

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Company No. 4947166

Notice is given that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of Chesnara plc will be held at the offices of Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited, One New Change, London EC4M 9AF on 16 May 2018 at 11am. For the business set out below. Resolutions 1 to 14 inclusive will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 15 to 18 inclusive will be proposed as special resolutions.

1. To receive and adopt the audited accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2017, together with the reports of the directors and auditor thereon.
2. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report (other than the part of it which contains the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 31 December 2017.
3. To declare a final dividend of 13.07 pence per ordinary share for the financial year ended 31 December 2017.
4. To re-elect John Deane as a director.
5. To re-elect David Rimmington as a director.
6. To re-elect Jane Dale as a director.
7. To re-elect Peter Mason as a director.
8. To re-elect Veronica Oak as a director.
9. To re-elect David Brand as a director.
10. To re-elect Mike Evans as a director.
11. To reappoint Deloitte LLP as auditor of the company to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the company at which accounts are laid before shareholders.
12. To authorise the directors to determine the auditor's remuneration.
13. That, from the passing of this resolution 13 until the earlier of the close of business on 28 June 2019 and the conclusion of the company's next Annual General Meeting, the company and all companies which are its subsidiaries at any time during such period are authorised:
 - (a) to make donations to political parties or independent election candidates;
 - (b) to make donations to political organisations other than political parties; and
 - (c) to incur political expenditure up to an aggregate total amount of £50,000, with the individual amount authorised for each of (a) to (c) above being limited to £50,000. Any such amounts may comprise sums paid or incurred in one or more currencies. Any sum paid or incurred in a currency other than sterling shall be converted into sterling at such rate as the board may decide is appropriate. Terms used in this resolution have, where applicable, the meanings that they have in Part 14 of the Companies Act 2006.
14. That the directors be and they are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act'), to exercise all the powers of the company, to allot shares in the company and/or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the company ('Allotment Rights'):
 - (a) comprising equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £2,495,637 such amount to be reduced by the nominal amount of any equity securities allotted pursuant to the authority in paragraph (b) below in excess of £2,495,637; and
 - (b) comprising equity securities (as defined by section 560 of the Act) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £4,991,274 (such amount to be reduced by the nominal aggregate amount of any shares allotted or rights granted pursuant to the authority in paragraph (a) above) in connection with an offer by way of a rights issue:
 - (i) to holders of ordinary shares in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their respective holdings; and
 - (ii) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the directors otherwise consider necessary,

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but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal or practical problems in or under the laws of any territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange, provided that this authority shall, unless renewed, varied or revoked by the company, expire at the conclusion of the 2018 Annual General Meeting (or, if earlier, at the close of business on the date which is 15 months after the date on which this resolution is passed) save that the company may, before such expiry, make offers of agreements which would or might require securities to be allotted and the directors may allot securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this resolution.

15. That, subject to the passing of resolution 14 in this notice, the directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to section 570 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560 of the Act) for cash, pursuant to the authority conferred on them by resolution 14 of this notice or by way of a sale of treasury shares as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power is limited to:

- (a) the allotment of equity securities in connection with any rights issue or open offer (each as referred to in the Financial Conduct Authority's listing rules) or any other pre-emptive offer that is open for acceptance for a period determined by the directors to the holders of ordinary shares on the register on any fixed record date in proportion to their holdings of ordinary shares (and, if applicable, to the holders of any other class of equity security in accordance with the rights attached to such class), subject in each case to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or appropriate in relation to fractions of such securities, the use of more than one currency for making payments in respect of such offer, any such shares or other securities being represented by depositary receipts, treasury shares, any legal or practical problems in relation to any territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or any stock exchange; and
- (b) the allotment of equity securities (other than pursuant to paragraph (a) above) with an aggregate nominal value of £374,346.

