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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Annual General Meeting of Brickworks Limited will take place on Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 12:00 noon (AEDT) in the Ballroom at The Establishment, Level 2, 252 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

## Ordinary Business

## 1. Financial Reports

To receive and consider the Financial Report of Brickworks Ltd and the Brickworks Group, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, for the financial year ended 31 July 2024.

## 2. Remuneration Report

To adopt the remuneration report for the financial year ended 31 July 2024.

Please refer to the attached Explanatory Notes for information regarding voting by key management personnel.

The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 2.

## 3. Grant of Performance Rights to the Chief Executive Officer

That approval is given for all purposes under the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rule 7.1 and for all other purposes for the grant to the Chief Executive Officer of performance rights up to a maximum value of AUD 975,000 under the Executive Rights Plan (**Performance Rights**). The maximum number of Performance Rights to be granted to the Chief Executive Officer shall be determined by dividing the maximum value of Performance Rights of AUD 975,000 by the volume weighted average price (**VWAP**) of Company shares traded on the ASX over the 5 trading days prior to the grant date (as adjusted after the vesting of the Performance Rights).

Please refer to the attached Explanatory Notes for information regarding voting exclusions.

The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 3.

## 4. Re-election and election of Directors

(a) That Mr R. Millner, who retires as a Director in accordance with article 6.3(b) of the Company's Constitution and being eligible for re-election, be re-appointed as a Director.

The Deputy Chair of the meeting (as Chairman of the meeting in relation to the part of the meeting that deals with the election of Mr R. Millner) intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 4(a).

(b) That Mr T. Barlow, who was appointed as a Director of the Company on 14 June 2024 and, being eligible, offers himself for election as a Director in accordance with Listing Rule 14.4.

The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 4(b).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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# Other Information

## **Entitlement to Vote**

The Board has determined that for the purpose of determining entitlements to attend and vote at the meeting, shares will be taken to be held by the persons who are the registered holders at 12.00 noon (AEDT) on 24 November 2024. Accordingly, share transfers registered after that time will be disregarded in determining entitlements to attend and vote at the meeting.

## **Voting Restrictions and Exclusions**

## **Remuneration Report (Resolution 2)**

The Company will disregard any votes cast on this Resolution – by or on behalf of the Company's key management personnel (including the directors) (**KMP**), details of whose remuneration are included in the Remuneration Report and their closely related parties whether as a shareholder or as a proxy.

However, a vote may be cast on Resolution 2 by a KMP or a closely related party of a KMP if the vote is not cast on behalf of a KMP or a closely related party of a KMP and either:

- (a) the vote is cast as a proxy appointed in writing that specified how the proxy is to vote on Resolution 2; or
- (b) the vote is cast as a proxy by the Chairman of the meeting and the voting form expressly authorises the Chairman to exercise the proxy even though Resolution 2 is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the KMP.

## Grant of Performance Rights to the Chief Executive Officer (Resolution 3)

The Company will disregard any votes on Resolution 3:

- (a) cast in favour of this Resolution by or on behalf of Mr Mark Ellenor and any of his associates (regardless of the capacity in which the vote is cast) whether as a shareholder or a proxy; or
- (b) cast as proxy by a person who is a member of the Company's KMP on the date of the meeting, or their closely related parties.

However, votes will not be disregarded if they are cast on Resolution 3:

- (c) by a person as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 3, in accordance with directions given to the proxy or attorney to vote on Resolution 3 in that way;
- (d) by the Chairman of the meeting as proxy or attorney for a person who is entitled to vote on Resolution 3 in accordance with an express authorisation in the proxy form to exercise the proxy even though the resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the Company's KMP; or
- (e) by a holder acting solely in a nominee, trustee, custodial or other fiduciary capacity on behalf of a beneficiary provided the following conditions are met:
  - the beneficiary provides written confirmation to the holder that the beneficiary is not excluded from voting, and is not an associate of a person excluded from voting, on Resolution 3; and
  - the holder votes on Resolution 3 in accordance with directions given by the beneficiary to the holder to vote in that way.

## Undirected proxy voting by the Chairman of the meeting (Resolutions 2 and 3)

If the Chairman of the meeting is your proxy or is appointed your proxy by default, and you do not direct your proxy how to vote on Resolution 2 or 3 on the voting form, you will be expressly authorising the Chairman of the meeting to exercise the proxy even though that Resolution is connected directly or indirectly with the remuneration of a member of the KMP.

