapIQ is based on major exchange public listed companies that provide wellness or similar health products. The liquid minority EBITDA multiple ranges 1.6x to 11.7x with an average of 6.5x.
  - Comparable company deals are sourced from Mergermarket. We assume the deal data is based upon control transactions. EBITDA multiple ranges are from 4.6x to 23.3x. Excluding outliers an average of 9.9x. An outlier value was Blackmores in April 2023, a \$1.9billion deal at 22.8x. Whilst there have been other more recent transactions in the sector, few were with publicly available data disclosed to give a meaningful guide to value. We think the presence of more recent deals supports that there is an ongoing market for wellness businesses, even if current deal valuation metrics are unclear.

#### Premium for control

145. We adjust the average comparable company multiple above for in our judgement a 20% control premium (refer discussion paragraph 123). Due to H&S's interest in bWellness, similarly we think any premium would be at the lower end of ranges. No control premium adjustment is required for deal comparables as we assume the deals were control transactions.



#### Specific risk discount

- 146. Many of the comparable companies and comparable deals are much larger or more diversified than bWellness. For example, we observe that for many of the comparables they:
  - Are larger or in some cases much larger than bWellenss in revenue, (e.g. FitLife brands Inc).
  - Show a mixture of operating EBITDA profits and losses, (e.g. McPherson's Limited has \$7.5m in EBITDA).
  - Are more diverse by distributing internationally or manufacturing, (e.g. Biome, McPherson;s, BWX, Bioxyne, Star Combo Pharma).
- 147. Therefore, we have therefore applied a specific risk discount in our judgement of 50%, higher than for NUC given bWellness status as a small private company. Whilst NUC may be financially underperforming relative to bWellness, by comparison, bWelleness has less:
  - Board and management depth.
  - Governance and reporting standards (pre purchase).
  - Capacity to raise funds.

#### Multiple conclusion

148. This results in an estimated EBITDA multiple applicable to bWellness range of 3.9x to 5.0x. We observe that deal TEV of \$7.0m has an implied FY24 Target EBITDA multiple of 4.1x.

#### Estimated CFME TEV

149. Our calculations result in the range of TEV shown from \$6.6m to \$11.0m, with the actual deal TEV of \$7.0m falling within this range.

#### 9.2. bWellness equity value

- 150. We understand that the Acquisition is negotiated on a cash free / debt free basis. Therefore, the only material tangible assets of bWellness expected at completion are net-working capital items, which are included in the headline acquisition price. This price therefore represents both total enterprise value and total equity value.
- 151. The final Acquisition price at completion is subject to normal completion balance sheet adjustments for the actual net working capital (versus a target) and debt or debt like items on a dollar for dollar basis. For purposes of our analysis, we have assumed nil adjustments, as any completion adjustments are unlikely to be material to our opinion.



# 10.0 VALUATION OF NUC POST PROPOSAL

# 10.1. Valuation of NUC Post Proposal

152. We set out our calculations to assess the valuation of NUC Post Proposal.

Table 10: Nuchey Post Proposal equity value

\$'000s		Low	Mid	High
Equity value Post Proposal	Ref	LOW	Mid	riigii
Pre Proposal estimated equity fair value	Tbl.8	10,654	13,125	15,597
Plus fair value of bWellness	Tbl.9	6,567	8,850	11,133
Plus residual proceeds from Rights Issue		2,300	2,300	2,300
Less liability for earn-out payment to bWellness		(700)	(700)	(700)
Less expected transaction costs		(505)	(505)	(505)
Equals estimated equity fair value (control basis)		18,316	23,071	27,825
Less minority discount	20%	(3,663)	(4,614)	(5,565)
Equals estimated equity fair value (minority basis)		14,653	18,456	22,260
Number of Shares #'000's Pre Proposal	Tbl.2	90,027	90,027	90,027
Add shares to other shareholders under Rights Issue	Tbl.2	24,586	15,849	7,112
Add shares to Wilson equity advisory	Tbl.2	1,139	1,139	1,139
Add shares to Silberry under Shortfall	Tbl.2	-	4,718	9,436
Add shares to H&S under Rights Issue	Tbl.2	8,152	8,152	8,152
Add shares to H&S under Shortfall	Tbl.2	-	4,019	8,038
Add shares to H&S under Share Issue	Tbl.2	22,436	22,436	22,436
Equals Post Proposal number of Shares #'000's		146,339	146,339	146,339
Post Proposal Share price \$ whole (minority value)		\$0.100	\$0.126	\$0.152

Pre Proposal equity value

153. The Pre Proposal equity value for NUC is taken from Table 8. The fair value of bWellness is taken from Tbl.9.

#### Effects of the Proposal

- 154. The effects of the Proposal are:
  - The residual proceeds of \$2.3m being the \$5.1m Rights Issue raise less the cash payable to bWellness vendors of \$2.8m.
  - Less the liability to the bWellness vendors for the potential earn-out payment of \$0.7m. We
    have assumed the earn-out will be payable in full for the purposes of our analysis, as this
    reflects a conservative case for the interests of NUC Shareholders.
  - Less expected avoidable transaction costs. These are estimated by the Company as a variable amount payable to corporate advisors based upon the total capital raised.