16. That, subject to the passing of resolution 14 of this notice and, in addition to the power contained in resolution 15 of this notice, the directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to section 570 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560 of the Act) for cash, pursuant to the authority conferred on them by resolution 14 of this notice or by way of sale of treasury shares as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power is:

- (a) limited to the allotment of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal value of £374,346; and
- (b) used only for the purposes of financing (or refinancing, if the power is to be exercised within six months after the date of the original transaction) a transaction which the directors determine to be an acquisition or other capital investment of a kind contemplated by the Statement of Principles on Disapplying Pre-Emption Rights most recently published by the Pre-Emption Group prior to the date of the notice of this meeting, and shall expire on the revocation or expiry (unless renewed) of the authority conferred on the directors by resolution 14 of this notice save that, before the expiry of this power, the

company may make any offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities under any such offer or agreement as if the power had not expired.

17. That the company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') to make one or more market purchases (as defined in section 693(4) of the Act) of ordinary shares in the capital of the company, provided that:

- (a) the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 14,988,576;
- (b) the minimum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for such ordinary shares is its nominal value;
- (c) the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for such ordinary shares is the maximum price permitted under the Financial Conduct Authority's listing rules or, in the case of a tender offer (as referred to in those rules), 5% above the average of the middle market quotations for those shares (as derived from the Daily Official List of London Stock Exchange plc) for the five business days immediately preceding the date on which the terms of the tender offer are announced;
- (d) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the company's next Annual General Meeting to be held in 2019 (or, if earlier, at the close of business on 28 June 2019); and
- (e) the company may enter into contracts or contracts to purchase ordinary shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be completed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority, and may make a purchase of ordinary shares in pursuance of any such contract or contracts.

18. That a general meeting of the company (other than an Annual General Meeting) may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice.

By order of the board

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28 March 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Any member who is entitled to attend and vote at this Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint another person, or two or more persons in respect of different shares held by him, as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and to speak and to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
2. You will not receive a form of proxy for the AGM in the post. Instead, you will receive instructions to enable you to vote electronically and how to register to do so. You will still be able to vote in person at the AGM, and may request a physical copy proxy form directly from the registrars, Link Asset Services, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4TU (telephone number: 0781 664 0300). The return of the form of proxy will not, however, prevent you from attending the Meeting and voting, in person, should you wish to do so.
3. A member wishing to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting in person should arrive prior to the time fixed for its commencement. A member that is a corporation can only attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting in person through one or more representatives appointed in accordance with section 323 of the Companies Act 2006. Any such representative should bring to the Annual General Meeting written evidence of his appointment, such as a certified copy of a board resolution of, or a letter from, the corporation concerned confirming the appointment. Any member wishing to vote at the Annual General Meeting without attending in person or (in the case of a corporation) through its duly appointed representative must appoint a proxy to do so. A proxy need not be a member of the company. Members may appoint a proxy online by following the instructions for the electronic appointment of a proxy at www.signalshares.com, by entering the company name 'Chesnara plc' and following the on-screen instructions. To be a valid proxy appointment, the member's electronic message confirming the details of the appointment completed in accordance with those instructions must be transmitted so as to be received by 11am on Monday 14 May 2018. Members who hold their shares in uncertificated form may also use the 'CREST' voting service to appoint a proxy electronically, as explained below. The appointment of a proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting.
4. CREST members who wish to appoint one or more proxies through the CREST system may do so by using the procedures described in 'the CREST voting service' section of the CREST Manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed one or more voting service providers, should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf. In order for a proxy appointment or a proxy instruction made using the CREST voting service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a 'CREST proxy appointment instruction') must be properly authenticated in accordance with the specifications of CREST's operator, Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited ('Euroclear'), and must contain all the relevant information required by the CREST Manual. To be valid, the message (regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or is an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy) must be transmitted so as to be received by Capita Asset Services (ID RA10), by 11am on Monday 14 May 2018, which is acting as the company's 'issuer's agent'. After this time, any change of instruction to a proxy appointed through the CREST system should be communicated to the appointee through other means. The time of the message's receipt will be taken to be when (as determined by the timestamp applied by the CREST Applications Host) the issuer's agent is first able to retrieve it by enquiry through the CREST system in the prescribed manner. Euroclear does not make available special procedures in the CREST system for transmitting any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations apply in relation to the input of CREST proxy appointment instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or a CREST sponsored member or has appointed any voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as is necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should take into account the provisions of the CREST Manual concerning timings as well as its section on 'Practical limitations of the system'. In certain circumstances, the company may, in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 or the CREST Manual, treat a CREST proxy appointment instruction as invalid.
5. Copies of directors' service contracts and letters of appointment are available for inspection at the registered office of the company during normal business hours each business day. They will also be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting for at least 15 minutes prior to and during the Annual General Meeting.

