### ASCENDIS HEALTH LIMITED

(Registration Number 2008/005856/06) Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa ISIN: ZAE000185005 JSE share code: ASC ("Ascendis Health" or "Company")

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the fourth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be held at 9:00 on Thursday 10 November 2016, at Block A Silverwood, Steenberg Office Park, Silverwood Close, Tokai, Cape Town, 7945, to consider and, if deemed fit, to pass, with or without modification, the ordinary and special resolutions set out below, in the manner required by the Companies Act No. 71 of 2008, as amended ("the Act") and subject to the applicable Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited ("Listings Requirements") on which the Company's ordinary shares are listed.

#### Record date

The board of directors of the Company has determined that the record date for the purpose of determining which shareholders of the Company are entitled to receive notice of this annual general meeting is Friday 7 October 2016, and the record date for purposes of determining which shareholders of the Company are entitled to participate in and vote at the annual general meeting is Friday 4 November 2016. Accordingly, only shareholders who are registered in the Companies' securities register on Friday, 4 November 2016 will be entitled to participate in and vote at the annual general meeting.

When reading the resolutions below, please refer to the explanatory notes for these resolutions which are set out on pages 10 to 12 of this Notice.

## 1 Adoption of the annual financial statements Ordinary resolution number 1

"Resolved that the audited annual financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 30 June 2016, as approved by the board of directors be and are hereby received and adopted."

The annual financial statements are available on the company's website: <u>www.ascendis.co.za</u> in the Financial Results section of Investor Relations.

The percentage voting rights required for Ordinary resolution number 1 to be adopted: more than 50% (fifty percent) of votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

### 2 Re-appointment of auditors Ordinary resolution number 2

"Resolved that PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., practice number 901121, with registered office at 2 Eglin Road, Sunninghill, Johannesburg, Gauteng, be and is hereby re-appointed as the Company's auditor and to note that the individual registered auditor who will perform the function of auditor is Louis Rossouw, identity number 7403195254080, provided that PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. is acceptable to the Company's audit committee as being independent of the Company, having regard to the matters enumerated in section 94(8) of the Act."

The percentage voting rights required for Ordinary resolution number 2 to be adopted: more than 50% (fifty percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 3 Re-election of directors of the Company Ordinary resolution numbers 3.1 and 3.2

"Resolved that the following directors of the Company, who, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election, are re-elected by separate resolutions, and each by way of a series of votes, each of which

is on the candidacy of a single individual to fill a single vacancy, in terms of article 26.3 of the company's Memorandum of Incorporation:

- Bharti Harie (independent non-executive director)
- Crispian Douglas Dillon (non-executive director)"

Brief biographies of each director offering herself/himself for election are on the Company's website at <u>www.ascendis.co.za</u>.

The percentage voting rights required for Ordinary resolution numbers 3.1 and 3.2 to be adopted: more than 50% (fifty percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 4 Appointment of directors Ordinary resolution number 4.1

"Resolved that Mary Sina Bomela who being eligible, has offered herself for election as an independent non-executive director of the Company, is elected by separate resolution, and by way of a series of votes, to fill an additional director position, in terms of article 26.2 of the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation."

# Ordinary resolution number 4.2

"Resolved that Dr Kinesh Sachidanandan Pather who being eligible, has offered himself for election as an independent non-executive director of the Company, is elected by separate resolution, and by way of a series of votes, to fill a single vacancy, in terms of article 26.3 of the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation."

Brief biographies in respect of each director offering herself/himself for election are on the Company's website at <u>www.ascendis.co.za</u>.

The percentage voting rights required for Ordinary resolution numbers 4.1 and 4.2 to be adopted: more than 50% (fifty percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 5 Appointment of audit committee

The board recommends the following three independent non-executive directors to the audit committee of the Company.

- Bharti Harie
- John Andrew Bester
- Dr Kinesh Sachidanandan Pather

The board is satisfied that they have the necessary qualifications and/or experience in the areas required to fulfill their responsibilities as members of the audit committee.

