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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: G & E Melhem Superannuation Fund  
Trustee Representation Letter**

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of the G & E Melhem Superannuation Fund (the Fund) and the Fund's compliance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SISA) and SIS Regulations (SISR), for the year ended 30/06/2020, for the purpose of you expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report is, in all material respects, presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Fund and the Fund complied, in all material respects, with the relevant requirements of SISA and SISR.

The Trustees have determined that the Fund is not a reporting entity for the year ended 30/06/2020 and that the requirement to apply Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements do not apply to the Fund. Accordingly, the financial report prepared is a special purpose financial report which is for distribution to members of the Fund and to satisfy the requirements of the SISA and SISR. We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that the financial report is in accordance with the accounting policies as selected by ourselves and requirements of the SISA and SISR, and confirm that the financial report is free of material misstatements, including omissions.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations are made to you during your audit.

**1. Sole Purpose Test**

The Fund is maintained for the sole purpose of providing benefits for each member on their retirement, death, termination of employment or ill-health.

**2. Trustees are not disqualified**

No disqualified person acts as a director of the trustee company/an individual trustee.

**3. Fund's Governing Rules, Trustees' Responsibilities and Fund Conduct**

The Fund meets the definition of a self-managed superannuation fund under SISA, including that no member is an employee of another member, unless they are relatives and no trustee/director of the corporate trustee, receives any remuneration for any duties or services performed by the trustee/director in relation to the fund.

The Fund has been conducted in accordance with its governing rules at all times during the year and there were no amendments to the governing rules during the year, except as notified to you.

The Trustees have complied with all aspects of the trustee requirements of the SISA and SISR.

The Trustees are not subject to any contract or obligation which would prevent or hinder the Trustees in properly executing their functions and powers.

The Fund has been conducted in accordance with the SISA, the SISR and the governing rules of the Fund.

The Fund has complied with the requirements of the SISA and SISR specified in the approved form auditor's report as issued by the ATO, which are sections 17A, 35AE, 35B, 35C(2), 62, 65, 66, 67, 67A, 67B, 82-85, 103, 104A, 105, 109 and 126K of the SISA and regulations 1.06(9A), 4.09, 4.09A, 5.03, 5.08, 6.17, 7.04, 8.02B, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14 and 13.18AA of the SISR.

All contributions accepted and benefits paid have been in accordance with the governing rules of the Fund and relevant provisions of the SISA and SISR.

There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial report *or we have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report and the Auditor's/actuary contravention report.*

**4. Investment Strategy**

The investment strategy has been determined and reviewed with due regard to risk, including recoverability of investments, return, liquidity, diversity and the insurance needs of Fund members, and the assets of the Fund are in line with this strategy.

## **5. Accounting Policies**

All the significant accounting policies of the Fund are adequately described in the Financial Report and the Notes attached thereto. These policies are consistent with the policies adopted last year.

## **6. Fund Books and Records**

All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial report. We have made available to you all financial records and related data, other information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and minutes of all meetings of the Trustees.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect error and fraud. We have established and maintained an adequate internal control structure to facilitate the preparation of reliable financial reports, and adequate financial records have been maintained. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial report.

We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Fund and involves the Trustees or others.

In instances where the fund uses a custodian, we confirm we have not been advised of any fraud, non-compliance with laws and regulations or uncorrected misstatements that would affect the financial report of the fund.

Information retention obligations have been complied with, including:

- Accounting records and financial reports are being kept for five (5) years,
- Minutes and records of trustees'/directors of the corporate trustee meetings/decisions are being kept for ten (10) years;
- Records of trustees'/directors of the corporate trustees' changes and trustees' consents are being kept for at least ten (10) years;
- Copies of all member or beneficiary reports are being kept for ten (10) years; and
- Trustee declarations in the approved form have been signed and are being kept for each Trustee appointed after 30 June 2007.

## **7. Fraud, error and non-compliance**

There have been no:

- a) Frauds, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations involving management or employees who have a significant role in the internal control structure that could have a material effect on the financial report.
- b) Communications from regulatory agencies concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial report.
- c) Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should have been considered for disclosure in the financial report or as a basis for recording an expense.

## **8. Asset Form and Valuation**

The assets of the Fund are being held in a form suitable for the benefit of the Members of the Fund, and are in accordance with our investment strategy.

Investments are carried in the books at their net market value. Such amounts are considered reasonable in light of present circumstances.

We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying values, or classification, of assets and liabilities.

