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# ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE ASX – 30 September 2020

# Inventis Limited [ASX: IVT] 2020 Corporate Governance Statement

As per Listing Rule 4.10.3, please find attached the following, Inventis Limited 2020 Corporate Governance documents, a copy of which can be found in the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website:

- Statement of Corporate Governance Practices
- Board Charter
- Investor Engagement Policy

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### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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The Directors of Inventis Limited are committed to achieving the highest standard of corporate governance. Except where specified in this statement, the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council as outlined in *ASX Guidance Note 9* have been followed.

### 1. Board and Management

#### 1.1. Role of the Board

The role of the Board is to provide strategic guidance for Inventis and effective oversight of its Management.

The Board meets regularly to discharge its duties. The matters reserved for the Board as stated in the Company's Board Charter are:

- Setting Inventis' vision and deciding upon its business strategies and objectives;
- Appointing the leadership to put the strategies into effect;
- Monitoring the operational and financial position and performance of Inventis;
- Identifying the principal risks faced by Inventis and ensuring that appropriate control and monitoring systems are in place to manage the impact of these risks;
- Ensuring that Inventis' financial and other reporting mechanisms result in adequate, accurate and timely information being provided to the Board;
- Ensuring that investors and the market are fully informed of all material developments, in a timely manner;
- Appointing, and where appropriate, removing the Chairman, the managing Director, the Chief Financial Officer and General Manager/s, approving other key executive appointments and dismissals of those reporting to the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and General Manager/s as well as planning for executive succession;
- Overseeing and evaluating the performance of the Chairman, Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and General Manager/s in the context of Inventis' strategies and objectives;
- Approving budgets and business plans and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditures, capital management as well as acquisitions and divestures;
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant laws, government regulators and accounting standards; and
- Ensuring that the business of Inventis and its subsidiaries is conducted openly and ethically.



## 1.2. Board's Delegation of Authority

The Board has delegated the day to day functions of the business to be performed by the senior executives under the guidance of the Managing Director.

The Board ensures that it receives monthly reports from each senior executive and updates from the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and General Manager/s with regard to the delegated authority, as and when requested by the Directors.

The Board meets minimum 9 times in a year and reviews the performance of each of the senior executive by way of review of their respective reports for the month and face to face meetings.

## 1.3. Evaluation of performance of the Senior Executives

At the appointment stage, each senior executive is provided with their job description along with the principal statement and key performance indicators are set for measuring their performance in the probation period as well for the year ahead.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee has set up the performance of the Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer and General Manager/s and according to the business plans, the achievement of the targets stated therein.

The respective executive and consult with those who report directly to them and set the Key performance indicators (KPIs) for each of them.

The performance of the Senior Executives is continually assessed during the year at Board meetings.

#### 1.4. Board and its performance

### (a) Composition of the Board and Board Processes

The Board is comprised of a Chairman and two other directors.

Each director has the right to access all relevant company information and to the Company's executives and, subject to prior consultation with the Chairman and after obtaining the approvals of the fee payable for the advice, may seek independent professional advice from a suitably qualified adviser at the Company's expense. A copy of the advice received by the Director is made available to all other members of the Board.

At the time of appointment of a director or a senior executive, such director or senior executive discloses all interests to the Board. The Board puts in place a plan for management in case of any conflicts of interests. All the directors and senior executives are then required to inform any change in their interests at every Board Meeting. This process assists the Board to determine the independence of a director. The Company has put in place processes to ensure timely disclosure to the market of any changes in a director's interest.

As part of appointment process, all checks including but not limited to, credit check, reference check and criminal check are performed before an appointment is offered to a prospect as a director of the Company or senior Company Executives.

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The Board decided to change the structure of the Board to ensure the independence of the Board is maintained.

It was decided that for the time being the minimum number of directors comprise the Board.

#### (b) The Chairman

The Chairman as the head of the Board provides leadership of the Board and leadership in the strategic direction of Inventis.

The role of the Chairman and the Managing Director are currently combined, and the Chairman acts as an Executive Chairman. The Executive Chairman is appointed by the Board under the conditions of the Inventis Constitution and the terms and conditions outlined in their respective letters of appointment. The Executive Chairman is not an independent non-executive director.

#### (c) Company Secretary

The Company Secretary function was incorporated into the function of the Chief Financial Officer. The Company Secretary supports the effective operation of the Board. All Directors have access to the Group Company Secretary.

The Company Secretary is accountable to the Board through the Chair on all matters regarding the proper functioning of the Board. This includes assisting the Board and Committees members with meetings and directors' duties, advising the Board on corporate governance matters, and acting as an interface between the Board and senior executives.