# Ordinary resolution numbers 5.1 to 5.3

"Resolved that, subject to the passing of ordinary resolution number 3.1 and ordinary resolution number 4.2, the Company appoints the following independent non-executive directors and non-executive director as members of Company's audit committee with effect from the date of passing of this resolution:

- Bharti Harie (chairman)
- John Andrew Bester
- Dr Kinesh Sachidanandan Pather"

It is recorded that John Andrew Bester is the appointed chairman of the board. In terms of this Ordinary resolution number 5, John Bester is also proposed to be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee. In terms of the Guidance Letter on Corporate Governance issued by the JSE Limited ("JSE")

on the 31 January 2013 an independent, non-executive chairman of the board may be appointed as a member of the audit committee provided, among other things, that (i) all other members on the audit committee are independent non-executive directors, and (ii) that the Shareholders have approved the appointment of the chairman as a member of the audit committee at the annual general meeting.

Each of John Andrew Bester, Bharti Harie and Dr Kinesh Sachidanandan Pather qualify as independent non-executive directors of the Company. It is accordingly permissible for John Andrew Bester to serve both as chairman of the board and a member of the audit committee.

The percentage voting rights required for Ordinary resolution numbers 5.1 to 5.3 to be adopted: more than 50% (fifty percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 6 General authority to issue shares of the Company Ordinary resolution number 6

"Resolved that the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised, by way of a general authority in accordance with the Memorandum of Incorporation of the Company, to issue all of the authorised but unissued ordinary shares in the capital of the Company in its discretion until the next annual general meeting of the Company, provided that such authority may be varied or revoked by any general meeting of the shareholders prior to such annual general meeting, and provided that, upon the listing of the ordinary shares on the exchange operated by the JSE Limited, any issue of ordinary shares shall also be subject to the provisions of the Listings Requirements."

The percentage voting rights required for Ordinary resolution number 6 to be adopted: more than 50% (fifty percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

## 7 General Authority to issue Shares for Cash Ordinary resolution number 7

"Resolved that the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised, by way of a general authority, to allot and issue all or any of the authorised but unissued shares in the capital of the Company for cash as they in their discretion deem fit, subject to the limitations as set out in the Act, the Memorandum of Incorporation of the Company and the Listings Requirements from time to time, being, as at the date of this resolution:

- the shares which are the subject of the issue for cash must be of a class already in issue, or where this is not the case, must be limited to such shares or rights that are convertible into a class of shares already in issue;
- any such issue will only be made to public shareholders (as defined by the Listings Requirements) and not to related parties (as defined by the Listings Requirements);
- that issues of shares in the aggregate may not exceed 15% (fifteen percent) of the number the Company's issued shares of that class, representing [64 835 347] of the shares in issue at the date of this notice;
- the maximum discount at which the shares may be issued is 10% (ten percent) of the weighted average traded price of those shares over the 30 (thirty) business days prior to the date that the price of the issue is agreed by between the Company and the party/ies subscribing for the shares. The JSE should be consulted for a ruling if the Company's securities have not traded in such 30 (thirty) business day period;
- this general authority shall be valid until the next annual general meeting, provided that such authority may be varied or revoked by any general meeting of the shareholders prior to such annual general meeting of the Company, provided that it shall not extend beyond 15 (fifteen) months from the date that this general authority is given; and
- upon any issue of ordinary shares which, together with prior issues of ordinary shares during the same period, will constitute 5% (five percent) or more of the total number of ordinary shares in

issue prior to that issue, the Company shall, publish an announcement in terms of section 11.22 of the Listings Requirements."

The percentage voting rights required for ordinary resolution number 7 to be adopted: In terms of the Listings Requirements, more than 75% (seventy-five percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 8 Approval of independent non-executive directors' remuneration Special resolution number 1

"Resolved that, subject to Ordinary resolution numbers 3.1, 4.1 and 4.2 being adopted, the following remuneration of independent non-executive directors of the Company for their services as directors of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2017 be and is hereby approved, in terms of the provisions of section 66(9) of the Act."