#### Minority discount

- 155. The above adjustments result in a 'control' equity value inclusive of the control premium noted in paragraph 121. ASIC regulatory guidance suggests that the appropriate assessment Post Proposal should be done on a minority value basis. In this way it can be demonstrated if a control premium is being paid under the terms of the Proposal, i.e., if the Post Proposal minority value exceeds the Pre Proposal control value.
- 156. Taking the above into account, in our judgement we settled upon an estimated DLOC of 20%, being the inverse of a 25% control premium, higher than the 20% control premium applied in Section 8.1.



We calculate this additional minority discount (refer Section 11.2 Disadvantages) reduces the post proposal share price by  $\sim$  a half cent.

# Post Proposal value per Company Share

- 157. We estimate the Post Proposal value is 11 cents to 16 cents per Share (rounded). The number of Shares is based upon Table 2 being:
  - The Pre Proposal number of shares.
  - The Shares issued to Wilson Equity Advisory.
  - The issue of the Rights Issue to both H&S (with and without their take up of the Shortfall) and other existing shareholders on a pro-rata basis.
  - The Share Issue to H&S as one of the vendors for the sale of bWelliness to NUC.



# 11.0 EVALUATION

### 11.1. Quantitative (fairness) assessment

158. Below sets out the position of Company Shareholders Pre and Post Proposal. It also shows Rights Issue and Share Issue price under the Proposal:

Table 11 Fairness

\$ whole per Share		Low	Mid	High
Evaluation summary	Ref			
Pre Proposal Share price - control	Tbl.8	0.118	0.146	0.173
Post Proposal Share price - minority	Tbl.10	0.100	0.126	0.152
Share price Higher / (Lower) Post Proposal		-0.018	-0.020	-0.021
Quantitative evaluation Pre vs Post		Not Fair	Not Fair	Not Fair
Rights Issue & Share Issue price offered	s.2.1	0.156	0.156	0.156
Fair value of Shares H&S receives	Tbl.8	0.118	0.146	0.173
Price Higher / (Lower) securities issued fair value		0.038	0.010	-0.017
Quantitative evaluation offer price vs securities		Fair	Fair	Not Fair
Overall Quantitative evaluation			Not Fair	

- 159. We estimate that the Pre Proposal value is 12 cents to 17 cents per Share on a control basis (rounded). On a Post Proposal minority basis, we estimate the Share price is lower and ranges from 10 cents to 15 cents (rounded).
- 160. We also compared the Rights Issue price and Share Issue Price of 15.6 cents per Share to the Pre Proposal Share price of 12 cents to 17 cents on a control basis. The Rights Issue price and Share Issue Price of 15.6 cents is greater than the Pre Proposal Share price at the low and mid ranges but not at the high range.

#### Fairness opinion

- 161. The focus of this report is on the Share Issue and the interrelated impacts of the Acquisition and Rights issue. Therefore, our overall opinion emphasises the Pre and Post Proposal assessment following the acquisition of bWellness.
- 162. As the Post Proposal Share minority values are less than the Pre Proposal control value shown above, we conclude that the Proposal is **Not Fair** to Shareholders.

#### 11.2. Qualitative (reasonableness) assessment

163. We summarise the merits of the Proposal and any alternatives to the Proposal:

# Advantages of the Proposal

- bWellness is profitable with a normalised EBITDA for FY23 of \$2.0m being ~25% of NUC's loss for FY23 of -\$8.2m. Therefore it is likely to improve NUC's overall financial performance and mitigate expected ongoing losses.
- bWellness sells wellness products that are in a complimentary market to NUC's products.
- NUC is likely to receive surplus funds of \$2.3m (see paragraph 151) from the Rights Issue to be applied to operations.



# Disadvantages of the Proposal

- The Proposal is not fair as it is likely no control premium is being paid.
- Ordinary shareholders will have their voting interests in the Company diluted.
- H&S will likely form a greater significant shareholder block which may further reduce liquidity in the Company's shares. However, it is possible H&S's greater shareholding may increase the minority discount for other shareholders which we have estimated in our fairness assessment as reducing NUC's Share price ~ a half cent.
- The Rights Issue price of 15.6 cents is greater than our view of the Pre Proposal fair value of NUC Shares (12 cents at the low and 15 cents mid ranges) which may be considered reasonable. The Rights Issue price is also equal to the recent traded price, (albeit we consider that price illiquid). Rationally, it would also be less likely for H&S to sell below its purchase price of 15.6 cents which may also benefit minority shareholders. However, without a discount, this may also discourage participation by all Shareholders, resulting in H&S taking up the Shortfall and increasing their interest in NUC further.
- If the Performance Options (see below) are converted to shares at the exercise prices of 25-36 cents, H&S could increase their interest further to ~ 53% Post Proposal.
- The expected avoidable transaction costs of ~\$0.5m.

# Other considerations including no change in circumstances

- H&S interests continue to be aligned with the Company in increasing sales and value through the unchanged distribution arrangements.
- H&S retain Tranche 2 & 3 Performance Options under the existing distribution arrangements.

# Alternatives to the Proposal

 Directors confirm there are no other Proposals to fund the acquisition of bWellness that are capable of acceptance in the short term.