### (d) Election and Re-election of Directors at an Annual General Meeting

Currently, the restriction on the number of directors has been put on three. The three directors have high stakes as majority shareholders in the Company and are believed to be in a position to ensure success of the Company.

All directors retire by rotation. At present the Company being a small entity with limited resources, has no plans to nominate new director/s at its forthcoming Annual General Meeting. All information with regard to existing directors is disclosed in the Annual Report and the directors speak for themselves at the time of re-election as to why they should be re-elected and are available to answer the queries from the security holders.

#### 1.5. Evaluation of the Performance of the Board

The Board Evaluation is a continuous process and is carried out as part of Board meetings. The directors identify the areas which they need professional advice on and the Company Secretary ensures that appropriate professional advice is provided by engaging with such professionals as is required. The size of the Board being small and having a hands-on approach, the evaluation of the performance of the Board is not done as a separate process.



## 2. Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Board as a whole will exercise the powers of Audit and Risk Management Committee. The current chair for the Committee is Anthony Mankarios who is a non-executive director and although is a major shareholder is considered independent for this role.

The role of the Audit and Risk Management Committee is to provide advice and assistance to the Board to allow it to:

- Fulfil its audit, accounting and reporting obligations;
- Review the annual, half-year and other financial information distributed externally. This includes approving new accounting policies to ensure compliance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASB's), and assessing whether the financial information is adequate for shareholder needs;
- Assess corporate risk assessment processes;
- Assess whether non-audit services provided by the external auditor are consistent with maintaining the external auditor's independence. Each reporting period the external auditor provides an independence declaration in relation to the audit or review;
- Provide advice to the Board in respect of whether the provision of the nonaudit services by the external auditor is compatible with the general standard of independence of auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001;
- Assess the adequacy of the internal control framework and the Company's code of ethical standards;
- Organise, review and report on any special reviews or investigations deemed necessary by the Board;
- Assess potential fraud situations and ensure prompt and appropriate rectification of any deficiencies or breakdowns identified in systems;
- Monitor the procedures to ensure compliance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the ASX Listing Rules and all other regulatory requirements;
- Address any matters outstanding with auditors, Australian Taxation Office, Australian Securities and Investments Commission, ASX and financial institutions; and
- Review the performance of the external auditors on an annual basis.

#### 2.1. Written Declarations

At the end of each six monthly financial reporting period, the CEO and GFO provide a written declaration to the Board that, in their opinion, the Company's financial reports have been properly maintained in accordance with s295A of the Corporations Act and that the financial statements and the notes for the period comply with relevant accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company.



### 2.2. Oversight of the Risk Management System

The Board oversees the establishment, implementation, and annual review of the Company's Risk Management System. Management has established and implemented a Risk Management System for assessing, monitoring, and managing operational, financial reporting, and compliance risks for the Group. The senior executives have declared, in writing to the Board, that the financial reporting risk management and associated compliance and controls have been assessed and found to be operating efficiently and effectively. The operational and other risk management compliance and controls have also been assessed and found to be operating efficiently and effectively. All risk assessments covered the whole financial year and the period up to the signing of the annual financial report for all material operations in the Group, and material associates and joint ventures.

#### 2.3. Risk Profile

The Audit and Risk Management Committee reports periodically on the status of risks through integrated risk management programmes aimed at ensuring risks are identified, assessed, and appropriately managed. Each business operational unit is responsible and accountable for implementing and managing the standards required by the programmes.

Major risks arise from such matters as actions by competitors, government policy changes, the impact of exchange rate movements on the price of raw materials and sales, difficulties in sourcing raw materials, environment, workplace health and safety, property, financial reporting, and the purchase, development and use of information systems.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee has direct access to any employee, the external auditors or any other independent experts and advisers as it considers appropriate in order to ensure that its responsibilities can be carried out effectively.

### 2.4. Risk Management, Compliance and Control

The Group strives to ensure that its products are of the highest standard. The Group is ISO 9001:2015 accredited along with ISO 14001:2015 for their Environmental Management System. The Group is product certified to meet the customer requirements:

- Height Adjustable Swivel Chairs certified to AFRDI Level 6 which ensures identified product meets the requirements of AS/NZS 4438:1997–Height adjustable swivel chairs; and
- Fixed Height Chairs certified to AFRDI Level 4 & 6 which ensures identified product meet the requirements of AS/NZS 4688:2000 Furniture - Fixed height chairs.

The Board is responsible for the overall internal control framework, but recognises that no cost-effective internal control system will preclude all errors and irregularities.

