

27 November 2019

Todd Lewis ASX Advisor Australian Stock exchange **525 Collins Street** Melbourne VIC 3000

Via email todd.lewis@asx.com.au

Dear Todd

BOC – Price query 27th November 2019 ODIN11082

We acknowledge your letter dated 27th November 2019 noting the change in BOC's share price from a low of \$0.13 to a high of \$0.49 in the last 5 days. In response to your questions we advise:

- 1. BOC is not aware of any information that has not been announced to the market which could explain the recent trading in its securities.
- 2. Not applicable as the answer to 1 was no.
- 3. We have stated to you that the referendum currently being held in Bougainville (this week) may have attributed to increased confidence in the region.
- 4. BOC remains compliant with the ASX listing rules, and in particular with Listing Rule 3.1.
- 5. BOC's response to this information request have been authorised and approved in accordance to our published continuous disclosure policy.

Yours sincerely **Bougainville Copper Limited**

Mark Hitchcock **Company Secretary**



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Reference: ODIN11082

Mr Mark Hitchcock General Manager & Company Secretary Bougainville Copper Limited Level 5 BSP Haus Harbour City Konedobu

By email:

Dear Mr Hitchcock

Bougainville Copper Limited ('BOC'): Price Query

We note the change in the price of BOC's securities from a low of \$0.13 to a high of \$0.49 in the last 5 days.

We also note the significant increase in the volume of BOC's securities traded from 20 November 2019 to 26 November 2019.

Request for Information

In light of this, ASX asks BOC to respond separately to each of the following questions and requests for information:

- 1. Is BOC 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?
- 2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes".
 - (a) Is BOC relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1? Please note that the recent trading in BOC's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore BOC 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?
- 3. If the answer to question 1 is "no", is there any other explanation that BOC may have for the recent trading in its securities?
- 4. Please confirm that BOC is complying with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.
- 5. Please confirm that BOC's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved under its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of BOC 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 Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by no later than **3 PM AEDT today Wednesday**, **27 November 2019**. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will likely suspend trading in BOC'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, BOC'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 at ListingsComplianceMelbourne@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.

Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A

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. In responding to this letter, you should have regard to BOC'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 BOC'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.

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 BOC'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*.

Suspension

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

Enquiries

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

Yours sincerely

Todd Lewis Adviser, Listings Compliance (Melbourne)