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6. The time by which a person must be entered on the register of members in order to have the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (and for the purpose of the determination by the company of the votes they may cast) is close of business on Monday 14 May 2018. Changes to entries on the register of members after that time will be disregarded in determining the right of any person to attend or vote at the Annual General Meeting.
7. The right to appoint proxies does not apply to persons nominated to receive information rights under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006; as such rights can only be exercised by the member concerned. Any person nominated to enjoy information rights under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 who has been sent a copy of this notice of Annual General Meeting is hereby informed, in accordance with section 149(2) of the Companies Act 2006, that they may have a right under an agreement with the registered member by whom they were nominated to be appointed, or to have someone else appointed, as a proxy for this Annual General Meeting. If they have no such right, or do not wish to exercise it, they may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights. Nominated persons should contact the registered member by whom they were nominated in respect of these arrangements.
8. As at 23 March 2018 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this document), the company's issued share capital consisted of 149,885,761 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. 83,679 shares were held by the company in treasury. Therefore, the total voting rights in the company as at 23 March 2018 (being the last practicable date prior to the publication of this document) were 149,802,082.
9. Information regarding this Annual General Meeting, including information required by section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, is available at www.chesnara.co.uk Any electronic address provided either in this notice or any related documents may not be used to communicate with the company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
10. In accordance with section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, any member attending the Annual General Meeting has the right to ask questions. The company must cause to be answered any such question relating to the business being dealt with at the Annual General Meeting, but no such answer need be given if (a) to do so would interfere unduly with the preparations for the Annual General Meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information, (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question or (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the company or the good order of the Annual General Meeting that the question be answered.
11. Under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, members meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the company to publish on a website a statement in accordance with section 528 of the Companies Act 2006 setting out any matter relating to (i) the audit of the company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the Annual General Meeting or (ii) any circumstances connected with an auditor of the company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual accounts and reports were laid in accordance with section 437 of the Companies Act 2006. The company may not require the members requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with sections 527 or 528 of the Companies Act 2006. Where the company is required to place a statement on a website under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting includes any statement that the company has been required under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on a website.

The notes on the following pages give an explanation of the proposed resolutions:

Resolution 1:

Report and Accounts

The Companies Act 2006 requires the directors of a public company to lay its Annual Report and Accounts before the company in general meeting, giving shareholders the opportunity to ask questions on the contents. The Annual Report and Accounts comprise the audited Financial Statements, the Auditor's Report, the Directors' Report, the Directors' Remuneration Report, and the Directors' Strategic Report. In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code 2014 (the 'Code'), the company proposes, as an ordinary resolution, a resolution on its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Resolution 2:

Approval of the Directors' Remuneration Report

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the company proposes an ordinary resolution to approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2017. The Directors' Remuneration Report can be found on pages 62 to 79 of the 2017 Report and Accounts and, for the purposes of this resolution, does not include the parts of the Directors' Remuneration Report containing the Directors' Remuneration Policy set out on pages 73 to 79. The vote on this resolution is advisory only and the directors' entitlement to remuneration is not conditional on it being passed. The Companies Act 2006 requires the Directors' Remuneration Policy to be put to shareholders for approval annually unless the approved policy remains unchanged, in which case it need only be put to shareholders for approval at least every three years. The company is not proposing any changes to the Directors' Remuneration Policy approved at the Annual General Meeting in 2017.

Resolution 3:

Final dividend

The declaration of the final dividend requires the approval of shareholders in general meeting. If the 2018 Annual General Meeting approves resolution 2, the final dividend of 13.07 pence per share will be paid on 23 May 2018 to ordinary shareholders who are on the register of members at the close of business on 13 April 2018 in respect of each ordinary share.