# Proposed annual remuneration for directors for the year ending 30 June 2017:

Director's Fees R
445 000
372 000
330 000
330 000
1 477 000

The percentage voting rights required for Special resolution number 1 to be adopted: more than 75% (seventy-five percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 9 General Authority to repurchase shares in the Company Special resolution number 2

"Resolved that the Company and/or any subsidiary of the Company be and is hereby authorised, by way of a general authority, to repurchase ordinary shares in the capital of the Company upon such terms and conditions and in such amounts as the directors may from time to time determine in terms of and subject to:

- o sections 4, 46 and 48 of the Act; and
- the Listings Requirements, being, as at the date of this resolution, that:
  - the repurchase of ordinary shares shall be effected through the order book operated by the JSE trading system, and done without any prior understanding or arrangement between the Company and/or the relevant subsidiary and the counterparty;
  - the general repurchase by the Company, and/or by its subsidiaries, of the Company's ordinary shares is authorised by its Memorandum of Incorporation;
  - this general authority shall be valid until the Company's next annual general meeting provided that it shall not extend beyond 15 (fifteen) months from the date of passing of this Special resolution number 2;

- repurchases must not be made at a price greater than 10% (ten percent) above the weighted average of the market value of the ordinary shares for the 5 (five) business days immediately preceding the date on which the transaction is effected and the JSE should be consulted for a ruling if the applicant's securities have not traded in such 5 (five) business day period;
- repurchases by the Company of its shares shall not, in the aggregate in any one financial year, exceed 20% of the Company's issued share capital of that class;
- ➤ at any point in time the Company may only appoint one agent to effect any repurchase on the Company's behalf or on behalf of any subsidiary of the Company;
- the passing of a resolution by the board of directors authorizing the repurchase, that the Company passed the solvency and liquidity test and that since the test was performed there have been no material changes to the financial position of the group;
- the Company and its subsidiaries will not repurchase ordinary shares during a prohibited period (as defined in the Listings Requirements) unless they have in place a repurchase programme where the dates and quantities of ordinary shares to be traded during the relevant period are fixed (not subject to any variation) and full details of the programme have been submitted to the JSE in writing prior to the commencement of the prohibited period;
- an announcement complying with paragraph 11.27 of the Listings Requirements will be published by the Company or its subsidiary (i) when the Company and/or its subsidiaries have cumulatively repurchased 3% (three percent) of the ordinary shares in issue as at the date of the listing of the ordinary shares in the Company on the JSE ("the initial number") and (ii) for each 3% (three percent) in the aggregate of the initial number of the ordinary shares acquired thereafter by the Company and/or its subsidiaries."

The directors of the Company have no specific intention at present to effect the general repurchase but will continually review this position having regard to prevailing circumstances.

This special resolution 2 requires the approval of at least 75% (seventy-five percent) of the voting rights of shareholders exercised on the resolution, in accordance with section 65(11) of the Act and paragraph 5.72(c) of the Listings Requirements.

#### Statement of the directors of the Company in respect of Special resolution 2

- The directors of the Company undertake, after considering the effect of the general repurchase under Special resolution 2, that they will not g i v e effect to any such repurchase unless:
- the Company and the group will be able in the ordinary course of business to pay its debts for a period of 12 months after the date of the notice of the annual general meeting;
- the assets of the Company and the group will be in excess of the liabilities of the Company and the group for a period of 12 months after the date of the notice of the annual general meeting, such assets and liabilities to be recognized and measured in accordance with the accounting policies used in the latest audited annual group financial statements;
- the share capital and reserves of the Company and the group will be adequate for ordinary business purposes for a period of 12 months after the date of the notice of the annual general meeting; and
- the Company's and the group's working capital will be adequate for ordinary business purposes for a period of 12 months after the date of the notice of the annual general meeting."

#### Additional information in respect of Special resolution 2

In terms of section 11.26 of the Listings Requirements, the disclosures regarding major shareholders and share capital of the Company appear in the Shareholders' analysis report in the Company's

Integrated Annual Report 2016, which is available on the company's website: <u>www.ascendis.co.za</u> in the Financial Results section of Investor Relations.

## Directors' responsibility statement

The directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given herein and certify that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no facts that have been omitted which would make any statements false or misleading, and that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made and that this special resolution contains all information required by law and the Listings Requirements.

### **Material changes**

There have been no material changes in the financial or trading position of the Company and its subsidiaries since the date of signature of the audit report and up to the date of the notice of annual general meeting.

