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Company	Alumina Ltd
Code	AWC
Meeting	AGM
Date	23 May 2019
Venue	The Pavilion, Melbourne Arts Centre
Monitor	Michael Muntisov assisted by Christine Haydon

Number attendees at meeting	42 shareholders/proxyholders plus 66 visitors
Number of holdings represented by ASA	258
Value of proxies	$6.9m
Number of shares represented by ASA	2.8m
Market capitalisation	$6,969m
Were proxies voted?	Yes, on a poll
Pre AGM Meeting?	Yes, with chair and CEO

Looking to grow following a record year

Alumina is engaged in investing in bauxite mining, alumina refining and selected aluminium smelting operations, through its 40% ownership of Alcoa World Alumina and Chemicals (AWAC).

2018 was a record year for profits and dividends paid to shareholders.

The 2018 profit for the company was 87 percent higher than 2017 (which itself was a good year). The primary driver of the profit increase was a 44 per cent increase in alumina prices. The outstanding operating result enabled dividends to increase by 68 percent. The company paid a total dividend of US22.7 cents per share for the year.

The Chair paid tribute to Sir Arvi Parbo, previous MD and Chair of WMC, the predecessor company to Alumina. He compared Alumina at the time of its demerger in 2002, when it held a debt of A$600m, and was one-twentieth the market cap of joint venture partner Alcoa. Today, it has a debt of A$121m and a market capitalisation roughly comparable to Alcoa.

The CEO explained that the high Alumina prices achieved in 2018 were the result of two major supply disruptions – one a curtailment of production of the world's largest refinery in Brazil, and the second the sanctions imposed on Rusal.

In terms of the outlook for 2019, whilst the CEO was confident that Alumina will have a successful year, he said it will not surpass 2018's results.

Looking ahead, Alumina has commenced a closer examination of brownfield growth opportunities within its global portfolio of refineries. Given the advantages of the Western Australian refineries, it seems likely that that particular resource base will be expanded. Feasibility studies are underway.

In response to a question from ASA, the CEO indicated that they expected to make decision on investment at the start of next year, and that if they proceeded, it would be a further two to three years before cash is generated from the investment.

Several shareholders asked about Alumina's commitment to the 1.5 degree target of the Paris Agreement. The Chair said that Alumina has just released its Climate Change Position Statement, which among other things states that it accepts the IPCC assessment, and that Alumina seeks to reduce energy use, explore alternative lower emission sources, and carry out scenario planning for different climate change trajectories.

The remuneration report resolution was passed with 98% support. The ASA acknowledged the use of face value for performance rights and its publication of "take home pay" for key management.

The ASA asked whether the company would consider expanding its policy of director equity holding (skin in the game) from 50% of annual remuneration to 100%. The Chair committed to review the practices of its peer companies in the ASX and, based on that review, to consider changes to its policy.

Mr Chen Zeng, standing for re-election spoke to his nomination and received more than a 91% vote for.

The resolution to approve the grant of performance rights to the CEO was passed with more than 98% support. The ASA queried whether the vesting hurdles were tight enough given Alumina's ownership of the lowest quartile production cost assets. The Chair said they reviewed the hurdles last year and determined that they were satisfactory, and would review them again next year.