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SUBJECT: APPENDIX 3B – ISSUE OF OPTIONS

Attached is an Appendix 3B for unlisted options issued to the directors of Mount Gibson Iron Limited. The details of these options are as follows:

- 4,500,000 options exercisable at 25 cents each on or before 31 December 2006. Vesting of these options will only occur if the directors are still employed by the Company on 31 December 2005. The issue of these options, under the *Mount Gibson Iron Limited Directors, Officers, Employees and Other Permitted Persons Option Plan*, was approved by shareholders at a General Meeting conducted on 3 May 2004.

- 5,000,000 options exercisable at 50 cents each on or before 31 December 2007. Vesting of these options will only occur if Mr Brian Johnson is still actively engaged in the management or direction of any of the Mount Gibson Iron Limited group companies on 31 December 2005. The issue of these options was approved by shareholders at a General Meeting of shareholders conducted on 16 March 2005.

- 5,000,000 options exercisable at 55 cents each on or before 31 December 2008. Vesting of these option will only occur if Mr Brian Johnson is still actively engaged in the management or direction of any of the Mount Gibson Iron Limited group companies on 31 December 2006. The issue of these options was approved by shareholders at a General Meeting of sharesholders conducted on 16 March 2005.

Yours sincerely,
MOUNT GIBSON IRON LIMITED

John Arbuckle
Company Secretary

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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

MOUNT GIBSON IRON LIMITED

ABN

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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).

1	+Class of +securities issued or to be issued	(a) Options (unlisted) (b) Options (unlisted) (c) Options (unlisted)
2	Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued	(a) 4,500,000 (b) 5,000,000 (c) 5,000,000
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)	(a) Exercisable at 25 cents each on or before 31 December 2006, conditional on continuing employment on 31 December 2005. (b) Exercisable at 50 cents each on or before 31 December 2007, conditional on continuing employment on 31 December 2005. (c) Exercisable at 55 cents each on or before 31 December 2008, conditional on continuing employment on 31 December 2006.

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	(a) Not quoted securities (b) Not quoted securities (c) Not quoted securities
5	Issue price or consideration	(a) $Nil (b) $Nil (c) $Nil
6	Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)	(a) In accordance with Mount Gibson Iron Limited Directors, Officers, Employees and Other Permitted Persons Option Plan. (b) & (c) To retain the services of Mr Brian Johnson during the next critical phase of the Company's corporate development
7	Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates	8 April 2005

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

Number	+Class
366,819,793	Ordinary Shares
30,723,300	Options exerciseable at 22 cents on or before 15/10/05

9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (*including* the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class
1,500,000	Convertible notes
4,500,000	Unlisted options Exp 31/12/06
5,000,000	Unlisted options Exp 31/12/07
5,000,000	Unlisted options Exp 31/12/08

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

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?	N/A
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	N/A
13	Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	N/A
14	+Class of +securities to which the offer relates	N/A
15	+Record date to determine entitlements	N/A
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	N/A
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	N/A
18	Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents.	N/A
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	N/A
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	N/A
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 *in full* through a broker?	N/A
31	How do +security holders sell *part* 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	N/A

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) ☐ Shares 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

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	
41	Reason for request for quotation now	

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

Number	+Class

All entities

Fees

43 Payment method (tick one)

- [ ] Cheque attached
- [ ] Electronic payment made
- [ ] Periodic payment as agreed with the home branch has been arranged

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: .... Date: 8 April 2005
(~~Director/~~Company Secretary)

Print name: John Arbuckle

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