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# Mermaid Marine Australia Issues Shares under the Institutional Entitlement Offer and Institutional Placement

Mermaid Marine Australia Limited ("MMA") has successfully completed the issue of new fully paid ordinary shares ("New Shares") as part of the pro rata accelerated renounceable entitlement offer ("Entitlement Offer") and institutional placement ("Placement") announced on Tuesday, 25 February 2014.

MMA has today issued 59,768,902 New Shares under the institutional component of the Entitlement Offer raising gross proceeds of approximately A\$143.4 million, and 41,690,795 New Shares under the Placement raising gross proceeds of approximately A\$100.1 million.

These New Shares are to commence trading on the ASX today. The total number of MMA shares on issue following the issue of New Shares referred to above is 334,111,938.

The retail component of the Entitlement Offer ("Retail Entitlement Offer") opened on Wednesday, 5 March 2014, with the Retail Entitlement Offer booklet despatched to eligible retail shareholders on the same day. The Retail Entitlement Offer is scheduled to close on Friday, 21 March 2014.

An updated Appendix 3B reflecting the above information is attached.

## Shareholder enquiries

Retail shareholders who have any questions regarding the Retail Entitlement Offer should contact the MMA Entitlement Offer Information Line on 1300 628 310 (within Australia) or on +61 3 9415 4294 (from outside Australia) at any time from 8:30am to 5:30pm (Sydney time), Monday to Friday during the Retail Entitlement Offer period.

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# **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	
Mermaid Marine Australia Limited	
ABN	
21 083 185 693	

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

Fully paid ordinary shares.

Number of \*securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued 41,690,795 fully paid ordinary shares (**New Shares**) issued under the institutional placement (**Placement**); and

59,768,902 New Shares under the institutional component of the accelerated, renounceable entitlement offer (including the shortfall bookbuild) (Institutional Entitlement Offer),

both of which were announced to ASX on 25 February 2014.

Refer to Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014, for further details.

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Principal terms of the \*securities (e.g. 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)

The New Shares will have the same terms as existing fully paid ordinary shares.

Do the \*securities rank equally in all respects from the \*issue date with an existing \*class of quoted \*securities?

Yes, the New Shares will rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares from the issue date.

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

However, New Shares issued pursuant to the Offer will not be entitled to receive the \$0.055 per share dividend being paid on 1 April 2014.

5 Issue price or consideration

\$2.40 per New Share under the Placement.

\$2.40 per New Share under the Institutional Entitlement Offer.

6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets) See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.

6a Is the entity an \*eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?

No.

If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the \*securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i

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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.
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	*Issue dates  Note: The issue date may be prescribed by ASX (refer to the definition of issue date in rule 19.12). For example, the issue date for a pro rata entitlement issue must comply with the applicable timetable in Appendix 7A.	12 March 2014 for the New Shares to be issued under the Placement and the Institutional Entitlement Offer.

Cross reference: item 33 of Appendix 3B.

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8 Number and \*class of all \*securities quoted on ASX (including the \*securities in section 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class
334,111,938 fully paid ordinary shares on issue, following the issue of New Shares under the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer.	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
42,446	Unlisted options, expiring on 18 September 2014.
1,382,355	Unlisted senior employee incentive options, expiring on 18 September 2014.
1,424,801	TOTAL OPTIONS
4,139,255	Performance Rights

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

There has been no change to Mermaid Marine Australia Limited's dividend policy.

# Part 2 - Pro rata issue

11 Is security holder approval required?

See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.

Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?

See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.

Ratio in which the \*securities will be offered

See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.

<sup>+</sup>Class of <sup>+</sup>securities to which the offer relates

See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.

15 \*Record date to determine entitlements

See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.

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16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.
18	Names of countries in which the entity has security holders who will not be sent new offer documents  Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.  Cross reference: rule 7.7.	See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.
20	Names of any underwriters	See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	See Appendix 3B lodged on 25 February 2014.
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	N/A.
23	Fee or commission payable to the	N/A.
	broker to the issue	
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 offer documents will be sent to persons entitled	No prospectus is being prepared in connection with the Entitlement Offer. A retail offer booklet and personalised entitlement and acceptance form was sent to eligible shareholders on 5 March 2014.

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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	<sup>+</sup> Issue date	12 March 2014 for the New Shares issued under the Placement and Institutional Entitlement Offer.
	<b>3 - Quotation of securitie</b> ed only complete this section if you are ap  Type of *securities (tick one)  *Securities described in Part	oplying for quotation of securities
(b)	*	nd of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid en restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible
Entiti	Entities that have ticked box 34(a)	
Addi	tional securities forming a nev	v class of securities
Tick to	indicate you are providing the informat	ion or

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1 1	curities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the number and percentage of additional *securities
1 1	ecurities, a distribution schedule of the additional ber of holders in the categories
A copy of any trust deed for the	e additional <sup>+</sup> securities
les that have ticked box 54(b)	
Number of *securities for which *quotation is sought	N/A.
<sup>+</sup> Class of <sup>+</sup> securities for which quotation is sought	N/A.
Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the *issue date 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	N/A.
	If the *securities are *equity se additional *securities, and the held by those holders  If the *securities are *equity se *securities setting out the num 1 - 1,000 1,001 - 5,000 5,001 - 10,000 10,001 - 100,000 100,001 and over  A copy of any trust deed for the *es that have ticked box 34(b)  Number of *securities for which †quotation is sought  *Class of *securities for which quotation is sought  Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the *issue date 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

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41	Reason for request for quotation now	N/A.
	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 (including the +securities in clause 38)

Number	+Class
N/A.	N/A.

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## **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.
- 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.
- 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 is not available now, we 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: 12 March 2014

Company secretary

Print name: Dylan Roberts

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