



BTG plc

**Notice of the
Annual General Meeting**

to be held at the offices of

**Stephenson Harwood LLP
1 Finsbury Circus,
London EC2M 7SH**

Tuesday, 17 July 2012 at 2.00 pm

THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. This document should be read in conjunction with the accompanying BTG Annual Report and Accounts. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own personal financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or independent adviser, who, if you are taking advice in the United Kingdom, is authorised pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

If you have sold or otherwise transferred all your ordinary shares in BTG plc, please send this document and accompanying form of proxy to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for delivery to the purchaser or transferee.

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15 June 2012

Dear Shareholder

Annual General Meeting 2012

I am pleased to enclose the Notice of Meeting for the Annual General Meeting (the AGM) of BTG plc. The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 17 July 2012 at **2.00 pm** at the offices of Stephenson Harwood LLP, 1 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7SH. The formal notice convening the meeting is set out on pages 3 to 6 of this document. This document describes and gives a detailed explanation of each resolution to be proposed at the AGM.

Business at the AGM will include a presentation on the business and there will be the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the directors. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf at the meeting by returning the form of proxy sent to you in paper form, alternatively you may elect to vote online. If you choose to submit your proxy online you can access the voting site through the website of our registrar, Capita Registrars, at www.capitashareportal.com. Further instructions are provided on Capita's website. If you hold your shares in CREST you may vote via the CREST system. In each case, notice of your appointment of a proxy should reach Capita Registrars no later than 2.00 pm on Friday, 13 July 2012. Submitting your proxy will not prevent you attending and voting in person if you wish to do so.

If no proxy card is enclosed, this means that you have been nominated by the registered shareholder, who administers the investment on your behalf, to receive general shareholder communications directly from BTG plc. In this instance you may not send any voting instructions to the Company but should utilise any voting arrangements you have with the registered holder of your shares.

The Annual Report and Accounts enclosed, which also may be found in the Investors/Report and Accounts section of the Company's website (www.btgplc.com), contains the financial statements and a detailed review of progress in the business over the past year.

Matters to be voted on at the meeting include resolutions to receive the Annual Report and Accounts, to re-appoint the auditor and elect or re-elect the directors. A number of other resolutions are also proposed. Explanatory notes for all the business of the AGM are given on pages 7 to 9 of this document.

In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Board has decided that all the directors of the Company will stand for election or re-election annually and asks for your support. The Board is proposing my election, as I was appointed to the Board since the last

AGM, and the re-election of the other directors. Biographies of all current directors are on pages 36 to 37 of the Annual Report.

Recommendation

Your directors believe that all the proposals to be considered at the Annual General Meeting are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders and recommend shareholders vote in favour of the resolutions. The directors will be voting in favour of the resolutions in respect of their own shareholdings.

Change of TIDM

Please note that the three-letter short-form name (Ticker), used for identification purposes for BTG plc by the London Stock Exchange, was changed from BGC to BTG on 30 May 2012.

Yours sincerely

Garry Watts

Chairman
BTG plc

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of BTG plc (the Company) will be held at the offices of Stephenson Harwood LLP, 1 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7SH on Tuesday, 17 July 2012, at 2.00 pm, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions.

It is intended to propose resolutions 1 to 14 as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 15 and 16 as special resolutions.

Ordinary Resolutions

- 1 To receive and adopt the accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2012, together with the reports of the directors and auditor thereon. (Resolution 1)
- 2 To approve the remuneration report for the year ended 31 March 2012. (Resolution 2)
- 3 To elect Garry Watts as a director of the Company. (Resolution 3)
- 4 To re-elect Louise Makin as a director of the Company. (Resolution 4)
- 5 To re-elect Rolf Soderstrom as a director of the Company. (Resolution 5)
- 6 To re-elect Peter Chambré as a director of the Company. (Resolution 6)
- 7 To re-elect Giles Kerr as a director of the Company. (Resolution 7)
- 8 To re-elect Melanie Lee as a director of the Company. (Resolution 8)
- 9 To re-elect Ian Much as a director of the Company. (Resolution 9)
- 10 To re-elect James O'Shea as a director of the Company. (Resolution 10)
- 11 To re-appoint KPMG Audit Plc as auditor to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at which accounts are laid. (Resolution 11)
- 12 To authorise the directors to fix the remuneration of KPMG Audit Plc. (Resolution 12)

