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## Nyota Minerals Limited ("Nyota" or the "Company") Notice of Extraordinary Meeting

Nyota Minerals Limited (ASX/AIM: NYO) has today published a notice of Extraordinary General Meeting (**Meeting**) to be held at 5:30pm (Sydney time) on 21 March 2017 at the Offices of Norton Rose Fulbright, Level 18, Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia (**Notice**).

As announced on 3 January 2017, the Company has entered into a conditional agreement to sell the Company's 70% interest in KEC Exploration Pty Limited ACN 127 180 410 (**KEC**) (**KEC Shareholding**) to Christopher Reindler (**Purchaser**), a minority shareholder in and director of KEC (**KEC Agreement**).

Listing Rule 11.2 provides that where a company proposes to make a significant change in the nature or scale of its activities which involves the disposal of its main undertaking, it must first obtain the approval of its shareholders. In addition, AIM Rule 15 provides that where a disposal results in a fundamental change of business, it must be conditional on obtaining the consent of shareholders at a general meeting.

At this time, the KEC Shareholding is the Company's only asset and accordingly is the Company's main undertaking for the purposes of the Listing Rules and the AIM Rules. The Resolution seeks Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 11.2 and AIM Rule 15 for the Disposal on the terms and conditions set out in the KEC Agreement.

The Notice is available from the Company's website at **www.nyotaminerals.com** and the Explanatory Statement has been reproduced below without material change or amendment.

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# **NYOTA MINERALS LIMITED**

ACN 060 938 552

# NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

**TIME**: 5:30pm (Sydney time)

**DATE**: 21 March 2017

**PLACE:** Offices of Norton Rose Fulbright

Level 18

Grosvenor Place 225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

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

Should you wish to discuss the matters in this Notice of Meeting please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary at info@nyotaminerals.com.

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### Time and place of Meeting

Notice is given that the Meeting will be held at 5:30pm Sydney time on 21 March 2017 at:

Offices of Norton Rose Fulbright Level 18 Grosvenor Place 225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

#### Your vote is important

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

#### Glossary

Capitalised terms used in this document are defined in the Glossary.

## Voting eligibility

The Directors have determined pursuant to Regulation 7.11.37 of the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth) that the persons eligible to vote at the Meeting (in person, by Proxy Form or by Form of Instruction) are those who are registered Shareholders at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 19 March 2017.

## Voting in person

If you are a holder of Shares, you may vote in person by attending the Meeting at the time, date and place set out above.

If you are a holder of Depositary Interests, you are invited to attend the Meeting, but you are not able to vote in person. Instead, you may have votes cast at the Meeting on your behalf buy submitting a Form of Instruction (see below for further details).

#### Voting by proxy (holders of ordinary shares)

If you are a holder of Shares, you may complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Form and return it by the time and in accordance with the instructions set out on the Proxy Form.

In accordance with section 249L of the Corporations Act, holders of Shares are advised that:

- each holder of Shares has a right to appoint a proxy;
- the proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company; and
- a holder of Shares who is entitled to cast 2 or more votes may appoint 2 proxies and may specify the proportion or number of votes each proxy is appointed to exercise. If the member appoints 2 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.

Holders of Shares 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.

Further details on these matters are set out below.

### Proxy vote if appointment specifies way to vote

Section 250BB(1) of the Corporations Act provides that an appointment of a proxy may specify the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution and, **if it does**:

- the proxy need not vote on a show of hands, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (ie as directed); and
- if the proxy has 2 or more appointments that specify different ways to vote on the resolution, the proxy must not vote on a show of hands; and
- if the proxy is the chair of the meeting at which the resolution is voted on, the proxy must vote on a poll, and must vote that way (ie as directed); and
- if the proxy is not the chair, the proxy need not vote on the poll, but if the proxy does so, the proxy must vote that way (ie as directed).

## Transfer of non-chair proxy to chair in certain circumstances

Section 250BC of the Corporations Act provides that, if:

- an appointment of a proxy specifies the way the proxy is to vote on a particular resolution at a meeting of the Company's members; and
- the appointed proxy is not the chair of the meeting; and
- at the meeting, a poll is duly demanded on the resolution; and
- either of the following applies:
  - the proxy is not recorded as attending the meeting; or
  - the proxy does not vote on the resolution,

the chair of the meeting is taken, before voting on the resolution closes, to have been appointed as the proxy for the purposes of voting on the resolution at the meeting.