# Impact of the Proposal if the Proposal does not proceed

- Directors advise that the Company is continuing to incur monthly operating losses for at least the remainder of FY24 and into FY25. We calculate the H1FY24 monthly operating loss was \$0.6m which we do not expect to improve in the near term if the Proposal does not proceed. The Company has diminishing resources to fund those losses or continue to operate. On 31 December 2023, cash was \$5.6m, which is less than 10 months average operating losses.
- The Directors advise that if the Proposal does not proceed, then it is likely that the acquisition of bWellness will not proceed in its current form or if at all.
- The Directors may also explore other funding opportunities which are likely to be on less favourable terms than the current Proposal.
- 164. We are mostly persuaded by the advantage of the Proposal in providing funds and a profitable business such that NUC can continue to operate, and the poor consequences if those funds are not



received. Therefore, in our opinion the advantages of the Proposal outweigh the disadvantages, and the Proposal is **Reasonable** to Shareholders.

# 11.3. Summary of Opinion

165. On the balance of the above matters considered, we think that the Proposal is **Not Fair but Reasonable** to the Shareholders of Company.



# **APPENDIX 1 – SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- Draft Notice of Meeting as of 15 May 2024.
- NBIO between Nuchev and bWellness dated 23 Feb 2024.
- bWellness Information Pack.
- FY23 and H1FY24 Financial Report for Nuchev.
- Management accounts / Budget for FY24.
- Management FY25 Budget / forecast.
- Emails and discussion with Directors or management of Nuchev.
- Other sources listed throughout the Report.



# **APPENDIX 2 – OVERVIEW OF VALUATION METHODOLOGIES AND PRINCIPLES**

Туре	Method	Description	When method used
Income Approaches	Discounted Cash Flow	The Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) method derives the value of a business on a controlling basis based on the future cash flows of the business discounted back to a present value at an appropriate discount rate (cost of capital). The discount rate used will reflect the time value of money and the risks associated with the cash flows.  The DCF Method requires:  • Forecasting cash flows over a sufficient long period (at least 5 years and usually 10 years)  • Assessing an appropriate discount rate (typically derived using judgment and aids such as the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM)). The cost of equity (Ke) can be built up from first principles or benchmarked against comparable companies ("Co-Co") or transactions ("Co-Tran"), and  • Estimation of the terminal value (value of the business into perpetuity) at the end of the period (typically derived using the capitalisation of earnings method).	Reasonably accurate forecast cash flows (minimum 5 years).  Earnings or cash flows expected to fluctuate from year to year.  Business is in start-up or turn around phase.  Specific projects that have a finite or infinite life, for example, mining projects.
<u>u</u>	Capitalisation of Maintainable Earnings	The Capitalisation of Maintainable Earnings (CME) method is the most used valuation method. It involves the application of a capitalisation multiple to an estimate of the Future Maintainable Earnings (FME) of the business. The FME must be maintainable by the business and must not include one-off gains or losses. The capitalisation multiple will reflect the risk, time value of money and future growth prospects of the business.  The appropriate capitalisation multiple is determined with reference to the observed multiples of entities whose businesses are comparable ("Co-Co") to that of the business being considered and/or comparable transactions, ("Co-Tran").	The business has a history of profits with a reasonably consistent trend and that trend is expected to continue.  The business has an indefinite life.  Cash flow forecasts are not available.

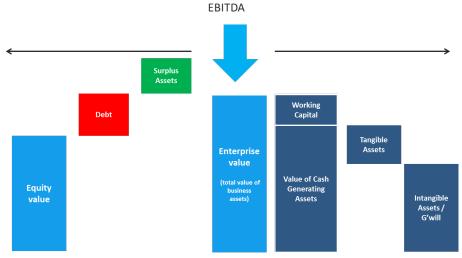


Туре	Method	Description	When method used
	Capitalisation of Dividends	This method involves the capitalisation of forecast future maintainable dividends. The maintainable level of dividends is estimated by assessing the expected level of future maintainable earnings and the dividend policy of the entity. The appropriate capitalisation rate reflects the investor's required rate of return.	Valuation is for a minority interest. Stable business. High payout ratios.
	Yield Based	This method is primarily used for property assets and involves capitalising forecast distributions by an estimated future maintainable yield. The yield or rate is determined based on analysis of comparable entities.	Commercial or investment properties including retail, industrial and commercial.
Market Approach	Market	This method values a Group bases on the traded prices of its equity on a public market/exchange. The approach can adopt the prevailing spot rate of the entity's securities at valuation date or the Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP over a set trading period i.e., the preceding 30, 60 or 90 trading days to the valuation date).  In the absence of market data specific to the entity, the market approach can also be used by examining market values for comparable companies ("Co-Co") or comparable transactions ("Co-trans").  Comparable transactions may be observed as being based upon a widely used industry practice such as a multiple of revenue instead of earnings.	Group's equity is listed on public market/exchange i.e., ASX.  Securities in the entity are actively traded on the market/exchange.  As above for comparable companies or transactions
Asset Approach	Asset Based	Asset based valuation involve separating the business into components that can be readily sold, such as individual business Shares or items of plant and equipment and ascribing a value of each component based on the amount that could be obtained if sold.  The asset value can be determined based on:  Orderly realisation  Liquidation  Going concern	Asset rich entities For wind-up or realisation value



Туре	Method	Description	When method used
Asset Approach	Cost approach	The value of an asset determined by:  Reproduction cost less depreciation (in basic terms, the cost of replicating functionality).  Reproduction cost (in basic terms, the cost of recreating the asset).	The cost-based approach can be used to derive market value where market or income factors are difficult to obtain or estimate with reliability (for example, for some intangible assets).

