



## ASX Announcement

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### **Amendment to Dividend Re-investment Plan**

IPH announces that it has amended its Dividend Re-investment Plan by replacing Clause 5 (d) (vii) in order that the residual cash balances, after determining the amounts of the Dividend applied to the issue of new shares, are carried forward to the next Dividend.

A copy of the amended Dividend Re-investment Plan is attached with this announcement.

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### **About IPH Limited**

IPH Limited ("IPH", ASX:IPH) is the holding company of Spruson & Ferguson and Fisher Adams Kelly, which comprise the leading intellectual property ("IP") services group in the Asia-Pacific region, offering a wide range of services for the protection, commercialisation, enforcement and management of IP. These services are provided across Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands and Asia from offices in Sydney, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and supported by a representative office in Shanghai. The firm comprises a multidisciplinary team of approximately 300 people, including some of the most highly regarded IP professionals in the Asia-Pacific region. The team services a diverse client base of Fortune Global 500 companies and other multinationals, public sector research organisations, foreign associates and local clients. IPH is the first IP services firm to list on the Australian Stock Exchange.



**IPH Limited**  
ACN 169 015 838

**Dividend Re-Investment Plan**

# Summary of the Dividend Re-Investment Plan

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## 1. Introduction

The Dividend Re-Investment Plan (**Plan**) offers shareholders the opportunity to purchase additional shares in IPH Limited (**Company**) by reinvesting part or all of their periodic dividends.

The Directors consider it important that the Plan operates to the advantage of all shareholders, not only those that participate in the Plan. Therefore, the Directors will only operate the Plan where they have formed the view that the benefits derived from the capital raised through the Plan will exceed the costs associated with the Plan.

Accordingly, under the terms of the Plan the Directors have the ability to:

- (a) limit the amount of dividend which may be invested in subscription for shares under the Plan;
- (b) determine the issue price for each issue of shares under the Plan and determine the discount to the market price (if any) that will be used to calculate the issue price for each issue of shares under the Plan; and
- (c) suspend, amend or terminate the Plan.

The following sections outline the way the Plan works and should be read in conjunction with the rules of the Plan. If you are interested in participating in the Plan you are encouraged to read the rules of the Plan in full.

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## 2. Eligibility to Participate

Participation in the Plan is optional and is open to all shareholders resident in Australia or New Zealand and those who are resident outside Australia or New Zealand and who have produced to the Company such evidence as the Company may require to satisfy it that any necessary governmental approvals required to participate in the Plan have been obtained and that such participation is not contrary to any applicable laws.

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## 3. How to Participate

Shareholders wishing to participate in the Plan that are eligible to do so should read this booklet and complete and return the application (in a form that is capable of authentication). If necessary, consult your financial adviser before joining.

The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse any election to participate in the Plan.

If a shareholder holds shares in the Company through multiple accounts, a separate application will be required for each account.

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## 4. When Participation Begins

Subject to the Company's acceptance of your application your participation in the Plan will, in general, begin with the first dividend paid after the Company accepts your application. If your application is received after the closing date for elections to participate in the Plan with respect to a particular dividend, it will not be effective until the Company's next dividend. For each dividend, the Directors

will determine in accordance with the Listing Rules the last date on which applications for participation must be received.

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## 5. Full or Partial Participation

Shareholders wishing to participate in the Plan can elect to participate in respect of all of the shares registered in their name or in respect of a specified number of such shares only. Accordingly, shareholders have two options when completing an application:

- (a) **Full Participation:** Dividends on all shares held by a shareholder (including any additional shares acquired in the future whether under the Plan or otherwise) will be reinvested in acquiring new shares under the Plan.
- (b) **Partial Participation:** The shareholder can nominate the number of shares which participate in the Plan. Only the dividends on those shares (and any new shares issued under the Plan in respect of those shares) will be reinvested in acquiring new shares under the Plan and shareholders will continue to receive cash dividends on the rest of their shares.