## **Voting by Form of Instruction (holders of Depositary Interests)**

If you are a holder of Depositary Interests, you are invited to attend the Meeting but are not entitled to vote at the Meeting. However you may have votes cast at the Meeting on your behalf by completing and signing the enclosed Form of Instruction and returning it to the Company's agent, Computershare UK, no later than 17 March 2017 at 3:30pm (GMT) in accordance with the instructions set out on the Form of Instruction.

## Voting electronically through CREST (holders of Depositary Interests in CREST)

If you are a holder of Depositary Interests in CREST, you may transmit voting instructions by utilising the CREST voting service in accordance with the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider, should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider, who will be able to take appropriate action on their behalf.

In order for instructions made using the CREST voting service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a **CREST Voting Instruction**) must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual (available via www.euroclear.com/en/about/our-rules.html).

To be effective, the CREST Voting Instruction must be transmitted so as to be received by the Company's agent (3RA50) no later than 17 March 2017 at 3:30pm (GMT). For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the CREST Voting Instruction by the CREST applications host) from which the Company's agent is able to retrieve the CREST Voting Instruction by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. DI Holders in CREST and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the transmission of CREST Voting Instructions. It is the responsibility of the DI Holder concerned to take (or, if the DI Holder is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider, to procure that the CREST sponsor or voting service provider takes) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a CREST Voting Instruction is transmitted by means of the CREST voting service by any particular time.

In this connection, DI Holders and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

#### **Required Majority**

The Resolution proposed in this Notice of Meeting is an ordinary resolution and will be passed if more than 50% of the votes cast by Shareholders entitled to vote on the Resolution are cast (in person or by proxy) in favour of the Resolution, subject to the voting exclusion set out below the Resolution.

## **BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

#### **AGENDA**

## **RESOLUTION - DISPOSAL OF MAIN UNDERTAKING**

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

"That, for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 11.2 and AIM Rule 15 and for all other purposes, approval is given for the Company to sell the Company's 70% interest in KEC Exploration Pty Limited to Christopher Reindler on the terms and conditions set out in the Explanatory Statement to this Notice of Meeting."

#### **Voting Exclusion:**

The Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution by a person who might obtain a benefit, except a benefit solely in the capacity of a security holder, if the Resolution is passed, and an associate of that person.

However, the Company will not disregard a vote if it is cast by such a person as a proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with the directions on the Proxy Form or Form of Instruction, or, it is cast by the Chair of the Meeting as proxy for a person who is entitled to vote, in accordance with a direction on the Proxy Form or Form of Instruction to vote as the proxy decides.

Dated: 17 February 2017

By order of the Board

Andrew Wright Director

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Explanatory Statement has been prepared to provide information which the Directors believe to be material to Shareholders in deciding whether or not to pass the Resolution to be proposed at the Meeting.

## 1. RESOLUTION – DISPOSAL OF MAIN UNDERTAKING

#### 1.1 General

As announced on 3 January 2017, the Company has entered into a conditional agreement to sell the Company's 70% interest in KEC Exploration Pty Limited ACN 127 180 410 (**KEC**) (**KEC Shareholding**) to Christopher Reindler (**Purchaser**), a minority shareholder in and director of KEC (**KEC Agreement**). The KEC Agreement is conditional on the Company obtaining the approval of Shareholders, being the purpose of the Resolution.

The Resolution seeks the approval of Shareholders for the disposal of the Company's main undertaking on the terms set out in the KEC Agreement (**Disposal**). A summary of the material terms of the KEC Agreement is set out in Section 1.3 below.

### 1.2 Listing Rule 11.2 and AIM Rule 15

Listing Rule 11.2 provides that where a company proposes to make a significant change in the nature or scale of its activities which involves the disposal of its main undertaking, it must first obtain the approval of its shareholders. In addition, AIM Rule 15 provides that where a disposal results in a fundamental change of business, it must be conditional on obtaining the consent of shareholders at a general meeting.