#### Valuation Principles



In adopting an income approach, a multiple of EBITDA or a DCF of cash flows is typically used to determine Total Enterprise Value (TEV), which represents the total value of the net business assets. Any excess over tangible and identified intangible assets (moving right in the diagram above) represents goodwill.

Moving left in the diagram, adjustments are made to TEV to add surplus assets (e.g., cash) and deduct debt so as to determine equity value. Surplus assets are any assets that are not required to generate the business's earnings or cash flows.

Further discounts may be applied to equity to determine a minority or illiquid value.



# APPENDIX 3 – QUALIFICATIONS, INDEPENDENCE, DECLARATIONS AND CONSENTS

Statement of Qualifications, Independence, Declarations and Consents Qualifications

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Moore considers itself to be independent in terms of Regulatory Guide 112 issued by ASIC relating to independence of experts and has developed and issued an opinion and report on an unbiased basis.

We disclose that we have previously written an IER for NUC dated 10 May 2023.

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The opinions given by Moore in this Report are given in good faith, based upon our consideration and assessment of information provided to us by the Directors and executives of the parties to the Proposal; and in the belief on reasonable grounds that such statements and opinions are correct and not misleading, (unless otherwise stated in the Report). This Report has been prepared with care and diligence.

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# **APPENDIX 5 – ARTICLE ON SHARE TURNOVER**



#### WHEN IS SHARE TRADING LIQUID **ENOUGH FOR IER VALUATION**

By Colin Prasad

Independent Expert Reports (IERs), or "fair & reasonableness" reports require a valuation of the subject Company. When we write an IER we consider if we can use a listed company's share price as a valuation method. But there needs to be an "active and deep liquid market" for it to be a meaningful guide to value.

In deciding this we examine share turnover ratios. A share turnover ratio is the volume of a company's shares traded over a period, as a proportion of the number of total shares on issue. We look at this for a subject Company on both a share trading volume and weighted by value basis.

But what is usually considered a reasonable level of share volume turnover liquidity in a listed company? For this example, we calculated the annual share turnover ratio of every ASX-listed stock in FY23. The market cap weighted average turnover of the whole market was 81%. This means that 81% of the total shares on issue was turned over in a single year.

We expected this to be less than 100% given that superannuation funds and other institutional investors tend to hold a significant portion of listed shares for the longer term. For example, FY23 stock turnover by large but popular stocks was

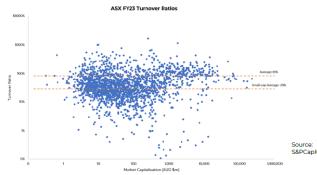
- BHP 67%
- CBA 53%
- CSL 55%

Companies with very high (> 100% turnover) tend to be funds (e.g. "BetaShares") and resources companies with (presently) exposure to critical metals or batteries. (e.g. ASX:PMT Patriot Battery Metals).

Companies with less than 20% share volume turnover consisted of a mix of resources companies and industrials of varying market capitalisation. They shared no obvious characteristics, other than perhaps being closely held or unattractive. Macquarie Technology Group (ASXMAQ) had just 18.2% turnover with a market cap of \$1.6 billion and is an example of a closely held company.

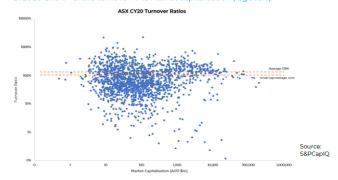
We also calculated the same for small-cap shares with <\$100m market capitalisation. The share volume turnover ratio dropped significantly to just 29% for FY23 for these companies.

FY23 Chart - Share turnover % vs Market capitalisation. Note a Log scale is used due to the breadth of data.



Interestingly, we calculated the same for the 2020 calendar year, which experienced heightened economic (COVID-19) instability. The annual share turnover was much higher, both for all ASX-listed companies at 129%, and for small-cap stocks at 101%. This demonstrates how much large scale market selloffs and rallies can skew

CY2020 Chart - Share turnover % vs Market capitalisation (log scale).



At Moore Australia, we tend to write IER's on companies with smaller market capitalisations. I view CY2020 data of 101% as abnormal and FY23 data of 29% as more usual.

Therefore, on balance, I think that share trading turnover volumes below 15% would indicate some concern on the reliability of using the share price as a guide to value.

Of course, there are other factors to consider when determining whether a stock is liquid, including:

- Buy/sell spreads (market depth).
- Size or pattern of trades in the period. For example if trading activity was isolated to a few big trades or was spread throughout the year.

Whilst a share with a trading turnover volume of below 15% means that we probably can not use the share price as a guide to value, we still should not ignore it outright. It just means that we would likely adopt another valuation approach as our primary approach, (e.g. an income or asset based method). If that approach was significantly different from the implied market capitalisation, it may cause us to consider whether our primary approach is plausible, or if there are other reasons for the difference.

Therefore, our expertise and judgement as the valuer is required for the circumstances. There may not always be a firm answer on where the 'cut-off' on share turnover liquidity sits.

If you would like to discuss this further, Moore Australia has valuation experts across the network. Please contact us today to find out more.