Special business

- 13 ***Donations to political organisations and political expenditure***
That in accordance with section 366 and 367 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act), the Company and all companies which are subsidiaries of the Company during the period when this resolution has effect be and are hereby authorised:
 - (a) to make political donations to political parties and/or independent election candidates, not exceeding £25,000 in total;
 - (b) to make political donations to political organisations other than political parties, not exceeding £25,000 in total; and
 - (c) to incur political expenditure not exceeding £25,000 in total,in each case during the period beginning with the date of passing this resolution and ending at the end of the next Annual General Meeting of the company or on 17 October 2013, whichever is the sooner. In any event, the aggregate amount of

political donations and political expenditure made and incurred by the Company and its subsidiaries pursuant to this resolution shall not exceed £50,000. For the purposes of this resolution the terms 'political donation', 'political parties', 'independent election candidates', 'political organisation' and 'political expenditure' have the meanings given by sections 363 to 365 of the Act. (Resolution 13)

14 ***Authority to allot shares***

That the directors be generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act), to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares and grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into, shares:

- (a) up to a maximum nominal value (within the meaning of Section 551(3) and (6) of the Act) of £10,925,266 (such amount to be reduced by the nominal amount allotted or granted under (b) below in excess of such sum); and
- (b) comprising equity securities (as defined in Section 560 of the Act) up to an aggregate nominal amount (within the meaning of Section 551(3) and (6) of the Act) of £21,850,532 (such amount to be reduced by any allotments or grants made under (a) above) in connection with or pursuant to an offer by way of a rights issue in favour of holders of ordinary shares in proportion (as nearly as practicable) to the respective number of ordinary shares held by them on the record date for such allotment (and holders of any other class of equity securities entitled to participate therein or if the directors consider it necessary, as permitted by the rights of those securities), but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may consider necessary or appropriate to deal with fractional entitlements, treasury shares, record dates or legal, regulatory or practical difficulties which may arise under the laws of, or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange in any territory or any other matter whatsoever,

these authorisations to expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company (or if earlier on 17 October 2013), (save that the Company may before such expiry make any offer or agreement which would or might require shares to be allotted or rights to be granted, after such expiry and the directors may allot shares, or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares, in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the authorisations conferred hereby had not expired). (Resolution 14)

Special Resolutions

15 ***Disapplication of pre-emption rights***

That, subject to the passing of resolution 14 set out in the notice of the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Company, the directors be given power pursuant to Sections 570(1) and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 560 of the Act) of the Company for cash pursuant to the authorisation conferred by that resolution, as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale, provided that this power shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities for cash:

- (i) in connection with or pursuant to an offer of or invitation to acquire equity securities (but in the case of the authorisation granted under resolution 14(b), by way of a rights issue only) in favour of holders of ordinary shares in proportion (as nearly as practicable) to the respective number of ordinary shares held by them on the record date for such allotment or sale (and holders of any other class of equity securities entitled to participate therein or if the directors consider it necessary, as permitted by the rights of those securities) but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may consider necessary or appropriate to deal with fractional

- entitlements, record dates or legal, regulatory or practical difficulties which may arise under the laws of or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange in any territory or any other matter whatsoever; and
- (ii) in the case of the authorisation granted under resolution 14(a) above (or in the case of any transfer of treasury shares), and otherwise than pursuant to paragraph (i) of this resolution, up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,638,790,

and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company (or, if earlier, on 17 October 2013), save that the Company may before such expiry make any offer or agreement that would or might require equity securities to be allotted, or treasury shares to be sold, after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities, or sell treasury shares in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired. (Resolution 15)

16 *Reduced notice of a meeting other than an annual general meeting*

That a general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice, such authority to expire on the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company. (Resolution 16)

By order of the Board

Paul Mussenden
Company Secretary
BTG plc

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Notes

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) may appoint one or more proxies (who need not be members of the Company), provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him, to attend, to speak and, on a poll, to vote on his or her behalf. A form of proxy is enclosed for use by shareholders. In order to be valid an appointment of proxy must be returned to the Company's Registrars by one of the following methods:
- In hard copy form (together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any under which it is signed) by post, by courier or by hand not later than 2.00 pm on 13 July 2012 to the Company's Registrars, Capita Registrars, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4TU;
 - Online through the website of our registrar, Capita Registrars, at www.capitashareportal.com

Appointment of a proxy does not preclude a member of the Company from attending the AGM and voting in person.

2. Alternatively, if you are a member of CREST, you may register the appointment of a proxy by using the CREST electronic proxy appointment service. Further details are contained below:

CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Annual General Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by using the procedures, and to the address, described in the CREST Manual (available via www.euroclear.com/CREST) subject to the provisions of the Company's articles of association. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), 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 instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a CREST Proxy Instruction) must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited's ('Euroclear') specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy, must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA 10) by the latest time(s) for receipt of proxy appointments specified in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the time stamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the

message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.

CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) should note that Euroclear does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.

3. Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, in order to be able to attend and vote at the AGM or any adjourned meeting (and also for the purposes of calculating how many votes a person may cast), a person must have his/her name entered on the register of members of the Company by 2.00pm on 13 July 2012 (or 48 hours before the time appointed for holding any adjourned meeting). Changes to entries on the register of members after this time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the meeting.
4. Copies of executive directors' service agreements and copies of the terms and conditions of appointment of non-executive directors are available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours from the date of this notice until the close of the Annual General Meeting (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) and will be available for inspection at the place of the meeting for at least 15 minutes prior to and during the meeting.
5. The right to appoint a proxy does not apply to persons whose shares are held on their behalf by another person and who have been nominated to receive communications from the Company in accordance with section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 (nominated persons). Nominated persons may have a right under an agreement with the registered shareholder who holds the shares on their behalf to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy. Alternatively, if nominated persons do not have such a right, or do not wish to exercise it, they may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the person holding the shares as to the exercise of voting rights.
6. Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a member provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.
7. 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 meeting but no such answer need be given if (a) to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the 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 meeting that the question be answered.
8. A copy of this notice, and other information required by Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, can be found on the Company's website, www.btgplc.com.
9. Under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act), members meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the Company to publish on a website a statement 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 circumstance 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 Act, (in each case) that the members propose to raise at the Annual General Meeting. 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 Act. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under Section 527 of the Act, 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 meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under Section 527 of the Act to publish on a website.
10. As at 14 June 2012 (being the last business day prior to the publication of this Notice) the Company's issued share capital consists of 327,757,974 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 14 June 2012 are 327,757, 974.
11. You may not use any electronic address (within the meaning of Section 333(4) of the Companies Act 2006) provided in this Notice of Meeting (or in any related documents including the Chairman's letter and proxy form) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

Information on resolutions

Resolution 1: To receive and adopt the accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2012, together with the reports of the directors and auditor thereon.

The Company is required to present the Directors' Report, audited Financial Statements and the independent auditor's report at a General Meeting.

Resolution 2: Approval of remuneration report

In accordance with section 439 of the Act, shareholders are invited to vote on the remuneration report, which is set out on pages 61 to 75 of the Annual Report and Accounts.

Resolution 3: Retirement and election of a director

The Company's Articles of Association require that any director newly appointed to the Board should retire at the first AGM following their appointment and stand for election. Garry Watts joined the Company since the last AGM and the Board is recommending that shareholders vote to elect him as a director.

Garry Watts joined the Board on 1 January 2012. The Board considered that his years of experience working in the pharmaceutical industry and his extensive experience as a director of a number of UK listed and unlisted companies would bring substantial value to the Board. The Board therefore recommends his election. This is proposed in Resolution 3.

His biographical details are shown on page 36 of the Annual Report and Accounts and on the Company's website.

Resolutions 4 to 10: Retirement and re-election of directors

In accordance with section B.7.1 of the UK Corporate Governance Code (the Code), published in June 2010, all the other directors of the Company will stand for re-election. The Code, published by the Financial Reporting Council, provides recommendations in many areas of corporate governance. Among the recommendations is a proposal that the directors of all FTSE 350 companies should stand for election every year rather than every third year as in the past. Along with many of other FTSE 350 companies, the Board has adopted the proposal and all directors now stand annually for election.

The directors were first appointed to the Board as follows: Louise Makin was appointed in 2004, Peter Chambré in 2006, Giles Kerr in 2007, Rolf Soderstrom in 2008, James O'Shea in 2009, Melanie Lee and Ian Much in 2011. Following a formal evaluation process, the Chairman is satisfied that each of them continues to perform effectively and demonstrates commitment to their role, including commitment of time for Board and Committee meetings and their other duties.

As the Chairman, Garry Watts, has only recently been appointed, the Board considered it was too early to carry out an evaluation of his performance. The Senior Independent Director will conduct a formal evaluation process before the next AGM.

All the non-executive directors have letters of appointment rather than service contracts with a notice period of three months for all except the Chairman who has a six-month notice period, unless they are not re-elected at an AGM. Louise Makin and Rolf Soderstrom have service contracts with a notice period of 12 months.

Biographical details of the directors standing for re-election are shown on pages 36 and 37 of the Annual Report and Accounts and on the Company's website.

