



### **ACG Networking week**

### **E-voting Service at VSD**

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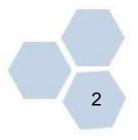
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### LEGAL BASIS, SCOPE OF SERVICE

### Legal basis:

Clause 3, Article 144 of 2020 Enterprise Law: "Shareholders are considered to attend and vote at a General Meeting of Shareholders (GMS) in the following cases:

- Attending in person and voting directly at the meeting
- Authorizing other individuals and organizations to attend and vote at the meeting
- Attending and voting via online meeting, **e-voting** or other electronic formats
- Sending ballots to meetings by mail, fax, email
- Sending ballots by other means as prescribed in the company's Charter





### LEGAL BASIS, SCOPE OF SERVICE (cont.)

### **Scope of service:**

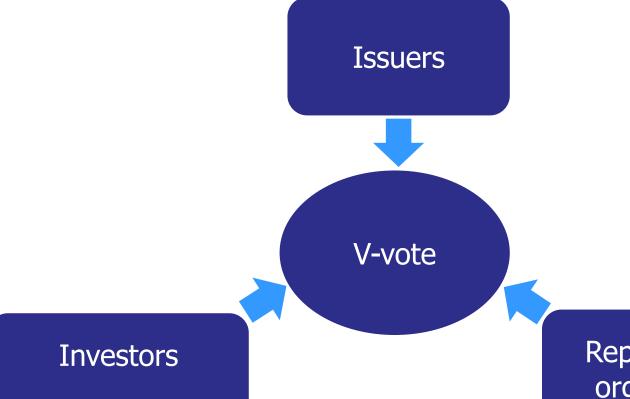
The e-voting system helps shareholders to participate in all 3 events:

- Postal ballot
- Voting to approve issues of the GMS in the case of Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting
- Seeking opinions of Fund Representative Board, members of the Board of Directors (BOD) of issuers



### REQUIREMENTS FOR USING E-VOTING SERVICE





Representative organizations



# REQUIREMENTS FOR USING E-VOTING SERVICE (cont.)



#### For issuers:

- Being companies whose securities are registered at VSD or open-ended funds for which VSD is authorized to act as transfer agent.
- Having signed E-voting contracts with VSD

#### For investors:

- Being named in the list of investors entitled to voting rights prepared by VSD in accordance with issuers' notices.
- Having a device connected to the internet (Computer, tablet, mobile phone, other electronic devices, etc.)
- Having a mobile phone number provided by a mobile phone service provider in Vietnam





## REQUIREMENTS FOR USING E-VOTING SERVICE (cont.)

### For representative organizations

- Being depository members of VSD or Fund certificate distributors where foreign investors open depository accounts/trading accounts for open-ended fund certificates.
- Being authorized by foreign investors to vote on the V-Vote system on their behalf.



### PRINCIPLES OF CO-ORDINATION



- 1. The organization, coordination and provision of E-voting service to issuers shall be carried out in accordance with the E-Voting service supply contracts signed between VSD and issuers.
- 2. Rights and obligations of investors related to e-voting comply with Regulation on e-voting by issuers based on the agreement with VSD.



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# PRINCIPLES OF CO-ORDINATION (cont.)





representative

organizations



### **SERVICE PRICES**



### 1. E-voting service fee

No	Description	Amount (excluding VAT)
1	Postal ballot and annual/extraordinary general meeting	
a	Fixed amount per time	3,000,000 VND/time (equal to130\$/time)
b	Additional amount basing on the number of participants	5,000 VND/investor (equal to 0.22\$/investor)
2	Seeking opinions of Fund Representative Board, BOD	
a	Fixed amount per year	3,000,000 VND/year (no more than 12 times/year) (equivalent to 130 USD/year)
b	Additional amount basing on e-voting times of the year	200,000 VND/time (from the 13th time of the year) (equivalent to 8.6 USD/time)

(USD exchange rate calculated at the rate of the State Bank of Vietnam)



### **SERVICE PRICES (cont.)**



### 2. Fees of sending letters to investors

Mailing Service Fee = Actual amount according to valid invoice made by the courier + 10% VAT

### 3. Others

In case there is a request to provide specific information or other work, the amount paid by issuers to VSD for these services shall be made on the basis of a written agreement between the two parties.



### SITUATION OF SERVICE PROVISION



The electronic voting system at VSD has been operated since 2017. Up to now, VSD has implemented as follows:

- Signing E-voting service provision contracts with 7 issuers and 2 fund managers
- Executing 11 e-voting times to issuers and 5 e-voting times for fund managers



### **SOME OBSTACLES**



- From 2017 up to now, the number of issuers using e-voting service at VSD is still limited because application of e-voting at general meetings is not legally mandatory for issuers.
- Many companies are still afraid of legal risks, fear of disputes and that the preparation for e-voting is not strict or fails to comply with current laws.





### **SOME OBSTACLES (cont.)**

- Many companies are not willing to change. If e-voting is applied, they have to revise charters or issue regulation on e-voting which require approval by the General Meeting.
- For investors, e-voting is still new, not a real replacement of the traditional voting.



### PLAN ON SERVICE IMPROVEMENT



In the time to come, VSD will continue:

- To refine regulations and improve the e-voting system to better meet demand for e-voting service of issuers and fund managers.
- To continue propaganda on benefits of e-voting to issuers and fund managers so that they can pass the message to investors
- Along with the e-voting service, VSD is also perusing experiences of other countries as well as the feasibility of online voting service for Vietnam securities market.





# Thank You!