

## Listed@ASX Compliance Update no. 04/23

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### 1. Mining explorers reporting visual estimates of mineralisation

ASX does not encourage the reporting of estimates of mineralisation based only on visual observations. ASX's existing guidance states that it would generally be inappropriate for an entity to comment about the grade or quality of mineralisation in the absence of an assay. In many cases, information derived solely from a visual inspection of a core sample before it has been assayed and analysed could give a misleading impression of the extent of mineralisation.

ASX Guidance Note 8- Example D provides further context for entities to review in determining whether disclosure is required at the visual estimate stage.

If an entity forms the view that it must disclose an estimate of mineralisation based on visual observations only, the announcement must meet all Listing Rule and JORC code requirements.

An announcement under Listing Rule 3.1 must be accurate, complete and not misleading. ASX expects an announcement of visual mineralisation to contain the following information (which is consistent with the Best Practice note published by the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) and ASX Guidance Note 8- Example D):

1. describe the nature of mineral occurrence (e.g. massive, disseminated, in veins, forming veins or bands concordant or discordant with bedding or a penetrative foliation observable in the host rock);
2. identify the minerals observed;
3. estimate the abundances of any minerals observed (in the form of a table with an estimate of the abundances at each interval of the applicable hole or sample); and
4. state the anticipated timing for the release of assay results in respect of the visual estimates.

This is applicable to any visual estimate of mineralisation, including any photographs alluding to mineralisation which are contained in an announcement. ASX also expects the announcement to contain a proximate cautionary statement to any reported visual estimates:

*'Visual estimates of mineral abundance should never be considered a proxy or substitute for laboratory analyses where concentrations or grades are the factor of principal economic interest. Visual estimates also potentially provide no information regarding impurities or deleterious physical properties relevant to valuations.'*

ASX will not hesitate to take action if it considers that an announcement does not comply with the Listing Rules. The action that ASX may take includes rejecting the announcement or requiring a retraction or correction. ASX may suspend trading in the entity's securities until appropriate corrective action is taken by the entity.

### 2. Quarterly reports for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 must be received no later than 7:30pm AEST Friday 28 April 2023 to avoid automatic suspension

Listed entities are reminded that the quarterly reports for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 must be lodged before the market announcements office closes (i.e. before 7:30pm AEST) on Friday 28 April 2023. Entities should not plan to lodge their reports on Saturday 29 April 2023 or Sunday 30 April 2023.

If a report is lodged after 7.30pm AEST on Friday 28 April, the entity's securities will be suspended from trading on the next trading day (Monday 1 May 2023).

Listed entities are encouraged to contact their Adviser if they have any queries.

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