

International Securities Identification Numbers Removing the ASX Code



Response to Consultation Feedback

On 16 September 2013, ASX released a consultation paper entitled <u>International Securities Identification Numbers:</u> <u>Removing the ASX Code</u> which proposed changes to the methodology for allocating ISINs issued by ASX over listed equity and other products, through its role as a National Numbering Agency.

Submissions closed on **31 October 2013**. ASX received a total of three written submissions, including two confidential submissions. The submission provided on a non-confidential basis is available here.

As the Australian National Numbering Agency, ASX has considered the submissions received and determined to proceed with the proposal to change the current Basic Number regime by replacing the associated ASX Code or market ticker with a unique number.

All respondents were of view that the methodology proposed in the consultation paper should not have a material impact to internal operations, systems and development effort required to meet the change. Consultation feedback also suggested that an appropriate period, say six months prior notification, should be provided before the change is affected. Accordingly, ASX has agreed that a six month notification period is appropriate and reasonable.

ASX is working towards confirming an effective date of the change in allocating ISINs to be in early July 2014. The actual implementation date and readiness activities will be advised by way of notices and bulletins by the end of January 2014.

ASX also reaffirms that there will be no change to existing ISINs issued prior to the changeover in methodology.

ASX thanks those who have shared their views during the consultation period.

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