The Board's policy on internal control is comprehensive and comprises the Company's internal compliance and control systems, including:

 Operating unit controls – Operating units confirm compliance with financial controls and procedures including information systems controls detailed in procedures manuals;



- Functional specialty reporting Key areas subject to regular reporting to the Board include Treasury Operations, Environmental, Legal and financial matters; and
- Investment appraisal Guidelines for capital expenditure include annual budgets, detailed appraisal and review procedures, levels of authority, and due diligence requirements where businesses are being acquired or divested.

Comprehensive practices have been established to ensure:

- Capital expenditure and revenue commitments above a certain size obtain prior Board approval;
- Financial exposures are controlled, including the use of derivatives. Further details of the Company's policies relating to interest rate management, forward exchange rate management and credit risk management are included in the financial statements;
- Workplace health and safety standards and management systems are monitored and reviewed to achieve high standards of performance and compliance with regulations;
- Business transactions are properly authorised and executed, monthly actual results are reported against budgets approved by the directors and revised forecasts for the year are prepared regularly;
- Formal ethical standards appraisals are conducted for all employees to ensure that they are complying with the Company's Code of Ethics;
  - The Company is continuing to develop a suitable succession plans and staff recruiting plans to ensure competent and knowledgeable employees fill senior positions when retirements or resignations occur;
- Financial reporting accuracy and compliance with the financial reporting regulatory framework; and
- Environmental regulation compliance.

### 3. Remuneration and Nomination Committee

The Board as a whole will exercise the powers of Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

The Committee has three members, Peter Bobbin is the Chair of the Committee who is a non-executive director. All directors are major shareholders.

The role of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee is to provide recommendations to the Board on matters including:

- Appropriate remuneration policies and monitoring their implementation with respect to executives, senior managers, non-executive Directors and other key employees;
- Incentive schemes designed to enhance corporate and individual performance;



- Retention strategies for executives and senior management;
- Composition of the Board and competencies of Board members;
- Appointment and evaluation of the executive Directors and senior executives;
- Succession planning for Board members and senior executives; and
- Processes for the evaluation of the performance of the Directors, General Manager/s and Chief Financial Officer.

During the financial year ended 30 June 2019, the Committee met as part of the Board meeting.

The recommendations also include all checks like credit check, reference check and criminal check as part of the report to the Board.

#### 3.1. Board's Skill Matrix

The three current directors have diversified interests and hence provide a holistic view by complementing each other's strengths.

Tony Noun has more than 30 years professional and commercial experience with a proven track record of success. Tony's commercial experience, from both an investor and manager perspective, enables him to bring extensive financial and corporate experience to lead the Board and Management of Inventis Limited.

Tony is also an active director for a number of national and international companies that cover a broad range of industries and professional disciplines including financial services, health care, hospitality and manufacturing as well as sales and marketing.

Peter, a practicing solicitor for more than 30 years, is a former accountant, former university lecturer and is a Notary Public. He practices primarily in taxation strategy planning and commercial law and was recognised as Tax Advisor of the Year, 2015 (SME) by the Taxation Institute of Australia.

Peter brings to the Board his legal and tax knowledge as well as his experience of running profitable and cash flow positive legal business.

Anthony is experienced in leading national and international businesses in multiple sectors and sized companies across manufacturing, property, wholesale and retail. One of his key strengths is his visionary leadership style. Anthony has the ability to identify growth opportunities and work with the business to develop and implement strategies to maximise their potential. He is effective in assisting Boards and their stakeholders achieve common goals; through professional timely communication promoting learning, creativity, whilst developing strong mentoring relationships with them. Anthony is currently Inventis Limited's Audit and Risk Committee Chairman.

Anthony is an experienced director with over 30 years' experience. He played a key role in developing Joyce Corporation's strategy and is has developed Joyce's underlying business growth performances since 2010 to 2019 and is Chairman of Man Investments and Consultants as well as being involved in a number of other private companies.



Directorships held in other listed entities in the last 3 years – Joyce Corporation Limited.

In addition, the Company Secretary/ Chief Financial Officer add to the skills of the Board by their respective professional affiliations.

Any gaps which the Board or the directors identify are filled by engaging with the professionals from the field who advise the Board on the matters which the Board identifies need clarification or expert opinion.

## 3.2. Independence of Directors

All the three directors are majority shareholders of the Company. Although all the three directors have an interest, position, association or relationship with the Company due to being majority shareholders, the Board of Directors, given the size and scope of the Company, views this as a beneficial to the Company. The directors have significant incentive to ensure that the decisions are in the best interests of the security holders at large.