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# **APPENDIX 6 – NUC COMPARABLE COMPANY DATA**

Publicly listed companies – Source: S&PCAPIQ and MAV analysis

			Market Cap	TEV / Revenue	TEV	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue Gr	owth rate	Business Description
A\$ in millions)				V/Revenue as	TEV as at	LTM	LTM	3-Yr CAGR	FY	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ompany	Ticker	Location	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	
ustralia & NZ Stock Exchange										
Beston Global Food Company Limited	ASX:BFC	Australia								Beston Global Food Company Limited, together with its subsidiaries, engages in the
										manufacture and sale of food and beverage products in Asia, Europe, North America, and
			12.0	0.45x	\$75	\$166.2	(\$15.1)	16.6	16.2	Australia.
Bubs Australia Limited	ASX:BUB	Australia								Bubs Australia Limited, together with its subsidiaries, engages in the production and sale of
			142.7	1.86x	\$127	\$68.0	(\$50.8)	14.1	-21.9	various infant nutrition products in Australia, China, and internationally.
Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited	NZSE:FCG	New Zealand								Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited, together with its subsidiaries, collects, manufactures,
			3,825.1	0.35x	\$7,550	\$21,722.7	\$2,276.4	5.6	-3.4	and sells milk and milk-derived products.
Halo Food Co. Limited	ASX:HLF	Australia								Halo Food Co. Limited, together with its subsidiaries, manufactures dairy, and health and
			2.8	0.34x	\$28	\$82.1	(\$9.7)	53.9	37.0	w ellness products in Australia and New Zealand.
Noumi Limited	ASX:NOU	Australia								noumi Limited engages in sourcing, manufacture, selling, marketing, and distribution of plant-
										based beverages, and dairy and nutritional ingredient products to wholesale and consumer
			33.3	0.96x	\$547	\$568.4	\$4.3	1.2		markets.
Synlait Milk Limited	NZSE:SML	New Zealand								Synlait Milk Limited, together with its subsidiaries, manufactures and sells dairy products in
			148.6	0.48x	\$586	\$1,219.8	\$50.4	0.5	-5.5	China, rest of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and internationally.
TasFoods Limited	ASX:TFL	Australia								TasFoods Limited processes, manufactures, and sells Tasmanian-made food products in
			9.6	0.26x	\$13	\$47.8	(\$3.9)	-10.8	14.0	Australia and internationally.
The a2 Milk Company Limited	NZSE:ATM	New Zealand								The a2 Milk Company Limited, together with its subsidiaries, sells A2 protein type branded mi
										and related products in Australia, New Zealand, China, other Asian countries, and the United
<u> </u>			4,771.4	2.57x			\$203.8	0.4		States.
ledian - Australia & NZ			88.0	0.5x		\$367	\$0	3.4	4.6	
verage - Australia & NZ		_	1118.2	0.9x	\$1,593	\$3,173	\$307	10.2	5.7	
Control Premium		20%								
Specific Risk Discount		-20%								_
iscounted AvG. inclusive of control remium				0.9x						



