



## MEDIA RELEASE

16 August 2013

### Consultation on governance-related changes to ASX Listings Rules and Guidance Note 9

ASX has today issued a consultation paper seeking comments on a number of proposed governance-related amendments to its Listing Rules and proposed changes to Guidance Note 9 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices*.

ASX's consultation package is available at <http://www.asxgroup.com.au/public-consultations.htm> and includes:

- a consultation paper entitled *Proposed Changes to ASX Listing Rules and Guidance Note 9*;
- a document entitled *Proposed Governance-Related Amendments to the ASX Listing Rules*, which sets out in mark-up the proposed amendments to ASX's Listing Rules and describes in detail the purpose of the amendments; and
- a marked up version of the proposed changes to Guidance Note 9.

Most of the changes proposed to the Listing Rules and to Guidance Note 9 complement and give effect to the reforms proposed by the ASX Corporate Governance Council (Council) in a new edition of its *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, which has also been released for public consultation today. Those rule changes are proposed to come into effect on 1 July 2014, the same date as the new edition of the *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*.

The Council has issued a separate consultation paper on the proposed new edition of its *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, which is available at: <http://www.asxgroup.com.au/corporate-governance-press-releases.htm>.

ASX is also taking the opportunity to make a number of other minor governance-related changes to its Listing Rules and to introduce a new Listing Rule 3.19B. This will require the disclosure of on-market purchases of securities on behalf of employees or directors or their related parties under an employee incentive scheme. These changes are proposed to come into effect on 1 January 2014.

ASX welcomes submissions from all interested parties on the proposed changes to its Listing Rules and Guidance Note 9. The consultation period is open until Friday, 15 November 2013. Parties may, if they wish, make a single submission responding to both ASX's and the Council's consultation papers.

ASX will be conducting a national road show during September 2013 to inform and seek feedback from listed entities and other interested stakeholders about the proposed changes to the *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the ASX Listing Rules and Guidance Note 9. The road show events will be held:

In:	At:	On:	Venue:
Brisbane	9.00-10.30 am	Monday, 16 Sept 2013	Pullman Hotel, cnr Ann and Roma Streets
Melbourne	9.00-10.30 am	Wednesday, 18 Sept 2013	RACV Club, Level 2, 501 Bourke Street
Adelaide	9.00-10.30 am	Thursday, 19 Sept 2013	Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace
Sydney	9.00-10.30 am	Friday, 20 Sept 2013	ASX Auditorium, 20 Bridge Street
Perth	4.00-5.30 pm	Thursday, 26 Sept 2013	PCEC, 21 Mounts Bay Road

**Media inquiries:**

Kristen Kaus

Media and Communications Executive

(BH) +61 2 9227 0410

(Mobile) 0421 380 773

[kristen.kaus@asx.com.au](mailto:kristen.kaus@asx.com.au)