

25 August 2023

Sandra Wutete
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Via email: ListingsCompliancePerth@asx.com.au

Dear Sandra

Response to ASX Price Query

We refer to your letter dated 25 August 2023 regarding the significant increase in the price of MLS's securities from a closing price of \$0.030 on 21 August to an intra-day high of a high of \$0.042 today, and a significant increase in the volume of trade. We respond to your questions as follows:

1. Is MLS aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?

Response: No.

2. If the answer to 1 is yes:
 - a) Is MLS relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1? Please note that the recent trading in MLS's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore MLS may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is "yes", you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.
 - b) Can an announcement be made immediately? Please note, if the answer to this question is "no", you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).
 - c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?

Response: Not applicable.

3. If the answer to question 1 is "no", is there any other explanation that MLS may have for the recent trading in its securities?

Response: Metals Australia Ltd (ASX:MLS) previously announced to the market that it holds the Warrambie tenement, E47/4327, a large tenement of 126km² in the northwest Pilbara region of WA. The MLS June 2023 Quarterly Report stated:

"The lithium potential of this project will also be examined, being located 20km east of the Andover lithium discovery of Azure Minerals (ASX:AZS) which included 105m @ 1.26% Li₂O".

The area surrounding the Andover lithium discovery has become the focus of intense investor interest recently, due to several companies (such as Raden Resources Ltd, (ASX:RDN) – see

announcement of 23/08/23) announcing the discovery of pegmatites and/or lithium in the general vicinity of the Andover lithium discovery.

Today (25/08/23) Sabre Resources Ltd (ASX:SBR) announced that it had identified the potential for lithium bearing pegmatites under cover at its Andover East target within a new tenement application, 50km east of the Andover lithium discovery. SBR also that they had identified pegmatites in outcrop in the vicinity of this target with anomalous lithium and other pathfinders.

The announcements by companies such as RDN and SBR could have led investors to look at other companies that have tenements in the region near Andover, and they may have realised the strategic location of the Warrambie tenement of MLS being located between the Andover lithium discovery and the SBR Andover East Target.

The above would explain the recent trading activity in the MLS securities.

4. Please confirm that MLS is complying with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

Response: MLS confirms that it is in compliance with the Listing Rules, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

5. Please confirm that MLS's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved under its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board and an officer of MLS with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

Response: The company confirms that MLS's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published Continuous Disclosure Policy.

Yours sincerely
Metals Australia Ltd



Mr Michael Muhling
Company Secretary



25 August 2023

Reference: 78739

Mr Michael Muhling
Company Secretary
Metals Australia Ltd

By email

Dear Mr Muhling

Metals Australia Ltd ('MLS'): Price - Query

ASX refers to the following:

- A. The change in the price of MLS's securities from a closing price of \$0.03 on 21 August 2023 to an intra-day high, at the time of writing this letter, of \$0.042 today.
- B. The significant increase in the volume of MLS's securities traded from 24 August 2023 to 25 August 2023.

Request for information

In light of this, ASX asks MLS to respond separately to each of the following questions and requests for information:

1. Is MLS aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?
2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes".
 - (a) Is MLS relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1? Please note that the recent trading in MLS's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore MLS may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is "yes", you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.
 - (b) Can an announcement be made immediately? Please note, if the answer to this question is "no", you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).
 - (c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?
3. If the answer to question 1 is "no", is there any other explanation that MLS may have for the recent trading in its securities?
4. Please confirm that MLS is complying with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.
5. Please confirm that MLS's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved under its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of MLS with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

When and where to send your response

This request is made under Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by no later than **1:30 PM AWST Friday, 25 August 2023**. You should note that if the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under Listing Rule 3.1 and it does not fall

within the exceptions mentioned in Listing Rule 3.1A, MLS's obligation is to disclose the information 'immediately'. This may require the information to be disclosed before the deadline set out in the previous paragraph and may require MLS to request a trading halt immediately.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail at **ListingsCompliancePerth@asx.com.au**. It should not be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office. This is to allow me to review your response to confirm that it is in a form appropriate for release to the market, before it is published on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

Trading halt

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, or if the answer to question 1 is "yes" and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in MLS's securities under Listing Rule 17.1. If you wish a trading halt, you must tell us:

- the reasons for the trading halt;
- how long you want the trading halt to last;
- the event you expect to happen that will end the trading halt;
- that you are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and
- any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

We require the request for a trading halt to be in writing. The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted. You can find further information about trading halts in Guidance Note 16 *Trading Halts & Voluntary Suspensions*.

Suspension

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, ASX will likely suspend trading in MLS's securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A

In responding to this letter, you should have regard to MLS's obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure*: Listing Rules 3.1 – 3.1B. It should be noted that MLS's obligation to disclose information under Listing Rule 3.1 is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

Release of correspondence between ASX and entity

ASX reserves the right to release all or any part of this letter, your reply and any other related correspondence between us to the market under Listing Rule 18.7A.

Questions

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Wutete

Principal Adviser, Listings Compliance