

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

QBE INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED

ABN

28 008 485 014

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

Ordinary Shares

2 Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued

32,884

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)

Part conversion of Liquid Yield OptioN Securities maturing 15 April 2022 (LYONs I)

Conversion Prices:

31,121 shares at \$9.04 each

634 shares at \$10.80 each

609 shares at \$12.62 each

Conversion Date: 31 December 2004

Employee Share & Option Plan unlisted options
\$11.08 Final exercise date 2 March 2024

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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?

Yes

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

5 Issue price or consideration

A\$ 9.04	31,121	A\$11.08	500
A\$10.80	634	A\$ 0.00	20
A\$12.62	609		

6 Purpose of the issue
 (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)

Conversion of LYONs I issued on 9 April 2002 to fund repayment of certain bank loans on or before their maturity and to strengthen the balance sheet for rating purposes.

See letter to ASX dated 9 April 2002 entitled 'QBE confirms Issue of Debt Based Securities'.

Exercise of employee options.

Issue of bonus shares (notional dividends) at no cost.

7 Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

23/12/2004 24/12/2004
 31/12/2004

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	Number	*Class
8	Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	745,333,400 Ordinary Shares

	Number	*Class
9	Number and *class of all *securities not quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	Various options and conditional rights over un-issued shares at various prices totalling 19,286,043 (see attached Annexure 'A')

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

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?	

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| 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 | |
| 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) | |

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		<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"/>
32	How do *security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	<input type="text"/>
33	*Despatch date	<input type="text"/>

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

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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

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)

	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: 7 January 2005
(Company secretary)

Print name: Duncan Ramsay

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This is Annexure "A" of 2 pages referred to in Appendix 3B, Form of Application for Official Quotations of Additional Securities, signed by me and dated 7 January 2005.

Duncan Ramsay
COMPANY SECRETARY

9.	Number of Options/ Conditional Rights	Class	Final Exercise Date
	10,000	Options	31 May 2005
	10,000	Options	30 June 2005
	50,000	Options	31 October 2005
	6,030	Options	30 September 2005
	39,700	Options	30 September 2005
	5,000	Options	31 December 2005
	63,200	Options	01 April 2006
	4,528	Options	01 April 2006
	335,000	Options	24 May 2006
	155,000	Options	31 May 2006
	275,000	Options	31 March 2007
	230,000	Options	31 March 2007
	460,000	Options	31 March 2007
	290,000	Options	31 March 2005
	455,070	Options	17 March 2006
	100,000	Options	14 March 2006
	2,640,813	Options	12 March 2007
	110,884	Options	9 April 2007
	167,082	Options	2 March 2007
	114,915	Options	12 March 2006
	10,000	Options	2 November 2006
	98,000	Options	2 March 2024
	2,998,296	Options	2 March 2008
	209,637	Options	2 March 2008
	114,694	Options	1 April 2008
	193,441	Conditional Rights	17 March 2005
	1,059,782	Conditional Rights	12 March 2006
	45,177	Conditional Rights	9 April 2006
	1,240,938	Conditional Rights	2 March 2007
	43,856	Conditional Rights	1 April 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	500,000*	Options	30 November 2007
	641,390#	Options	31 July 2006
	630,970#	Options	31 July 2006
	200,093#	Options	31 July 2006
	563,998#	Options	31 July 2006
	363,549#	Options	31 July 2006
	350,000#	Options	31 July 2006

19,286,043

*Options issued to a third party subject to a number of performance hurdles.

#Options issued to third parties.