

18 August 2014



SELECT HARVESTS

Ms Kate Kidson  
Principal Adviser, Listings Compliance (Melbourne)  
Australian Securities Exchange  
(by email)

Dear Ms Kidson,

### Response to ASX price query

The Directors of Select Harvests Limited respond to your price query dated 15 August 2014 (using the numbering in the price query).

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?*

No.

2. 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?*

Select Harvests notes recent media articles regarding the continuing drought in California and associated impacts such as declining ground water reserves. Some US market updates have been publicly released reporting reduced year-on-year harvest yields, smaller kernel sizes and low kernel moisture levels. These deteriorating conditions may have a positive impact on the Australian almond market.

Select Harvests has previously announced that it will continue to search for additional orchards and suitable acreage for future development. Select Harvests has also publicly announced as part of its strategy towards 2018 an intention to be best in its class in improving its supply chain, achieving high quality, low cost and optimum capital utilization.

Consistent with that strategy, Select Harvests currently has under active consideration a number of potential orchard acquisitions, none of which have been concluded. If those considerations do proceed to completion of concluded transactions, and there is no assurance that they will, Select Harvests will examine in more detail a variety of potential funding options including increased debt, raising additional capital or a combination. No assurance can be given as to whether any such opportunities under consideration will proceed to completion nor as to the pricing or terms of those opportunities.

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

Select Harvests confirms that in its opinion it is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary

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15 August 2014

Paul Chambers  
Company Secretary  
Select Harvest Limited

By email

Dear Paul,

**Select Harvest Limited (the "Entity"): ASX price query**

We have noted a change in the price of the Entity's securities from a close of of \$5.65 on 14 August 2014 to a high of of \$5.95 at the time of writing today.

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

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 period ending on 30 June 2014:

- 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.

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 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.

### **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 no later than 9.30 am on Monday, 18 August 2014. 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 or by facsimile. 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]*

Kate Kidson

**Principal Adviser, Listings Compliance (Melbourne)**