

# **Audit and Risk Committee Charter**

**Biome Australia Limited**  
ACN 627 364 014  
**(Company)**

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## **1 Purpose and authority**

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### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this Audit and Risk Committee Charter is to specify the authority delegated to the Audit and Risk Committee (**Committee**) by the board of directors of the Company (**Board**) and to set out the role, responsibilities, membership and operation of the Committee.

References in this Charter to the Company include reference to Biome Australia Limited and all of its subsidiaries.

### **1.2 Authority**

The Committee is a committee of the Board established in accordance with the Company's constitution and is authorised by the Board to assist it in fulfilling its statutory and regulatory responsibilities. It has the authority and power to exercise the responsibilities set out in this charter and under any separate resolutions of the Board granted to it from time to time.

## **2 Role of the Committee**

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The role of the Committee is to assist the Board in carrying out its accounting, auditing and financial reporting responsibilities, including oversight of:

- (a) the integrity of the Company's financial reporting systems, internal and external financial reporting and financial statements;
- (b) the appointment, remuneration, independence and competence of the Company's external auditors;
- (c) the performance of the external audit functions and review of their audits;
- (d) the effectiveness of the Company's system of risk management and internal controls; and
- (e) the Company's systems and procedures for compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

## **3 Audit and risk responsibilities**

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### **3.1 External reporting**

The Committee is responsible for:

- (a) reviewing the appropriateness of the accounting judgements or choices exercised by management in the composition and presentation of financial reports;
- (b) overseeing the preparation of financial reports and reviewing the results of external audits of these reports;
- (c) overseeing the preparation of any reports to be released to the market that are not audited or reviewed by an external auditor and disclosing the Company's process to verify the integrity of any such report;
- (d) reviewing the Company's Whistleblower Policy annually to ensure it is up to date;
- (e) assessing significant estimates and judgements in financial reports by examining the processes used to derive material estimates and judgements and seeking verification of those estimates from external auditors;

- (f) reviewing and making recommendations in relation to the adequacy of the Company's corporate reporting processes and internal control framework;
- (g) reviewing management's processes for ensuring and monitoring compliance with laws, regulations and other requirements relating to the preparation of accounts and external reporting by the Company of financial and non-financial information;
- (h) assessing (before publication) whether external reporting is consistent with the understanding of the Committee members and otherwise provide a true and fair view of, the financial position and performance of the Company;
- (i) reviewing material documents and reports prepared for lodgement with regulators, assessing their impact on the Company and making recommendations to the Board on their approval or amendment;
- (j) ensuring that a comprehensive process is established to capture issues for the purpose of continuous reporting to ASX;
- (k) reviewing the completeness and accuracy of the Company's main corporate governance practices as required by the ASX Listing Rules;
- (l) assessing information from external auditors that affects the quality of financial reports;
- (m) asking the external auditor for an independent judgement about the appropriateness of the accounting principles used and the clarity of financial disclosure practices used by the Company;
- (n) assessing solvency and the going concern assumption;
- (o) assessing the management of non-financial information in documents to ensure that conflicts with financial statements and other documents do not occur; and
- (p) recommending to the Board whether the financial and non-financial statements should be signed based on the Committee's assessment of them.

### 3.2 External audit

The Committee is responsible for:

- (a) making recommendations to the Board on the appointment and remuneration of the external auditor and, if appropriate, recommending that tenders be called to assist in deciding which external auditor should be recommended;
- (b) reviewing the fees payable to the external auditor for audit and non-audit work;
- (c) making recommendations to the Board on the rotation of the audit engagement partner;
- (d) agreeing the terms of engagement of the external auditor before the start of each audit;
- (e) reviewing the external auditor's fee and being satisfied that an effective, comprehensive and complete audit can be conducted for the external auditor's set fee;
- (f) monitoring the effectiveness and independence of the external auditor, and periodically assessing their performance;
- (g) reviewing the external auditor's independence based on the external auditor's relationships and services with the Company and other organisations;
- (h) assessing whether the external auditor's provision of non-audit services impairs or appears to impair their judgement or independence and, if required, developing policies for Board approval to ensure this does not occur;
- (i) making recommendations to the Board on the removal of the external auditor;
- (j) ensuring that any recommendation to replace the external auditor is carefully evaluated before the Board makes a final decision;

- (k) inviting the external auditor to attend Committee meetings to review the audit plan, discuss audit results and consider the implications of external audit findings;
- (l) reviewing the scope and adequacy of the external audit, including identified risk areas and any additional procedures, with the external auditor on a periodic basis;
- (m) raising with the external auditor any specific points of divergence with the Company's management;
- (n) monitoring and examining management's response to the external auditor's findings and recommendations;
- (o) reviewing all representation letters signed by management and ensuring all information provided is complete and appropriate; and
- (p) meeting with the external auditor without management present at least once a year.

