# **Briscoe Group Limited**

# **Notice of Annual Meeting**



Notice is hereby given that an Annual Meeting of shareholders of Briscoe Group Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 30 January 2022 will be held on Thursday 19 May 2022, commencing at 10:00am.

# Covid-19 Implications

Due to the current uncertainties relating to public health measures associated with Covid-19, the Company may elect to hold this Annual Meeting as an online meeting only. The Company will provide shareholders with as much notice as is reasonably practicable, by way of an announcement to NZX's Market Announcement Platform, if the physical meeting is not to proceed. The health and safety of our team and shareholders is of paramount importance.

In the instance where a physical meeting takes place, it will be held at the **offices of Link Market Services, Level 30, PwC Tower, 15 Customs Street West, Auckland**, commencing at 10:00am. Shareholders are invited to join the Directors for morning tea at 9:30am prior to the Annual Meeting. Shareholders will also be able to attend the Annual Meeting online, vote and ask questions at <u>www.virtualmeeting.co.nz/bgp22</u>.

To view the latest financial statements for the year ended 30 January 2022, please visit <a href="http://briscoegroup.co.nz/investor-centre">http://briscoegroup.co.nz/investor-centre</a> and select the Annual Report for the period ended 30 January 2022.

## **Items of Business**

The business of the Annual Meeting is comprised of ordinary business, being:

- Item 1: Chairman's address
- Item 2: Managing Director's address
- Item 3: Financial Statements

To receive and consider the Company's financial statements for the year ended 30 January 2022 together with the Directors' and Auditor's reports.

#### Item 4: Resolutions – Ordinary Business

**Resolution 1.** Re-election of Director – Rodney (Rod) Duke To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"That Rod Duke, who will retire by rotation at the close of the Annual Meeting in accordance with NZX Listing Rule 2.7.1 and the Company's Constitution, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."

See the Explanatory Notes to this notice for profile of Rod Duke.

#### **Resolution 2. Auditor's Remuneration**

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

"It be recorded that PricewaterhouseCoopers will continue in office as the Company's auditor and that the Board of Directors be authorised to fix the remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers for the ensuing year."

#### Item 5: General Business

To consider any other business that may properly be submitted to an annual meeting.

# **Procedural Notes**

# **Requisite majorities**

Each of the two resolutions are to be considered as separate ordinary resolutions. To be passed, each resolution requires the approval of a simple majority of the votes of those shareholders entitled to vote and voting (in person or by proxy). Voting will be conducted by poll, in accordance with NZX Listing Rule 6.1.1.

There are no voting restrictions on any shareholders to prevent them from exercising their vote on any resolutions being considered at the Annual Meeting.

# Voting by Proxy

A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend online and vote on that shareholder's behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

To appoint a proxy, a shareholder should complete and sign the proxy form accompanying this notice and return it to the office of the Company's Share Registrar, Link Market Services using the reply-paid envelope provided. Alternatively, proxy votes can be lodged online at: <u>https://vote.linkmarketservices.com/BGP/</u>. You will be required to enter your CSN/Holder number and Authorisation Code (FIN) or your HIN/SRN and postcode to securely access the website. Follow the prompts to appoint your proxy and complete your vote.

For a proxy to be validly appointed, the proxy form must be received (either by post or online, as outlined above) no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, 17 May 2022. If the form is sent by post, it must be received by that time at the offices of the Company's Share Registrar, Link Market Services Limited, PO Box 91976, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142 or Level 30, PwC Tower, 15 Customs Street West, Auckland, New Zealand.

The Chairman of the Annual Meeting may be appointed as a proxy and intends to vote any undirected/discretionary proxy votes in favour of each resolution. If you return your proxy form without nominating a proxy, or if your nominated proxy does not attend the Annual Meeting on your behalf, the Chairman will act as your default proxy. Where the Chairman acts as your default proxy, your votes will be registered as abstentions unless you have expressly directed otherwise on the proxy form.