Resolutions 4 – 10 inclusive:

Election and re-election of directors

The company's Articles of Association provide that any director who has not been elected or re-elected by the shareholders at either of the two preceding Annual General Meetings is required to retire at the next annual general meeting. Additionally, the Articles of Association require such further directors to retire at the Annual General Meeting as would bring the total number of directors retiring up to one-third of their number.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the company's Articles of Association, the board of directors has determined that all the directors shall retire from office at this year's Annual General Meeting in line with best practice recommendations of the UK Corporate Governance Code. Each of the directors intends to stand for re-election by the shareholders. Biographical details of each director can be found on pages 50 and 51 of this document. The Chairman confirms that each of the directors proposed continues to make an effective and valuable contribution and demonstrates commitment to their responsibilities. This is supported by the annual performance evaluation that was undertaken recently. The board unanimously recommend that each of these directors be re-elected as a director of the company.

In accordance with the Code, the board has reviewed the independence of its non-executive directors and has determined that they remain fully independent of management. The Code states that whilst the Chairman should, on appointment, meet the Code's independence criteria, thereafter the tests of independence are not appropriate in relation to that post. Peter Mason did meet the Code's independence criteria upon his election as Chairman.

Resolutions 11 and 12:

Re-appointment and remuneration of auditor

In the group's Half-Year Report issued on 31 August 2017, the board announced its intention to put the company's external audit contract out to tender during the second half of 2017. A formal competitive tender process was completed in November, overseen by the group's Audit & Risk Committee. On the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Committee, the board is proposing to shareholders the re-appointment of Deloitte LLP as the company's auditor to undertake the audit of the group's financial statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2018.

Resolution 11, therefore, proposes Deloitte's reappointment as auditor to hold office until the next general meeting at which the company's accounts are laid before shareholders. Resolution 12 authorises the directors to determine the auditor's remuneration. Details of the tender process and the Committee's recommendation are provided in the Audit & Risk Committee's Report on page 82 of this document.

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Resolution 13:

Political donations

It has always been the company's policy that it does not make political donations. This remains the company's policy.

Part 14 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') imposes restrictions on companies making political donations to any political party or other political organisation or to any independent election candidate unless they have been authorised to make donations at a general meeting of the company. Whilst the company has no intention of making such political donations, the Act includes broad and ambiguous definitions of the terms 'political donation' and 'political expenditure' which may apply to some normal business activities which would not generally be considered to be political in nature.

The directors therefore consider that, as a purely precautionary measure, it would be prudent to obtain the approval of the shareholders to make donations to political parties, political organisations and independent election candidates and to incur political expenditure up to the specified limit. The directors intend to seek renewal of this approval at future Annual General Meetings, but wish to emphasise that the proposed resolution is a precautionary measure for the above reason and that they have no intention of making any political donations or entering into party political activities.

Resolution 14:

Power to allot shares

The Companies Act 2006 provides that the directors may only allot shares if authorised by shareholders to do so. The directors current allotment authority is due to lapse at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. The board is, therefore, seeking to renew its authority over shares having an aggregate nominal amount of £2,495,637, representing approximately one-third of the issued ordinary share capital of the company (excluding treasury shares) as at 23 March 2018 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document). The board is also seeking authority to allot shares having an aggregate nominal amount of £4,991,274, representing approximately two-thirds of the issued share capital of the company (excluding treasury shares) as at 23 March 2018 by way of a rights issue.

The allotment authority sought is in line with the Share Capital Management guidelines issued by the Investment Association. For the avoidance of doubt, the authority sought pursuant to this resolution will give the directors the ability to allot shares (or grant rights to shares) up to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of £4,991,274.

As at 23 March 2018, the company held 83,679 treasury shares, being approximately 0.05% of the total ordinary share capital in issue (calculated exclusive of treasury shares).

The authority will expire at the earlier of the conclusion of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the company and the close of business on 28 June 2019.

Passing resolution 14 will ensure that the directors have flexibility to take advantage of any appropriate opportunities that may arise. At present the directors have no intention of exercising this authority.