### 3.3 Risk management

The Committee is responsible for:

- (a) preparing a risk profile that describes the material risks facing the Company including financial and non-financial matters;
- (b) regularly reviewing and updating the risk profile and ensuring the Company is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the Board and advise in each reporting period whether this review has taken place;
- (c) ensuring that the Company has an effective risk management system;
- (d) assessing and ensuring that there are internal controls for determining and managing key risk areas, such as, for example:
  - (i) non-compliance with laws, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines including industrial relations, occupational health and safety, environmental and trade practices laws (as relevant to the Company from time to time);
  - (ii) important judgements and accounting estimates;
  - (iii) business licence requirements;
  - (iv) litigation and claims;
  - (v) fraud and theft; and
  - (vi) relevant business risks not dealt with by other Board committees;
- (e) receiving reports concerning material and actual incidents within the risk areas above and ensuring that macro risks are reported to the Board at least annually;
- (f) conducting investigations of breaches or potential breaches of any internal controls, and incidents within the risk areas above, particularly in relation to accounts and financial reporting;
- (g) evaluating the independence of external auditors;
- (h) examining and evaluating the effectiveness of the external auditors and making improvements;
- (i) encouraging voluntary reporting by employees to the Committee of breaches of Company policies, and incidents within the risk areas above;
- (j) assessing existing controls that management has in place for unusual transactions or transactions with more than an accepted level of risk;
- (k) meeting periodically with key management, external auditors and compliance staff to understand the Company's control environment;

- (l) overseeing the preparation of a summary of the main internal and external risk sources that could adversely affect the Company's prospects for future financial years, for inclusion in the operating and financial review section of the directors report; and
- (m) ensuring that the Company has appropriate internal audit systems and controls in place.

### 3.4 **Related party transactions**

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring the propriety of related party transactions.

## **4 Membership**

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### 4.1 **Composition and size the Committee will consist of:**

- (a) non-executive directors and other persons who have the technical expertise;
- (b) a majority of independent directors; and
- (c) at least three members; and
- (d) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board.

Membership is reviewed periodically and re-appointment to the Committee is not automatic. Appointments and resignations are decided by the Board.

### 4.2 **Chairperson**

The chairperson of the Committee must be an independent non-executive director who is not the chairperson of the Board.

The chairperson of the Committee is appointed by the Board. If, for a particular Committee meeting, the Committee chairperson is not present within 10 minutes of the nominated starting time of the meeting, the Committee may elect a chairperson for the meeting or reschedule the meeting.

### 4.3 **Technical expertise**

The Committee must be structured so that, between them, the members of the Committee should have the accounting and financial expertise and a sufficient understanding of the industry in which the Company operates, to be able to discharge the Committee's duties effectively.

### 4.4 **Skills development**

If the Committee chairperson approves, a Committee member may attend seminars or training related to the functions and responsibilities of the Committee at the Company's expense.

### 4.5 **Commitment of Committee members**

Committee members must devote the necessary time and attention for the Committee to carry out its responsibilities.

At the first Committee meeting after their appointment and when the Board reviews Committee membership, each Committee member must confirm that they are able to devote sufficient time and attention to the Committee for the coming year.

### 4.6 **Secretary**

The company secretary is the secretary of the Committee.

## **5 Committee meetings and processes**

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### **5.1 Meetings**

Meetings and proceedings of the Committee are governed by the provisions in the Company's constitution regulating meetings and proceedings of the Board and committees of the Board in so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent with this charter.

The Committee must refer any matter of significant importance to the Board for its consideration and attention.

### **5.2 Frequency and calling of meetings**

The Committee will meet as frequently as required to undertake its role effectively. The chairperson must call a meeting of the Committee if requested by any member of the Committee, the external auditor or the chairperson of the Board.

### **5.3 Quorum**

Two directors constitute a quorum for meetings of the Committee.

### **5.4 Attendance by management and advisors**

The managing director and the chief financial officer of the Company are expected to attend each scheduled meeting of the Committee and a standing invitation will be issued to the external auditors.

The Committee chairperson may also invite directors who are not members of the Committee, other senior managers and external advisors to attend meetings of the Committee. The Committee may request management and/or others to provide such input and advice as is required.

### **5.5 Agenda and documents**

The chairperson of the Committee determines the meeting agenda after appropriate consultation.

The secretary distributes the agenda and any related documents to all Committee members and other attendees before each proposed meeting.

### **5.6 Access to information and advisors**

The chairperson of the Committee receives all reports between the external auditor and management.

The Committee has the authority to:

- (a) require management or others to attend meetings and to provide any information or advice that the Committee requires;
- (b) access the Company's documents and records;
- (c) obtain the advice of special or independent counsel, accountants or other experts, without seeking approval of the Board or management (where the committee considers that necessary or appropriate); and
- (d) access and interview management and external auditors (with or without management present).

### **5.7 Minutes**

The secretary will keep minute books to record the proceedings and resolutions of its meetings.

The chairperson of the Committee, or delegate, will report to the Board after each Committee meeting. Minutes of Committee meetings will be included in the papers for the next Board meeting after each Committee meeting.

## **6 Committee's performance evaluation**

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The Committee will review its performance from time to time and whenever there are major changes to the management structure of the Company.

The performance evaluation will have regard to the extent to which the Company has met its responsibilities in terms of this charter.

## **7 Review and publication of charter**

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The Board will review this charter annually to ensure it remains relevant to the current needs of the Company. The charter may be amended by resolution of the Board.

The charter and relevant qualifications and experience of Committee members will be available on the Company's website. For each reporting period, the Board will also disclose the attendance at and frequency of Committee meetings.

Key features are published in:

- (a) either the annual report or on the Company's website; and
- (b) in the Appendix 4G to be lodged with the ASX at the same time as lodgement of the annual report.

**Approved by the Board on 30 September 2021**