# 10 Approval of financial assistance in terms of section 44 of the Act Special resolution number 3

"Resolved that in terms of section 44(3) of the Act the Company be and is hereby authorised, at any time and from time to time during the period of 2 (two) years commencing on the date of this special resolution, to provide any person with financial assistance for the purpose of, or in connection with, the subscription of any option, or any securities, issued or to be issued by the Company or a related or inter-related company, or for the purchase of any securities of the Company or a related or inter-related company, provided that –

- the recipient or recipients of such financial assistance, and the form, nature and extent of such financial assistance, and the terms and conditions under which such financial assistance is provided, are determined by the board of directors of the Company from time to time; and
- the board of directors of the Company may not authorise the Company to provide any financial assistance pursuant to this special resolution unless the board meets all those requirements of section 44 of the Act which it is required to meet in order to authorise the Company to provide such financial assistance; and
- in terms of section 44(3)(a)(ii) of the Act the board of directors of a Company may not authorise any financial assistance unless pursuant to a special resolution of the shareholders adopted within the previous two years, either as a general or specific authority, the shareholders of the Company have approved such financial assistance. The effect of this resolution is to grant the board of directors of the Company the general authority to provide direct or indirect financial assistance to the persons mentioned above. This authority will be in place for a period of two years from the date of adoption of this resolution."

The percentage voting rights required for Special resolution number 3 to be adopted: more than 75% (seventy-five percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 11 Approval of financial assistance in terms of section 45 of the Act Special resolution number 4

"Resolved that, in terms of section 45(3) of the Act the Company be and is hereby authorised, at any time and from time to time during the period of 2 (two) years commencing on the date of this special resolution, to provide any direct or indirect financial assistance as contemplated in such section of the Act to any director or prescribed officer of the Company or of a related or inter-related company, or to a related or inter-related company or corporation, or to a member of a related or inter-related corporation, or to a person related to any such company, corporation, director, prescribed officer or member, provided that –

- the recipient or recipients of such financial assistance, and the form, nature and extent of such financial assistance, and the terms and conditions under which such financial assistance is provided, are determined by the board of directors of the Company from time to time; and
- the board of directors of the Company may not authorise the Company to provide any financial assistance pursuant to this special resolution unless the board meets all those requirements of section 45 of the Act which it is required to meet in order to authorize the Company to provide such financial assistance".

In terms of section 45(3)(a)(ii) of the Act the board of directors of a Company may not authorise any financial assistance unless pursuant to a special resolution of the shareholders adopted within the previous two years, either as general or specific authority, the shareholders of the company have approved such financial assistance. The effect of this resolution is to grant the board of directors of the Company the general authority to provide direct or indirect financial assistance to the persons mentioned above, including in the form of loans or the guaranteeing of their debts. This authority will be in place for a period of two years from the date of adoption of this resolution."

The percentage voting rights required for Special resolution number 4 to be adopted: more than 75% (seventy-five percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 12 Endorsement of Ascendis Remuneration Policy Ordinary resolution number 8

"Resolved, by way of a non-binding vote, that the company's remuneration policy, excluding the remuneration of the independent non-executive directors for their services as directors, is endorsed". This policy is available in the Corporate Governance section on the Company's website at <u>www.ascendis.co.za</u>

# 13 General authority to sign all documents Ordinary resolution number 9

"Resolved that any director or secretary of the Company or any other person to whom a director has delegated authority to do so, be and is hereby authorised to sign all documents and any amendments thereto, take all such steps and do all such other things as may be necessary in order to give effect to and/or implement the resolutions contained herein."

The percentage voting rights required for Ordinary Resolution number 9 to be adopted: more than 50% (fifty percent) of the votes cast by shareholders present or represented by proxy at the annual general meeting.

# 14 Other business

Further to transact any other business that may be transacted at the annual general meeting.

# VOTING AND PROXIES

# Participation by electronic communication

The annual general meeting will be available live on webcasting, by following the link provided on the website: www.ascendis.co.za.

Please note that shareholders or their proxies will not be able to vote via the webcasting.

# **Certificated Shares**

If you hold certificated shares (i.e. have not dematerialised your shares in the Company) or are registered as an own name dematerialised shareholder (i.e. have specifically instructed your Central Security Depository Participant ('CSDP') to hold your shares in your own name on the company's sub-register), then:

- you may attend and vote at the annual general meeting; alternatively
- you may appoint a proxy (who need not also be a shareholder of the Company) to represent you at the annual general meeting by completing the attached form of proxy and, for administrative reasons, returning it to the office

of the company's transfer secretaries not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays). Please note that your proxy may delegate his/her authority to act on your behalf to another person, subject to the restrictions set out in the attached form of proxy as stipulated in section 58(3)(b) of the Act. Please also note that the attached form of proxy may be delivered to the Company at the time stipulated in the proxy form below, before the annual general meeting and must be so delivered before your proxy may exercise any of your rights as a shareholder at the annual general meeting.

