### **VISIONEERING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

### **BOARD CHARTER**

# 1 Introduction

The purpose of this Board Charter (**Charter**) is to set out the role, responsibilities, structure and processes for the Board of Directors (**Board**) of Visioneering Technologies, Inc. (**VTI**).

## 2 Role, objectives and duties

## 2.1 Role

The role of the Board is to demonstrate leadership, define the Company's purpose, establish strategic objectives, approve the Company's statement of values and code of conduct and oversight of management for the Company

### 2.2 Key objectives

The Board of VTI is ultimately responsible for the overall direction of VTI and oversight and review of the management, administration and overall governance of VTI, including:

- (a) the protection of securityholders' interests;
- (b) authorising policies and overseeing the strategic direction of VTI;
- (c) establishing goals for management and monitoring the achievement of these goals; and
- (d) engaging, reviewing and replacing the Chief Executive Officer.

The Board does not participate in the day-to-day affairs or management of VTI.

### 2.3 Duties of the Board

In carrying out its responsibilities the Board will at all times recognise its responsibility:

- (a) to act honestly, fairly and diligently in the best interests of all stockholders;
- (b) to act in accordance with relevant laws and regulations;
- (c) to act in accordance with all relevant VTI group policies; and
- (d) to avoid or manage conflicts of interests.

# **3** Composition of the Board and term of office

## 3.1 Composition

The Board will, subject to the provisions of VTI's constituent documents, be responsible for:

- (a) determining the size and composition of the Board;
- (b) considering the necessary and desirable competencies of Board members;

- (c) reviewing membership of the Board and considering the appointment and re-election of Board members; and
- (d) appointing the Chairman of the Board.

The Board will ideally be composed of:

- (a) a majority of independent non-executive directors;
- (b) directors with an appropriate range of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity;
- (c) directors who can understand and competently deal with current and emerging business issues; and
- (d) directors who can effectively review and challenge the performance of management and exercise independent judgement.

As a relatively small company (amongst those listed on the ASX), VTI may face particular issues in ensuring that aspects of the ideal composition for the Board (as set out above and in section 6.1 below) is met. While VTI will aim for the Board to have a majority of independent directors and an independent Chairman, this may not always be possible, particularly while the operations of VTI are at the development and early commercialisation stage.

## 3.2 Independence

- (a) If a director is or becomes aware of any information, facts or circumstances that will or may affect that director's independence, the director must immediately disclose all relevant details in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman.
- (b) The Board will regularly assess the independence of each non-executive director. The assessment will ideally be made at least annually. The outcome of this assessment will be included in the Corporate Governance Statement. In the case of changes in a non-executive director's interests, positions, associations or relationships, the review should be made as soon as practicable after the Board becomes aware of the change. If the Board determines that a director's status as an independent director has changed, the determination will be disclosed and explained to the market in a timely manner.
- (c) An independent director is a non-executive director who is free of any interest, position, association or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect, his or her capacity to bring independent judgement to bear on issues before the Board and to act in the best interests of VTI and its securityholders generally.
- (d) In considering from time to time whether a director is independent and the criteria against which the Board determines the materiality of a relationship, the Board is to have regard to:
  - (i) the guidance relevant to assessing the independence of a director contained in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*;
  - (ii) developments in international corporate governance standards; and
  - (iii) any independent professional advice sought by the Board at its discretion.
- (e) The Board considers an interest, position, association or relationship to have an effect of a kind described in paragraph (c), where it is of substance and consequence and there is a real and sensible possibility that it would affect the director's judgement across many or all aspects of the director's role.

### 3.3 Board skills matrix

The Company seeks to have directors with an appropriate range of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity, and an understanding of and competence to deal with current and

emerging issues of the business. The Company will maintain a Board skills matrix setting out the skills and diversity that the Board has or is looking for in order to identify any gaps in skills that the Board seeks.

The Board skills matrix will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it remains appropriate for the business.

The Company's succession plans are designed to maintain an appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity on the Board.

### 3.4 Commitment

Non-executive directors are expected to devote the necessary time to discharge their duties. It is Board policy that prior to their appointment, non-executive directors must provide the Chairman with details of their other ongoing commitments and an indication of time involved in fulfilling those commitments and to acknowledge that they will have adequate time to meet what is expected of them as a director of VTI. Further, they should consult with the Chairman, or the Board, and should inform the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, before accepting any appointment as a director of another company.

