

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

13 November 2020

Chairman's Address to 8IP Emerging Companies Limited (ASX: 8EC) (8EC or the Company)

EGM 11.00am AEDT 13 November 2020

Provided in accordance with Listing Rule 3.13.3

We are meeting today to decide whether to pass the 8 resolutions required to implement the Lanyon Proposal (**Proposal**) as set out in the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum dated 15 September 2020 (**NOM**).

Before continuing, I wish to note the announcement made on 15 October 2020 regarding postponement of this meeting originally scheduled for 16 October 2020, and the suspension in ASX trading due to non-lodgement of the Company's 30 September 2020 NTA announcement by due date. To ensure a fully informed market, the 8EC Board delayed the 30 September 2020 NTA calculation pending receipt of the FY2020 financial statements for Fremantle Octopus Group (**FOG**), which is now 8EC's sole share investment and accounts for a very substantial proportion of 8EC's remaining assets. Having received FOG's FY2020 financial statements, the 8EC Board engaged an independent firm, Hall Chadwick, to review the carrying value of 8EC's investment in FOG. As announced on 5 November 2020, the 8EC Board having received Hall Chadwick's report, resolved to reduce the carrying value of the FOG investment to \$842,423 (adopting the Hall Chadwick valuation of \$1.39 per FOG ordinary share), from 8EC's original cost of \$999,999. This revised valuation is reflected in 8EC's latest monthly NTA data as at 31 October 2020, the release of which was fast tracked by the Board and announced on 10 November 2020.

Now, proceeding with the business at hand, I note that resolutions 1 to 5 are Essential Resolutions (as defined in the NOM), and are interdependent.

If the Essential Resolutions are passed, the Company will proceed to implement the Proposal as outlined in the NOM including the 15% placement to Lanyon, novation of the current investment management agreement to Lanyon and the implementation of a new investment strategy, the share consolidation and 15% share buy-back, followed by the capital raising to raise a minimum of \$25 million based on the new investment strategy.

In addition to the requisite shareholder approvals, the Company will also have to meet the ASX's re-compliance requirements for admission and quotation. I note in this regard that ASX has confirmed it is not aware of any reason that would cause the Company not to have a structure and operations suitable for a listed entity, or that would cause ASX to exercise its discretion to refuse admission to the official list in connection with the re-compliance.

The revised indicative timetable which outlines the key steps and dates involved in implementing the Proposal was announced on 11 November 2020. If the indicative dates are achieved, it is expected that the capital raising will be completed by early February.

The Board, with the exception of David Prescott who has a material interest in the Proposal has unanimously concluded that the Proposal is in the best interests of all shareholders, and recommends that shareholders **VOTE IN FAVOUR** of all resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting, in the absence of a superior proposal.

Subject to the Listing Rules, all of the Directors of the Company intend to vote all shares held or controlled by them in favour of the Resolutions, in the absence of a superior proposal.

Jonathan Sweeney
Non-Executive Chairman

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