### **Dematerialised Shares**

Please note that if you are the owner of dematerialised shares with electronic records of ownership under the JSE's electronic settlement system, Strate Proprietary Limited ("Strate"), held through a CSDP or broker and are not registered as an 'own name' dematerialised shareholder you are not a registered shareholder of the company, but appear on the sub-register of the company held by your CSDP. Accordingly, in these circumstances subject to the mandate between yourself and your CSDP or broker, as the case may be:

- if you wish to attend the annual general meeting you must contact your CSDP or broker, as the case may be, and obtain the relevant letter of representation from them; alternatively
- if you are unable to attend the annual general meeting but wish to be represented at the meeting, you must contact your CSDP or broker, as the case may be, and furnish them with your voting instructions in respect of the annual general meeting and/or request them to appoint a proxy. You must not complete the attached form of proxy. The instructions must be provided in accordance with the mandate between yourself and your CSDP or broker, as the case may be, within the time period required by them.

CSDPs, brokers or their nominees, as the case may be, recorded in the company's sub-register as holders of dematerialised shares held on behalf of an investor/beneficial owner in terms of Strate should, when authorised in terms of their mandate or instructed to do so by the owner on behalf of whom they hold dematerialised shares in the company, vote by either appointing a duly authorised representative to attend and vote at the annual general meeting or by completing the attached form of proxy in accordance with the instructions thereon and returning it to the company's transfer secretaries to be received by not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays).

## Identification

Section 63(1) of the Companies Act requires that a person wishing to participate in the annual general meeting (including any representative or proxy) must provide satisfactory identification (such as identity documents, driver's licences or passports) before they may attend or participate at such meeting.

# Voting

Each shareholder whether present in person or represented by proxy, is entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting.

# Votes at the annual general meeting will be taken by way of a poll and not on a show of hands.

#### Quorum

A quorum for the purposes of considering the resolutions shall comprise 25% of all the voting rights that are entitled to be exercised by shareholders in respect of each matter to be decided at the annual general meeting. In addition, a quorum shall consist of three shareholders of the company personally present or represented by proxy (and if the shareholder is a body corporate, it must be represented) and entitled to vote at the annual general meeting.

#### Proxies

Each shareholder is entitled to appoint one or more proxies (who need not be shareholders of Ascendis Health) to attend, speak and vote in his/her stead. On a poll, every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for each share held by him/her. Shareholders who are unable to attend the annual general meeting but who wish to be represented thereat, are required to complete and return the attached form of proxy.

It is requested that this form of proxy be lodged or posted or faxed to the transfer secretaries, Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited at 70 Marshall Street, Johannesburg, 2001, or at PO Box 61051, Marshalltown, 2107, South Africa or by fax on +27 11 688 6238, to be received by them no later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 08 November, 2016.

In compliance with the provisions of section 58(8)(b)(i) of the Act, a summary of the rights of a shareholder to be represented by proxy, as set out in section 58 of the Act, is set out below:

- An ordinary shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting may appoint any individual (or two or more individuals) as a proxy or as proxies to attend, participate in and vote at the annual general meeting in the place of the shareholder. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- A proxy appointment must be in writing, dated and signed by the shareholder appointing a proxy, and, subject to the rights of a shareholder to revoke such appointment (as set out below), remains valid only until the end of the annual general meeting.
- A proxy may delegate the proxy's authority to act on behalf of a shareholder to another person, subject to any restrictions set out in the instrument appointing the proxy.
- The appointment of a proxy is suspended at any time and to the extent that the shareholder who appointed such proxy chooses to act directly and in person in the exercise of any rights as a shareholder.
- The appointment of a proxy is revocable by the shareholder in question cancelling it in writing, or making a later inconsistent appointment of a proxy, and delivering a copy of the revocation instrument to the proxy and to the Company. The revocation of a proxy appointment constitutes a complete and final cancellation of the proxy's authority to act on behalf of the shareholder as of the later of (a) the date stated in the revocation instrument, if any; and (b) the date on which the revocation instrument is delivered to the Company as required in the first sentence of this paragraph.
- If the instrument appointing the proxy or proxies has been delivered to the Company, as long as that
  appointment remains in effect, any notice that is required by the Act or the Company's Memorandum of
  Incorporation to be delivered by the Company to the shareholder, must be delivered by the Company to
  (a) the shareholder, or (b) the proxy or proxies, if the shareholder has (i) directed the Company to do so in
  writing; and (ii) paid any reasonable fee charged by the Company for doing so.