At this time, the KEC Shareholding is the Company's only asset and accordingly is the Company's main undertaking for the purposes of the Listing Rules and the AIM Rules. The Resolution seeks Shareholder approval under Listing Rule 11.2 and AIM Rule 15 for the Disposal on the terms and conditions set out in the KEC Agreement.

## 1.3 Background to the Disposal

KEC controls the various tenements in Italy that comprise the Ivrea Nickel Project. As previously announced, the Ivrea Nickel Project is still at a very early stage and will require substantial capital investment to continue the exploration program and to develop the tenements. The capital required is not currently available to the Company.

As previously disclosed it is the Board's intention to take the Company in a strategically different direction which has led to the Company announcing that it is looking to acquire the operator of a technology platform, BigDish Ventures Limited (**BigDish**), via a reverse takeover transaction. As part of this strategic shift away from minerals, the Board had resolved not to contribute further cash to the expansion of the original tenements and to seek a buyer of the Company's interest, failing which it would consider relinquishing its interest in the licenses.

Other than its interests in the Ivrea Nickel Project licences, KEC has not traded and all exploration and administrative expenditure has been incurred by the Company.

# 1.4 Summary of the KEC Agreement

The KEC Agreement, dated 29 December 2016, provides for initial cash consideration of €20,000 payable by the Purchaser to the Company immediately following approval of the Disposal by Shareholders where such approval is obtained after 1 March 2017. The Purchaser has agreed that the Company has no further obligation to pay or incur any costs in relation to the tenements other than the following payments: (1) a contribution of €12,500 towards the KEC tenement licence renewal fee on execution of the KEC Agreement; and (2) a further contribution of €7,500 towards the Galerno Licence renewal fee.

The Company will retain a 3% Net Smelter Return (**NSR**) payable to the Company on future sales from the Ivrea Nickel Project. The NSR is calculated as 3% of the net revenue from the Ivrea Nickel Project calculated as the gross value of metal and non-metal products less transportation and refining costs. Additionally the KEC Agreement provides that the Purchaser may buy back the Company's right to the NSR for \$200,000 in the first two years and \$400,000 in the third and fourth years following execution of the KEC Agreement.

The Disposal will not have any impact on the capital structure of the Company.

## 1.5 Financial impact of the Disposal

As at 30 June 2016 (the date of the Company's last audited financial statements), the carrying value of KEC amounted to \$Nil, and expenditure on the Ivrea Nickel Project amounted to \$287,500, in the Company's accounts.

As noted above, the Company will receive cash consideration of €20,000 for the Disposal but will be required to contribute €7,500 towards the Galerno Licence renewal fee in addition to the €12,500 towards the KEC tenement licence renewal fee that the Company has already paid on execution of the KEC Agreement. Consequently the Disposal will have a neutral effect on the Company's immediate financial position.

The Company will share in any upside from development and commercialisation of the Ivrea Nickel Project through the NSR. However, there is no guarantee that the Ivrea Nickel Project will be commercialised by its owners following the Disposal. The Company may also receive further proceeds should the Purchaser choose to buy back the Company's right to the NSR in the first four years following the date of the KEC Agreement. Any proceeds from the NSR or from the buy back of the Company's right to the NSR will be used to provide additional working capital for the Company. Given the highly contingent and speculative nature of any payment being received by the Company through the NSR, or as a result of the Purchaser's buy back right, the Directors recommend that Shareholders do not place any significance on the Company receiving these payments in considering how to vote on the Resolution.

#### 1.6 Advantages and disadvantages of the Disposal

The Board considers the following to be some of the advantages of the Disposal:

- i. on completion of the Disposal the Company will have no further obligation to pay for or incur any costs in relation to the tenements (other than as described above);
- ii. in the absence of any funding for KEC there are no available funds to support KEC under the Company's continuing ownership to continue trading any further;
- iii. the Board has been unable to secure any alternative offers for KEC;
- iv. the NSR provides the Company with the potential (but no guarantee) to receive further consideration should the Ivrea Nickel Project develop to production;
- v. the Board does not believe that there is any immediate prospect of a material improvement in market conditions in the junior early stage nickel exploration sector or investor sentiment; and
- vi. the Disposal enables the Company to make a clean break from the Ivrea Nickel Project and enables the Board to focus on new projects, including the proposed BigDish acquisition (see section 1.12 below for further details).

