

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

## Avacta Group PLC

(Incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 04748597)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Avacta Group plc (the 'Company') will be held at the offices of Walker Morris LLP at 33 Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 4DL on Monday 22 June 2020 at 14:00 for the following purposes:

### To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

1. To adopt and receive the audited accounts, the strategic report, the Directors' report and the auditor's report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.
2. To approve the remuneration report contained within the report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019.
3. To re-appoint Paul Fry as a Director of the Company in accordance with article 30.2 of the Company's articles of association ('the Articles') who offers himself for re-appointment as a Director.
4. To re-appoint Dr Alastair Smith as a Director of the Company in accordance with article 35 of the Articles who offers himself for re-appointment as a Director.
5. To re-appoint Tony Gardiner as a Director of the Company in accordance with article 35 of the Articles who offers himself for re-appointment as a Director.
6. To appoint KPMG LLP as auditor of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company.
7. To authorise the audit committee of the board of Directors of the Company to determine the auditor's remuneration.
8. To authorise the Directors of the Company generally and unconditionally pursuant to section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') (in substitution for all existing authorities granted to the directors of the Company under section 551 of the Act (to the extent that they remain in force and unexercised)) to exercise all powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into such shares ('Rights') up to an aggregate nominal amount of £6,935,000 (being approximately one third of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of this notice), provided that this authority shall expire on the earlier of the date falling six months from the expiry of the Company's current financial year and the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution unless varied, revoked or renewed by the Company in general meeting, save that the Company may, before the expiry of the authority granted by this resolution, make a further offer or agreement which would or might require shares to be allotted or Rights to be granted after such expiry and the Directors of the Company may allot shares and grant Rights in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred by this resolution had not expired.

### To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

9. To empower the Directors of the Company (subject to the passing of resolution 8 and in substitution for all existing like powers granted to the Directors of the Company (to the extent that they remain in force and unexercised)) pursuant to sections 570 and 573 of the Act to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority conferred upon them by resolution 8 or where the allotment constitutes an allotment of equity securities by virtue of section 560(3) of the Act as if section 561(1) of the Act and sections (1) - (6) of sections 562 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities:

9.1 In connection with or pursuant to an offer of such securities by way of a pre-emptive offer (as defined below); and  
9.2 (otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.1 above) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £3,120,000 (being approximately 15 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of this notice),

and shall expire on the earlier of the date falling six months from the end of the current financial year of the Company and the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting after the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may, before the expiry of any power contained in this resolution, make a further offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors of the Company may allot equity securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement as if the power conferred by this resolution had not expired.

For the purpose of this resolution 9:

**Pre-emptive offer** means a rights issue, open offer or other pre-emptive issue or offer to (i) holders of ordinary shares in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to the respective numbers of ordinary shares held by them on the record date(s) for such allotment; and (ii) persons who are holders of other classes of equity securities if this is required by the rights of such securities (if any) or, if the Directors of the Company consider necessary, as permitted by the rights of those securities, but subject in both cases to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements, treasury shares, record dates or legal, regulatory or practical

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difficulties which may arise under the laws of any jurisdiction, the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory or any other matter whatsoever.

10. To authorise the Directors of the Company generally and unconditionally for the purpose of section 701 of the Act and in accordance with article 22 of the Articles, to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693 of the Act) of ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of the Company on such terms and in such manner as the Directors of the Company may determine provided that:

10.1 the maximum number of ordinary shares that may be purchased under this authority is restricted to 20,800,000 (being approximately 10 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of this notice);

10.2 the maximum price which may be paid for any and each ordinary share purchased under this authority shall not be more than the higher of (i) an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market prices shown in the quotations for the ordinary shares in the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which that ordinary share is purchased and (ii) the price stipulated by EU Commission adopted Regulatory Technical Standards, pursuant to article 5 (6) of the EU Market Abuse Regulation being the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the London Stock Exchange at the time the purchase is carried out (in each case exclusive of expenses); and

10.3 the minimum price which may be paid shall be the nominal value of that ordinary share (exclusive of expenses payable by the Company in connection with the purchase),

and shall expire on the earlier of the date falling six months from the end of the current financial year of the Company and the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting after the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may make a contract or contracts to purchase ordinary shares under this authority before its expiry which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of this authority and may make a purchase of ordinary shares in pursuance of any such contract.