If your proxy is not the Chairman of the Annual Meeting and they intend to join the Annual Meeting remotely please ensure that you provide their contact details in the space provided on the proxy form.

# **Online Annual Meeting**

For Shareholders who wish to join the Annual Meeting online or where circumstance results in the Company hold the Annual Meeting online only, attendance will be via an online platform provided by our share registrar, Link Market Services at <u>www.virtualmeeting.co.nz/bgp22</u>. Shareholders attending and participating in the Annual Meeting virtually via the online platform will be able to vote and ask questions during the Annual Meeting. More information regarding virtual attendance at the Annual Meeting (including how to vote and ask questions virtually during the Meeting) is available in the Virtual Annual Meeting Online Portal Guide available at <a href="https://bcast.linkinvestorservices.co.nz/generic/docs/OnlinePortalGuide.pdf">https://bcast.linkinvestorservices.co.nz/generic/docs/OnlinePortalGuide.pdf</a>.

Shareholders present at the online meeting will have the opportunity to submit questions to the Board, the Company's senior management and the Company's auditor during the Annual Meeting. Shareholders wanting to ask a question prior to the Annual Meeting should follow the process outlined in STEP 3 of the attached Proxy Form/Admission Card.

Please note that for Shareholders who are unable to attend the online meeting, transcripts of the Chairman and Managing Director's addresses to the Annual Meeting will be posted on the Company's website at <a href="http://briscoegroup.co.nz/investor-centre/">http://briscoegroup.co.nz/investor-centre/</a> and released to NZX's and ASX's market announcement platforms at the same time or before they are delivered to the Annual Meeting.

Results of the voting will be available after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and will be notified to the NZX and ASX.

# **Annual Report**

The Annual Report for the year ended 30 January 2022, and previous periods, are available at <u>http://briscoegroup.co.nz/investor-centre/</u>. Copies of all future reports will also be available for you to view on this website. If you wish to receive, free of charge, at any time, a printed or electronic copy of the Annual Report, or any future Annual Reports, you can update your communication preference by sending an email to <u>operations@linkmarketservices.com</u> (please use "BGP Annual Report" as your subject of your email).

# **Explanatory Notes**

## **Resolution 1: Re-election of Director**

Under NZX Listing Rule 2.7.1, a Director must not hold office (without re-election) past the third Annual Meeting following the Director's appointment or 3 years, whichever is longer. Rod Duke was appointed as a Director (by re-election) at the Annual Meeting held on 22 May 2019 and, as such, retires by rotation and offers himself for re-election.

Under NZX Listing Rule 7.8.3(a), the Board confirms that Rod Duke is not an Independent Director.

The Board unanimously supports the re-election of Rod Duke.

# Profile of Director seeking re-election

#### Rod Duke

Rod is a career retailer.

Raised in Adelaide, Australia, he started in retail at the age of 16 working on the sales floor for Ezywalkin Shoes. Rod progressed through operational, buying and management roles across a number of businesses before being appointed as Managing Director of Norman Ross in 1986.

By 1988, Rod was looking for a new challenge and moved to New Zealand to take up the position of Managing Director for Briscoes. In 1990 Rod bought the Briscoes business from its Dutch owners.

Since then, Rod has led the development of Briscoes Homeware while successfully launching and growing Rebel Sport in New Zealand.

Rod has never lost his appetite for a deal or the ability to understand what customers want from a retailer. His ability to build and inspire teams of talented retailers has supported continued growth for Briscoe Group.

A recent *BusinessDesk* article by Jenny Ruth noted that "Briscoe Group managing director Rod Duke has a habit of making retail look easy, but ... others find it far from easy."

The company's most recent results again clearly illustrate that the wide-ranging strategic initiatives introduced over last few years combined with years of strong retail leadership are contributing to this impressive record in difficult trading conditions.