### 3.3. Continuous Improvement and Professional Development

As part of Standing Agenda of Board meetings, continuous education is considered at each meeting. Having regard to various professional bodies the directors belong to, there is a CPD education requirement for each of the professions and the directors discuss various matters in an informal setting during the meeting. If during these discussions, a matter is identified for needing more attention, the Company Secretary is instructed to provide relevant information at the next Board meeting for the Board to discuss.

# 3.4. Principles used to determine the Nature and Amount of Remuneration

The remuneration policy of the Group has been designed to align director and executive objectives with shareholders and business objectives by providing a fixed remuneration component and in many cases offering incentives based on key performance areas affecting the Group's financial results.

The Board believes the remuneration policy to be appropriate and effective in its ability to attract and retain the best executives and directors to run and manage the Group, as well as create goal congruence between directors, executives, and shareholders.

The Board's policy for determining the nature and amount of remuneration for Board members and senior executives of the Group is as follows:

### (a) Executive Directors and Senior Executives

The remuneration policy, setting terms and conditions for the Executive Directors and other senior executives, was developed by the Remuneration and Nominations Committee and approved by the Board. All executives receive a base salary (which is based on factors such as length of service and experience), superannuation and performance incentives.

The Remuneration Committee reviews executive packages annually by reference to the Group's performance, executive performance, and comparable information from industry sectors and other listed companies in similar industries. Executives are offered a competitive base salary that comprises the fixed component of remuneration

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and rewards. Reference to external remuneration reports provides analysis to ensure base salary is set to reflect the market for a comparable role.

The performance of executives is measured against criteria agreed annually with each executive and is based predominantly on the forecast growth of the Group's profits and shareholders' value. All bonuses and incentives are linked to predetermined performance criteria. The Board may, however, exercise at its discretion in relation to approving incentives and bonuses and can recommend changes to the Committee's recommendations. Any changes must be justified by reference to measurable performance criteria. The policy is designed to attract the highest caliber of executives and reward them for performance that results in long-term growth in shareholder wealth.

In some parts of the Group commissions are paid. The commission is based upon individual and team pre-determined targets set by the General Manager and are payable quarterly. Using a predetermined target ensures variable reward is only available when value has been created for Shareholders and when it is consistent with the business plan. The incentive pool is leveraged for performance above the threshold to provide an incentive for executives to out-perform.

#### (b) Non - Executive Directors

The Board policy is to remunerate Non-executive Directors at market rates for comparable companies for time, commitment, and responsibilities. Fees for Non-executive Directors are not linked to the performance of the Group. However, to align directors' interests with shareholder interests, the Directors are encouraged to hold shares in the Group.

#### (c) Retirement Allowances

No retirement allowances exist for Directors. Some non-executive directors have opted for salary type package which means that they receive a superannuation guarantee contribution as required by the Federal Government, which is currently 9.5%, but do not receive any other retirement benefits. The salary package of such non-executive directors, is all inclusive package and no leave or other entitlements are available to them as they are treated as casual rather than permanent employees. Executives have a base salary and receive a superannuation guarantee contribution as required under legislation but do not receive any other retirement benefits. Some individuals have however chosen to sacrifice part of their salary to increase payments towards superannuation.

### (d) Appointment Letters and Induction Pack

Each employee including directors, have a written agreement referred to as principal statement which along with employee handbook sets out the terms and condition of their respective appointment.



#### 4. Communication with shareholders

### 4.1. Timely and continuous disclosure

## (a) Policies and processes in place with regard to continuous disclosure

The Company has the following processes in place to ensure continuous disclosure in a timely manner:

- ➤ Director Disclosure Agreements The Company has entered into Director Disclosure Agreements as per the Guidance Note 26 of ASX Listing Rules. Each Director understands that in case of change of any interest, he/she has to inform the Company within 3 business days of such change;
- ➤ Monthly Disclosure At each monthly Board meeting, the Directors are individually asked of any change in their interests to ensure that if there has been a breach of not informing the Company in time of any change, it is rectified at this stage;
- Continuous Disclosure Checklist There is a continuous disclosure checklist process implemented in the Quality System of the Company under the Corporate Governance Procedure. This checklist is comprehensive and enables the executives to check whether any event or happening of any event is to be disclosed to the market or not at any particular moment of time.
- ➤ Training A measure of provision of training has been introduced to ensure that all executives know their responsibilities with regard to confidentiality, timely disclosure, insider trading, trading policy and other relevant corporate governance matters.

#### (b) Shareholder communication

The Board provides shareholders with information using a comprehensive Continuous Disclosure Policy which includes identifying matters that may have a material effect on the price of the Company's securities, notifying them to the ASX, posting them on the Company's website, and issuing media releases.