The Board considers the following to be some of the disadvantages of the Disposal:

- i. the Disposal will be the sale of the Company's last existing mineral exploration asset;
- ii. on completion of the Disposal the Company will have no assets other than its cash reserves and will have no assets capable of generating revenue, either now or in the future; and
- iii. while the Company is focussed on new projects, including the proposed BigDish acquisition, such projects are likely to be highly conditional and there is no guarantee that any alternative projects that are being pursued will successfully complete.

#### 1.7 Timetable

The only condition to completion of the Disposal is the Company obtaining shareholder approval in accordance with the terms of the Resolution. If Shareholders approve the Disposal at the Meeting it is expected that the Disposal will be completed within two weeks following the passing of the Resolution.

## 1.8 No changes to the Board

There will be no change to the composition of the Board as a result of the Disposal.

#### 1.9 Consequences of the Disposal and the current suspension

If Shareholders approve the Resolution the effect of the Disposal will be that, on completion of the Disposal, the Company will cease to own, control or conduct all, or substantially all, of its existing trading business, activities or assets and would therefore become an AlM Rule 15 cash shell (**Rule 15 Cash Shell**). Pursuant to the AlM Rules, a Rule 15 Cash Shell must make an acquisition or acquisitions which constitute a Reverse Takeover under AlM Rule 14 (including seeking re-admission as an Investing Company (as defined under the AlM Rules)) within six months, failing which AlM will suspend trading in the Rule 15 Cash Shell's ordinary shares pursuant to AlM Rule 40 (**Rule 15 Deadline**). If the Rule 15 Cash Shell fails to make an acquisition or acquisitions that constitute a reverse takeover under AlM Rule 14 (including seeking re-admission as an Investing Company (as defined under the AlM Rules)) within a further six months of the Rule 15 Deadline, the Rule 15 Cash Shell's ordinary shares will be cancelled from trading on AlM.

Similarly, under the Listing Rules if an entity is not able to make an announcement of its intention to acquire a new business within six months of completing the disposal of its main undertaking under Listing Rule 11.2, ASX will generally exercise its discretion under the Listing Rules to suspend quotation of the ordinary securities of the entity at the end of that six month period. Suspension will continue until the entity makes an announcement acceptable to ASX about its future activities.

Shareholders should note however that the Company has already announced (on 15 November 2016) that pursuant to a letter of intent, the Company and BigDish are working towards an agreement whereby the Company would acquire 100% of BigDish subject, *inter alia*, to a number of material conditions. As the possible acquisition of BigDish would, should it proceed, be a Reverse Takeover under the AIM Rules and a back-door listing for the purposes of the ASX Listing Rules, trading in the Company's shares on ASX and AIM has already been suspended from 15 November 2016. Under AIM Rule 41, the London Stock Exchange will cancel the admission of a Company's shares from trading on AIM where these shares have been suspended from trading for six months (**Rule 41 Deadline**).

Accordingly, the Company must by 15 May 2017 (being the Rule 41 Deadline) satisfy the readmission requirements of ASX and as applicable AIM (including re-compliance with Chapters 1 and 2 of the Listing Rules and the publication of an AIM Admission Document) or otherwise confirm that the acquisition is not proceeding, failing which the Shares will otherwise be cancelled from trading on AIM.

If the Company announces before the Rule 41 Deadline that it is not proceeding with the BigDish acquisition, subject to further consultation with ASX and AIM, the Shares may recommence trading on AIM and ASX. In such circumstances, the Company would then be subject to the Rule 15 Deadline which, for these purposes would be six months from the date of the Disposal.