## How to ask questions

Shareholders may ask questions by:

- attending the meeting in person or by proxy or attorney and asking questions during the meeting; and
- submitting written questions prior to the meeting by emailing AGM@brickworks.com.au or mailed to Company Secretary, Brickworks Ltd, Level 9, 60 Carrington Street Sydney, NSW 2000, and should clearly identify your name and SRN or HIN.

It may not be possible for the Company to respond to all questions.

## How to Vote

Shareholders may vote by:

- attending the meeting in person or by attorney and by direct voting during the meeting;
- by proxy (see below); or
- by corporate representative in the case of corporate shareholders (see below).

All Resolutions will be decided by poll.

## **Proxies**

- (a) A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint not more than 2 proxies.
- (b) Where 2 proxies are appointed and the appointment does not specify the proportion or number of the member's votes, each proxy may exercise half of the votes.
- (c) A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- (d) A voting form must be signed by the member or his or her attorney. Proxies given by corporations must be signed under seal, under section 127 of the Corporations Act or under the hand of the authorised officer or attorney.

- (e) Voting forms must be lodged with the Secretary of the Company in accordance with the instructions on the voting form, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting either by returning the enclosed voting form by:
  - (i) mail to Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited, GPO Box 242 Melbourne, Victoria 3001 Australia; or
  - (ii) by fax to 1800 783 447 (within Australia) or +61 3 9473 2555 (outside Australia).

Alternatively, proxy instructions can be submitted electronically to the Company's share registrar by visiting http://www.investorvote.com.au/bkw and Intermediary Online subscribers only (custodians) should visit www.intermediaryonline.com. A voting form accompanies this notice.

- (f) Members should consider directing their proxy as to how to vote on each resolution by crossing a "For", "Against" or "Abstain" box when completing their voting form to ensure that their proxy is permitted to vote on their behalf in accordance with their instructions.
- (g) If your proxy chooses to vote, they must vote in accordance with your directions on the proxy form. If you have directed your proxy how to vote, and they fail to attend the meeting or they choose not to vote on a poll, then the Chairman will vote your proxies as directed by you.

## Direct voting at the meeting

This year's AGM is being held physically only, and therefore votes may be cast directly by shareholders only in person during the meeting.

Shareholders who cast a vote by proxy on a resolution before the AGM will still be entitled to lodge a direct vote on that resolution in person during the meeting, with the later vote overriding the earlier vote.

### **Corporate representatives**

A member that is a body corporate may appoint an individual to act as its representative at the meeting. Unless otherwise specified in the appointment, the representative may exercise, on the body corporate's behalf, all or any of the powers that the body corporate could exercise at the meeting or in voting on a resolution.

Appointments may be lodged in advance of the meeting at the Company's registered office or share registry (details on the voting form).

## Explanatory Statement

This statement explains the items of business to be considered at the meeting and should be read in conjunction with the notice of meeting.

## **Resolution 1** Receive and consider the financial and other reports

The full year results of Brickworks Limited (**Company** or **Brickworks**) are available either in the Annual Report sent to those shareholders who elected to receive the Annual Report, or on the Company's website (investors.brickworks.com.au).

This item does not require voting by shareholders. It is intended to provide an opportunity for shareholders to raise questions on the financial reports and on the performance and management of the Company.

The auditors of the Company, EY, will also be present at the meeting, and will be available to answer any questions relevant to the financial reports, including:

- the conduct of the audit;
- b the preparation and content of the auditor's report;
- the accounting policies adopted by the Company; and
- b the independence of the auditor.

#### **Resolution 2**

## Adopt the remuneration report for the year ended 31 July 2024

The Corporations Act requires listed companies to present their remuneration report for adoption by shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting (**AGM**). The vote on this Resolution is advisory only, and does not bind the directors or the Company.

The Brickworks Board (**Board**) is committed to ensuring that the remuneration framework is focused on driving a performance culture that is closely aligned to the achievement of the Company's strategy and business objectives as well as the retention of key members of the senior management team.

The Directors unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2.

### **Resolution 3**

Grant of Performance Rights to the Chief Executive Officer under the Brickworks Executive Rights Plan for FY2024

### Background

In 2019 the Company introduced an Executive Rights Plan (**Plan**) which is designed to reward the Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer if the strategic long-term goals for the Company are achieved over a 3 year period.