In summary, the Continuous Disclosure Policy operates as follows:

- The Chairman, and the Company Secretary are responsible for interpreting the Company's policy and where necessary informing the Board. The Company Secretary is responsible for all communications with the ASX;
- All matters that are of a nature as to reasonably expect that they would affect the price of the Company's shares are advised to the ASX on the day they are discovered, and all senior executives must follow a 'Continuous Disclosure Discovery' process, which involves monitoring all areas of the Group's internal and external environment;
- The half-yearly report contains summarised financial information and a review of the operations of the Group during the period. The half-year reviewed financial report is lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the ASX, and sent to any shareholder who requests it. The full Annual Financial Report is available to all shareholders should they request it;



- ➤ Proposed major changes in the Group which may impact on share ownership rights are submitted to a vote of shareholders;
- All announcements made to the market, and related information (including information provided to analysts or the media during briefings), are placed on the Company's website after they are released to the ASX;
- The full texts of notices of meetings and associated explanatory material are placed on the Company's website; and
- > The external auditor attends the Annual General Meetings to answer questions concerning the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditor's report, accounting policies adopted by the Company and the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit.

All of the above information, including that of the previous three years, is made available on the Company's website within one day of public release.

The Board encourages full participation of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, to ensure a high level of accountability and identification with the Group's strategy and goals. Important issues are presented to the shareholders as separate resolutions.

The shareholders are requested to vote on the appointment and aggregate remuneration of Directors, the granting of options and shares to Directors, the Remuneration Report, and changes to the Constitution. Copies of the Constitution are available to any shareholder who requests it.

#### (c) Investor Relations Program

Shareholders with queries relation to their holding of Inventis securities should contact the Share Registry that is administered by Linked Market Services Limited whose contact details are available in the corporate directory section of the Annual Report.

Shareholders or investor questions of a more specific nature should be directed to the Company Secretary at the registered office.



BOARD CHARTER W101B

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Board Charter is to set out the guidelines for Inventis and its directors in relation to:

- The role of the Board;
- The structure of the Board;
- The manner in which directors should conduct themselves; and
- The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and the Board

### 2. The Role of The Board

The Board is responsible for the stewardship of Inventis on behalf of the shareholders.

The Board is also responsible for the development of strategy and overall direction of the Company.

The principal functions and responsibilities of the Inventis Board include, but are not limited to:

- Setting Inventis' vision and deciding upon its business strategies and objectives;
- Appointing the leadership to put the strategies into effect;
- Monitoring the operational and financial position and performance of Inventis;
- Identifying the principal risks faced by Inventis and ensuring that appropriate control and monitoring systems are in place to manage the impact of these risks;
- Ensuring that Inventis' financial and other reporting mechanisms result in adequate, accurate and timely information being provided to the Board;
- Ensuring that investors and the market are fully informed of all material developments, in a timely manner;
- Appointing, and where appropriate, removing the Chairman and Directors, approving other key executive appointments and dismissals of those reporting to the Board as well as planning for executive succession;
- Overseeing and evaluating the performance of the Chairman and Directors and other senior executives in the context of Inventis' strategies and objectives;
- Approving budgets and business plans and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditures, capital management as well as acquisitions and divestures;
- Ensuring compliance with all relevant laws, government regulators and accounting standards; and
- Ensuring that the business of Inventis and its subsidiaries is conducted openly and ethically.

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#### 3. Board Structure

Given the size of the Company and taking into account good governance principles, it is:

- Appropriate that the Company has a Board of 3 members (minimum required is 3); and
- Essential for the structure of the Board to reflect the need for independence, transparency and flexibility by having:
  - O A majority of members being Non-Executive Directors;
  - O Have a Board with a blend of expertise in:
    - Inventis' business drivers with particular emphasis on manufacturing, marketing sales and investments;
    - Finance and Accounting; and
    - The Law which applies to the Inventis business.

The role of the Chairman and the Managing Director should ideally be separate. Both the Chairman and the Managing Director are appointed by the Board under the conditions of the Inventis Constitution and the terms and conditions outlined in their respective letters of appointment. The Chairman, unless an Executive Chairman should ideally be an independent non-executive director.