#### 1.10 Consequences of the Disposal not proceeding

If Shareholders do not approve the Disposal then the Company will remain liable for future costs and licence renewal fees with respect to the Ivrea Nickel Project. The Company considers that it has insufficient working capital to cover these future costs. While the Company is able to make a request to its current lender to drawdown the remaining balance of its £200,000 loan this in itself will not be sufficient to cover the future costs that will be incurred in connection with the Ivrea Nickel Project, as well as the ongoing costs of the Company. In this circumstance, the Company will need to undertake a further capital raising in order to meet its obligations. There is no guarantee that any further capital raising would be successful which would lead to the Company being in default of its obligations under the Ivrea Nickel Project licence arrangements and could potentially lead to the relinquishment of the licences for nil consideration and, subject to any valid alternative transactions, to the winding up of KEC as soon as possible.

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#### 1.11 Related party matters

As the Purchaser, Christopher Reindler, is a director of KEC he is a related party and the proposed Disposal is a related party transaction for the purposes of Rule 13 of the AIM Rules. As previously announced, the Directors, having consulted with the Company's nominated adviser, consider that the Disposal is fair and reasonable insofar as Shareholders are concerned. In reaching this conclusion the Directors have taken into account the factors outlined above in section 1.6 (Advantages and disadvantages of the Disposal).

## 1.12 Future intentions of the Company

As stated above, on 15 November 2016, the Company announced the potential acquisition of BigDish which would amount to a reverse takeover under the AIM Rules and a back-door listing under the Listing Rules. The potential acquisition is subject to a number of material conditions, including completion of due diligence by both parties, documentation, funding and compliance with all regulatory requirements, including the AIM Rules, Listing Rules and Shareholder approval.

The Company is in the process of working through the various regulatory hurdles and preparing the documentation necessary for Shareholders to consider, and if thought fit, approve, the acquisition of BigDish, but it is not guaranteed that the transaction will proceed.

If the Company completes the acquisition of BigDish by 15 May 2017 and the Shares are re-admitted to quotation on ASX and trading on AIM, the requirements of the AIM Rules and Listing Rules as outlined in section 1.9 should be satisfied. However, if the acquisition of BigDish does not complete by 15 May 2017, the quotation of the Shares on ASX will remain suspended. In addition, unless the Company otherwise confirms that the acquisition is not proceeding, trading in the Shares on AIM will also remain suspended and the Shares may be cancelled from trading in accordance with the AIM Rules and Listing Rules as outlined in section 1.9.

#### 1.13 Board recommendation

The Board unanimously recommends that Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolution.

## **GLOSSARY**

\$ means Australian dollars.

**AIM** means a market of that name operated by the London Stock Exchange.

**AIM Rules** means the listing rules for AIM.

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by ASX Limited, as the context requires.

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

Chair means the chair of the Meeting.

Company means Nyota Minerals Limited (ACN 060 938 552).

Corporations Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

**CREST** means the Certificateless Registry for Electronic Share Transfer which is the central securities depository for markets in the United Kingdom.

Depositary Interest means a unit of beneficial ownership of a Share.

**DI Holder** means a registered holder of a Depositary Interest.

**Directors** means the current directors of the Company.

Disposal means the sale of the Company's main undertaking on the terms set out in the KEC Agreement.

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

**Form of Instruction** means the form of instruction accompanying this Notice of Meeting provided to holders of Depositary Interests.

Galerno Licence means the exploration licence covering a portion of the Ivrea gabbroic complex.

**GMT** means Greenwich Mean Time as observed in London, England.

**Ivrea Nickel Project** means the nickel-copper mining project located in the Piemonte region of northwest Italy.

KEC means KEC Exploration Pty Limited (ACN 127 180 410).

**KEC Agreement** means the conditional agreement between the Company and the Purchaser for sale of the Main Asset.

Listing Rules means the Listing Rules of ASX.

**Meeting** means the extraordinary general meeting of the Company convened by the Notice of Meeting.

**Notice of Meeting** means this notice of meeting including the Explanatory Statement, Proxy Form and Form of Instruction.

NSR means Net Smelter Return.

**Proxy Form** means the proxy form accompanying the Notice of Meeting provided to holders of Shares.

Purchaser means Christopher Reindler.

**Resolution** means the resolution set out in the Notice of Meeting.

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

**Shareholder** means a registered holder of a Share and / or a Depositary Interest.