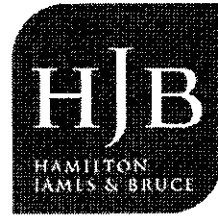


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6 July 2010

The Manager
Company Announcements Office
ASX Limited

Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited (ASX: HJB): Share issues

1. Issues of shares

Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited (**HJB**) announces that it has issued 2,750,000 fully paid ordinary shares to senior executives under its Employee Share Plan (**ESP**). A summary of the terms of the ESP are set out in the Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of Members, dated 31 May 2010, and lodged with the ASX on the same date.

HJB also announces that it has issued 2,500,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.02 per share to Mr. Jeff Goss, Chairman and Independent Director, and 2,500,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.02 per share to Mr. Miles Hedge, Independent Director.

The share issues were made to create a mutual interdependence between eligible senior executives and directors of the Company, and the Company, for the long term benefit of all parties.

An Appendix 3B New Issue Announcement in relation to the issues is attached.

2. Notice under section 708A(5)(e)

HJB advises that on 6 July 2010 it issued a total of 7,750,000 fully paid ordinary shares as described in Section 1 above (**New Shares**). HJB gives notice that:

- (a) this notice is being given under section 708A(5)(e) of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Act)*;
- (b) HJB issued the New Shares without disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2 of the Act;
- (c) as at the date of this notice, HJB has complied with:
 - (i) the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Act as they apply to HJB; and
 - (ii) section 674 of the Act; and

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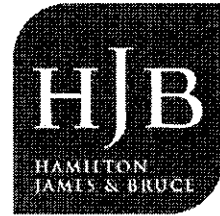
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- (d) except as may be set out in this notice, there is no other information that is excluded information as at the date of this notice which is required to be set out in this notice under section 708A(6)(e) of the Act.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Goss', is written over a faint, illegible background.

Jeff Goss
Chairman and Independent Director

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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.

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Name of entity

Hamilton James & Bruce Group Limited

ABN

90 091 302 975

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 | Fully paid ordinary shares |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 2,750,000 |
| 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) | 2,750,000 fully paid ordinary shares issued to senior executives under its Employee Share Plan (ESP) as detailed in the attached announcement. |

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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 - rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares

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

2,750,000 fully paid ordinary shares were issued to senior executives at no cost as provided for under the terms of the rules of the ESP as detailed in the attached announcement.

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

Refer attached announcement

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

6 July 2010

	Number	+Class
8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	271,316,740	Ordinary

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	Number	+Class
9	Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	N/A
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	Rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares in regard to future dividends

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

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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 <i>in full</i> through a broker?	N/A
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32 How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?

33 +Despatch date

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

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

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38 Number of securities for which +quotation is sought N/A

39 Class of +securities for which quotation is sought N/A

40 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?

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41 Reason for request for quotation now N/A

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(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)	N/A	N/A

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 - The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
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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.
 - 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:


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(Director/~~Company~~ secretary)

Date: 6 July 2010

Print name: Jeffery Goss

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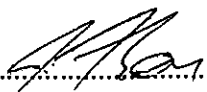
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