Attention is also drawn to the "Notes to the form of proxy".

### Representation

Shareholders of the company that are companies, that wish to participate in the annual general meeting, may authorise any person to act as its representative at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

## Andy Sims

*Company Secretary* 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

# **ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 1**

### Adoption of annual financial statements

In terms of article 33.5 of the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation, the shareholders must consider the annual financial statements.

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2**

#### **Reappointment of auditors**

In terms of section 90(1) of the Act, each year at its annual general meeting, the Company must appoint an auditor who complies with the requirements of section 90(2) of the Act. Following a detailed review, which included an assessment of its independence, the current audit committee of the Company has recommended that PricewaterhouseCoopers be reappointed as the auditors of the Company. Section 94(9) of the Companies Act entitles a company to appoint an auditor at its annual general meeting, other than one nominated by the audit committee, but if such an auditor is appointed, the appointment is valid only if the audit committee is satisfied that the proposed auditor is independent of the company.

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBERS 3.1 and 3.2**

#### **Re-election of directors**

In terms of the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation, 1/3 (one-third) of the non-executive directors shall retire from office at each annual general meeting of the Company. The non-executive directors so to retire at each annual general meeting shall those who have been longest in office since their last election. For avoidance of doubt, in determining the number of non-executive directors to retire, no account shall be taken of any executive directors. Retiring non-executive directors shall be eligible for re-election.

The board of directors has evaluated the past performance and contribution of the retiring non-executive directors and recommends that they be re-elected.

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBERS 4.1 and 4.2

#### Election of directors

In terms of the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation, all directors shall be elected by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders at a general or annual general meeting of the Company. The shareholders are also entitled by ordinary resolution to determine such maximum number of directors as they from time to time shall consider appropriate.

The board of directors has evaluated the qualifications and eligibility requirements as set out in Section 69 of the Act, and recommends that they be elected.

# **ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBERS 5.1 to 5.3**

#### Re-election of members of the audit committee

The members of the audit committee have been nominated by the board of directors of the Company for election as members of the Company's audit committee in terms of section 94(2) of the Act.

The board has reviewed the proposed composition of the audit committee against the requirements of the Act and the Listings Requirements, and has confirmed that if all the individuals referred to above are re-elected, the committee will comply with the relevant requirements and have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to perform its duties in terms of the Act.

# **ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 6**

### Approval for the issue of authorised but unissued ordinary shares

In terms of the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation, read with the Listings Requirements, the shareholders of the Company may authorise the directors to, inter alia, issue any unissued ordinary shares and/or grant options over them, as the directors in their discretion think fit.

The existing authority granted by the shareholders at the previous annual general meeting is proposed to be renewed at this annual general meeting. The authority will be subject to the provisions of the Act and the Listings Requirements.

The directors have decided to seek annual renewal of this authority in accordance with best practice. The directors have no current plans to make use of this authority, but wish to ensure, by having it in place, that the Company has some flexibility to take advantage of any business opportunities that may arise in the future.

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 7**

#### Approval for the issuing of equity securities for cash

In terms of ordinary resolution number 6, the shareholders authorised the directors to allot and issue a portion of the authorised but unissued shares, as the directors in their discretion think fit.

In terms of the Listings Requirements, when shares are issued, or considered to be issued, for cash (including the extinction of liability, obligation or commitment, restraint, or settlement of expenses), the shareholders have to authorise such issue with a 75% (seventy-five per cent) majority.

The existing general authority to issue shares for cash granted by the shareholders at the previous annual general meeting will expire at this annual general meeting, unless renewed. The authority will be subject to the provisions of the Act and the JSE Listings Requirements. The aggregate number of ordinary shares capable of being allotted and issued for cash are limited as set out in the resolution.