By order of the Board



Tony Gardiner  
Company Secretary

6 May 2020

Registered Office:

Unit 20, Ash Way, Thorp Arch Estate, Wetherby LS23 7FA

# Notice of Meeting Notes

The following notes explain your general rights as a shareholder and your right to attend and vote at this Meeting or to appoint someone else to vote on your behalf:

1. To be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting (and for the purpose of the determination by the Company of the number of votes they may cast), shareholders must be registered in the Register of Members of the Company at 19:30 on 18 June 2020. Changes to the Register of Members after the relevant deadline shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the Meeting.
2. Shareholders are entitled to appoint another person as a proxy to exercise all or part of their rights to attend, speak and vote on their behalf at the Meeting. A shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the Meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different ordinary share or ordinary shares held by that shareholder. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. **However, in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, shareholders are strongly urged to appoint the chairman of the Meeting as his or her proxy as, given the Coronavirus situation and current Government advice, attendance in person is not advised and members and their proxies may be refused entry if circumstances permit or require.**
3. **The Company is actively following developments and will issue further information through an RIS and/or on its website at <https://avacta.com/investors/> if it becomes necessary or appropriate to make any alternative arrangements for the Meeting. In particular, the Company has noted the UK Government's announcement, made on 28 March 2020, that it will introduce legislation to ensure that general meetings will be able to be held safely and in accordance with current restrictions on movement and gatherings.**
4. In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's Register of Members in respect of the joint holding (the first named being the most senior).
5. A vote withheld is not a vote in law, which means that the vote will not be counted in the calculation of votes for or against the resolution. If no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the Meeting.
6. You can vote/appoint a proxy:
  - by logging on to [www.signalshares.com](http://www.signalshares.com) and following the instructions;
  - by requesting a hard copy form of proxy directly from the registrar, Link Asset Services, on Tel: 0371 664 0300. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the UK will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines are open between 09:00 – 17:30, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales; or
  - in the case of CREST members, by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service in accordance with the procedures set out below.
7. In order for a proxy appointment to be a valid, the form of proxy must be completed. In each case the form of proxy must be received by Link Asset Services at 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU, by 14:00 on 18 June 2020.
8. If you return more than one proxy appointment, either by paper or electronic communication, the appointment received last by the registrar before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence. You are advised to read the terms and conditions of use carefully. Electronic communication facilities are open to all shareholders and those who use them will not be disadvantaged.
9. The return of a completed proxy form, electronic filing or any CREST Proxy Instructions (as described in note 11 below) will not prevent a shareholder from attending the Meeting and voting in person if he/she wishes to do so. However, in light of the Coronavirus pandemic situation and current Government advice, attendance in person is not advised and members and their proxies may be refused entry if circumstances permit or require.
10. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Meeting (and any adjournment of the Meeting) by using the procedures described in the CREST manual (available from [www.euroclear.com/site/public/EUI](http://www.euroclear.com/site/public/EUI)). CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed (a) voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

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11. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications, and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST manual. The message must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA10) by 14:00 on 18 June 2020. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to mean the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Application Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.
12. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers, should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations will, therefore, apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member, or sponsored member, or has appointed (a) voting service provider(s), to procure that his/her CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting system provider(s) are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.
13. Any corporation which is a shareholder can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a shareholder provided that no more than one corporate representative exercises powers in relation to the same shares.
14. As at 6 May 2020 (being the latest practicable business day prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's ordinary issued share capital consists of 207,981,280 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each, and 19,327,344 deferred shares, which carry no voting rights. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 6 May 2020 were 207,981,280.
15. You may not use any electronic address (within the meaning of section 333(4) of the Companies Act 2006) provided in either this Notice or any related documents (including the form of proxy) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
16. Under the articles of association of the Company, resolutions 1 to 9 set out in this Notice are ordinary business, and resolution 10 is special business.