

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.

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Name of entity

Austal Limited

ABN

73 009 250 266

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).

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| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued | Fully paid ordinary shares. |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 22.064,540 fully paid ordinary shares issued pursuant to the Retail Entitlement Offer, as announced on 22 November 2012.

4.066,105 fully paid ordinary shares issued to Allan Gray pursuant to the commitment in relation to the Retail Entitlement Offer shortfall as announced on 30 November 2012 (being a related issue of the Retail Entitlement Offer). |

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| <p>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)</p> | <p>Fully paid ordinary shares issued for cash consideration.</p> |
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4	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	Yes – securities will rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares.
5	Issue price or consideration	\$0.50 per share.
6	Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)	The net proceeds will be used to reduce indebtedness and strengthen Austal's balance sheet.
6a	Is the entity an +eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A? If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the +securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i	No.
6b	The date the security holder resolution under rule 7.1A was passed	N/A
6c	Number of +securities issued without security holder approval under rule 7.1	N/A

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6d	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.1A	N/A
6e	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting)	N/A
6f	Number of securities issued under an exception in rule 7.2	N/A
6g	If securities issued under rule 7.1A, was issue price at least 75% of 15 day VWAP as calculated under rule 7.1A.3? Include the issue date and both values. Include the source of the VWAP calculation.	N/A
6h	If securities were issued under rule 7.1A for non-cash consideration, state date on which valuation of consideration was released to ASX Market Announcements	N/A
6i	Calculate the entity's remaining issue capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A – complete Annexure 1 and release to ASX Market Announcements	N/A
7	Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates	28 December 2012

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8	Number and ⁺ class of all ⁺ securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in section 2 if applicable)	Number	⁺ Class
		350,073,744	Fully paid ordinary shares.
9	Number and ⁺ class of all ⁺ securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in section 2 if applicable)	Number	⁺ Class
		140,000 339,160 473,527 283,750 751,750 1,995,000 100,000 140,000 140,000 2,870,000 3,430,000	<u>Employee share options</u> Date exercisable: 17/07/2009 Cancelled 13/09/2010 Cancelled 13/09/2010 10/09/2011 Cancelled 10/09/2011 30/10/2012 Cancelled 27/02/2012 25/02/2012 28/09/2013 Cancelled 28/09/2013 20/10/2014 <u>Unlisted options</u> Date exercisable: Upon satisfaction of vesting conditions. Between 5 October 2015 and 5 October 2018, subject to vesting conditions.
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	Same as existing ordinary fully paid shares.	

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?	No
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	Non-renounceable
13	Ratio in which the ⁺ securities will be offered	9 fully paid ordinary shares for every 10 existing fully paid ordinary shares held on the record date.
14	⁺ Class of ⁺ securities to which the offer relates	Fully paid ordinary shares

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15	+Record date to determine entitlements	7.00pm (Sydney time) on 27 November 2012
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	No
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	Entitlements in relation to fractions of shares will be rounded up to the next whole share.
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.	For the Retail Entitlement Offer: shareholders in countries other than Australia and New Zealand.
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	For the Retail Entitlement Offer: 17 December 2012
20	Names of any underwriters	N/A
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	N/A
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	N/A
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	N/A
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	N/A
25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	N/A
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	No prospectus has been prepared. The Retail Entitlement Offer documents were sent to eligible retail shareholders on 30 November 2012.

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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	N/A
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	N/A
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	N/A
30	How do ⁺ security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	N/A
31	How do ⁺ security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	N/A
32	How do ⁺ security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	N/A
33	⁺ Despatch date	For the Retail Entitlement Offer: 28 December 2012

Part 3 - Quotation of securities

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

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, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

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Tick to indicate you 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

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
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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)					
42	Number and ⁺class of all ⁺securities quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 38)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Number</th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">⁺Class</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 100px;"></td> <td style="height: 100px;"></td> </tr> </table>	Number	⁺ Class		
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Quotation agreement

- 1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.
- 2 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.
 - 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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: 28 December 2012

Print name

Company secretary
Adrian Strang

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Appendix 3B – Annexure 1

Calculation of placement capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A for +eligible entities

Introduced 01/08/12

Part 1

Rule 7.1 – Issues exceeding 15% of capital	
Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated	
Insert number of fully paid ordinary securities on issue 12 months before date of issue or agreement to issue	
Add the following: • Number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2 • Number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval • Number of partly paid ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period Note: • <i>Include only ordinary securities here – other classes of equity securities cannot be added</i> • <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i>	
Subtract the number of fully paid ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	
“A”	

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Step 2: Calculate 15% of “A”	
“B”	0.15 <i>[Note: this value cannot be changed]</i>
Multiply “A” by 0.15	
Step 3: Calculate “C”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1 that has already been used	
Insert number of equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period <i>not counting</i> those issued: • Under an exception in rule 7.2 • Under rule 7.1A • With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4 Note: • <i>This applies to equity securities, unless specifically excluded – not just ordinary securities</i> • <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i>	
“C”	
Step 4: Subtract “C” from [“A” x “B”] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1	
“A” x 0.15 <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	
Subtract “C” <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	
Total [“A” x 0.15] – “C”	<i>[Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1]</i>

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Part 2

Rule 7.1A – Additional placement capacity for eligible entities	
Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated	
“A” <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 1 of Part 1</i>	
Step 2: Calculate 10% of “A”	
“D”	0.10 <i>Note: this value cannot be changed</i>
Multiply “A” by 0.10	
Step 3: Calculate “E”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1A that has already been used	
Insert number of equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period under rule 7.1A <i>Notes:</i> <i>This applies to equity securities – not just ordinary securities</i> <i>Include here – if applicable – the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> <i>Do not include equity securities issued under rule 7.1 (they must be dealt with in Part 1), or for which specific security holder approval has been obtained</i> <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i>	
“E”	

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Step 4: Subtract “E” from [“A” x “D”] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A	
“A” x 0.10 <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	
Subtract “E” <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	
Total [“A” x 0.10] – “E”	<i>Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A</i>

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