



4 April 2018

Mr Kobe Li  
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ASX Compliance Pty Limited  
20 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY, NSW, 2000

**By email only.**

Dear Mr Li,

**RE: RESPONSE TO ASX PRICE QUERY**

We refer to your letter date 3 April 2018.

Covata Limited (**CVT** or **the Company**) responds to your letter as follows (using the numbering in your letter and inserting the answers to ASX's questions in bold):

1. Is the Entity aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?

In responding to this question, please consider in particular whether the Entity is aware of any information that its earnings for the 12-month ending on 30 June 2018.

- a) are likely to differ materially (downwards or upwards) from any earnings guidance it has given for the period; or
- b) if the Entity has not given any earnings guidance for the period, are otherwise likely to come as a surprise to the market (by reference to analyst forecasts for the period or, if the Entity is not covered by analysts, its earnings for the prior corresponding period)?

**No, however refer to response to question 3 below.**

2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes":
  - a) Is the Entity relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1?

Please note that the recent trading in the Entity's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore the Entity may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is "yes", you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.



- b) Can an announcement be made immediately?

Please note, if the answer to this question is “no”, you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).

- c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?

**Not applicable.**

3. If the answer to question 1 is “no”, is there any other explanation that the Entity may have for the recent trading in its securities?

**Covata is aware of a recent press article (published 29 March 2018, USA) which identified the Company’s CipherPoint Eclipse product as the recipient of an award in the category of ‘Best Security Products and Solutions for Healthcare’ awarded at an event sponsored by US-based Info Security Products Guide. The Company does not consider this to be information which would be required to be disclosed under ASX Listing Rule 3.1, but notes the existence of the article for completeness in the context of ASX’s price query.**

**On 21 March 2018, the Company announced the entry into a strategic alliance with a German-headquartered entity, ‘dataglobal’, and the acquisition of certain rights to dataglobal’s intellectual property related to data classification and analysis. As previously disclosed, the Company believes that the collaboration with dataglobal is a valuable opportunity to reduce development time and cost and acquire platform and connector capability that will enable it to improve its product offerings. The Company is not aware of any other non-public information which may provide an explanation for recent trading in its securities.**

4. Please confirm that the Entity is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

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5. Please confirm that the Entity’s responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of the Entity with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

**The Company’s responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved by its Board.**

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Gowans", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Gowans  
Company Secretary



3 April 2018

Mr Patrick Gowans  
Company Secretary  
Covata Limited

By email

Dear Mr Gowans

**Covata Limited (the “Entity”): price query**

We note the change in the price of the Entity’s securities from a close of 3.8 cents on 29 March 2018 to an intra high of 6 cents today.

We also note a significant increase in the volume of the Entity’s securities traded during this period.

In light of this, ASX asks you to respond separately to each of the following questions:

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- a) are likely to differ materially (downwards or upwards) from any earnings guidance it has given for the period; or
- b) if the Entity has not given any earnings guidance for the period, are otherwise likely to come as a surprise to the market (by reference to analyst forecasts for the period or, if the Entity is not covered by analysts, its earnings for the prior corresponding period)?

2. If the answer to question 1 is “yes”:

- a) Is the Entity relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1?

Please note that the recent trading in the Entity’s securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore the Entity may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is “yes”, you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.

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Please note, if the answer to this question is “no”, you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).

- c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?

3. If the answer to question 1 is “no”, is there any other explanation that the Entity may have for the recent trading in its securities?
4. Please confirm that the Entity is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.
5. Please confirm that the Entity’s responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of the Entity with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

### **When and where to send your response**

This request is made under, and in accordance with, Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by not later than 09:30am AEST on Wednesday, 4 April 2018. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in the Entity’s securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

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, the Entity’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.

ASX reserves the right to release a copy of this letter and your response on the ASX Market Announcements Platform under Listing Rule 18.7A. Accordingly, your response should be in a form suitable for release to the market.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail. 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.

### **Listing Rule 3.1**

Listing Rule 3.1 requires a listed entity to give ASX immediately any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the entity’s securities. Exceptions to this requirement are set out in Listing Rule 3.1A.

The obligation of the Entity to disclose information under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

In responding to this letter, you should have regard to the Entity’s obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1 – 3.1B*.

### **Trading halt**

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, or if the answer to question 1 is “yes” and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in the Entity’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 may 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*.

If you have any queries or concerns about any of the above, please contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely

*[Sent electronically without signature]*

**Kobe Li**  
**Senior Adviser, Listings Compliance (Melbourne)**