Other directors will be appointed under the conditions of Inventis' Constitution and the terms and conditions contained in their respective letter of appointment. As indicated above, where practicable, Inventis should seek to have the majority of its other directors as independent non-executive directors. Independent Directors are:

- Not employees of the company or members of the management team;
- Not a substantial shareholder (5%) or an officer of or otherwise associated (directly/indirectly) with a substantial shareholder;
- Not employed in an executive capacity by Inventis or another Group member and have not been so employed in the last three years;
- Not a material supplier or customer of Inventis or another Group member, or an officer of or otherwise associated (directly or indirectly) with a material supplier or customer;
- Not engaged in any material contractual relationship with Inventis or another Group member other than as a director of Inventis; and
- Are free from any interests and any other business or other relationships which could (or reasonably could be perceived to) materially interfere with the director's ability to act in the best interest of Inventis.

Whilst Inventis should seek to have the majority of its directors as independent non-executive directors, during times of major commercial transition there is value to Inventis for directors to not necessarily be independent from an equity perspective where they have a majority equity interest and the appropriate skill set. During times of major commercial transition directors with an equity interest have an incentive to ensure that the decisions are in the interests of the security holders at large.



#### 4. The Role of Individual Directors

Inventis' directors, in common with all company directors have full responsibility for the overall successful operations of Inventis, including, but not limited to:

- The strategic direction of Inventis;
- The financial operation and solvency of Inventis; and
- All matters as prescribed by law.

#### Each director:

- Must discharge his/her duties in good faith and honesty, with the level of skill and care expected of a director of a listed company;
- Has a duty of care and diligence in fulfilling the functions of office, demonstrating commercial reasonableness in their decisions;
- Has a fiduciary responsibility for overseeing the operators of the company;
- Must recognise that the primary responsibility is to the Shareholders of Inventis as a whole
  but, where appropriate, should have regard to the interest of all the stakeholders of Inventis
  including employees, customers, suppliers, lenders and other parties with whom Inventis is
  engaged;
- Must at all times act in best interests of the company;
- Must exercise his/her powers as a director for a proper purpose;
- Must not improperly use their position as a director to gain an advantage for themselves or associated persons or cause detriment to Inventis;
- Must avoid conflicts of interest and must not allow personal interests, or an interest of any associated person, to conflict with the interests of Inventis;
- Must fully disclose material personal interests in a timely manner;
- Must make reasonable enquiries to ensure that Inventis is operating efficiently, effectively and legally towards achieving its goals;
- Must undertake diligent analysis of all proposals placed before the Board;
- Is expected to give their specific expertise generously to Inventis and without regard for further remuneration beyond the agreed-to Director's fee, unless requested by the Managing Director and confirmed by the Board;
- Must keep Board discussions and deliberations confidential;
- Is expected to be forthright in Board meetings and has a duty to question, request information, raise any issue, fully canvas all aspects of any issue confronting Inventis, and cast their vote on any resolution according to their own judgement. However, outside the boardroom, directors will support the letter and the spirit of Board decisions in any discussion with suppliers, customers, staff and other parties, irrespective of how they may have personally voted on a particular issue;
- Must ensure that confidential information received by a director in the course of the exercise of directorial duties remains the property of Inventis. It is improper to disclose the confidential material, or allow it to be disclosed, unless the disclosure has been authorised by Inventis or by a person from whom the information is provided, or is required by law;



- Must not engage in conduct likely to bring discredit upon Inventis or is likely to tarnish its reputation;
- Has an obligation at all times to comply with the spirit, as well as the letter of the law and with the principles of this charter; and
- Must attend nearly all Board meetings and inform themselves about the business of Inventis and the environment within which it operates.

The Board will decide what matters are delegated to either specific directors or management and what controls must be in place to oversee the operation of these delegated powers.

Directors have no individual authority to participate in the day-to-day management of Inventis, including making any representation or agreements, unless such authority is explicitly delegated by the Board through resolution of the Board to empower the director either individually or as a member of a Board Committee. However, this prohibition does not apply to executive directors for management responsibilities required by virtue of their engagement by Inventis as an executive of the Company.

## 4.1 Conflict of Interest and related Party Transactions

Directors must disclose to the Board actual or potential conflicts of interest which may exist or might reasonably be thought to exist between their interests and the interests of other persons in carrying out the activities of Inventis.

A director must absent themselves from the room when discussing matters in respect of which they have a conflict. Should all the non-conflicted directors agree, the director may remain in the room, but must not partake in the discussion, unless specifically and unanimously required by the non-conflicted directors. These actions must be minuted.

Directors will not be entitled to vote on any matter in which they have a personal interest. Directors will indicate to the Chairman and/or Company Secretary any potential conflict of interest situation as soon as it arises. The same requirements will exist for related party transactions.

These issues do not apply to the fact of the Director owning shares or being associated with a holder of shares, which are facts known to Inventis and which are taken into account as appropriate.

These requirements also apply to all senior officers of Inventis.