This Plan is weighted toward achieving long term growth and financial performance, based on objective measurable goals, and to align with growth in shareholder value.

## Chief Executive Officer's participation in the Plan for FY2024

Resolution 3 seeks shareholder approval for the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) to participate in the Plan and for the grant of Performance Rights to Mr Ellenor under the Plan to be allocated following the 2024 AGM.

The key terms of the Plan together with Mr Ellenor's participation in the Plan for FY2025 are set out below.

## Why is shareholder approval being sought?

The Company is currently seeking approval for the equity grants under the Plan as a matter of good corporate governance and in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 7.1. The Board will exercise its discretion in determining how to source any shares at the relevant time with the best interests of the Company's shareholders in mind.

If shareholders' approval is given under ASX Listing Rule 7.1, the Performance Rights granted to Mr Ellenor and any shares issued pursuant to that approval will not be included within the limit of 15% of issued equity securities that can be issued by the Company without shareholder approval.

## What if shareholder approval is not obtained?

If shareholders' approval is not given, the Board will consider alternative arrangements to appropriately remunerate and incentivise Mr Ellenor.

## Incentive opportunity under the Plan

For FY2025 the CEO's maximum long-term incentive (**LTI**) opportunity is 75% of his total fixed remuneration (including base salary, car allowance and superannuation). The CEO's target STI opportunity is 75% of total fixed remuneration and his maximum short-term incentive (**STI**) opportunity is 90% of total fixed remuneration.

## Details of the CEO's FY2025 LTI grant

The CEO's LTI will be granted as exercisable Performance Rights. A Performance Right is a right to receive an ordinary share in the Company at no cost, subject to the satisfaction of performance conditions. However, the Company retains discretion to pay a cash equivalent payment (either fully or partly) instead of allocating shares (for example, this will often be appropriate where Performance Rights vest after cessation of employment).

## **Dividends and voting rights**

The Performance Rights do not have voting rights attached to them.

In order to align the participants' and shareholders' interests, the CEO will be compensated at the end of the performance period for dividends during the performance period on those Performance Rights that meet the performance criteria. No compensation will be provided for dividends on the Performance Rights that do not meet the performance criteria.

## Quantum and number of Performance Rights

The CEO's maximum LTI opportunity for FY2025 is AUD 975,000 and the CEO will be awarded a maximum number of Performance Rights determined by dividing the maximum opportunity by the volume weighted average price (**VWAP**) of Company shares traded on the ASX 5 trading days prior to the grant date.

However, the Board has the discretion to reduce the number of Performance Rights awarded if the Board determines in good faith that it is necessary in order to ensure that no inappropriate benefit is obtained by the CEO.

The Performance Rights will only vest if the performance hurdles are met at the end of a 3 year performance period, ending on 31 July 2027, subject to the discretion of the Board (as outlined below).

After vesting and exercise, each Performance Right is adjusted in accordance with the following formula:

#### (1 + Adjustment Number)

Where:

Adjustment Number means the Notional Dividend Value divided by the volume weighted average of the selling price of the Company's shares recorded on the ASX over 5 ASX trading days immediately preceding the exercise date that the exercised Performance Right is equity settled and/or cash settled or such other period as determined by the Board.

**Holding Period** means, in respect of a Performance Right, the period between the first day of the financial year of the Company in which the Grant Date occurs and the exercise date of the Award.

**Notional Dividend Value** means the value (expressed in dollars) equal to the aggregate amount of dividends that would have been payable to the CEO on one share of the Company with dividend record dates occurring during the Holding Period, such value to be grossed up or otherwise adjusted to account for:

- (A) the value of any franking credits and tax offsets which would have been available to the CEO had the CEO actually been paid the dividends referred to above; and
- (B) the time value of money during the period elapsed between the time the relevant party would have been paid each relevant dividend and the exercise date of the Performance Right.

The maximum number of shares in the Company that may be received by the CEO is equal to the maximum number of Performance Rights as adjusted.

No exercise price will be payable by the CEO upon the exercise of the Performance Rights.

## Performance hurdles for the FY2025 LTI award

The Performance Rights will only vest if the performance hurdles are met at the end of a 3 year performance period, ending on 31 July 2027. The Board may exercise discretion at the time of testing for vesting purposes to ensure that LTI outcomes reflect overall performance and are appropriate.

