

24 September 2020

Meridian Energy Ltd (MEL)

The company will hold its Annual Shareholders Meeting **10.00am Thursday 1 October 2020**.

The location is **The InterContinental Wellington, Lambton Ballroom, 2 Grey Street, Wellington**.

You can also join the meeting online at: <https://web.lumiagm.com/> The Meeting Code is 343-042-403.

The company owns and operates 7 Windfarms and 10 power stations in New Zealand and Australia. It retails power under the Meridian and Powershop brands in New Zealand and Powershop in Australia. It has 498,000 customers, 324,000 in New Zealand and 174,000 in Australia. Employees total 951 across both countries. It also licenses the Flux and Powershop brands in the UK with over 500,000 customers on the Flux platform.

In October 2019 Rio Tinto announced it was reviewing the operations of the New Zealand Aluminium Smelter (NZAS) Tiwai Point facility. In July 2020 Rio Tinto gave notice it would terminate the contract for the supply of power to the smelter on 31 August 2021. In August 2020 MEL advised it had put a confidential proposal to NZAS with the objective of closing the smelter over a lower period up to 4 years. To date there have been no subsequent announcements.

Revenue was down 2.4% at \$3.4 billion with EBITDAF up 1.9% at \$854 million. NPAT was \$176 million down from \$339 million. This was the result of negative energy hedges movements of \$171 million and impairments of \$58 million. Dividend was 16.9 cents per share.

The shares are trading at \$4.70 and have traded through a range of \$3.87/\$5.76 over the past year.

Board Composition

The Board comprises an Independent Chair and 7 Independent Directors. As we commented last year, the Board has a wide range of skill sets but only one Director has executive experience in the energy sector. It is important that Boards have the skills to question the CEO and senior management around technical issues.

Resolution

1. To re-elect Mark Verbiest as an Independent Director.

Mark Verbiest was appointed to the Board in March 2017 and was appointed Chair in October 2019. He is Chair of Freightways, a Director of ANZ Bank New Zealand and a member of the Advisory Board to Treasury. He was a board member of the Financial Markets Authority and Chair of Spark and Transpower.

We will vote undirected proxies **IN FAVOUR** of this resolution.

Proxies

You can vote online or appoint a proxy at <https://www.investorvote.com.au/Login>

Instructions are on the Proxy/voting paper sent to you.

Voting and proxy appointments close **10.00am Tuesday 29 September 2020.**

Please note you can appoint the Association as your proxy. We will have a representative attending the meeting.

The Team at NZSA.