

# **Powerhouse Ventures Limited (PVL)**

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A Director requires a specific set of skills to undertake the role and discharge their obligations to the various stakeholders in the Company. The required skills are set out in this document.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

The Director's Role is to:

- where practicable, attend all meetings of the Board or Committees of the Board of which they are a member;
- adequately prepare for meetings of the Board and Committees of the Board of which they are a member by obtaining and thoroughly reviewing all agenda items;
- undertake diligent analysis of all proposals placed before the Board and Committees of the Board of which they are a member;
- analyse, question, request information, raise matters of concern and fully canvas all aspects of any issue confronting the Company;
- be independent in judgement and actions and take all reasonable steps to be satisfied as to the soundness of decisions taken by the Board;
- vote on any resolution of the Board according to their own judgement and decision;
- bring forward for discussion in a constructive and creative way suggestions and ideas in connection with the development, growth and improvement of the Company including prospective new business opportunities which are consistent with the strategic plan;
- take all reasonable opportunities to represent, promote and demonstrate a commitment to the Company to shareholders, clients and the wider business community and to the public at large; and
- scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives, and monitor the reporting of performance.

#### CONFORMANCE

The Director's Role is to:

- use the powers of office with the level of skill and care required to discharge his or her duties in good faith, honestly and for a proper purpose in the best interests of the Company;
- understand the business of the Company and to act with the necessary care, diligence and commercial reasonableness in the decision making process;
- make reasonable enquiries to ensure the Company is operating efficiently, effectively and legally in all of its activities;
- ensure that they are provided, in a timely manner, with adequate information in connection with issues likely to impact on the future operations of the Company;

- ensure they have and maintain adequate knowledge of their legal responsibilities and is familiar with legislation and regulations governing the operations of the Company;
- where appropriate, obtain, with the Chairman's approval, independent advice and assistance in carrying out their duties and responsibilities;
- adhere to the values of the Company at all times in their dealings with all stakeholders; and
- report any material change in the circumstances of the Company to the Company Secretary.

## **SKILLS**

Directors require a demonstrated ability and capability in the following areas.

#### Core Business Skills

- corporate governance;
- leadership;
- the ability to maintain effective professional and working relationships with stakeholders and the broader community;
- the ability to contribute to an effective Board culture;
- the ability to ensure compliance with legislation, policies and procedures; and,
- a sound understanding of a Director's legal duties and responsibilities.

Directors require a demonstrated ability in one or more of the following areas:

- financial markets industry knowledge;
- economic skills;
- financial management, accounting and budgeting skills;
- risk management assessment skills;
- strategic planning skills;
- business management and operational skills;
- marketing and business development skills; and/or
- legal skills.

# Specific Position Requirements

The Company has specific requirements of a Director for a Board position, including experience in:

- venture capital industry;
- fast growing technology business;
- IP commercialisation;
- business incubation;
- start-up through IPO/sale;
- public profile in the Government and/or University sector;
- financial risk management; and/or
- commercial business, at a high level.

# Personal Qualities

The following personal qualities are required:

- a reputation for high personal and professional integrity;
- sound and independent judgement;
- strong business acumen;
- a genuine interest in the organisation, its business and its people;
- high-level interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to work well with a team;
  and
- high-level business and community networks.