

22 December 2011

The Manager
Company Announcements
ASX Limited
Level 6
Exchange Centre
20 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Austbrokers Holdings Limited – Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

For the market's information, please find enclosed our signed Form 604 following an intra-group transfer.

QBE has received cash dividends from Austbrokers (rather than participating in dividend reinvestments).

Yours faithfully,

Duncan Ramsay

Company Secretary

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Attachment

QBE Insurance Group Limited

ABN 28 008 485 014 82 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000 Australia

Postal Address

GPO Box 82 Sydney NSW 2001 Telephone: 61 2 9375 4

Telephone: 61 2 9375 4444 Facsimile: 61 2 9231 6104 DX 10171, Sydney Stock Exchange

Form 604

Corporations Act 2001 Section 671B

Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

To: Company Name/Scheme:

Austbrokers Holdings Limited

ACN/ARSN:

ABN 60 000 000 715

1. Details of substantial holder(1)

Name:

QBE Insurance Group Limited

ACN/ARSN (if applicable):

ACN 008 485 014

There was a change in the interests of the substantial holder on

20/12/2011

The previous notice was given to the company on

23/12/2009

The previous notice was dated

23/12/2009

2. Previous and present voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

| Class of securities (4) | Previous Notice | | Present notice | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Person's votes | Voting power (5) | Person's votes | Voting power (5) |
| Ordinary | 7,469,201 | 14.40% | 7,469,201 | 13.45% |

3. Changes in relevant interests

Particulars of each change in, or change in the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme are as follows:

| Date of change | Person whose relevant interest changed | Nature of change (6) | Consideration given in relation to change (7) | Class and number of securities affected | Person's votes affected |
|------------------|--|----------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 20 December 2011 | QBE Investments (Australia) Pty Limited (ABN 21 002 263 345) | Off market sale | \$45,562,126.10 | 7,469,201 Ordinary shares | |
| 20 December 2011 | QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited (ABN 78 003 191 035) | Off market purchase | \$45,562,126.10 | 7,469,201 Ordinary shares | |

4. Present relevant interests

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

| Holder of relevant interest | Registered holder of securities | Person entitled to be registered as holder (8) | Nature of relevant interest (6) | Class and number of securities | Person's votes |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited (ABN 78 003 191 035) | Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited (37 000 809 030) | Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited (37 000 809 030) | Beneficial Owner | 7,469,201 Ordinary shares | 13.45% |

5. Changes in association

The persons who have become associates (2) of, ceased to be associates of, or have changed the nature of their association (9) with, the substantial holder in relation to voting interests in the company or scheme are as follows:

| Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable) | Nature of association |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| No variation | No variation |

6. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

| Name | Address |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited (ABN 78 003 191 035) | 82 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000 |
| QBE Investments (Australia) Pty Limited (ABN 21 002 263 345) | 82 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000 |
| QBE Insurance Group Limited (ABN 28 008 485 014) | 82 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000 |
| Citigroup Nominees Pty Limited (ABN 37 000 809 030) | 120 Collins Street Melbourne Vic 3000 |

Signature

Print name: Duncan Ramsay

Capacity: Company Secretary

Sign here: Ducy

Date: 22 December 2011

DIRECTIONS

- 1. If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg. a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 6 of the form.
- 2. See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- 3. See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act 2001.
- 4. The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.
- 5. The person's votes divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.
- 6. Include details of:
 - any relevant agreement or other circumstances because of which the change in relevant interest occurred. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any
 document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or
 arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
 - any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the securities
 to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).

See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.

- 7. Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.
- 8. If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person (eg. if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".
- 9. Give details, if appropriate, of the present association and any change in that association since the last substantial holding notice.