Rod's interests own approximately 77% of Briscoe Group ensuring that the performance of the Group remains his key focus.

# **Resolution 2: Auditor's Remuneration**

PricewaterhouseCoopers is the existing auditor of the Company and has indicated its willingness to continue in office. Pursuant to section 207T of the Companies Act 1993 of New Zealand, PricewaterhouseCoopers is automatically reappointed at the Annual Meeting as auditor of the Company. The proposed resolution is to authorise the Directors to fix the auditor's remuneration for the following year for the purposes of section 207S of the Companies Act 1993.



### LODGE YOUR PROXY

#### Online: vote.linkmarketservices.com/BGP

#### Scan & email: meetings@linkmarketservices.com

#### Mail:

Deliver: Link Market Services Level 30, PwC Tower 15 Customs Street West, Auckland Use the enclosed reply paid envelope or address to: Link Market Services Limited PO Box 91976, Auckland 1142

#### Scan this QR code with your smartphone and vote online



General Enquiries

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## PROXY FORM FOR BRISCOE GROUP LIMITED 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting (**Meeting**) of Shareholders of Briscoe Group Limited (**Company**) will be held on **Thursday**, **19 May 2022 commencing at 10:00am** at the offices of Link Market Services, Level 30, PwC Tower, 15 Customs Street West, Auckland and online at <u>www.virtualmeeting.co.nz/bgp22</u>. Due to the current uncertainties relating to public health measures associated with Covid-19, the Company may elect to hold this Annual Meeting as an online meeting only. The Company will provide shareholders with as much notice as is reasonably practicable, by way of an announcement to NZX's Market Announcement Platform, if the physical meeting is not to proceed.

If you propose to attend the Meeting in person, please bring this form to assist with your registration. Shareholders wishing to access the Meeting online should follow the instructions and prompts on the link above. If shareholders have any difficulties accessing the Meeting on Thursday, 19 May 2022, please contact Link Market Services on 0800 200 220.

If you do not propose to attend the Meeting physically or online, but wish to be represented by proxy, please complete and return this form (in accordance with the lodgement instructions) to Briscoe's share registry, Link Market Services, by **no later than 10:00am, Tuesday 17 May 2022**. Alternatively, you can appoint your proxy and direct your proxy how to vote on the resolutions online by going to <u>vote.linkmarketservices.com/BGP</u> or by scanning the QR code above with your smartphone. Any proxy form received, or online appointment lodged after 10:00am, 17 May 2022 will not be valid for the Meeting.

#### Appointment of proxy

Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend in person or online, and vote in the place of that shareholder. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. You may nominate the Chairman to act as your proxy at the Meeting. If the Chairman is not expressly selected as proxy by you, but assumes the role of proxy only by default (i.e., if you do not nominate a proxy but return a proxy form, or your nominated proxy does not virtually attend the Meeting), your votes will be registered as abstentions unless you have directed otherwise on the proxy form.

#### Voting of your holding

If you appoint a proxy you must either direct the proxy how to vote by ticking the "For", "Against" or "Abstain" box in respect of each resolution OR by ticking the "Proxy Discretion" box in respect of each resolution. A shareholder can direct the proxy holder in respect of one or more resolutions and give the proxy holder discretion in respect of other resolutions. If you tick the "Proxy Discretion" box for a particular resolution, or if you do not tick any box for a particular resolution, then the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit or abstain from voting.

#### Voting Restrictions

There are no voting restrictions on any shareholders to prevent them from exercising their vote on any of the resolutions being considered at the Annual Meeting.

#### Attending the meeting online

Shareholders intending to attend the Annual Meeting online can do so via the Link Market Services Virtual Annual Meeting platform at <u>www.virtualmeeting.co.nz/bgp22</u>. You will require your Holder Number for verification purposes. A corporation may appoint a person to attend online and vote at the Meeting as its representative in the same manner as that in which it could appoint a proxy. That person need not also be a shareholder. Companies or bodies corporate that wish to attend online through a representative must ensure that the representative brings the original notice appointing him or her to the meeting. To assist administration, the Company would be grateful if notices appointing representatives are delivered to Link Market Services Limited **no later than 10:00am on Tuesday 17 May 2022**.