Subject to the above, there is no retesting of the hurdles if they fail the test. Any Performance Rights that do not meet the vesting criteria by the second test date will lapse. Any Performance Rights that vest will become exercisable (at no cost to the CEO) for a period of up to 3 years from the vesting date. Any Performance Rights that remain unexercised at the end of this period will lapse. The 2 performance hurdles are as follows:

## Performance hurdles

50% of the award is subject to Brickworks relative total shareholder return (**TSR**) vesting condition under which Brickworks TSR is compared to the companies in the S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit Adjusted Annual Total Return Index (**XJOAI Franked**) over a period of 3 years from 1 August 2024 up to and including 31 July 2027 (subject to the discretion of the Board). The remaining 50% of the award is subject to an absolute TSR vesting condition also over the same period.

## Relative TSR

For the relative TSR measure, the vesting schedule is:

BKW's TSR inclusive of Grossed Dividends as a % of XJOAI Franked	Level of Vesting
Below the median	0% vesting
At the median	50% vesting
Between the median and the 60th percentile	Pro rata vesting on a straight line basis between 50 and 100%
At the 60th percentile or above	100% vesting

## Absolute TSR

The Absolute TSR is equivalent to the sum of the grossedup dividend yield plus or minus the movement in the 90 day VWAP's during the year under review. The vesting schedule is:

Absolute after tax (pre-tax with gross up for dividend component) annual compounding TSR Target over the performance period	Level of Vesting
Less than 6%	0% vesting
Equal to 6%	50% vesting
Between 6% and 8%	Pro rata vesting on a straight line basis between 50% and 100%
Equal to 8% or greater	100% vesting

The Board believes that these measures, when combined with the short-term incentive, provides the most suitable link to longterm security holder value creation because:

- absolute TSR ensures vesting is commensurate with the Company's actual TSR, meaning there are no awards when TSR is negative and it also provides a good line of sight for the CEO and Chief Financial Officer (CFO);
- measuring TSR on a relative basis levels the playing field by removing overall market movements and industry economics for the evaluation of CEO and CFO performance, relative TSR provides a relative, external market performance measure having regard to a peer group of ASX200 companies with which the Company competes for capital, customers and talent;
- the use of relative TSR ensures that the CEO and CFO are motivated to deliver returns that are superior to what a security holder could achieve in the broader market and ensures as the most senior management they maintain a strong focus on security holder outcomes;
- Brickworks calculates its after tax TSR incorporating the full value of franking credits. The S&P ASX 200 Franking Credit adjusted annual total return Index also adjusts the total return for the tax effect of franking credits;
- the use of the S&P ASX 200 Franking Credit adjusted annual total return Index was chosen as the relative performance target following testing of this group against a range of historical and future share price/payout scenarios to confirm that outcomes align with the Company's historical notion of superior long-term performance. The XJOAI Franked measure adjusts the total return of the S&P / ASX 200 Accumulation Index for franked dividends to ensure consistency of calculation. This Index is readily available and simple to use as a comparator for a Group that spans across the building materials and property development sectors. Given the diverse nature of the Brickworks Group and the size of Brickworks investment in Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited (and its investment profile) this remains the most appropriate index to compare Brickworks performance. The hurdles are reviewed annually by the Board and the Board believes that the TSR measures will drive outperformance without encouraging excessive risk taking; and
- while the Board appreciates that there are at times different views held by different stakeholders, it considers that these measures provide the appropriate balance between market and non-market measures.

The share price used at commencement of each tranche for assessing both relative and absolute TSR performance of Brickworks shares is the 90 day Volume Weighted Average Price (**VWAP**) prior to 31 July 2024. The actual share price used to compare to the TSR target share price is the 90 day VWAP prior to the relevant test date.

## **Cessation of employment**

Unvested Performance Rights will generally remain on foot subject to the original performance hurdles and will be tested in the normal course.

Unvested Performance Rights will be forfeited if Mr Ellenor's employment is terminated for cause.

## Clawback

The Board and the Remuneration Committee have discretion with regard to the remuneration outcomes including the LTI wherever and whenever this is considered appropriate. *This discretion also applies in the event of financial misstatement, reputational damage and/or evidence of misconduct.* 

## Change of Control

If a change of control event occurs in relation to Brickworks then any shares held by the employee share plan trust on behalf of a participant will vest upon a change of control event.

## Other information provided

For alignment of interests, the Company's CFO is also entitled to participate in the Plan (and this will apply to the holders of that position during the financial year). The CFO will receive 100% of his FY25 LTI (being 65% of his total fixed remuneration) subject to the same relative and absolute performance measures as outlined in this Notice for Meeting for the CEO.