### 3.5 Appointment and term of directors

Non-executive directors are appointed pursuant to formal letters of appointment setting out the terms and conditions of their appointment to ensure that directors understand their key responsibilities and the Board's expectations. Executive directors and other senior management will have their roles and responsibilities and the Company's expectations set out in a service contract. Directors will be expected to participate in any induction or orientation programs on appointment, and any continuing education or training arranged for them.

All directors are required to submit themselves for re-election (should they chose to stand for re-election) in accordance with the terms of VTI's constituent documents and the ASX listing rules.

Before each annual general meeting, the Chairman together with the Company Secretary will determine those directors who are to be re-elected by shareholders. The Board will assess the performance of any director standing for re-election and the Board will determine their recommendation to shareholders on the re-election of the director (in the absence of the director involved).

All material information considered relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director will be disclosed to shareholders, including the director's relevant skills and experience, details of other material directorships currently held by the candidate, the length of service currently served by the directors, whether the director is considered independent and a statement by the board as to whether it supports the election or re-election of the candidate and a summary of the reasons why

To ensure the Board has the benefit of regular new input and to avoid the potential for loss of objectivity over time, directors should retire after holding office for 10 years (including time served before VTI was listed on the ASX). However, this policy does not encourage the retirement of a director after a 10 year term if their ongoing candidacy is recommended by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

## 4 Role and responsibilities of the Board

The Board's responsibilities include:

#### 4.1 Strategy and planning

- (a) reviewing and approving corporate strategies, objectives, budgets, plans and policies developed by management and evaluating the performance of VTI against those strategies and business plans with a goal to:
  - (i) maximise securityholder wealth;

- (ii) monitor the performance of functions delegated to management, including the progress of major capital expenditure, capital management, acquisitions, divestitures and strategic commitments; and
- (iii) assess the suitability of VTI's overall strategies, business plans and resource allocation;
- (b) reviewing and approving strategy plans and performance objectives of the Company consistent with the corporate strategy, and reviewing the assumptions and rationale underlying the strategy plans and performance objectives;
- (c) monitoring and overseeing management's implementation of the Company's strategic objectives, instilling of the Company's values and its performance generally;
- (d) Monitoring financial and business results to understand the financial position of VTI;
- (e) Monitoring and assessing VTI's capital structure to determine whether it remains appropriate;
- (f) defining the Company's purpose;
- (g) approving the Company's statement of values and code of conduct to ensure the desired culture within the Company; and
- (h) ensuring that a process is in place so that it is informed of any material breaches of the code of conduct.

## 4.2 Reporting, financial and capital management

- (a) monitoring the process for making timely and balanced disclosure of all material information to securityholders and the ASX (including disclosures made under the ASX continuous disclosure requirements);
- (b) approving the annual report and financial statements, half-yearly financial reports, and other reports to stockholders or the ASX;
- (c) monitoring the integrity of the Company's accounting and corporate reporting systems (including the external audit) and requiring that financial records are properly maintained and financial statements comply with appropriate accounting standards;
- (d) monitoring financial results on an ongoing basis;
- (e) approving and monitoring operating budgets, major capital expenditure, major acquisitions and divestitures and material commitments;
- (f) capital management including approving decisions affecting the capital of the Company, capital structure and major financing arrangements;
- (g) determining the dividend policy of the Company and determining the basis upon which the dividends will be paid; and
- (h) calling meetings of stockholders.

## 4.3 Risk management and internal controls

- (a) approving VTI's risk management framework and internal compliance and controls systems relevant to both financial and non-financial risk;
- (b) approving the Company's risk appetite;
- (c) overseeing management's implementation of systems to monitor and address the financial, operational and business risk management policies;
- (d) implementing appropriate procedures to ensure compliance with all applicable laws;

- (e) monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements; and
- (f) considering the adequacy of insurance cover.

#### 4.4 Corporate governance

- (a) regularly reviewing and approving VTI's written corporate governance policies, codes and procedures; and
- (b) evaluating compliance with VTI's corporate governance policies and procedures.

#### 4.5 Personnel

- (a) appointing and, where appropriate, removing the Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) appointing and, where appropriate, removing the Company Secretary (including the Australian Company Secretary);
- (c) regularly evaluating the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and executives;
- (d) reviewing and approving the remuneration framework for directors and senior executives of VTI;
- (e) reviewing and approving the remuneration packages of Executive Directors and C-Suite Directors;
- (f) ensuring appropriate resources are available to management, to enable management to carry out its duties;
- (g) considering material changes in personnel policies and strategies;
- (h) approving short-term and long-term incentive plans (including equity-based incentive plans); and
- (i) appointing the Chairman, any Deputy Chairman and any Lead Independent Director.

