



21 May 2021

Lin Kang

Advisor, Listings Compliance (Sydney)
ASX
20 Bridge Street,
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Lin,

Reference: ODIN34930

Re: AUL: Breach of Listing Rule 3.19A and/or 3.19B

Thank you for your email of 19 May advising the breach of listing rule 3.19A and/or 3.19B.

Please be advised that the breach of listing rule 3.19A was unintentional and an oversight resulting from a delay in lodging the required information within the appropriate timeframe.

AuStar Gold Limited currently has a Securities Trading Policy to deal with the provision of information from Directors regarding a change to a notifiable interest. In addition, Directors must declare any changes to interest at the commencement of each Board Meeting.

To ensure that a breach of the Listing Rules does not reoccur, the Board has taken the following additional steps to address this matter:

- (a) Reminding board members of their obligation
- (b) Ensuring that the declaration by Directors at each board meeting explicitly includes all securities including shares, options, performance rights and convertible notes
- (c) Regular monitoring by the Company Secretary of director holdings.

We are confident the review undertaken and these steps will ensure no future breaches occur.

If you require any further information in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni Griffith".

Toni Griffith
Chief Financial Officer
AuStar Gold Limited

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McNally".

Mr. Paul McNally
Chair
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of AuStar Gold Limited



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Ms Toni Griffith
Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary
AuStar Gold Limited
6 Bridge Street Woods Point VIC 3723

By email

Dear Ms Griffith

AuStar Gold Limited ('AUL'): Appendix 3Y – Change of Director's Interest Notice Query

ASX refers to the following:

1. AUL's Appendix 3Y lodged on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ('MAP') on 17 May 2021 for Mr Gareth Lewis (the 'Notice');
2. Listing Rule 3.19A which requires an entity to tell ASX the following:

3.19A.1 *'The notifiable interests of a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) at the following times.*

- *On the date that the entity is admitted to the official list.*
- *On the date that a director is appointed.*

The entity must complete Appendix 3X and give it to ASX no more than 5 business days after the entity's admission or a director's appointment.

3.19A.2 *A change to a notifiable interest of a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) including whether the change occurred during a closed period where prior written clearance was required and, if so, whether prior written clearance was provided. The entity must complete Appendix 3Y and give it to ASX no more than 5 business days after the change occurs.*

3.19A.3 *The notifiable interests of a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) at the date that the director ceases to be a director. The entity must complete Appendix 3Z and give it to ASX no more than 5 business days after the director ceases to be a director.'*

3. Listing rule 3.19B which states that:

'An entity must make such arrangements as are necessary with a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) to ensure that the director discloses to the entity all the information required by the entity to give ASX completed Appendices 3X, 3Y and 3Z within the time period allowed by listing rule 3.19.A. The entity must enforce the arrangements with the director.'

The Notice indicates that a change in Mr Lewis's notifiable interest occurred on 1 April 2021. It appears that the Notice should have been lodged with ASX by 8 April 2021. Consequently, AUL may have breached Listing Rules 3.19A and/or 3.19B. It also appears that Mr Lewis may have breached section 205G of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Request for Information

Under Listing Rule 18.7, we ask that you answer each of the following questions having regard to Listing Rules 3.19A and 3.19B and *Guidance Note 22: Director Disclosure of Interests and Transactions in Securities - Obligations of Listed Entities*.

1. Please explain why the Appendix 3Y was lodged late.
2. What arrangements does AUL have in place under Listing Rule 3.19B with its directors to ensure that it is able to meet its disclosure obligations under Listing Rule 3.19A?
3. If the current arrangements are inadequate or not being enforced, what additional steps does AUL intend to take to ensure compliance with Listing Rule 3.19B?

When and where to send your response

This request is made under Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by no later than **4 PM AEST Friday, 21 May 2021**. You should note that if the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under Listing Rule 3.1 and it does not fall within the exceptions mentioned in Listing Rule 3.1A, AUL's obligation is to disclose the information 'immediately'. This may require the information to be disclosed before the deadline set out in the previous paragraph and may require AUL to request a trading halt immediately.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail at ListingsComplianceSydney@asx.com.au. It should not be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office. This is to allow me to review your response to confirm that it is in a form appropriate for release to the market, before it is published on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

Trading halt

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in AUL's securities under Listing Rule 17.1. If you wish a trading halt, you must tell us:

- the reasons for the trading halt;
- how long you want the trading halt to last;
- the event you expect to happen that will end the trading halt;
- that you are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and
- any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

We require the request for a trading halt to be in writing. The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted. You can find further information about trading halts in *Guidance Note 16 Trading Halts & Voluntary Suspensions*.

Suspension

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, ASX will likely suspend trading in AUL's securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A

In responding to this letter, you should have regard to AUL's obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure*: Listing Rules 3.1 – 3.1B. It should be noted that AUL's obligation to disclose information under Listing Rule 3.1 is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

Release of correspondence between ASX and entity

We reserve the right to release a copy of this letter, your reply and any other related correspondence between us to the market under Listing Rule 18.7A.

Questions

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Lin Kang
Adviser, Listings Compliance (Sydney)