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16 March 2004

Manager Announcements
Companies Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
10th Floor, 20 Bond Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Via electronic lodgement

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### EXERCISE OF UNLISTED SHARE OPTIONS / NEW ISSUE OF UNLISTED OPTIONS

#### (A) Exercise of 225,000 Unlisted Options & Issue of 225,000 Shares

Sally Malay Mining Limited (ASX: SMY) hereby announces that it has issued 225,000 fully paid ordinary shares in respect to the exercise of 225,000 unlisted share options at 35 cents per share (ASX Code: SMYAK) by a director of the Company, Mr Michael Bohm. The Company applies for the quotation of the additional 225,000 fully paid ordinary shares. Please refer to the attached Appendix 3B for further details.

#### (B) New Issue of Unlisted Options

#### (i) 1,000,000 Options at 93 cents, expiring 31 March 2008

In the Company's December 2003 Quarterly Report, it was reported that the Sally Malay Project financiers, Macquarie Bank Limited and Standard Bank London Limited ("Standard"), had agreed to reduce the minimum hedge tonnage by 25% from 9,276 tonnes to 7,000 tonnes of nickel.

As part of the negotiation to reduce the nickel hedging, the Board has agreed to compensate Standard for the reduced magin income associated with the reduction in the minimum tonnage level via the issue of 1,000,000 unlisted options (exercise price of 93 cents, expiry date of 31 March 2008).

#### (ii) 400,000 Options at 93 cents, expiring 30 September 2007

The Company appointed Mr Richard Jordinson as Operations Manager of the Sally Malay Project in January 2004. As part of the employment agreement with Mr Jordinson and under the Company's policy to incentivise its senior personnel with options to align their interests with those of the shareholders, the Board has issued 400,000 unlisted options to Mr Jordinson (exercise price of 93 cents, expiry date of 30 September 2007). The options vest as follows:

- 50% of the options are exercisable on 2 February 2005;
- the balance of the options are exercisable on 2 February 2006.

The Company hereby applies for the new issue of the 1,400,000 unlisted options. Please refer to the attached Appendix 3B for further details.

#### **DISCLOSURE**

The issue of the fully paid ordinary shares may be subject to a subsequent offer for sale. The Company relies on Category 1 of ASIC Class Order 02/1180 in relation to this issue. In accordance with the Class Order the Company notifies the ASX that there is no information of the kind that would be required to be disclosed under Section 713(5) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) if a prospectus were to be issued in reliance on Section 713 of the Act in relation to these offers for securities.

Should you have any further queries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of the Board of Sally Malay Mining Limited

TREVOR ETON
Chief Financial Officer

& Company Secretary

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

#### SALLY MALAY MINING LIMITED

ABN

47 095 792 288

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).

<sup>+</sup>Class of <sup>+</sup>securities issued or to be issued

- (A) Fully Paid Ordinary (FPO) Shares
- (B) Unlisted Options I
- (C) Unlisted Options J
- Number of \*securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued
- (A) 225,000
- (B) 1,000,000
- (C) 400,000
- 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) 225,000 FPO Shares pursuant to the exercise of unlisted share options over FPO shares.
- (B) 1,000,000 Unlisted Options exercisable at 93 cents expiring on or before 31 March 2008.
- (C) 400,000 Unlisted Options exercisable at 93 cents expiring on or before 30 September 2007. Options vest as follows:
  - 50% of options vest on 2 February 2005; and
  - the balance vest on 2 February 2006.

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

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
- 5 Issue price or consideration
- (A) 225,000 FPO Shares issued for an option exercise price of 35 cents per share.
- (B) Nil

Yes

No

No

(A) (B)

(C)

- (C) Nil
- 6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)
- (A) 225,000 FPO shares issued for an option exercise price of 35 cents per share.
- (B) Issued as a result of Standard Bank London Limited's minimum hedge tonnage being reduced from 4,638 tonnes to 3,500 tonnes of nickel.
- (C) In order to incentivise senior personnel through equity participation in the Company and in accordance with a service agreement with the Company.
- 7 Dates of entering \*securities into uncertificated holdings
- (A) 15 March 2004(B) 15 March 2004
- (C) 15 March 2004
- 8 Number and \*class of all \*securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	<sup>+</sup> Class
143,937,345	Fully Paid ordinary shares

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

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

Number	<sup>4</sup> Class	
	Exercise	Exp
400,000 Options	35 cents	10/9/06
2,000,000 Options	43.6 cents	16/4/05
350,000 Options	41.5 cents	10/9/06
2,347,418 Options	42.6 cents	30/8/05
2,659,574 Options	28.2 cents	16/12/05
1,500,000 Options	43.0 cents	31/03/08
1,000,000 Options	93.0 cents	31/03/08
400,000 Options	93.0 cents	30/09/07

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
	Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.	
	Cross reference: rule 7.7.	
19	Closing date for receipt of	N/A

acceptances or renunciations

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

### Appendix 3B New issue announcement

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

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

32	of the	do *security holders dispose ir entitlements (except by sale that a broker)?	N/A
33	*Desp	atch date	N/A
		Quotation of secur	
34	Type (tick o	of securities one)	
(a)		Securities described in Part 1	
(b)			of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employeends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities
Entit	ies th	at have ticked box 34(a	)
		ecurities forming a new clast securities do not form a new clast	
Tick to docume		you are providing the informat	ion or
35			securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the number and percentage of additional *securities held by
36			y securities, a distribution schedule of the additiona ber of holders in the categories
37		A copy of any trust deed for the	ne additional *securities
(now go	to 43)		

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

## Entities that have ticked box 34(b) 38 Number of securities for which \*quotation is sought 39 Class of \*securities for which N/A quotation is sought Do the \*securities rank equally in all 40 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 Reason for request for quotation 41 Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of (if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)

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

Number	†Class
N/A	

(now go to 43)

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

#### All entities

Fees

43	Payment method (tick one

Payme	ent 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

- <sup>†</sup>Quotation of our additional <sup>†</sup>securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the <sup>†</sup>securities on any conditions it decides.
- 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.

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

- 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.
- 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:

Company Secretary

Date: 16 March 2004

Print name: TREVOR ETON

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