

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

BlueScope Steel Limited

ABN

16 000 011 058

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 | Ordinary |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 2,141,057 shares issued. |
| 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) | 2,101,057 shares issued pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan 2003 Award at nil exercise price.

40,000 shares issued pursuant to the Special Share Rights Award – Lance Hockridge at nil exercise price. |

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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				
5 Issue price or consideration	2,101,057 shares issued at \$6.47 per share paid by the BlueScope Steel Employee Share Plan Pty Ltd on behalf of the relevant Plan participants, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Long Term Incentive Plan (no cash amount was payable by the relevant Plan participants). 40,000 shares issued at \$nil per share.				
6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)	2,101,057 shares issued pursuant to the Long Term Incentive Plan 2003 Award at nil exercise price. 40,000 shares issued pursuant to the Special Share Rights Award – Lance Hockridge.				
7 Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates	4 October 2006				
8 Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	<table> <tr> <th data-bbox="686 1736 997 1803">Number</th><th data-bbox="997 1736 1279 1803">*Class</th></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="686 1803 997 2018">701,201,897</td><td data-bbox="997 1803 1279 2018">Ordinary</td></tr> </table>	Number	*Class	701,201,897	Ordinary
Number	*Class				
701,201,897	Ordinary				

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9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="762 365 1066 409">Number</th><th data-bbox="1066 365 1356 409">+Class</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="762 409 1066 629">Nil</td><td data-bbox="1066 409 1356 629">Nil</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	Nil	Nil
Number	+Class				
Nil	Nil				
10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	As for all quoted ordinary securities				

Part 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	
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.	

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| 19 | Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations | <input type="text"/> |
| 20 | Names of any underwriters | <input type="text"/> |
| 21 | Amount of any underwriting fee or commission | <input type="text"/> |
| 22 | Names of any brokers to the issue | <input type="text"/> |
| 23 | Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue | <input type="text"/> |
| 24 | Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of *security holders | <input type="text"/> |
| 25 | If the issue is contingent on *security holders' approval, the date of the meeting | <input type="text"/> |
| 26 | Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled | <input type="text"/> |
| 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 | <input type="text"/> |
| 28 | Date rights trading will begin (if applicable) | <input type="text"/> |
| 29 | Date rights trading will end (if applicable) | <input type="text"/> |
| 30 | How do *security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker? | <input type="text"/> |
| 31 | How do *security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance? | <input type="text"/> |

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32 How do ⁺security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?

33 ⁺Despatch date

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

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

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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					
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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 (including the securities in clause 38)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><thead><tr><th style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;">Number</th><th style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;">+Class</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td style="height: 60px;"></td><td style="height: 60px;"></td></tr></tbody></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.

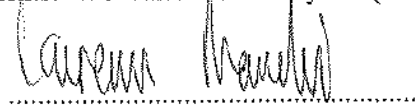
Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- 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: 24 OCTOBER 2006

Company secretary

Print name:

Laurence Mandie

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