If an application does not clearly indicate the level of participation in the Plan, it will be deemed to be an application for full participation.

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## 6. Shares Issued Under the Plan

Under the Plan, participating shareholders will be issued fully paid ordinary shares in the Company.

All shares allotted and issued under the Plan will rank equally in all respects with existing shares from the date of issue. After allotment, the Company will apply to have the shares issued under the Plan quoted on the ASX.

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## 7. How the Plan Operates

When announcing a dividend, the Company will announce to ASX:

- (a) the amount of the dividend;
- (b) any limit on the amount of dividend which may be invested in subscription for shares under the Plan (if applicable);
- (c) the discount to market price (if any) that the Directors will use to calculate the issue price for shares to be issued under the Plan; and
- (d) the closing date by which shareholders must lodge an election to participate or vary their Plan participation if they wish their election to take effect in respect of the current dividend period.

Following the end of a dividend period, the Directors will determine each shareholder's net dividend entitlement.

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## **8. Subscription Price**

Shares allotted under the Plan will be allotted at the market price of shares in the Company sold on the ASX during the period of 10 trading days commencing on the second trading day after the relevant dividend record date or such other period determined by the Directors from time to time as permitted by the Listing Rules, discounted by an amount determined by the Directors from time to time (if any).

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## **9. Disposal of Shares**

If a participating shareholder elects for “Full Participation” and then sells some of its shares, the dividends on their remaining shares will continue to be reinvested under the Plan.

If a participating shareholder elects for “Partial Participation” and then sells some of its shares, the number of shares sold will be deemed firstly to be shares that are not participating in the Plan and, secondly, once all non-participating shares are all deemed to have been sold, participating shares under the Plan.

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## **10. Variation or Termination of Participation**

Shareholders may vary their level of participation in the Plan or withdraw from the Plan at any time by giving notice in the form approved by the Company to the Company’s share registry.

The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse any variation of level of participation in the Plan (but not any withdrawal).

The variation (subject to acceptance by the Company) or termination will be effective in relation to any dividends in respect of which the dividend’s record date occurs after the notice is received.

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## **11. Variation, Suspension and Termination of Plan**

The Company may vary the Plan Rules at any time by notice on the Company’s website and by notice to the ASX. If the Rules are varied, participating shareholders will continue to participate under the Plan and the Rules in their varied form will apply to them.

The Directors may also suspend or terminate the operation of the Plan at any time by notice on the Company’s website and by notice to the ASX. The Directors may reinstate the Plan following a suspension at any time by notice on the Company’s website and by notice to the ASX.

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## **12. Brokerage and Commission**

The Company will issue shares under the Plan free of brokerage fees and/or commission.

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## **13. Plan Underwriting**

Where the Directors consider it appropriate, the Company may periodically have the Plan underwritten.

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## **14. Taxation**

Under current Australian taxation laws, reinvested income will be regarded for tax purposes as if it were received in cash.

The Company does not take any responsibility for the taxation liabilities of shareholders and suggests that you obtain independent advice concerning your taxation position.

## Dividend Re-Investment Plan Rules

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The following Rules contain the terms, provisions and conditions that apply in relation to the IPH Limited Dividend Re-Investment Plan (**Plan**).

### 1. Interpretation

(a) In these Rules:

**ASX** means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691) or the financial market operated by ASX Limited (as the context requires).

**Company** means IPH Limited (ACN 169 015 838).

**Directors** means the directors of the Company.

**Dividend** means a cash dividend or cash component of a dividend.

**Eligible Member** means a person registered as the holder of a Share:

- (i) whose address as it appears in the register of members of the Company is (and, in the case of a Share held jointly by two or more persons, all of whose addresses appearing in such register are situated) in Australia or New Zealand; or
- (ii) whose address as it appears in the register of members of the Company is (and, in the case of a Share held jointly by two or more persons, one of whose addresses appearing in such register is) outside Australia or New Zealand and who has produced to the Company such evidence as the Company may require to satisfy the Company that any necessary approvals of any governmental authority in relation to participation in the Plan have been obtained and that participation is not contrary to any applicable laws of Australia or any other relevant jurisdiction.

