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The Manager  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
Company Announcement Platform

Dear Manager

The board of Eastern Corporation Limited ("Eastern") are pleased to confirm that the \$2.2 million share placement has been completed. As previously advised, these funds are to be utilised towards:

- Furthering the Galilee coal seam methane pilot program;
- Carrying out the due diligence review in respect of the coal projects which Eastern has secured under option agreements; and
- Additional working capital.

An ASX Appendix Form 3B, setting out details of the share placement is **attached**.

Completion of this share placement is the first stage in the company's drive to establishing a viable coal project in Queensland's Bowen Basin region and to expand Eastern's portfolio of assets in the energy sector.

The due diligence review of the coal projects is now well underway, and is due to be completed in early June 2004.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gordon Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Gordon Smith  
Chairman

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

EASTERN CORPORATION LIMITED

ABN

11 064 957 419

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 shares, fully paid |
| 2 | Number of *securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued  | 55,000,000                  |
| 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) | Ordinary fully paid shares  |

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<p>4 Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing *class of quoted *securities?</p>	<p>Yes, all shares rank equally.</p>					
<p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date from which they do</li> <li>• the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment</li> <li>• the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment</li> </ul>						
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>\$2,200,000 (\$0.04 per share)</p>					
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>Provision of a loan of \$1 million to subsidiary Galilee Energy to fund coal seam methane pilot program.</p> <p>\$400,000 costs for independent consultants &amp; due diligence in relation to proposed coal acquisition.</p> <p>Additional working capital.</p>					
<p>7 Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates</p>	<p>4 May 2004</p>					
<p>8 Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="692 1608 991 1639">Number</th> <th data-bbox="991 1608 1287 1639">*Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="692 1639 991 1848">424,365,304</td> <td data-bbox="991 1639 1287 1848">Ordinary shares</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	*Class	424,365,304	Ordinary shares	
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	Number	*Class
9 Number and *class of all *securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)		
10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	No change	

### Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11 Is security holder approval required?	<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>
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  <small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small>	
19 Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	

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| 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 in full through a broker?  |  |
| 31 | How do *security holders sell part of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?   |  |

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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

(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)

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Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38 Number of securities for which \*quotation is sought

NOT APPLICABLE
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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

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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)

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	Number	*Class
42 Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 38)		

(now go to 43)

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## All entities

### Fees

43 Payment method (tick one)

Cheque attached

Electronic payment made

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

Periodic payment as agreed with the home branch has been arranged

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

### 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.

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- 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: ..30 April 2004....  
(~~Director~~/Company Secretary)

Print name: ....Bill  
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