#### Signing instructions for proxy forms

Individual - Where the holding is in one name, the shareholder must sign this Proxy Form.

Joint Holding - This proxy form may be signed by either, or on behalf of, the joint shareholders (or their duly authorised attorney).

*Power of Attorney* - If this proxy form has been signed under a power of attorney a copy of the power of attorney (unless already deposited with Link Market Services Limited) and a signed certificate of non-revocation of the power of attorney must be returned to Link Market Services Limited.

Corporate Shareholder - If the shareholder is a company this form must be signed on behalf of the company by an authorised person acting under the company's express or implied authority

# **PROXY/CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE FORM**

STEP 1: APPOINT A PROXY TO VOTE ON YOUR BEHALF

I/We named above, being a shareholder of Briscoe Group Limited (Company):

hereby appoint		of	
,	(Full Name)		(Email Address)
or:		of	
-	(Full Name)		(Email Address)
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as my/our proxy to vote for my/our behalf at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held at the offices of Link Market Services, Level 30, PwC Tower, 15 Customs Street West, Auckland and/or online at <u>www.virtualmeeting.co.nz/bgp22</u> on Thursday 19 May 2022, commencing at 10:00am and

at any adjournment of that meeting.

### STEP 2: ITEMS OF BUSINESS - PROXY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this part if you have appointed a proxy above and you want to direct the proxy as to how the proxy should vote.

Please note: For each resolution you must tick one box. If you mark the abstain box for an item, you are directing your proxy not to vote on your behalf and your votes will not be counted towards the required majority, for that item.

#### Resolutions

То со	nsider and, if thought fit, pass the following ordinary resolutions:				
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		For	Against	Abstain	Proxy Discretion
1.	That Rod Duke, who will retire by rotation at the close of the Annual Meeting in accordance with NZX Listing Rule 2.7.1 and the Company's Constitution, be re-elected as a Director of the Company.				
2.	It be recorded that PricewaterhouseCoopers will continue in office as the Company's auditor and that the Board of Directors be authorised to fix the remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers for the ensuing year.				

and to vote on any resolutions to amend any of the resolutions, on any resolution so amended, and on any other resolution proposed at the Annual Meeting (or any adjournment thereof). Unless otherwise instructed as above, the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit or abstain from voting on each such resolution. The proxy is appointed only in respect of the above meeting or any adjournment thereof.

#### **STEP 3: SHAREHOLDER QUESTIONS**

Shareholders present, both physically and online, at the Meeting will have the opportunity to ask questions during the Meeting. If you cannot attend, but would like to ask a question, you can submit a question online by going to <u>vote.linkmarketservices.com/BGP</u> and completing the online validation process, or complete the question section below and return to Link Market Services. Questions will need to be submitted by 10:00am on Tuesday 17 May 2022. The Board will address and answer questions during the Meeting.

Question:		
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#### STEP 4: SIGN - SIGNATURE OF SHAREHOLDER(S) This section must be completed

#### Shareholder 1

#### Shareholder 2

or duly authorised officer or attorney

or duly authorised officer or attorney

Shareholder 3

or duly authorised officer or attorney

Contact Name

\_\_\_\_Contact Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_

**Electronic Investor Communications:** If you received the Notice of Meeting and Proxy Form by mail and wish to receive your future investor communications by email please provide your email address below.

Briscoe Group Limited is a company incorporated in New Zealand and registered in Australia as a foreign company under the name Briscoe Group Australasia Limited (ARBN 619 060 552). It is listed on the NZX and also the Australian Securities Exchange as a foreign exempt entity. (NZX/ASX code: BGP).