**Listing Rules** means the listing rules of ASX.

**Participant** means an Eligible Member who has applied to participate in the Plan and whose application has been accepted by the Directors under Rule 3.

**Plan Share** mean a Share which is designated a plan share under Rule 3.

**Register** means the register established and maintained under Rule 4(a).

**Share** means an ordinary share fully paid in the capital of the Company.

**Subscription Price** has the meaning given in Rule 5(a).

(b) Subject to any express or implied contrary intention:

- (i) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (ii) a gender includes all genders;
- (iii) words importing natural persons include corporations and vice versa; and
- (iv) references to Rules are references to individual paragraphs of this Plan.

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## 2. Applications

- (a) No person other than an Eligible Member may apply to participate in the Plan.
- (b) Each Eligible Member who wishes to participate in the Plan must complete and lodge with the Company an application form in the form approved by the Company for that purpose (**Dividend Election Notice**).
- (c) An Eligible Member may elect in the Dividend Election Notice to participate in the Plan in respect of:
  - (i) part only of the Shares of which it is the registered holder at the time the Company receives the Dividend Election Notice including any Shares allotted to it under the Plan (**First Alternative**); or
  - (ii) all of the Shares of which they are the registered holder as at each record date for a dividend including any Shares allotted to them pursuant to the Plan or otherwise and any Shares acquired by them other than by allotment (**Second Alternative**),

and must nominate in their Dividend Election Notice which of the First Alternative or Second Alternative they wish to apply in respect of their application. If Eligible Members nominate the First Alternative, they must specify the number of Shares in respect of which they seek to participate in the Plan. If they fail to nominate either the First Alternative or the Second Alternative, or where they nominate the First Alternative and fail to specify the number of Shares in respect of which they wish to participate, the Eligible Member will be deemed to have elected the Second Alternative.

- (d) No Eligible Member may transfer their right to any allotment of Shares pursuant to this Plan.
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## 3. Acceptance of Applications

- (a) The Company may in its absolute discretion accept or refuse any application made by an Eligible Member under Rule 2. The Company's acceptance of such an application must be recorded in the Register in accordance with Rule 4(a). The Shares subject of such an application become designated Plan Shares from that date.
  - (b) For each dividend, the Directors will determine in accordance with the Listing Rules the last date on which Dividend Election Notices must be received.
  - (c) Subject to Rule 3(d), each application accepted by the Company is effective in respect of the first Dividend payable after receipt of the applicable Dividend Election Notice and subsequent Dividends.
  - (d) Any application form received by the Company after the deadline for Dividend Election Notices with respect to a particular Dividend determined in accordance with Rule 3(b) is not effective in respect of that Dividend.
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## 4. Register

- (a) The Company must establish and maintain a register in which it will record, in respect of each Participant, particulars of:



- (i) the Participant's name and address;
  - (ii) the number of the Participant's Plan Shares; and
  - (iii) any variation approved by the Company under Rule 6(a).
- (b) The Register is conclusive evidence of the matters recorded in it.