# Deal comparisons – Source: Merger Market & MAV analysis

		Target			Reported	Reported	Reported	
Announced		Country/Ter	Deal Value	Enterprise	Revenue	Revenue	EBITDA	
Date	Target Company	ritory	AUD(m)	Value (m)	Multiple	(m)	(m)	Target Description
06/06/23	Pure Nutrition Ltd (60% Stake)	New Zealand	23.15	38.59		1.48	-	Pure Nutrition is principally engaged in developing and producing formulated
					25.42x			pow ders.
28/08/23	Betta Milk Co-Operative Society Ltd (100% Stake); Me		11.00	11.00	NA	-	-	Manufacturer of fresh milk, cream and dairy products
03/10/22	Canary Enterprises Ltd (100% Stake)	New Zealand	16.51	16.51		-	-	Producer and supplier of dairy products intended to serve retail and food service
								sectors, including supermarkets, airlines, restaurants and bakery outlets.
05/07/22	Bubs Australia Ltd (1.3% Stake)	Australia	6.11	469.74	NA 5.26x	00.00	7.00	Manufacture of county balances and and another drive and another
13/03/22	Jalna Dairy Foods Pty Ltd (100% Stake)	Australia Australia	200.00	200.00	5.∠6X NA	89.30	- 7.90	Manufacturer of organic baby food and goat dairy products.  Australia-based manufacturer of yoghurt.
30/01/22	Cranky Health Pty Ltd	Australia	400.00	200.00	NA NA		_	Manufacturer of dietary food and drinks.
15/06/21	Metro Food Co. Pty. Ltd.	Australia	15.50	15.50	NA NA			Australia-based manufacturer of health food products
08/06/21	Rivalea Australia Pty Ltd; Oxdale Dairy Enterprise Pty		175.00	175.00	101	400.00	37.00	Australia-based agri-food company engaged in livestock farming, processing,
		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,						and distribution businesses; Australia-based agri-food and dairy company;
					0.44x			Australia-based company engaged in the animal husbandry sector
12/05/21	Five:am Life PTY LTD	Australia	12.00	12.00		-	-	Australia-based company, food brand, manufacturing organic yoghurt products
					NA			
24/12/20	Mataura Valley Milk Limited (75% Stake)	New Zealand	250.30	358.90		-	-	New Zealand-based company that produces and distributes milk pow der
					NA			products
17/12/20	Freedom Foods Group Limited (Cereal and snacks on	Australia	20.00	20.00		69.91	- 34.27	Australia-based cereal and snacks operations of Freedom Foods Group Limited
					0.29x			
26/11/20	Bega Dairy & Drinks Pty Ltd	Australia	534.00	534.00	0.40	3,000.00	-	Dairy manufacturer focused on the production of milk, cheese, yoghurt, juice and
14/11/19	Blend and Pack Pty Ltd (75% Stake)	Australia	80.99		0.18x	20.00	3.00	soy.  Australia-based manufacturer of infant formula pow der and adult nutritional
14/11/19	Bierid and Pack Pty Ltd (75% Stake)	Australia	60.99	-	NA	20.00	3.00	formula products
16/09/19	Bellamy's Australia Limited (97.1% Stake)	Australia	1,346.80	1,389.84	INA	266.24	34.93	Australia-based ASX-listed company that manufactures organic food and
10/09/19	Bellattly's Australia Littlied (97.1% Stake)	Australia	1,340.00	1,309.04	5.22x	200.24	34.53	formula products for babies and toddlers
17/06/19	Omniblend Pty Ltd.	Australia	32.64	32.64	O.EEA	32.10	1.40	Australia-based company engaged in developing health and wellness powdered
	John Marie Communication of the Communication of th	, tuo a ana	02.01	02.01	1.02x	02.10		and UHT dairy based drinks
13/05/19	Betta Milk Co-Operative Society Ltd	Australia	11.50	11.50	0.58x	19.78	1.41	Manufacturer of fresh milk
03/08/18	Synlait Milk Limited (8.28% Stake)	New Zealand	148.20	1,894.93		806.64	127.23	New Zealand-based ASX-listed company engaged in the production and sale of
					2.34x			milk ingredient products, infant formulas, and nutritional products
17/07/18	Saputo Inc. (Koroit dairy processing facility)	Australia	250.00	250.00	0.99x	238.65	-	Australia-based dairy processing facility of Saputo Inc.
02/02/18	Birch and Waite Foods Pty Ltd.	Australia	63.00	63.00		40.26	4.70	Australia-based company engaged in manufacturing natural cheese, processed
					1.57x			cheese, cheese foods, cheese spreads, and cheese analogs
27/10/17	Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co Limited	Australia	1,310.00	1,310.00		2,491.05	- 336.34	Australia-based company engaged in the production, processing, and supply of
00/05/47	IA DOLLLE (A E. ) DOLLLE	A	00.74	00.74	0.53x	10.00	4.04	dairy products
23/05/17	ADP Holdings (Australia) Pty Ltd	Australia	23.74	23.74	1.46x	16.23	1.84	Australia-based holding company engaged in the manufacturing, packaging and sale of dairy and milk pow der products
19/12/14	Longwarry Food Park Pty Ltd	Australia	67.96	67.96	0.75x	92.69		Milk pow der manufacturing company
Average	Longwany Food Fark Fly Liu	Australia	227.2	328.3	3.29x	92.09 <b>421.4</b>	-9.3	
•	ıtlier (> 20x Rev) Removed		221.2	520.3	1.59x	741.4	-3.3	
Median	Total ( Land ) Homorou		65.5	63.0	1.01x	55.1	0.0	
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•		2070			0.00			
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# APPENDIX 7 – BWELLNESS COMPARABLE COMPANY DATA