The directors consider it advantageous to renew this authority to enable the Company to take advantage of any business opportunity that may arise in future.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER 1**

#### Approval for the remuneration of non-executive directors

Special resolution number 1 is proposed to enable the Company to comply with the provisions of sections 65(11)(h), 66(8) and 66(9) of the Act, which stipulate that remuneration to directors for their service as directors may be paid only in accordance with a special resolution approved by shareholders.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER 2**

### Acquisition of the Company's own shares

Special resolution number 2 is sought to allow the Company and/or its subsidiaries ("the Group") by way of a general authority to acquire its own issued shares (reducing the total number of ordinary shares of the Company in issue in the case of an acquisition by the Company of its own shares).

At the present time, the directors have no specific intention with regard to the utilization of this authority which will only be used if the circumstances are appropriate. Any decision by the directors to use the general authority to acquire shares of the Company will be taken with regard to the prevailing market conditions and other factors and provided that, after such acquisition, the directors are of the opinion that:

(i) the Group will be able to pay its debts in the ordinary course of business for a period of 12 (twelve) months after the date of this notice;

(ii) the assets of the Group will exceed the liabilities of the Company and its subsidiaries for a period of 12 (twelve) months after the date of this notice, recognized and measured in accordance with the accounting policies used in the latest audited annual Group financial statements;

(iii) the ordinary share capital and reserves of the Company and its subsidiaries will be adequate for the purposes of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries for the period of 12 (twelve) months after the date of this notice; and

(iv) the working capital of the Company and its subsidiaries will be adequate for the purposes of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries for the period of 12 (twelve) months after the date of this notice.

The Company will ensure that its sponsor will provide the necessary letter on the adequacy of the working capital in terms of the Listings Requirements, prior to the commencement of any acquisition of the Company's shares on the open market.

# **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS NUMBER 3 AND 4**

#### Approval for the Company to grant financial assistance in terms of sections 44 and 45 of the Act

Notwithstanding the title of section 45 of the Act, being "Loans or other financial assistance to directors", on a proper interpretation thereof, the body of the section also applies to any financial assistance provided by a company to any related or inter-related company or corporation, a member of a related or inter-related corporation, and to a person related to any such company, corporation or member.

Further Section 44 of the Act may also apply to any financial assistance so provided by a company to any related and inter-related company or corporation, a member, in the event that the financial assistance is provided for the purpose of, or in connection with, the subscription of any option, or any securities, issued or to be issued by the Company or a related or inter-related company, or a purchase of any securities of the Company or a related or inter-related company.

Both sections 44 and 45 of the Act provide, that the particular financial assistance must be provided only pursuant to a special resolution of shareholders, adopted within the previous 2(two) years, which approved such assistance either for a specific recipient or generally for a category of potential recipients, and the specific recipient falls within the general recipients and the board is satisfied that: i) immediately after providing the financial assistance, the

Company would satisfy the solvency and liquidity test (as contemplated in the Act); and ii) the terms under which the financial assistance is proposed to be given are fair and reasonable to the Company.

As part of the normal conduct of the business of the Group, the Company, and its subsidiaries are periodically required to (i) provide financial assistance (as understood in terms of section 45 of the Act) to any of their directors or prescribed officers, their present or future subsidiaries, and/or to any related or inter-related company or corporation, and/or to a member of a related or inter-related corporation, and furthermore (ii) to provide financial assistance (as understood in terms of section 44 of the Act) to any person for the purpose of or in connection with the subscription of any option or any securities issued or to be issued by the Company or another company related to it. Under the Act, the Company will require the special resolution referred to above to be adopted.

It is therefore imperative that the Company obtains the approval of shareholders in terms of special resolution numbers 3 and 4 so that it is able to effectively organize its internal financial administration.

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER 8**

#### **Endorsement of Ascendis Remuneration Policy**

In terms of King III, every year, the company's remuneration policy should be tabled for a non-binding advisory vote at the annual general meeting. The essence of this vote is to enable the shareholders to express their views on the remuneration policies adopted and on their implementation.

Accordingly, the shareholders are requested to endorse the company's remuneration policy as recommended by King III.