## 5. Investment of Dividends

- (a) Shares allotted under Rule 5(d)(v) will be allotted at the Market Price of Shares (as defined in Rule 5(b) below) less such discount (if any) as the Directors may determine from time to time and notify to ASX (**Subscription Price**).
- (b) For the purposes of these Rules, the expression **Market Price of Shares** means the average of the daily volume weighted average market price of all Shares sold through a Normal Trade (as defined in Rule 5(c) below) on the ASX or Chi-X automated trading venues (and/or such other trading venues as the Directors may determine from time to time) during the ten Trading Days commencing on the second Trading Day following the relevant Dividend record date, or such other period commencing before or after the Dividend record date as the Directors may determine and announce to the ASX. If, at the absolute discretion of the Directors, the Market Price of Shares as calculated above is not considered to represent the then fair market value of Shares, the Directors may determine the fair market value of Shares in their absolute discretion.
- (c) **Normal Trade** means all trades excluding trades such as special crossings, crossings prior to the commencement of normal trading or during the closing phase or after hours adjustment phase, overnight crossings, overseas trades, trades pursuant to the exercise of options over Shares, or any other trade determined by the Directors in their discretion not to be reflective of normal trading in Shares. The calculation may be made by the Directors or a person nominated by the Directors, and may be determined by reference to such information as the Directors approve for the purpose from time to time, and, in the absence or manifest error, is binding on Participants.
- (d) In respect of each cash Dividend due and payable to a Participant in respect of their Plan Shares, the Company must:
  - (i) determine the amount of cash Dividend payable in respect of that Participant's Plan Shares;
  - (ii) aggregate the amount so determined;
  - (iii) determine the maximum number of Shares that could be acquired by the application of that aggregate to the subscription for Shares at the Subscription Price;
  - (iv) on behalf of and in the name of the Participant subscribe for that number of additional Shares;
  - (v) allot that number of additional Shares to the Participant;
  - (vi) where the number of Shares ascertained in accordance with Rule 5(d)(iii) results in a fraction, round the number of Shares so ascertained up or down to the nearest whole number; and
  - (vii) carry forward the balance of the amount contemplated by Rule 5(d)(ii) to the Participant's Plan account for the next Dividend. No interest will accrue or be paid in respect of residual balances in a Participant's Plan account.

- (e) All Shares allotted and issued under the Plan rank equally in all respects with existing Shares from the date of allotment.
  - (f) Shares to be allotted under the Plan must be allotted within the time frames required by the Listing Rules.
  - (g) Shares allotted under the Plan must be registered on a register where the Participant to whom the Shares are allotted already holds Shares.
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## 6. Variation or Termination of Participation

- (a) Participants may at any time apply to increase or decrease the number of their Plan Shares by completing and lodging with the Company a form approved for that purpose by the Company and the Company may, in its absolute discretion, approve or refuse such an application (**Variation Notice**).
  - (b) The Company's approval of a Variation Notice must be recorded by entering the variation requested in the Register and the variation is effective on that entry being made.
  - (c) Participants may at any time give to the Company notice of termination of their participation in the Plan in such form as the Company approves for that purpose (**Termination Notice**) and on the date the Company receives the Termination Notice, the Participant ceases to be a Participant and all Plan Shares held by that Participant cease to be Plan Shares.
  - (d) If a Participant dies, participation by them and any other Participants with whom the deceased was a joint Participant is terminated on the date the Company receives notice of death of the deceased Participant.
  - (e) If Participants dispose of all of their Shares without giving the Company a Termination Notice and are not registered as the holders of any Shares when the Company's share register is next closed for determination of entitlements to a payment of a Dividend, the Participants are deemed to have terminated their participation on the last date when the Company registered a transfer or instrument of disposal of their Shares.
  - (f) Where Participants dispose of less than the number of all Shares held by them, then unless they advise the Company otherwise prior to registration of the transfer or instrument of disposal of such Shares:
    - (i) if the Shares disposed of are in number less than or equal to the number of their Shares which are not Plan Shares, the Shares so disposed of are deemed to be Shares which are not Plan Shares; and
    - (ii) if the Shares disposed of are more than the number of their Shares which are not Plan Shares, the Shares so disposed of are deemed to include all of their Shares which are not Plan Shares together with that additional number of their Plan Shares which is equal to the number calculated by subtracting from the number of Shares disposed of, the number of all their Shares which are not Plan Shares.
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## 7. Stock Exchange Listing

After each allotment of Plan Shares, the Company must promptly apply for their quotation on the official list of ASX.

