

OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Dear Mr Russo

OM HOLDINGS LIMITED (ASX:OMH) (“COMPANY”) – PRICE QUERY

We refer to your letter of 22 July 2014, in relation to a noted increase in the price and trading volume of the Company's securities today.

We provide the following response to your queries:

1. As previously disclosed, the Company has an 80% interest in OM Materials (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, which owns a Ferro Alloy Smelting Project in the Samalaju Industrial Park in Sarawak, Malaysia (“Project”). The Company is in confidential, non-binding and incomplete discussions with a third party regarding a minority investment in the Project. There is no guarantee that these discussions will lead to any agreement being reached with the third party or, if agreement is reached, as to what the terms of that agreement will be. In addition, as has been reported in the financial press in Malaysia and as is consistent with the Company's previous announcements, commercial operation of the Project is expected to commence in the current quarter. The Company does not know whether either or both of these matters is the explanation for the recent trading.
2. See the answer to question 1.
3. No.
4. The Company is in compliance with the ASX Listing Rules and in particular with ASX Listing Rule 3.1.

Yours faithfully

OM HOLDINGS LIMITED



Heng Siow Kwee/Julie Wolseley
Company Secretary



BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

OMH listed on the ASX in March 1998 and has its foundations in metals trading – incorporating the sourcing and distribution of manganese ore products and subsequently in processing ores into ferro-manganese intermediate products. The OMH Group now operates commercial mining operations – leading to a fully integrated operation covering Australia, China and Singapore.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, OM (Manganese) Ltd, OMH controls 100% of the Bootu Creek Manganese Mine (“Bootu Creek”) located 110 km north of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Bootu Creek has the capacity to produce 1,000,000 tonnes of manganese product annually. Bootu Creek has further exploration potential given that its extensive tenement holdings in the area.

Bootu Creek’s manganese product is exclusively marketed by the OMH Group’s own trading division with a proportion of the product consumed by the OMH Group’s wholly-owned Qinzhou smelter located in south west China.

Through its Singapore based commodity trading activities, OMH has established itself as a significant manganese supplier to the Chinese market. Product from Bootu Creek has strengthened OMH’s position in this market.

OMH holds a 26% investment in Ntsimbintle Mining (Proprietary) Ltd, which holds a 50.1% interest in the world class Tshipi Borwa manganese project in South Africa.

OMH also holds the following strategic shareholding interests in ASX listed entities:

- 11% shareholding in **Northern Iron Limited** (ASX Code: NFE), a company presently producing iron ore from its Sydvaranger iron ore mine located in northern Norway; and
- 4% shareholding in **Shaw River Manganese Limited** (ASX Code: SRR), a company presently exploring for manganese in Namibia, Western Australia and Ghana.



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Dear Daniel

OM Holdings Limited (the "Company") - ASX price query

We have noted a change in the price of the Company's securities from a closing price of \$0.395 on 14 July 2014, to an intra-day high of \$0.545. We have also noted an increase in the volume of trading in Company's securities over this period.

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

1. Is the Company 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 the Company relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1?

Please note that the recent trading in the Company's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore the Company 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 Company may have for the recent trading in its securities?
4. Please confirm that the Company 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 **5:00pm (WST) on Tuesday, 22 July 2014**. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in the Company'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 Company'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 adam.russo@asx.com.au or by facsimile to 08 9221 2020. 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 Company 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 Company'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 Company'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]

Adam Russo

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