#### 4.2 Access and Independent Advice

All directors have the right to access all relevant information and the records relating to the operations of Inventis as required.

Any directors in carrying out their duties may after prior consultation with the Chairman, seek independent legal and accounting advice (at the expense of Inventis) concerning any aspect of the Inventis' operations or undertakings.

Each director has signed a 'Deed of Indemnity and Access' that sets out the circumstances in which a director is indemnified as well as Inventis' obligations to arrange Directors' insurance and access to the company records by a director after they cease to be a director.



## 4.3 Availability

The directors meet formally at least 9 times a year and at the Chairman's request, informally to discuss specific matters that may arise between scheduled meetings. It is expected that Directors are able to attend 7 of the 9 scheduled meetings.

Non-executive directors are asked to commit no less than 20 days per year preparing and attending Board and committee meetings and performing associated corporate activities.

As there is the occasional need for directors to be contacted urgently, directors should leave with the Company Secretary any contact details, either for themselves or for a person who knows the location of the director, so that the director can be contacted within 24 hours in cases of urgent business arising.

A director who will be uncontactable for an extended period may notify the Company Secretary in advance and such notification is to be regarded as a request for leave from any meeting or a circular resolution required to be considered during any such period of absence.

### 4.4 Trading in the Securities of Inventis

Directors and staff are encouraged under the Policy to own company shares. Apart from observing legal requirements, directors must inform the Board of any proposed dealing in Inventis' shares and comply with The Company's Share Trading Policy.

Refer to Inventis Share Trading Policy for details of the policy.

### 5. The Role of the Chairman

The Chairman as the head of the Board provides leadership of the Board and leadership in the strategic direction of Inventis, more particularly:

- Leading and facilitating the Board and its deliberations;
- Promoting the directors' focus on the enhancement of investor value;
- Maintaining a professional working relationship with the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer;
- Offering support and advice to the Managing Director;
- Ensuring that management appropriately responds to questions and enquiries by members of the Board;
- Acting as spokesman and communicating and consulting with shareholders and relevant stakeholders on significant issues, as appropriate;
- Endeavouring to ensure that each director appropriately contributes to the Board's decisionmaking process;
- Chair Board meetings, set the agenda for each Board meeting in consultation with the Managing Director and the Company Secretary, taking into account suggestions from other directors and endeavouring to ensure meetings are effectively conducted;
- Maintaining ethical standards based on the agreed company values;
- Being a major point of contact between the Board and the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer;



• Regularly reviewing with the Managing Director and Chief Financial officer and other senior officers progress on important initiatives and issues facing Inventis; and

## 6. The Role of Management

The day-to-day management of the Company and its business is the responsibility of the Managing Director and the Business Unit Heads, supported by the CFO.

The Managing Director is responsible for the ongoing management of Inventis in accordance with the strategy, policies, and programmes approved by the Board to achieve the agreed business Strategies and objectives.

The Board delegates to the Managing Director all powers to manage the day-to-day business of the Group, subject to those powers reserved to the Board in clause 2 and any specific delegations of authority approved by the Board.

The key responsibilities of the Managing Director include:

- Developing, with the Board, a consensus for Inventis' vision and direction;
- Constructing with Inventis' management team programmes, business plans and budgets to implement this vision;
- Developing and delivering on Inventis' strategic plan in the most effective and efficient manner;
- Endorsing the terms and conditions of appointment of senior managers and other staff members;
- Providing strong leadership to, and effective management of, Inventis and its management team in order to:
  - Encourage co-operation and team work;
  - o Build and maintain staff morale at a high level; and
  - Build and maintain a strong sense of staff identity and a sense of allegiance to Inventis;
- Signing agreements with third parties in accordance with Board delegations;
- Ensuring a safe workplace for personnel;
- Carrying out the day-to-day management of Inventis;
- Keeping the Chairman fully informed of day-to-day happenings on all matters which may be of interest to directors;
- Keeping the Board informed, at an appropriate level, of all the activities of Inventis; and
- Being the spokesman for Inventis:
  - o at its AGM in the reporting of the performance and profit figures;
  - o to stockbrokers, market analysts and the Investment Community
- Implementation of the Board's policies and strategies;
- Managing, motivating, developing and leading members of the Management Team;



