



Our Ref:RLW:TW:50020

13 September 2006

Attention: Mr Scott Evans

By email: scott-evans@NSX.net.au

General Manager Newcastle Stock Exchange Ground Floor 384 Hunter Street NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Dear Scott,

RE: BIDGEE FINANCE LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND NOTICE OF 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We enclose Annual Report and Notice of 2006 Annual General Meeting for lodgement.

Yours faithfully WHITTENS

Raymond L Whitten

Principal Encl. 50020,43

# **BIDGEE FINANCE LTD**

ABN 83 000 362 596

# NOTICE OF 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 45th Annual General Meeting of Bidgee Finance Ltd ("the Company") will be held at 37 Trail Street, Wagga Wagga, NSW on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006 commencing at 12:30 p.m. At the meeting the following resolutions will be put to members:

# **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

# 1. To receive accounts:

To receive and consider the Financial Report and the reports of the directors and of the auditors of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2006.

#### Resolutions

# 2. Election of Directors:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

- To re-elect Mr. LJ Thomson as a director.
   Mr. LJ Thomson retires in accordance with Rule 12.9(a) of the Company's constitution and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
- (ii) To re-elect Mr. LM Wheatley as a director.
   Mr. LM Wheatley retires in accordance with Rule 12.9(a) of the Company's constitution and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

#### 3. Dividend:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That a fully franked final dividend of \$0.095 per share is declared."

4. Adoption of the Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 June 2006

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That the remuneration report required by section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001, as contained in the Directors' Report of the Company, for the financial year ended 30 June 2006 be adopted."

Note that the vote on this item is advisory only and does not bind the directors or the Company.

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

5. <u>Approval of Increase in Amount of Non-executive Directors' Fees</u>
To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Company approve the increase in the total amount of directors' fees that may be received by the Company's non-executive Directors from \$100,000 per financial year to \$150,000 per financial year, such amount to be exclusive of superannuation guarantee charge contributions."

# Appointment of proxy

- i) A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies;
- ii) Where more than one proxy is appointed, each proxy must be appointed to represent a specified proportion of the member's voting rights;
- iii) A proxy need not be a member of the Company; and
- iv) Forms of proxy must be lodged at the registered office of the Company or faxed to the Company on (03) 5021 1744 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

A form of proxy is attached.

By Order of the Board Wendy Leake, Company Secretary, 13 September 2006

# **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### Resolution 2 - Election of Directors

Pursuant to Rule 12.9(a) of the Company's constitution, Mr. LJ Thomson and Mr. LM Wheatley offer themselves for re-election. Mr. Thomson was appointed in 1997 and Mr. Wheatley was appointed in 2004.

The board recommends that the shareholders resolve to re-elect Mr. Thomson and Mr. Wheatley.

# Resolution 4 - Remuneration Report

The Remuneration Report commences on page 12 of the Company's 2006 Annual Report including the remuneration tables referred to in the report and set out in note 23 to the financial statements commencing on page 44.

The vote on this proposed resolution is advisory only and will not bind the directors or the Company, however, the board will take the outcome of the vote into consideration when reviewing remuneration practices and policies.

The board recommends that shareholders pass the resolution to adopt the Remuneration Report.

## Resolution 5 - Increase in Non-executive Director Fees

Pursuant to rule 13.1 of the Company's constitution, the Company must not increase the total amount of Directors' fees payable by it without the approval of shareholders. At the 2004 Annual General Meeting shareholders approved an increase of non-executive Directors' fees from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

With increased responsibilities of the Directors as a consequence of expansion, the Board has formed the view that it appropriate than an increase of \$50,000 in the amount of fees payable to Directors (including committee fees) will enable the Board to attract and retain Directors of a calibre appropriate to the needs of the expanded Company.

The remuneration provided to each non-executive Director for the financial year ended 30 June 2006 is detailed in the Remuneration Report contained within the Director's Report on page 12 of the Company's 2006 Annual Report and set out in note 23 to the financial statements commencing on page 44.

The Directors do not make any recommendation in respect of this resolution given the interest of the non-executive Directors in the resolution. The Chairman intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of this resolution.

# FORM OF PROXY

The Secretary Bidgee Finance Ltd ABN 83 000 362 596 Street Address: 113 Lime Avenue Mildura Vic 3500 Postal Address: PO Box 5004 Mildura Vic 3502 1/We\* (insert member(s) name(s)).... of (insert address)..... Being a member / members\* of Bidgee Finance Ltd hereto appoint: (insert proxy's name).... and/or\* (insert proxy's name\*\*)..... As my/our\* proxy/proxies\* to vote on my/our\* behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th October 2006 and at any adjournment of that meeting. \* Delete whichever is not applicable \*\* Insert the name of a second proxy only if you wish to appoint more than one proxy **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS** X in the appropriate box below. In the Should you wish to direct your proxy how to vote please insert absence of a direction the proxy may vote at the proxy's discretion. RESOLUTIONS For Against Abstain Resolution 2(i): To re-elect Mr. LJ Thomson as a director Resolution 2(ii): To re-elect Mr. LM Wheatley as a director Resolution 3: To declare a fully franked final dividend of \$0.095 per share Resolution 4. To adopt the Remuneration Report Resolution 5: To increase Non-executive Directors' fees to \$150,000 I/We\* hereby authorise the Chairman of the directors of the Company for the time being to insert in this form the name/s\* of a proxy/proxies\* on my/our\* behalf if I/we\* have not already done so. Signed this ...... day of ...... 2006 Signature(s) of member(s)

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