Any Performance Rights issued to Mr Ellenor under the Plan with shareholder approval are issued at no cost to him as they form part of his remuneration.

No loans will be made by the Company in relation to the acquisition of securities under the Plan. It is intended that the Performance Rights will be granted to Mr Ellenor shortly after shareholder approval is granted and no later than 3 months after the 2024 AGM.

The CEO's current total remuneration package is as follows:	FY2025 (AUD)
Base fees/ Salary inc Superannuation	\$1,250,000
Car Allowance	\$50,000
Total Fixed remuneration (TFR)	\$1,300,000
Non-monetary benefits	\$10,697
Short term incentive at maximum	75 % of TFR at target 90% of TFR at maximum
Long term incentive	75% of TFR

Securities will only be issued to the CEO if the performance hurdles are met at the end of a 3-year performance period, ending on 31 July 2027. Should that occur, they will be issued at no cost to the CEO.

Performance rights (that meet the performance hurdles) are adjusted for any future dividends.

The Directors unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 3.

## **Further Information**

Details of any securities issued under the Plan will be published in the Brickworks annual report relating to the period in which they were issued, along with a statement that approval for the issue was obtained under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

## **Resolution 4(a)** Re-election of Mr R Millner

Under the Constitution of Brickworks the term of a Director's appointment is 3 years, after which that Director must retire as a Director and may stand for re-election at the AGM of the Company. Details of the skills and experience of Mr R. Millner, as outlined in the 2024 Annual Report of the Company, are as follows:

## **Robert D. Millner AO**

B.Bus (Accounting), GAICD

#### Chairman

Mr R. Millner is the non-executive Chairman of the Board. He first joined the Board in 1997 and was appointed Chairman in 1999.

Mr Millner brings to the Board broad corporate, investment, portfolio and asset management experience gained across diverse sectors including telecommunications, mining, manufacturing, health, finance, energy, industrial and property investment in Australia and overseas.

He is an accomplished company director with an extensive understanding of governance and compliance, reporting, media and investor relations. Mr Millner was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia in June 2023 for "distinguished service to business, to rugby union as an administrator, and to the community through philanthropic contributions".

He is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

Mr Millner holds directorships in the following listed companies:

- Aeris Resources Limited
- Apex Healthcare Berhad
- BKI Investment Company Limited
- New Hope Corporation Limited
- TPG Telecom Limited
- Tuas Limited
- Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Limited

During the last three years, Mr Millner also held a listed company directorship in Milton Corporation Limited (delisted from ASX October 2021).

The Directors (with Mr R. Millner abstaining) support the re-election and unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4(a).

The Deputy Chair of the meeting (as Chairman of the meeting in relation to the part of the meeting that deals with election of Mr R. Millner) intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 4(a).

## Resolution 4(b)

## Election of Mr T. Barlow

Under ASX Listing Rule 14.4, a director appointed as an addition to the Board must not hold office (without re-election) past the next AGM. Details of the skills and experience of Mr T. Barlow, as outlined in the 2024 Annual Report of the Company, are as follows:

## Todd J. Barlow

B.Bus, LLB(Hons)

#### Non-executive Director

Mr Barlow was appointed to the Board on 14 June 2024.

Mr Barlow has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, equity capital markets and investing. His career has spanned positions in law and investment banking in Sydney and Hong Kong.

Mr Barlow has been CEO and Managing Director of Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Limited (Soul Patts) since 2015, having previously been the Managing Director of Pitt Capital Partners Limited for 5 years. He has extensive listed company experience and has been responsible for numerous Soul Patt's investments since joining the Soul Patts Group in 2004.

Mr Barlow has a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Technology, Sydney.

He is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

Mr Barlow holds a listed company directorships in Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Limited.

During the last three years, Mr Barlow also held a listed company directorship with New Hope Corporation Limited (resigned 30 June 2024).

Brickworks undertakes appropriate background checks before a new candidate is recommended for election. Mr Barlow has been a director of Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Limited for a significant period and has been a listed company director on many occasions, accordingly the Board is satisfied as to his experience, educational qualifications, character, criminal record and bankruptcy history.

## The Directors (with Mr T. Barlow abstaining) support the election and unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 4(b).

The Chairman of the meeting intends to vote all undirected proxies in favour of Resolution 4(b).

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