## 4.6 Ethics and responsible decision-making

- (a) promoting ethical and responsible decision-making and charging management with the responsibility for creating a culture in the Company of ethical and responsible behaviour, including:
  - (i) acting in the best interests of the Company;
  - (ii) acting with high standards of personal integrity;
  - (iii) complying with applicable laws, regulations, codes and policies; and
  - (iv) not knowingly participating in any illegal or unethical activity;
- (b) establishing, monitoring and promoting a code of conduct and related policies to guide the directors, management and employees in practices necessary to maintain confidence in the Company's integrity (including encouraging the reporting of unlawful or unethical behaviour and protecting whistleblowers who report violations in good faith);
- (c) approving the Company's whistleblower policy;
- (d) ensuring that a process is in place so that it or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under the whistleblower policy;
- (e) approving the Company's anti-bribery and corruption policy (if applicable);

- (f) ensuring that a process is in place so that it or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of the anti-bribery and corruption policy;
- (g) monitoring the effectiveness of the Company's governance practices and accountability for contraventions; and
- (h) establishing, monitoring and promoting a diversity policy to outline the Company's commitment to diversity and inclusion in the workplace and setting out a framework to achieve the Company's diversity goals.

# **5** Delegation of authority

#### 5.1 Delegation to management

The Board has ultimate responsibility for the strategic direction and control of VTI and its subsidiaries (if any). The Board delegates management of VTI's resources to the executive team under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer, to deliver the strategic direction and goals determined by the Board. A key function of the Board, which is conducted at Board meetings, is to oversee and monitor the performance of executives in this function.

### 5.2 Delegation to committees

The Board, from time to time, establishes committees to streamline the discharge of its responsibilities and, for each standing committee, adopts a formal charter setting out the matters relevant to the composition, responsibilities and administration of such committees. The Board has, at the date of this Charter, established the:

- (a) Audit and Risk Committee; and
- (b) Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

The Board may also delegate specific functions to ad hoc committees on an "as needs" basis. The powers delegated to these committees will be set out in Board resolutions. The split of powers between the Board, committees and senior management will be determined by the Board. Regular review of the division of responsibilities to ensure they remain appropriate to the needs of VTI should be undertaken.

Directors are entitled to attend committee meetings and receive committee papers. Committees will maintain minutes of their meetings and are entitled to obtain professional or other advice in order to effectively carry out their proper functions. The Chairman of each committee will report on committee meetings to the Board at the next full Board meeting.

## 6 Appointment and responsibilities of Chairman and Lead Independent Director

### 6.1 Chairman

The Board will appoint a Chairman in accordance with VTI's constituent documents.

Ideally, the Chairman will be an independent non-executive director – although it is acknowledged that this may not be possible given the size and stage of development of VTI.

The role of Chairman must not be held by someone who is performing the role of Chief Executive Officer.

The responsibilities of the Chairman are to:

- (a) maintain effective communication between the Board and management;
- (b) lead the Board;
- (c) ensure the efficient organisation and conduct of the Board's function;

- (d) brief all directors in relation to issues arising at Board meetings;
- (e) chair general meetings of VTI; and
- (f) exercise such specific and express powers as are delegated to the Chairman by the Board from time to time.

### 6.2 Lead Independent Director

The Board may appoint a Lead Independent Director. If it does, the Lead Independent Director must be a non-executive director who satisfies the criteria for independence in this Charter.

Subject to VTI's by-laws, any Lead Independent Director will:

- (a) with the Chairman, establish the agenda for regular Board meetings;
- (b) serve as chair of Board meetings in the absence of the Chairman or where the Chairman is conflicted;
- (c) establish the agenda for meetings of the independent directors;
- (d) coordinate with the committee chairs regarding meeting agendas and informational requirements;
- (e) preside over meetings of the independent directors;
- (f) preside over any portions of meetings of the Board at which the performance of the Board is presented or discussed; and
- (g) perform such other duties as may be established or delegated by the Chairman or the Board of Directors.

If there is no Lead Independent Director, the responsibilities above (so far as they are relevant) will be undertaken as determined by the Board.

## 7 The role of management

The day-to-day management of VTI and its businesses is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer, supported by the executive team.

The Board delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the necessary powers to manage the day-to-day business of VTI, subject to those powers reserved to the Board in section 4.

