



30 July 2004

Ref: #080/04

The Manager, Companies
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
5th Floor
20 Bond Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX

ISSUE OF SHARES UNDER EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PLAN

Beach Petroleum Limited advises that 225,000 fully paid ordinary shares of the Company are being issued at \$0.2863 cents each under the Employee Incentive Plan.

A completed Appendix 3B in respect of the issue is attached.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Reg Nelson", is written over a rectangular area of the document that has been filled with a fine dotted pattern.

Reg Nelson
Managing Director

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.

Name of entity

BEACH PETROLEUM LTD

ABN

20 007 617 969

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 | 225,000 ORDINARY SHARES |
| 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) | FULLY PAID ORDINARY SHARES |

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

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						
5	Issue price or consideration	28.63 CENTS						
6	Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)	ISSUE TO EMPLOYEES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PLAN						
7	Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates	9 July 2004						
8	Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	<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="padding: 5px;">287,944,102</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">FULLY PAID ORDINARY SHARES.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">43,920,949</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">BONUS OPTIONS EXPIRING 31 MAY 2005</td> </tr> </table>	Number	*Class	287,944,102	FULLY PAID ORDINARY SHARES.	43,920,949	BONUS OPTIONS EXPIRING 31 MAY 2005
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10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	N/A
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Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue N/A

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	
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	

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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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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 N/A

(If the additional securities do not form a new class, go to 43)

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

(now go to 43)

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

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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)					
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All entities

Fees

43 Payment method (tick one)

☐ Cheque attached

☐ Electronic payment made

☒ Periodic payment as agreed with the home branch has been arranged

Note: Payment may be made electronically if Appendix 3B is given to ASX electronically at the same time.

Note: Arrangements can be made for employee incentive schemes that involve frequent issues of securities.

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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.
 - 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.
- 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:
(Company Secretary)

Date: 30 July 2004

Print name: KATHRYN PRESSER

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