Resolution 15 and 16:

Disapplication of statutory pre-emption rights

The directors are currently authorised, subject to certain limitations, to issue shares for cash without first offering them to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings. That authority will expire at the conclusion of the 2018 Annual General Meeting and, in accordance with the Statement of Principles issued by the Pre-Emption Group, resolutions 15 and 16 (which will be proposed as special resolutions) seek to renew the directors' authority to disapply pre-emption rights as referenced below.

Resolution 15, if passed, will allow the directors to (a) allot shares in the company for cash in connection with a rights issue or other pre-emptive offer; and (b) otherwise allot shares in the company for cash up to a maximum aggregate nominal value of £374,346, in each case as if the pre-emption rights of section 561 of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply. This aggregate nominal amount equates to approximately 5% of the issued ordinary share capital of the company (excluding treasury shares) as at 23 March 2018 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this notice of annual general meeting).

Resolution 16 is proposed as a separate special resolution. In line with the Pre-Emptions Group's Statement of Principles, the company is seeking authority, to issue up to an additional 5% of its issued ordinary share capital for cash without pre-emption rights applying. In accordance with the Statement of Principles, the company will only allot shares under this additional authority in connection with an acquisition or specific capital investment (within the meaning given in the Statement of Principles) which is announced contemporaneously with the allotment, or which has taken place in the preceding six-month period and is disclosed in the announcement of the allotment.

The board also confirms its intention to follow the provisions of the Statement of Principles regarding cumulative usage of authorities within a rolling three year period. Those provisions provide that no more than 7.5% of the issued share capital will be issued for cash on a non pre-emptive basis during any rolling three-year period, other than to existing shareholders, without prior consultation with shareholders. This limit excludes any ordinary shares issued pursuant to a general disapplication of pre-emption rights in connection with an acquisition or specified capital investment.

Resolution 17:

Authority to purchase own shares

This resolution, which will be proposed as a special resolution, seeks to renew the company's authority to purchase its own shares. It specifies the maximum number of shares which may be acquired as 10% of the company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 23 March 2018, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document, and specifies the minimum and maximum prices at which shares may be bought.

The directors will only use this authority if, in the light of market conditions prevailing at the time, they believe that the effect of such purchases will be (where such shares are to be purchased for cancellation) to increase earnings per share, and that taking into account other investment opportunities, purchases will be in the best interests of the shareholders generally. Any shares purchased in accordance with this authority will be cancelled or held in treasury for subsequent transfer to an employee share scheme. The directors have no present intention of exercising this authority, which will expire at the earlier of the conclusion of the 2019 Annual General Meeting and the close of business on 28 June 2019.

The company has options and awards outstanding under existing share schemes over an aggregate of 715,417 ordinary 5p shares, representing 0.48% of the company's issued ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 23 March 2018 (the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document). This would represent approximately 0.53% of the company's issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) if the proposed authority being sought at the Annual General Meeting to buy back 14,988,576 ordinary shares was exercised in full (and all of the repurchased ordinary shares were cancelled).

Resolution 18:

Notice of general meetings

The Companies Act 2006 requires the notice period for general meetings of the company to be at least 21 days, but, as a result of a resolution which was passed by the company's shareholders at last year's Annual General Meeting, the company is currently able to call general meetings (other than an Annual General Meeting) on not less than 14 clear days' notice. In order to preserve this ability, shareholders must once again approve the calling of meetings on not less than 14 clear days' notice. Resolution 17 seeks such approval. The approval will be effective until the company's next Annual General Meeting, when it is intended that a similar resolution will be proposed. The company will also need to meet the statutory requirements for electronic voting before it can call a general meeting on less than 21 days' notice.

The shorter notice period would not be used as a matter of routine for general meetings, but only where the flexibility is merited by the business of the meeting and is thought to be to the advantage of shareholders as a whole.

Directors' recommendation

The directors recommend all shareholders to vote in favour of all of the above resolutions, as the directors intend to do in respect of their own shares (save in respect of those matters in which they are interested), and consider that all resolutions are in the best interests of the company and its shareholders as a whole.