



Company	Alumina Limited
Code	AWC
Meeting	AGM
Date	29 May 2023
Venue	Village Roadshow Theatre, Melbourne, Victoria
Monitor	Richele Janjatovic and Peter Aird

Number attendees at meeting	61 attendees in total
Number of holdings represented by ASA	190
Value of proxies	\$3.7m (2,657,072 number of shares x \$1.41 share price on day of meeting)
Number of shares represented by ASA	2,657,072
Market capitalisation	\$4b – on day of meeting
Were proxies voted?	Yes, on a poll
Pre AGM Meeting?	Yes, with Peter Day, Chairman, Alumina Ltd, Stephen Foster, General Counsel and Company Secretary, Alumina Ltd, and Craig Evans, General Manager – Strategy and Investor Relations, Alumina Ltd

Turbulent commodity markets during 2022 driving a tale of two halves.

Alumina prices were buoyant during the first half of 2022, which created favourable terms, resulting in a strong first half profit. The second half of 2022 was impacted by:

- A decline in alumina prices;
- Higher production costs driven by higher raw material and energy prices, particularly in Europe; and
- The Western Australian operations being affected by unplanned outages, higher maintenance costs, and lower bauxite ore grades.

As a result of the above impacts, the cost of alumina production rose by 29%. As a result, refining margins were \$67 per tonne, compared to \$85 in 2021. The flow on impact saw net profit of \$104 million dollars in 2022, a 45% decrease over the previous year.

AGM observations

Security was tight with a group handing out flyers regarding deforestation in WA at the entrance to the meeting venue.

Access to the meeting was restricted with only approved visitors and shareholders/proxyholders allowed. This meant that the spouse of a shareholder was rejected. ASA assistant monitor Peter Aird spoke to a company representative (who appeared to be controlling access) to arrange a visitor's pass.

Although all Directors were present, only the CEO, Chair and Acting Company Secretary (Nick Wallace-Smith) sat at the top table.

The Chair's address included company concern regarding access to gas and electricity as Australia decarbonises, with the adequacy of battery storage in doubt.

The CEO's address provided extensive details of the WA business' forest rehabilitation activities which significantly exceeded Government requirements.

Questions/discussion followed the agenda:

Stephen Mayne (SM) opened with questions about whether any proxy advisor had recommended voting against items (no local), why the auditor valued AWAC as a whole rather than as individual businesses (accounting standards), and whether the Board was reviewing PWC's audit status (not at present).

Several attendees asked about the WA business mining in sensitive areas (regulatory approval obtained), risks involved in Greenwashing (plans published are supported by actions), and adequacy of rehabilitation (well defended).

SM then asked about major shareholder Allan Gray not having a representative on the Board (compared to CITIC) (never asked), if the Board would consider a buyback of unmarketable shares and that the proxy count and retail shareholder voting could be published prior to the meeting (possibly).

Regarding the re-election of Chair Peter Day, ASA asked about the Chair's plans for his continued membership of the Board. Acting Chair John Bevan indicated that the recruitment of a new Director was underway, and that Mr Day would retire during this term when the Board was satisfied that his extensive knowledge of the business had been transferred to Directors.

SM asked whether recruitment was for a new Director or Chair. Mr Bevan indicated that the position of Chair "had not yet been discussed by the Board". Mr Bevan advised that item 5, "Fees Payable to Non-Executive Directors" will allow the board to increase temporarily from five members to six. Mr Bevan was confident that they had the talent within the current board to appoint a Chair.

Items on the LTI and increase in total Director's fees also produced statement against the items based on the WA business' mining in sensitive areas and poor rehabilitation record. SM commented that the Board should consider a Director with "Labor connections" given the current Vic, WA and Federal governments.

The meeting closed after over 90 minutes.