# **Proxy form**

Ascendis Health Limited (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) (Registration number: 2008/005856/06) ISIN: ZAE000185005 JSE share code: ASC ("Ascendis Health" or "Company")

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fourth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be held at 09:00 on Thursday 10 November 2016 at Block A Silverwood, Steenberg Office Park, Silverwood Close, Tokai, Cape Town, 7945

**Proxy form** – for use only by certified shareholders and own name dematerialised shareholders at the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held at 09:00 on Thursday 10 November 2016 ("the fourth annual general meeting").

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend the meeting and speak and, on a poll, to vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

I/We, (Full names in capital letters)	
of (Address)	_
Telephone number	
Cellphone number	
e-mail address	
being a member/s of Ascendis Health Limited and entitled to	
votes	
hereby appoint	_of
	_
or, failing him/her	_of

or, failing him/her, the chairman of the meeting, as my/or proxy to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at Block A Silverwood, Steenberg Office Park, Silverwood Close, Tokai, Cape Town, 7945 at 9 a.m. on 10 November 2016 and at any adjournment thereof, as follows:

Proposed Resolutions	In Favour	Against	Abstain
Ordinary resolution number 1: Adoption of annual financial statements			
Ordinary resolution number 2: Re-appointment of auditors			
Ordinary resolution number 3.1: Re-appointment of Bharti Harie as an independent non-executive director			
Ordinary resolution number 3.2: Re-appointment of Crispian Douglas Dillon as a non-executive director			
Ordinary resolution number 4.1: Appointment of Mary Sina Bomela as an independent non-executive director			
Ordinary resolution number 4.2: Appointment of Dr Kinesh Sachidanandan Pather as an independent non-executive director			

Proposed Resolutions	In Favour	Against	Abstain
Ordinary resolution number 5.1: Appointment of Bharti Harie as a member of the audit committee			
Ordinary resolution number 5.2: Appointment of John Andrew Bester as a member of the audit committee			
Ordinary resolution number 5.3: Appointment of Dr Kinesh Sachidanandan Pather as a member of the audit committee			
Ordinary resolution number 6: General authority to issue shares of the Company			
Ordinary resolution number 7: General authority to issue shares of the Company for cash			
Special resolution number 1: Approval of independent non- executive directors' remuneration			
Special resolution number 2: General authority to repurchase shares in the Company			
Special resolution number 3: Approval of financial assistance in terms of section 44 of the Act			
Special resolution number 4 : Approval of financial assistance in terms of section 45 of the Act			
Ordinary resolution number 8: Endorsement of Ascendis' Remuneration Policy			
Ordinary resolution number 9: Authority to sign all documents			

(Indicate instructions to proxy by way of a cross in the spaces provided above, failing which the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit.)

Signed by me/us this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_2016

Name of shareholder:

(please print)\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

### NOTES TO THE PROXY FORM

- 1 A shareholder may insert the name of a proxy or the names of two alternative proxies of the shareholder's choice in the spaces provided, with or without deleting "the chairman of the annual general meeting," but any such deletion must be initialed by the shareholder. The person whose name stands first on the form of proxy and who is present at the annual general meeting will be entitled to act as proxy to the exclusion of those whose names follow. In the event that no names are filled in the proxy shall be exercised by the chairman of the annual general meeting.
- 2 A shareholder's instruction to the proxy must be indicated by the insertion of the relevant number of votes exercised by that shareholder in the appropriate box provided. Failure to comply with the above will be deemed to authorize the proxy to vote or to abstain from voting at the annual general meeting as he deems fit in respect of all the shareholder's votes exercised thereat. A shareholder or his proxy is not obliged to use all the votes exercisable by the shareholder or by his proxy, but the total of the votes cast in respect of which abstentions recorded may not exceed the total votes exercisable by the shareholder or his proxy.
- 3 This form of proxy be lodged or posted or faxed to the transfer secretaries, Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited at 70 Marshall Street, Johannesburg, 2001, or at PO Box 61051, Marshalltown, 2107, South Africa or by fax on +27 11 688 6238, to be received by them no later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 08 November, 2016.
- 4 The completion and lodging of this form of proxy will not preclude the relevant shareholder from attending the annual general meeting, speaking and voting in person thereat to the exclusion of any proxy appointed in terms hereof.
- 5 Documentary proof establishing the authority of the person signing this form of proxy in a representative or other legal capacity must be attached to this form of proxy unless previously recorded by the transfer secretaries of the Company or waived by the chairman of the third annual general meeting.
- 6 Any alterations to the form of proxy must be initialed by the signatories.