Publicly listed companies – Source: S&PCAPIQ and MAV analysis

			Market Cap	FEV / EBITD	TEV	Revenue	EBITDA	Revenue rate		Business Description
AC in millione)			Market Cap	//EBITDA as	TEV as at	LTM	LTM	3-Yr CAGR		
A\$ in millions)	Tieter.									
Company	Ticker	Location	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	
	ASX:BIO									Biome Australia Limited develops, commercializes, and markets various live biotherapeutic
Biome Australia Limited		Australia	81.6	NM	\$83	\$9.9	(\$3.3)	0.0	73.1	and complimentary medicines in Australia and internationally.
	ASX:MCP									McPherson's Limited provides health, wellness, and beauty products in Australia, New
/IcPherson's Limited		Australia	76.3	8.16x	\$93	\$201.7	\$7.5	-2.6	-7.2	Zealand, Asia, and internationally.
	ASX:BWX									BWX Limited, together with its subsidiaries, develops, manufactures, markets, distributes,
										sells natural body, hair, and skin care products in Australia, the United States, and
WX Limited		Australia	40.0	NM	\$197	\$180.4	(\$45.0)	2.9	-8.1	internationally.
	ASX:BXN									Bioxyne Limited, a life sciences and consumer health products company, manufactures ar
										distributes consumer health products, patented probiotics, health supplements, therapeutic
										goods, and alternative medicines in the United Kingdom, Japan, Europe, and Australia.
ioxyne Limited		Australia	17.1	NM	\$21	\$7.7	(\$1.5)	52.9	393.5	
	ASX:S66									Star Combo Pharma Limited engages in the manufacturing and distribution of health food
Star Combo Pharma Limited		Australia	15.5	5.32x	\$11	\$25.5	\$1.8	-7.9	11.7	products and nutritional supplements in Australia and China.
	ASX:EXL									Elixinol Wellness Limited, through its subsidiaries, engages in the manufacture and distribute
										of hemp derived nutraceuticals, skincare, and food products in the Americas, Europe, and
ixinol Wellness Limited		Australia	8.9	NM	\$7	\$8.3	(\$5.9)	-18.0	17.2	Australia.
	OTCPK:INBP									Integrated BioPharma, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, manufactures, distributes, marke
										and sells vitamins, nutritional supplements, and herbal products primarily in the United State
ntegrated BioPharma, Inc.		United States	6.9	9.87x	\$13	\$74.1	(\$0.1)	-3.7	-5.5	and Luxembourg.
	OTCPK:CVSI									CV Sciences, Inc. develops, manufactures, markets, and sells herbal supplements and her
V Sciences, Inc.		United States	6.6	1.58x	\$9	\$23.5	\$5.3	-13.1	-1.2	based cannabidiol (CBD) in North America.
	ASX:EVE									Eve Health Group Limited, together with its subsidiaries, engages in the production and
										distribution of nutrition, health, and wellness products in Australia, New Zealand, the Asia
EVE Health Group Limited		Australia	5.3	NM	\$6	\$2.3	(\$1.9)	-12.4	15.2	Pacific, and North America.
	ASX:SKN									Skin Bements Limited, a natural skin care company, develops, manufactures, distributes, a
Skin Elements Limited		Australia	2.3	NM	\$2	\$0.2	(\$2.2)	-28.0	-86.8	retails natural, organic, health, and wellness products in Australia.
	SGX:CGN									Best World International Limited develops, manufactures, distributes, imports, and wholesa
										skincare, personal care, nutritional supplement products, healthcare equipment, and wellned
Best World International Limited		Singapore	955.6	1.82x	\$370	\$571.8	\$190.3	-2.1	-7.7	products.
	NasdaqCM:NA									Nature's Sunshine Products, Inc., a natural health and wellness company, manufactures a
	TR									sells nutritional and personal care products in Asia, Europe, North America, Latin America,
lature's Sunshine Products, Inc.		United States	376.0	7.75x	\$504	\$653.3	\$53.2	5.0	5.5	and internationally.
	NasdaqCM:FTL									FitLife Brands, Inc. provides nutritional supplements for health-conscious consumers in the
itLife Brands, Inc.	F	United States	118.4	11.71x	\$174	\$77.3	\$14.1	33.6	83.0	United States and internationally.
	NasdaqCM:LF									LifeVantage Corporation engages in the identification, research, development, formulation,
	VN									and sale of advanced nutrigenomic activators, dietary supplements, nootropics, pre- and p
										biotics, w eight management, skin and hair care, bath and body, and targeted relief product
ifeVantage Corporation		United States	79.0	7.28x	\$114	\$309.5	\$11.4	-2.7	2.2	
	NasdagGS:MT									Mannatech, Incorporated operates as a health and wellness company in the Americas,
Mannatech, Incorporated	EX .	United States	16.6	4.86x	\$21	\$193.6	\$1.0	-4.5	-3.8	Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the Asia-Pacific.
	•		•	•						
Median			17.1	7.3x	\$21	\$74	\$1	-2.7	2.2	
Average			120.4		\$108	\$156	\$15	-0.1		
Average (Excluding Min & Max)			65.2		\$86	\$130	\$6	-2.0		
Control Premium		20%		U.TA	<b>+50</b>	Ţ.30				
Specific Risk Discount		-50%								
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Discounted Avg (ex.Min & Max)				3.9x						
nclusive of control premium										



# Deal comparisons – Source: Merger Market & MAV analysis

		Target			Reported	Reported	Reported	
Announced		Country/Ter	Deal Value	Enterprise	EBITDA	Revenue		
Date	Target Company	ritory	AUD(m)	Value (m)	Multiple	(m)		Target Description
22/02/24	Comvita Limited (100% Stake)	New Zealand	220.54	220.54	17.06x	209.31	12.46	New Zealand-based company making healthcare products from natural resources
			252.00	252.00		214.03	33.81	Australia-based ASX-listed company headquartered in Melbourne, VIC, is engaged in the
22/12/23	Probiotec Limited (100% Stake)	Australia			7.45x			development, manufacture and sale of pharmaceuticals, foods and nutraceutical products
			35.00	35.00			7.60	XF Australia Pty Ltd, the Australian provider of feed supplement products and nutritional
15/11/23	XF Australia Pty Ltd (100% Stake)	Australia			4.61x			consulting services.
27/04/23	Blackmores Ltd (100% Stake)	Australia	1,880.00	1,826.84	22.79x	645.00	80.15	Manufacturer of vitamins, herbal and mineral nutritional supplements.
15/03/23	Vita Group Ltd (100% Stake)	Australia	22.30	17.79	8.72x	26.18	2.04	Operator of retail ICT stores and skin health and wellness clinics.
02/12/21	Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (100%	Australia	1,147.82	1,147.82		4,004.86	116.18	Australia-based ASX-listed pharmaceutical distributors including health and beauty products
					9.88x			retailers
25/03/21	McPherson's Limited	Australia	182.33	182.33		222.19	19.61	Australian-based ASX-listed company engaged in distribution of personal care, non-electrical
					9.30x			house wares and household consumable products
14/11/19	Blend and Pack Pty Ltd (75% Stake)	Australia	80.99	-	NA	20.00		Australia-based manufacturer of infant formula pow der and adult nutritional formula products
17/06/19	Omniblend Pty Ltd.	Australia	32.64	32.64		32.10	1.40	Australia-based company engaged in developing health and wellness powdered and UHT dairy
					23.31x			based drinks
06/05/16	Global Therapeutics Pty Ltd	Australia	23.00	23.00	7.67x	20.00		Australia-based provider of retail Chinese herbal medicine formulations
17/09/15	Swisse Wellness Pty Ltd (83% Stake)	Australia	1,386.00	1,669.88		313.06	112.64	Australia-based company engaged in the research, marketing and distribution of vitamins and
					14.83x			health supplements
Average		478.4	491.6	12.56x	570.7	35.6		
Average - Outlier (> 20x Rev) Removed					9.94x			
Median			182.3	182.3	9.59x	211.7	12.5	
Control Premium		0						
Specific Risk Discount		-50%						
Discounted Average					6.28x			
Discounted Average - Outlier (> 20x Rev) Removed					4.97x			
Discounted Median					4.79x			
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Note: In 2018 Life-Space probiotics (associated with Mr. Craig Silbery, now a director of Nuchev) sold to By-Health in 2018 for \$690m, but no details are publicly available that give a guide to value metrics.