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## 8. Limitation of Subscription

The Company may at any time by notice in writing to Participants limit the amount of Dividend that may be invested in subscriptions for Plan Shares.

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## 9. Variation, Suspension and Termination of the Plan

- (a) The Directors may vary, suspend or terminate these Rules at any time or from time to time by notification on the Company's website and by notice to the ASX. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Company has announced that the Plan will operate in respect of a Dividend subject to the Listing Rules, the Directors retain the discretion to suspend the Plan in respect of that Dividend at any time prior to the payment date for that Dividend.
  - (b) The variation, suspension or termination takes effect on the date specified by the Directors and the variation, suspension or termination does not give rise to any liability on the part of, or right or action against, the Company or its officers, employees or agents.
  - (c) If the Plan is suspended, an election as to participation in the Plan will also be suspended and all Plan Shares are deemed not to be Plan Shares for the purpose of any Dividend paid while the Plan is suspended.
  - (d) Any suspension under Rule 9(c) will continue until such time as the Directors resolve to recommence or terminate the Plan.
  - (e) The Directors may reinstate the Plan following a suspension in accordance with this Rule 9 by notification on the Company's website and by notice to ASX. Upon reinstatement of the Plan, all prior elections will be reinstated and will continue to apply unless the Directors determine otherwise.
  - (f) The Directors may settle any difficulties, anomalies or disputes which may arise in connection with, or by reason of, the operation of the Plan, whether generally or in relation to any Participant or any Shares in such manner as they think expedient and the determination of the Directors is conclusive and binding on all Participants and other persons to whom the determination relates.
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## 10. Applications and Other Notices

- (a) Applications and notices to the Company must be in the form the Company has approved from time to time. The Company may determine that applications and notices to the Company may be lodged electronically either through the Company's website or that of an authorised third party (including the Company's share registry). Any application or notice lodged electronically must comply with the applicable terms and conditions of the electronic lodgement facility.
- (b) Subject to Rules 10(c) and 10(d), applications and notices are effective upon acceptance by the Company or its share registry (as appropriate).
- (c) Applications or notices accepted after the closing date determined by the Directors for elections to participate or variations to Plan participation for a particular Dividend are not effective in respect of that Dividend but are effective in respect of subsequent Dividends.
- (d) The Company has absolute discretion to:

- (i) accept or reject any Dividend Election Notice or Variation Notice;
  - (ii) accept or reject an application or notice that is not properly completed or signed; and
  - (iii) prior to acceptance, clarify with an Eligible Member any instruction with respect to an application or notice in order for the application or notice to be properly completed.
- (e) The accidental omission by the Company to give any notice under these Rules to any Participant, Eligible Member, ASX or any other person will not invalidate any act, matter or thing.
- (f) For the purposes of this Rule 10, an application or notice includes, but is not limited to, a Dividend Election Notice, a Variation Notice and a Termination Notice.
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## **11. Costs to Participants**

No brokerage, commissions or other transaction costs is payable by Participants for an allotment of Shares under the Plan.

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## **12. Statements**

As soon as practicable after each allotment of Shares under Rule 5(d)(v) and as required by the Listing Rules, the Company must send to each Participant to whom Shares have been allotted a statement setting out, in respect of each Participant:

- (a) the number of the Participant's Plan Shares as at the date of closure of the Company's share register for determination of entitlements to payment of the relevant Dividend prior to such allotment;
  - (b) the amount of cash Dividend due and payable to that Participant in respect of the Participant's Plan Shares which have been applied towards subscription for additional Shares;
  - (c) the number of additional Shares allotted to the Participant under Rule 5(d)(v);
  - (d) the number of Shares (including Plan Shares) in respect of which the Participant is the registered holder after such allotment; and
  - (e) the amount, if any, to be refunded to the Participant under Rule 5(d)(vii).
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## **13. Participants to be Bound**

Participants are bound by these Rules in respect of the Plan as modified or varied from time to time under Rule 9.