## **Appendix 3B**

# New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity

QBE INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED			
ABN 28 008 485 014  We (the entity) give ASX the following information.			
Part 1 - All issues You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).			
<sup>+</sup> Class of <sup>+</sup> securities issued or to be issued	Ordinary Sh	ares	
Number of *securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued	22,891,105		
Principal terms of the *securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid *securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if *convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)			
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Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment Yes with an existing +class of quoted +securities? If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state: the date from which they do the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment 5 Issue price or consideration A\$ 0.00 2,838,650 A\$13.36 20,052,455 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the Issue of fully paid ordinary shares under the acquisition of assets, clearly identify Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) and those assets) Bonus Share Plan (BSP). Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch 23.09.2011 of certificates Number +Class 8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX 1,115,545,692 **Ordinary Shares** (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

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9 Number and \*class of all \*securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class
7,825,789	Un-exercised
	employee options
6,901,224	
	Un-exercised
	employee
500	conditional rights
	Convertible notes

Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)

### Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?	
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	
13	Ratio in which the *securities will be offered	
14	*Class of *securities to which the offer relates	
15	<sup>+</sup> Record date to determine entitlements	
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	
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17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	
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18	Names of countries in which the	
10	entity has *security holders who	
	will not be sent new issue	
	documents	
	Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.	
	Cross reference: rule 7.7.	
19	Closing date for receipt of	
	acceptances or renunciations	
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20	Names of any underwriters	
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of *security holders	
25	If the issue is contingent on *security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	
27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	
30	How do *security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	
31	How do *security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	
32	How do *security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	
33	+Despatch date	

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34	Type of securities (tick one)
(a)	Securities described in Part 1
(b)	All other securities  Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employ incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities
Entit	ies that have ticked box 34(a)
	tional securities forming a new class of securities additional securities do not form a new class, go to 43)
Tick to docum	o indicate you are providing the information or tents
35	If the *securities are *equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional *securities, and the number and percentage of additional *securities held to those holders
36	If the *securities are *equity securities, a distribution schedule of the addition *securities setting out the number of holders in the categories  1 - 1,000  1,001 - 5,000  5,001 - 10,000  10,001 - 100,000  100,001 and over
37	A copy of any trust deed for the additional *securities
(now g	go to 43)
Entit	ies that have ticked box 34(b)
38	Number of securities for which +quotation is sought
	Class of *securities for which

40	Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing *class of quoted *securities?		
	If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:  • the date from which they do  • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment  • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment		
41	Reason for request for quotation now		
	Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period		
	(if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)		
		Number	+Class
42	Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 38)		
(now go	to 43)		

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#### All entities

#### **Fees**

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Paym	ent method (tick one)
	Cheque attached
	Electronic payment made  Note: Payment may be made electronically if Appendix 3B is given to ASX electronically at the same time.
$\times$	Periodic payment as agreed with the home branch has been arranged

#### **Quotation agreement**

- <sup>+</sup>Quotation of our additional <sup>+</sup>securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the <sup>+</sup>securities on any conditions it decides.
- We warrant the following to ASX.
  - The issue of the \*securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
  - There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
  - An offer of the \*securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any \*securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any \*securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the \*securities be quoted.
- We warrant that if confirmation is required under section 1017F of the Corporations Act in relation to the +securities to be quoted, it has been provided at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

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- We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before \*quotation of the \*securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:

Date: 07 October 2011

(Deputy Company Secretary)

Print name:

**Peter Smiles** 

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