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# **Proxy Voting Form**

If you are attending the Meeting in person, please bring this with you for Securityholder registration.

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**Holder Number:** 

Your proxy voting instruction must be received by 10.00am (AEST) on Monday, 17 June 2024, being not later than 48 hours before the commencement of the Meeting. Any Proxy Voting instructions received after that time will not be valid for the scheduled Meeting.

#### **SUBMIT YOUR PROXY**

#### Complete the form overleaf in accordance with the instructions set out below.

#### YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

The name and address shown above is as it appears on the Company's share register. If this information is incorrect, and you have an Issuer Sponsored holding, you can update your address through the investor portal: https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home Shareholders sponsored by a broker should advise their broker of any changes.

#### STEP 1 - APPOINT A PROXY

If you wish to appoint someone other than the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, please write the name of that Individual or body corporate. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company. Otherwise if you leave this box blank, the Chair of the Meeting will be appointed as your proxy by default.

#### **DEFAULT TO THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING**

Any directed proxies that are not voted on a poll at the Meeting will default to the Chair of the Meeting, who is required to vote these proxies as directed. Any undirected proxies that default to the Chair of the Meeting will be voted according to the instructions set out in this Proxy Voting Form, including where the Resolutions are connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of Key Management Personnel.

#### STEP 2 - VOTES ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

#### APPOINTMENT OF SECOND PROXY

You may appoint up to two proxies. If you appoint two proxies, you should complete two separate Proxy Voting Forms and specify the percentage or number each proxy may exercise. If you do not specify a percentage or number, each proxy may exercise half the votes. You must return both Proxy Voting Forms together. If you require an additional Proxy Voting Form, contact Automic Registry Services.

#### SIGNING INSTRUCTIONS

**Individual:** Where the holding is in one name, the Shareholder must sign.

**Joint holding:** Where the holding is in more than one name, all Shareholders should sign.

**Power of attorney:** If you have not already lodged the power of attorney with the registry, please attach a certified photocopy of the power of attorney to this Proxy Voting Form when you return it.

**Companies:** To be signed in accordance with your Constitution. Please sign in the appropriate box which indicates the office held by you.

**Email Address:** Please provide your email address in the space provided.

By providing your email address, you elect to receive all communications despatched by the Company electronically (where legally permissible) such as a Notice of Meeting, Proxy Voting Form and Annual Report via email.

# CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

If a representative of the corporation is to attend the Meeting the appropriate 'Appointment of Corporate Representative' should be produced prior to admission. A form may be obtained from the Company's share registry online at https://automic.com.au.

#### **Lodging your Proxy Voting Form:**

#### Online

Use your computer or smartphone to appoint a proxy at

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Login & Click on 'Meetings'. Use the Holder Number as shown at the top of this Proxy Voting Form.



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APPOINT A PROXY:										
I/We being a Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Nuchev Limited, to be held at 10.00am (AEST) on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 at HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, Level 8, 447 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 hereby:										
Appoint the Chair of the Meeting (Chair) OR if you are not appointing the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, please write in the box provided below the name of the person or body corporate you are appointing as your proxy or failing the person so named or, if no person is named, the Chair, or the Chair's nominee, to vote in accordance with the following directions, or, if no directions have been given, and subject to the relevant laws as the proxy sees fit and at any adjournment thereof.										
The Chair intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of all Resolutions in which the Chair is entitled to vote.  Unless indicated otherwise by ticking the "for", "against" or "abstain" box you will be authorising the Chair to vote in accordance with the Chair's voting intention.										
STEP 2 - Your voting direction										
Resolutions	For	Against	Abstain							
1 Acquisition of a relevant interest by H&S Investments on completion of the Proposed Acquisition										
2 Approval of the Proposed Acquisition										
3 Issue of shortfall Shares to Mr Craig Silbery under the entitlement offer										
Please note: If you mark the abstain box for a particular Resolution, you are directing your proxy not to vote on that Resolution on a show of hands or on a poll and your votes will not be counted in computing the required majority on a poll.										
STEP 3 – Signatures and contact details										
Individual or Securityholder 1 Securityholder 2 Securit	yholder 3	3								
Sole Director and Sole Company Secretary Director Director / Contact Name:	npany Se	cretary								
Email Address:										
Contact Daytime Telephone Date (DD/MM/YY)										
	/									
By providing your email address, you elect to receive all communications despatched by the Company electronically (	where le	gally perm	nissible).							

**STEP 1 - How to vote**