Resolutions 11 and 12: Re-appointment of the auditor and approval of its remuneration

At every general meeting at which accounts are presented to shareholders, the Company is required to appoint auditors to serve from the end of the meeting until the next such meeting. The Board is proposing the re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc (KPMG) as the Company's auditor and KPMG has expressed its willingness to continue in office. The Company's Audit Committee has reviewed KPMG's effectiveness and recommends their re-appointment. Resolution 11 proposes KPMG's re-appointment and resolution 12 authorises the directors to fix its remuneration.

Resolution 13: Political donations and political expenditure

Provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to political donations and expenditure, include provisions that prohibit the Company and its subsidiaries from making donations to an EU political party or other EU political organisation or to an independent election candidate in the EU of more than £5,000 in any 12 month period unless they have been authorised to make donations by the Company's shareholders.

The Company does not make and does not intend to make donations to political parties, other political organisations or independent election candidates, nor does it incur or intend to incur EU political expenditure within the ordinary meaning of those words. However, the definitions of political donations, political expenditure and political organisations used in the Act are very broadly drafted. In particular, the definition of political organisations may extend to bodies such as those concerned with policy review, law reform, the representation of the business community and special interest groups such as those concerned with the environment. Matching employees' donations to certain charities may also be covered. As a result, the definitions may cover legitimate business activities that are not in the ordinary sense considered to be political donations or political expenditure. Such activities are not designed to support any political party or independent election candidate.

The Company wishes to ensure that neither it nor its subsidiaries inadvertently commits any breaches of the Act; accordingly, the directors have decided to seek shareholders' authority for political donations and political expenditure in case any of our normal activities are caught by the legislation. The authority sought would be capped at £50,000 for the next year. The authority will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM or, if earlier, the date which is fifteen months from the date of this resolution. The directors will continue to seek to renew their authority at each AGM, in accordance with current best practice.

No payments have ever been made under this authority, which is specific to political donations and political expenditure in relation to any and all EU member states.

Resolution 14: Authority to allot securities

The directors may allot shares and grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into shares only if authorised to do so by the shareholders. Resolution 14 proposes granting the directors authority to allot shares and grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into, shares (a) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £10,925,266 and (b) in connection with a rights issue up to an aggregate nominal amount (reduced by allotments under part (a) of the resolution) of £21,850,532. The nominal amount to which this authority relates, represents approximately 33.3% and approximately 66.7% respectively of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 14 June 2012. The authority will expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or, if earlier, the date which is fifteen months from the date of this resolution. It is the directors' intention to seek renewal of this authority annually. Other than the allotment of ordinary shares for the purposes of fulfilling the Company's obligations under its various share plans, the directors have no

present intention of exercising this authority. The Company does not hold any shares in treasury.

Resolution 15: Disapplication of pre-emption rights

Resolution 15 gives the directors the power, in certain limited circumstances, to allot equity securities for cash without first being required to offer such shares to the existing shareholders in proportion to their existing holdings. Apart from offers or invitations in proportion to the respective number of shares held, the power will be limited to the allotment of equity securities for cash up to an aggregate nominal value of £1,638,790 (being 5% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 14 June 2012, the latest practicable date prior to publication of this notice). The directors will have due regard to institutional guidelines in relation to any exercise of this power, in particular the requirement for advance consultation and explanation before making any non pre-emptive cash issue pursuant to this resolution which exceeds 7.5% of the share capital in any rolling three year period.

The authority will expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or, if earlier, the date which is fifteen months from the date of this resolution. It is the directors' intention to seek renewal of this authority annually. It is standard for most UK companies to propose this resolution each year.

Resolution 16: Notice of general meetings

Changes made to the Companies Act 2006 by the Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009 increase the notice period required for general meetings of the Company to at least 21 clear days unless shareholders approve a shorter notice period, which cannot however be less than 14 clear days. (Annual general meetings will continue to be held on at least 21 clear days' notice.) Until the coming into force of the Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009 on 3 August 2009, the Company was able to call general meetings (other than an AGM) on 14 clear days' notice and would like to preserve this ability. In order to be able to do so, shareholders must have approved the calling of meetings on 14 days' notice.

Resolution 16 seeks to renew the approval granted at last year's AGM. 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 confirms that it will give as much notice as practicable when calling a general meeting. The Company does not intend to use this authority as a matter of routine. The Company envisages that this authority would be used (in limited circumstances for time sensitive matters) where a shorter notice period would be, in the Board's opinion, merited in the interests of shareholders as a whole. It should be noted that if the Company calls a general meeting on less than 21 clear days' notice, the Company will make available a means for all shareholders to vote electronically for that meeting.