We have assessed their recoverability and we are comfortable that the fund will be able, if needed, to realise these assets.

There are no commitments, fixed or contingent, for the purchase or sale of long term investments.

## **9. Safeguarding Assets**

We have considered the importance of safeguarding the assets of the fund, and we confirm we have the following procedures in place to achieve this:

- Authorised signatories on bank and investment accounts are regularly reviewed and considered appropriate; and
- Tangible assets are, where appropriate, adequately insured and appropriately stored.

## **10. Significant Assumptions**

We believe that significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates are reasonable.

## **11. Ownership and Pledging of Assets**

The Fund has satisfactory title to all assets appearing in the Statement of Financial Position. All investments are registered in the name of the Fund, where possible, and are in the custody of the respective Trustee.

There are no liens or encumbrances on any assets or benefits and no assets, benefits or interests in the Fund have been pledged or assigned to secure liabilities of others.

All assets of the Fund are held separately from the assets of the members, employers and the Trustees. All assets are acquired, maintained and disposed of on an arm's length basis and appropriate action is taken to protect the assets of the Fund.

## **12. Payment of benefits**

Benefits have been calculated and provided to members in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's governing rules and the relevant legislation.

The Trustee has revalued Member/s benefits to market value just prior to paying out a portion or all of a member's account balance.

## **13. Related Parties**

We have disclosed to you the identity of the Fund's related parties and all related party transactions and relationships. Related party transactions and related amounts receivable have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial report.

*[Delete this paragraph if not applicable]*

Acquisitions from, loans to, leasing of assets to and investments in related parties have not exceeded the in-house asset restrictions in the SISA at the time of investment, acquisition or at year end.

The Fund has not made any loans or provided financial assistance to members of the Fund or their relatives.

If the Fund owns residential property the members of the Fund or associates or other related parties do not lease, or use the property for personal use.

## **14. Acquisitions from related parties**

No assets have been acquired by the Fund from members or associates or other related parties of the Fund other than those assets specifically exempted by Section 66 of SISA.

## **15. Borrowings**

The Fund has not borrowed money or maintained any borrowings during the period, with the exception of borrowings which were allowable under SISA.

## **16. Subsequent Events**

No events or transactions have occurred since the date of the financial report, or are pending, which would have a significant adverse effect on the Fund's financial position at that date, or which are of such significance in relation to the Fund as to require mention in the notes to the Financial Statements in order to ensure they are not misleading as to the financial position of the Fund or its operations.

## **17. Outstanding Legal Action**

*[Delete this paragraph if not applicable]*

We confirm that you have been advised of all significant legal matters, and that all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been adequately accounted for, and been appropriately disclosed in the financial report. There have been no communications from the ATO concerning a contravention of the SISA or SISR which has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur.

## **18. Going Concern**

We confirm we have no knowledge of any event or conditions that would cast significant doubt on the fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

## **19. Residency**

The Trustees declare that the Fund was a resident Australian superannuation fund at all times during the year of income.

## **20. Investment Returns**

Investment returns of the Fund have been allocated to members in a manner that is fair and reasonable.

## **21. Insurance**

Where the Fund has taken out a life insurance policy on behalf of a member, the Trustee confirms that the Fund is the beneficial owner.

The Trustee also confirms that the Fund has not purchased a policy over the life of a member, where the purchase is a condition and consequence of a buy-sell agreement the member has entered into with another individual.

## **22. Limiting powers of Trustees**

The Trustees have not entered into a contract or done anything else, that would prevent the Trustees from, or hinder the Trustees in, properly performing or exercising the Trustees' functions and powers.

## **23. Collectables and Personal Use Assets**

If the Trustees own collectables and/or personal use assets these assets are not being used for personal use.

## **24. Uncorrected misstatements**

We believe the effects of those uncorrected financial report misstatements aggregated by the auditor during the audit are immaterial, both individually and in aggregate, to the financial report taken as a whole. A summary of such items is attached.

## **25. Additional Matters**

Include any additional matters relevant to the particular circumstances of the audit, for example:

- The work of an expert has been used; or
- Justification for a change in accounting policy

We understand that your examination was made in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and applicable Standards on Assurance Engagements and was, therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial report of the Fund taken as a whole, and on the compliance of the Fund with specified requirements of SISA and SISR, and that your tests of the financial and compliance records and other auditing procedures were limited to those which you considered necessary for that purpose.

Yours sincerely,  
**For and on behalf of the Trustee(s)**

**George Nadim Melhem**

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