



Company	Independence Group NL (soon to be IGO Ltd)
Code	IGO
Meeting	AGM
Date	20 November 2019
Venue	Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Wellington St, Perth WA 6000
Monitor	Derek Miller assisted by John Campbell

Number attendees at meeting	16 shareholders plus 54 visitors
Number of holdings represented by ASA	23
Value of proxies	\$1.76m
Number of shares represented by ASA	290,500 (outside the top 20 shareholders)
Market capitalisation	\$3,570m
Were proxies voted?	Yes, on a poll
Pre AGM Meeting?	Yes, with chair Peter Bilbe

IGO focuses on nickel as the key to storing green energy

IGO's stated purpose is to become a globally relevant supplier of metals that are critical to energy storage and reduced greenhouse emissions coming from electric cars. It sees nickel as the route to this goal. Managing director Peter Bradbury told the meeting that the European Union had introduced regulations to reduce average vehicle emissions to 95 g CO₂/km, corresponding to fuel consumption of around 4.1 l/100 km of petrol or 3.6 l/100 km of diesel, so manufacturers will need to make more electric or hybrid vehicles which need substantially more nickel content than existing vehicles.

With a supply deficit projected within a few years, he was expecting higher prices for nickel. He reported that competitive refining options available to IGO had resulted in it getting better prices for its nickel concentrate in FY2020 than previously. IGO announced that it was not proceeding with plans to build its own nickel sulphate refinery using a newly patented process but was instead considering opportunity to use this process in joint venture with overseas parties.

In addition to 7+ years of mine life in reserves at Nova, IGO is confident of confirming the commerciality of other ore bodies in its vicinity. We asked how soon such prospects could be converted to new reserves/resources given the planned spend of \$66m on exploration in Financial Year 2020 (FY20) but no firm deadline was announced.

Meanwhile, IGO has made an unsolicited takeover offer for Panoramic Resources Ltd (PAN) which has a market cap of \$239m, whereas the IGO offer of 1 IGO share for 13 PAN shares values it at about \$302m. PAN has a nickel mine and processing plant close to IGO prospects in the East Kimberley region but its reserve grade is 1.4% nickel as opposed to Nova's 1.9%. Its major shareholder has indicated that it will not accept the IGO offer.

A shareholder drew the board's attention to the fact that its share price had not increased substantially from its price 5 years ago and asked that it direct its attention to improving shareholder returns. The chair blamed low nickel prices and defended the company's emphasis on exploration.

There were three special resolutions to change the company's status from NL to Ltd, to change its name to IGO Ltd and to adopt a revised constitution. All resolutions passed with better than 99% approval and were supported by ASA.