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Dear Managing Director,

# Company Power of Attorney

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Thank you for instructing us to prepare the attached Company Power of Attorney.

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- A. Download the PDF (Don't print directly from the browser.)
- B. Print the PDF Printer settings: A4 paper
  - 100% scale (turn off 'fit to page')
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We confirm that we only act for Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd ACN 157 984 512 (Company or Appointer).

Fully read the attached minutes and Company Power of Attorney to ensure it complies with your instructions.

We confirm that:



- A. The document is completed along with the attached "Minutes of Company Directors Appointing Company Power of Attorney". The document is tabled at a Directors Meeting, who must approve the appointment of the power of attorney.
- B. The original signed document is retained by the company. A certified copy may be given to the appointed attorney. The company may only wish to make the document or a certified copy available to the attorney when one or more of the directors are unavailable to act for or on behalf of the company.

## What is a Company Power of Attorney?

A Company Power of Attorney is a legal document made by a company that authorises a person to act on its behalf and sign documents on its behalf. This nominated person is known as the attorney. The attorney or agent can be a human or even another company.

The Company Power of Attorney authorises the attorney to execute documents on behalf of the company. This may be required where a company's directors are unavailable to act for or on behalf of the company.

# How does a Company Power of Attorney operate?

A Company Power of Attorney may be required where a company's directors are unavailable to act for or on behalf of the company. This may be the case where a director is missing, sick, of unsound mind or unable to act. When this occurs, the company, without a functioning director, is unable to act. In such circumstances, where a Company Power of Attorney has been appointed, the attorney has the power to do things such as sign documents and make company decisions.

#### Self-Managed Superannuation Funds

Some fund managers, especially in the case of Self-Managed Super Funds, require all directors to sign to release monies. They often do not accept a human Enduring Power of Attorney for directors that are unable to sign.

#### Two directors

If there are two or more directors, corporations law requires two directors or a director and a secretary to sign documents. If one director is unable to sign, the company is thus prevented from signing documents and entering into agreements. A Corporate Power of Attorney helps here.

#### What if the company constitution is silent on Company Power of Attorney?

A company has legal capacity. As a company is recognised as an unnatural person, the *Corporations Act* provides for a company to appoint an attorney and an agent. A specific power in your company constitution is not required.

We have, however, not reviewed the company constitution. If you want us to review your company constitution, please let us know.

#### Is the Company Power of Attorney drafted as widely as possible?

We have drafted your Company Power of Attorney to be as wide as possible. If you wish to reduce any powers, merely put a blue pen line through that power and have all the parties initial the change.



# Can I use a "human" Enduring Power of Attorney for company matters?

No. An individual power of attorney is not a substitute for a Company Power of Attorney.

- 1. A human POA in Australia is called an "Enduring Power of Attorney".
- 2. Human being medical/lifestyle POAs in Australia are called:
  - Enduring Power of Guardianship Western Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales
  - Enduring Power of Attorney Australian Capital Territory and Queensland
  - Advance Personal Plan Northern Territory
  - Appointing Medical Treatment Decision Maker Victoria
  - Enduring Guardianship
  - Medical Enduring POA
  - Advanced Care Directive South Australia

Neither an Enduring nor a Medical POA can be used to act for a company. Instead, you need the attached Company Power of Attorney.

Even if you, as a human being, have granted a power of attorney to someone to manage your financial affairs, this does not extend to your company. An attorney under an Enduring POA cannot sign documents on your behalf, in your capacity as director of a company.

# Am I liable for the acts of my Company's Power of Attorney?

A director remains liable for an attorney's actions. To reduce liability and promote accountability, the company may want to consider appointing two persons to act jointly, acting as a check and balance to each other. Again, it is important to think about who is suitable for the role of Attorney to avoid issues.

# How does the Company Power of Attorney interact with my Will?

A Will is not a substitute for a Company Power of Attorney because a Will only come into operation after a person dies. Before the executor has administered the estate, a Company Power of Attorney may ensure smooth operation of a company after the death of a director.

#### Will I lose any of my rights if I appoint a Company Power of Attorney?

No. If you are available and capable, you still have authority to act for your company while you remain a director.

#### What can a Company Power of Attorney NOT do?

- A. Swear an affidavit in their appointor's name;
- B. Perform any non-delegable duties;
- C. Exercise any trusts, powers or discretions bestowed on the appointor; or
- D. Assign their powers or duties to another person.

#### What are the Attorney's obligations?

An Attorney must:

- A. Avoid conflicts of interest between the attorney and the company as appointer;
- B. Act honestly and in the appointer's best interest;



- C. Retain proper accounts and records;
- D. Keep their finances and assets separate to the appointer's finances and assets; and
- E. Not pay themselves or others with the company's money, unless directed to do so (this is different from claiming out-of-pocket expenses in carrying out their duties).

