Rule 2.7, 3.10.3, 3.10.4, 3.10.5

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.

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003, 24/10/2005.

Nam	ne of entity	
Hor	izon Oil Limited	
ABN		
	009 799 455	
We	(the entity) give ASX the following	g information.
	art 1 - All issues must complete the relevant sections (attach	sheets if there is not enough space).
1	*Class of *securities issued or to be issued	Partly paid ordinary shares issued on exercise of employee options
0	Number of *securities issued or to be	1,950,000

3 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)

which may be issued

issued (if known) or maximum number

Shares Amount outstanding 1,950,000 A\$0.34 per share

4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?

The payment date for the residual balance is as prescribed by the Horizon Oil Limited Employee Performance Incentive Plan.

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

Yes – other than the obligation to pay the residual amount owing.

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5	Issue price or consideration	A\$0.01 per share		
6	Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)	Partly paid shares issued on exercise of options under the Horizon Oil Limited Employee Performance Incentive Scheme.		
7	Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates	26 March 2012		
		Number	+Class	
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	1,130,811,515	Ordinary shares	
		Number	+Class	
9	Number and +class of all +securities	3,450,000	Partly paid shares	
	not quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	16,296,000	Options issued under Company's employee incentive schemes	
		17,000,000	General options	
		13,172,104	Share appreciation rights	
		400	Convertible bonds	
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)			
Paı	rt 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	*Record date to determine entitlements			
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?			
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions			

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18	Names of countries in which the 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	
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)?	

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33	+Desp	atch date
		Quotation of securities omplete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities
34	Type o	of securities ne)
(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, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities
Enti	ties tl	hat have ticked box 34(a)
Addi	tional	securities forming a new class of securities
Tick to I	indicate yo	ou are providing the information or documents
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 by those holders
36		If the +securities are +equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional +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

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Entities that have ticked box 34(b) 38 Number of securities for which +quotation is sought 39 Class of +securities for which quotation is sought 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

Quotation agreement

in clause 38)

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- ⁺Quotation of our additional ⁺securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the ⁺securities on any conditions it decides.
- We warrant the following to ASX.

Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (*including* the securities

- 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

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Sign here:

Company secretary

Print name: Michael Sheridan