The key responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer are to:

- (a) manage and administer the day-to-day operations of VTI and its subsidiaries (if any) in accordance with the strategy, business plans and policies approved by the Board;
- (b) develop strategies for VTI and its subsidiaries (if any), its businesses and management, and make recommendations to the Board on such strategies;
- (c) develop VTI's annual budget and conduct VTI's activities within the approved annual budget;
- (d) develop and maintain VTI's risk management systems, including internal compliance and control mechanisms;
- (e) assign responsibilities clearly to the executive team, and supervise and report on their performance to the Board;
- (f) recommend to the Board significant operational changes, and major capital expenditure, acquisitions or divestments, which are beyond any delegated thresholds;

- (g) report regularly to the Board with timely and quality information, such that the Board is fully informed to discharge its responsibilities effectively; and
- (h) exercise such additional powers as are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer by the Board from time to time.

## 8 Role of Australian Company Secretary

The Australian Company Secretary's responsibilities include:

- (a) organising Board and Board committee meetings, including preparing agendas and papers;
- (b) preparing minutes of Board and Board committee meetings;
- (c) monitoring completion of action items arising from Board and Board committee meetings;
- (d) providing governance, administrative, technical and other support to the directors;
- (e) retaining professional advisers at the request of the Board or a Board committee;
- (f) keeping statutory records up to date;
- (g) attending to the statutory requirements relating to VTI's registered office, annual returns and lodgement of other documents with ASIC and the ASX;
- (h) monitoring compliance with Board and Board committee policy and procedures; and
- (i) helping to organise and facilitate the induction and professional development of directors.

The Australian Company Secretary will attend all Board and Board committee meetings.

All directors will have direct access to the Australian Company Secretary and vice versa.

### 9 Governance

#### 9.1 Code of Conduct

All directors are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Board.

## 9.2 Conflicts of interest

Directors are required to take all reasonable steps to avoid actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with VTI.

Each director has a duty not to place themselves in a position that gives rise to a real or substantial possibility of conflict, whether it be a conflict of interest or conflict of duties. Each director is required:

- (a) to ensure that the Board is notified (whether by formal standing notice or declaration immediately on becoming aware) of any interest that may give rise to a real or substantial possibility of conflict, including any material personal interests; and
- (b) if any matter that is, or is likely to be, brought before the Board could give rise, or be perceived to give rise, to a real or substantial possibility of conflict, then the director:
  - (i) must disclose this to the Board;
  - (ii) will continue to receive Board papers or other information that relates to the matter that is the subject of the conflict of interest, unless the director requests, or the Chairman determines, that they not receive any or all of those documents; and

(iii) must withdraw from any part of a Board or committee meeting for the duration of any discussion in relation to the matter and not vote on the matter, unless a majority of directors who do not have an interest in the matter resolve that the disclosed interest should not disqualify the director.

### 9.3 Confidentiality

Each director has a duty to maintain the confidentiality of information they learn by virtue of their position as director.

### 9.4 Trading in VTI's securities

Each director must comply with the policy for trading in VTI's securities.

## **10** Administrative matters

The Board will determine a schedule of meetings at the beginning of each year.

Additional meetings will be held as required to address specific issues.

Senior executives will be invited to attend Board or committee meetings (or parts of meetings) from time to time where the Board or committee considers their involvement will assist the consideration of items of business before the meeting.

All minutes of the Board or a committee are required to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and correct record.

## **11** Independent advice

The Board collectively, and each director individually, may obtain independent professional advice at VTI's expense, as considered necessary to assist in fulfilling their relevant duties and responsibilities.

Individual directors who wish to obtain independent professional advice should seek the approval of the Chairman (acting reasonably), and will be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable costs in obtaining such advice. In the case of a request made by the Chairman, approval is required by the Lead Independent Director (if any), and otherwise the Board excluding the Chairman.

# **12 Board's performance evaluation**

The Board recognises the importance of regular reviews of its effectiveness and performance. Periodically the Board will review and evaluate:

- (a) its own performance, including against the requirements of this charter;
- (b) the performance of its committees;
- (c) the performance of individual Directors; and
- (d) the performance of its senior executives,

against both measurable and qualitative indicators. The Company will disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.

# 13 Inconsistency with constituent documents

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Charter and VTI's constituent documents, the constituent documents will prevail.

# 14 Review and publication of this Charter

The Board is responsible for reviewing this charter and determining its appropriateness to the needs of the Company on an annual basis. The charter may be amended by resolution of the Board.

The charter is available on the Company's website and the key features will be published in the Corporate Governance Statement.

Approved by the Board of Directors of Visioneering Technologies, Inc.