#### Changing your mind

A Company Power of Attorney can be terminated at any time, by the company. An attorney should be informed in writing, so the intention is clear.

This now concludes the matter. Thank you for your instructions.

Yours sincerely,

Brett Davies

Adj Professor, Dr Brett Davies, CTA, AIAMA, BJuris, LLB, LLM, MBA, SJD National Taxation Partner LEGAL CONSOLIDATED BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

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Dr Brett Davies Partner Legal Consolidated Barristers & Solicitors

#### Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd ACN 157 984 512

### Minutes of Company Directors Appointing Company Power of Attorney

Held at .....

#### Present:

Michail Bronson 2 Sydney Way, Manly NSW 2095, Australia

Kyle Bronson 43 Sydney Street, Manly NSW 2095, Australia

David Bronson 11 George Road, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

(Directorship)

Quorum: It was noted that a quorum was present a

Notice of Meeting: It was confirmed that the Direc and that there is unanimous consent to the meeting the requirement for any specified period of the notic unanimously that the meeting is validly constituted as required under the *Corporations Act*.

The attached Company Power of Attorney was tab the Company Power of Attorney, Bronson and Son

> Maria Stjepanovic 22 Park Street, Burwood VIC 3125, Australi

#### (Attorney)

It was resolved that:

- A. The Directorship is of the view that the Atto
  - (a) has capacity at law to act as the Compa
  - (b) is of sound mind
  - (c) is not bankrupt
- B. The Directorship authorises Bronson and S Company Power of Attorney upon the terms Attorney.

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C. The Company Power of Attorney is so adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting immediately after the meeting.

Michail Bronson (Director)	 Date: 20
Kyle Bronson (Director)	 Date: 20
David Bronson (Director)	 Date: 20



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> Company Power of Attorney authorises a person or persons to act on the company's behalf. The attorney signs documents on the company's behalf.

# **Company Power of Attorney for**

Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd ACN 157 984 512



This Company Power of Attorney (Deed) is made by:

Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd ACN 157 984 512 23 Bay Circle, Double Bay NSW 2028, Australia

(Company)

Maria Stjepanovic 22 Park Street, Burwood VIC 3125, Australia

#### (Attorney)

# Background

A. Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd is seeking to appoint:

Maria Stjepanovic

in the capacity of attorney as per the terms & conditions in this Company Power of Attorney.

B. The Attorney accepts the terms of this Deed.

# 1 Agreed terms

- 1.1 The Company Power of Attorney is given by Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd, a Company incorporated in Australia.
- 1.2 Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd appoints the Attorney.
- 1.3 The appointment, pursuant to this Deed, has the effeuntil it is revoked by Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd.
- 1.4 The Attorney is authorised by this Deed to do anythin of the Attorney, is necessary for the best interests of includes, but is not limited to, authorisation to:
  - 1.4.1 Make, sign, seal or otherwise execute, alter, corr document for and on behalf of Bronson and Sons
  - 1.4.2 Effect payments, receive money and manage oth Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd;
  - 1.4.3 Appear before any government, supreme or loca government department, association, firm or com negotiations and conclude, modify, sign or execu with such authorities;
  - Accept, sell, deal, buy, trade, lease, assign, rent name of Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd any property;

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- 1.4.5 Apply to any banks or financial institutions for the opening or closing of bank accounts of Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd;
- 1.4.6 Open, establish, register, maintain, operate and manage in the capacity of a Director of Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd, branches, subsidiaries, daughter companies or joint ventures of Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd;



- 1.4.7 Invest, participate, subscribe or take up any partnerships with any other companies, associations or other business entities; and
- 1.4.8 Bring and defend all legal proceedings that may be necessary to protect and enforce the interests and rights of Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd or its branches (if any)

## No personal Liability

1.5 Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd agrees that the Attorney doe liability by exercising any of the authorities or powers or Pty Ltd, in accordance with the terms of this Deed, or for exercising those authorities and powers under with the

#### Indemnity

1.6 Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd indemnifies the Attorney aga expense, damage, proceeding, action, claim or judgem or made against the Attorney arising from the exercise authorities or powers on behalf of Bronson and Sons Pt terms of this Deed.

#### Revocation

 This Deed may not be revoked, except by Bronson and notice to the Attorney.

Signed as a Deed on ..... of ..... 20.....

EXECUTED for and on behalf of Bronson and Sons Pty Ltd ACN 157 984 512

by authority of its Directors in accordance with section 127 Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)

Signature of Director or Secretary

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Signature of Director or Secretary (if a 2<sup>nd</sup>)



SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by Maria Stjepanovic

Attorney:

Maria Stjepanovic

(Signature of witness)

(Name of witness)

The following consent to the appointment:

Michail Bronson (Director)	 Date:	20
Kyle Bronson (Director)	 Date:	20
David Bronson (Director)	 Date:	20

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