

# Micro-X Limited ACN 153 273 735

## Remuneration policy

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Remuneration in respect of directors and executives of the Company is overseen by the nomination and remuneration committee, a committee of the board of directors of Micro-X Limited ACN 153 273 735 (the **Company** and, together with its controlled entities, the **Group**) (**Nomination and Remuneration Committee**).
- 1.2 The objective of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee is to help the board of directors of the Company (**Board**) to ensure that the Group:
- (a) has coherent remuneration policies and practices to attract, motivate and retain executives and directors who will create value for shareholders and who are appropriately skilled and diverse;
  - (b) observes those remuneration policies and practices;
  - (c) fairly and responsibly rewards executives having regard to Group and individual performance, the performance of the executives and the general external pay environment; and
  - (d) integrates human capital and organisational issues into its overall business strategy.

### 2. Principles

In order to fulfil the role of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee set out above, its members must refer to the following principles when developing recommendations to the Board regarding remuneration:

- (a) motivating the directors and management to pursue the Group's long-term growth and success;
- (b) demonstrating a clear relationship between the Group's overall performance and the performance of individuals; and
- (c) complying with all relevant legal and regulatory provisions.

### 3. Remuneration packages

- 3.1 Remuneration may incorporate fixed and variable components with both a short-term and long-term focus.
- 3.2 In respect of **executive remuneration** (which for the avoidance of doubt includes both directors and executive management), remuneration packages should include an appropriate balance of fixed and variable performance based remuneration and may contain any or all of the following:
- (a) **fixed remuneration** – this should:
    - (i) be reasonable and fair;

- (ii) take into account the Group's legal and industrial obligations and labour market conditions;
  - (iii) be relative to the scale of the Group's business;
  - (iv) reflect core performance requirements and expectations; and
  - (v) take into account incumbent skills and experience;
- (b) **variable performance-based remuneration** – this should:
- (i) take into account individual and corporate performance; and
  - (ii) be linked to clearly-specified performance targets, which should be:
    - (A) aligned to the Group's short and long-term performance objectives; and
    - (B) appropriate to its circumstances, goals and risk appetite;
- (c) **equity-based remuneration** – this can include options or performance shares and is especially effective when linked to hurdles that are aligned to the Group's longer-term performance objectives. It should also take into account executive performance. However, programs should be designed so that they do not lead to 'short-termism' on the part of senior executives or the taking of undue risks; and
- (d) **termination payments** – these should be agreed in advance, and any agreement should clearly address what will happen in the case of early termination. There should be no payment for removal for serious misconduct. Employment contracts for executives should have regard to the maximum amount that can be paid under the termination provisions under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), and in particular the maximum amount that can be paid without requiring shareholder approval.
- 3.3 In respect of **non-executive director remuneration**, remuneration packages could contain cash fees, superannuation contributions and non-cash benefits in lieu of fees (such as salary sacrifice into superannuation or equity) and may contain any or all of the following:
- (a) **fixed remuneration** – this should reflect the time commitment and responsibilities of the role;
  - (b) **no performance-based remuneration** – non-executive directors should not receive performance-based remuneration as it may lead to bias in their decision-making and compromise their independence;
  - (c) **equity-based remuneration** – non-executive directors can receive an initial allocation of fully-paid ordinary securities if shareholders have approved such an allocation in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules and
  - (d) **termination payments** – non-executive directors should not be provided with retirement benefits other than superannuation.
- 3.4 Remuneration will be reviewed on at least an annual basis with consideration given to individuals' performance and their contribution to the Company's success (against measurable key performance indicators), external market relativities, shareholders' interests and desired market positioning.

## 4. Assessing remuneration

- 4.1 The Nomination and Remuneration Committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding the remuneration of executives having regard to various factors including performance and any recommendations made by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its executives, compensation consultants, and internal and external legal, accounting or other advisers.
- 4.2 The Nomination and Remuneration Committee will also make a recommendation to the Board regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors having regard to, amongst other things, any recommendations made by compensation consultants, and internal and external legal, accounting or other advisers.
- 4.3 No member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee may be involved in a decision relating to their own remuneration.

## 5. Review and changes to this policy

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee will review this policy annually or as often as it considers necessary.

## 6. Approved and adopted

This policy was approved and adopted by the Board on 25 November 2015.