18th June 2021

**Director’s ‘Away Day’**

A short meeting was convened of those available Directors prior to the online Directors Strategic ‘Away Day’ at 09.50am to discuss the BCFA audit and who may conduct the audit covering the financial year July 2020 to June 2021 period.

**Those present**

Mr M. Penn (Chairman), Mr K. Shoemake (CEO), Mrs S. Hampton (Senior Independent Director), Mr S. Poole (Director), Mr S. Kazmee (Director), Mrs M. Shafaq (Director), Mr J. Berry (Director).

Mr G. Rippon (co-opted), Mr G. Roberts (co-opted)

**Apologies:**

Mrs H. Murdoch (Director), Mr S. Welch (Director)

**Notes:**

The CEO outlined that, following the AGM whereby Azets were appointed by the members as Auditors for the aforementioned period, there has been a division arise between Azets and some of the previous Baldwin audit team which has seen the previous owners of Badwins and some of their previous employees leave Azets and form a new Audit/Accounting company called BKPlus.

The CEO wanted to notify the Directors for information and recommend that the audit be changed to the new BKPlus audit team.

The CEO outlined that there was not an issue with the actual audit from Azets but we had initially signed up for Baldwins to carry out our audit and the CEO felt he/we had an allegiance to Baldwins and the new company, BKPlus.

Mr Kazmee asked to make sure that the newly formed BKPlus was registered and legally compliant.

The CEO commented that they were but would again check the company’s legal status along with those carrying out the actual audit.

Mr Shoemake confirmed that BKPlus was a registered and approved Audit company and registered with the ICAEW.

As a result, the Directors present all voted in favour of disengaging with Azets and for BKPlus to carry out the 2020-21 audit for BCFA Ltd and the BCFA Benevolent Fund.

After the voting had concluded, Mr Shoemake then stated that BKPlus had also offered a significant reduction in the audit and accountancy fee. The meeting concluded at 09.58.

Signed:

 

**Mr M Penn Mr K Shoemake**

Chairman CEO

Date: 21.06.2021 Date: 21.06.2021