- Being responsible for the development and implementation of comprehensive management actions to achieve sales, production targets, and adherence to fiscal budgets established by the Board of Directors;
- Cause the establishment of production and quality control standards as well as cost control measures to ensure that the manufacturing component of the business is aligned with the corporate objectives;
- Ensuring that all Managers reporting to him/her maintain manufacturing operations so that the business plans and the fiscal budgets of the Inventis Group are met, including but not limited to, specific production targets, effective use of labour and the minimisation of production costs;
- Ensure that each Manager has established costs, quality and delivery commitments that meet and direct the resolution of operational, manufacturing and maintenance problems to ensure that costs are minimised and operational delays are prevented; and
- Direct and lead the management team to coordinate manufacturing activities with all other functions of the Inventis Group to obtain optimum production and utilisation of human resources, machines and equipment.
- In conjunction with each Manager:
  - o Develop an appropriate sales strategy for the Inventis Group; and
  - Manage the achievement of sales targets and the activities of each Manager as it pertains to their respective sales teams.
- In conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer, direct and lead the Managers to:
  - Develop and maintain internal controls to ensure sound and effective use of the Inventis Group resources and the protection of its assets;
  - O Provide guidance for the development of fiscal budgets for each company within the Inventis Group including sales plans, manufacturing plans and the requirements for personnel, materials, subcontractors, facilities tooling and equipment;
  - Develop Risk Management Plans;
  - O Develop appropriate costing and price lists for each product manufactures and/or sold by the Inventis Group;
  - Establish and obtain both physical and financial data regarding types, quantities, specifications and delivery dates of products ordered, manufactured, and sold for recording in the financial accounts;
  - Perform administrative activities associated with the effective management of operations, including compiling operations, sales and production data for Board reports;
  - O Determine responsibilities of assigned organisational and staff positions to accomplish business objectives. Train and ensure all assigned employees are aware of, and comply with, Inventis Group, Government and customer policies, procedures, OH&S requirements and regulations; and
  - o Promote the interests of Inventis and give Inventis the full benefit of his/her knowledge, ingenuity, experience, technical skill and networking.



#### 7. Communication

The Managing Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chairman are to communicate on a regular basis and agree all general correspondence to be distributed to the board by the Executive team and by the Board to the Executive team.

All Directors should communicate with management through the Chairman and vice versa.

The company has a relevant Investor Engagement policy to assist with Company communications to stakeholders.

#### 8. Board Committees

The Board may establish Committees from time to time to assist the Board in the execution of its responsibilities. Any Board Committee established, will have a documented and approved Charter under which, authority is delegated from the Board. Standing Board Committees include:

- Audit and Risk Management Committee (W101Bi); and
- Nomination and Remuneration Committee (W101Bii).

Due to the membership of the Board restricted to three members, the Board has resolved that all functions of the Committees shall be performed by the Board. When performing these functions, the chairperson may be different for each matter.



#### INVESTOR ENGAGEMENT POLICY

### 1. Background

Inventis Limited (the Company) acknowledges the importance of providing shareholders timely information to help assess the company performance and decisions that the Company may take that affect the future direction the Company.

Communications between the Company and its shareholders, the broader investor community, stock brokers and the media are encouraged, subject to compliance with continuous disclosure obligations contained in the Listing Rules of the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and the Inventis continuous disclosure policy.

## 2. Investor Engagement Activity

All Policies are consistent with the Company's Core Values. Open and timely communication is an essential part of adequate Shareholder Communications. This is encouraged by the Board to help shareholders and stakeholders gain information that may better assist in understanding the Company's position and strategy developments that may affect shareholder and or investor decisions.

- We encourage shareholders to attend Annual General Meetings (AGM's); and discuss any questions with the board and Management;
- The Company's external auditor attends AGM's and is made available to answer questions
  from Shareholder concerning the annual audit process and statutory account preparation to
  assist shareholders with key areas of interest.
- Communicate by mail and electronic means the Annual Reports of the Company, along with approved Chairman's letters and or select Media releases.
- Places any relevant disclosure documents on the ASX announcement platform and or the Company's website (<a href="www.inventis.com.au">www.inventis.com.au</a>).
- Regularly updates information from announcements, webcasts, Investor presentations, media releases and relevant policies and data on the Company webpage ( www.inventis.com.au).
- Invites Shareholders and Stakeholders to contact the Company via its "contact us" page of its website along with direct email to companysecretary@inventisgregory.com.au
- Uses services of a share registry to assist in responding to shareholder enquiries.
- Uses social media to update events, marketing and report summary where applicable.
- We encourage regular annual road show presentations to the broader Stockbroker and investor community and planned shareholder presentations when the Company sees fit. This is generally performed by the Managing Director.
   Information is also posted to the ASX announcement platform consistent with continuous disclosure policy.
- 3. The presentations posted to the general market are reviewed and approved by the board.
- **4.** Policy amendments cannot be changed without prior board approval.

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