

**Form 603**  
Corporations Act 2001  
Section 671B  
**Notice of initial substantial holder**

To Company Name/Scheme LOTUS RESOURCES LIMITED

ACN/ARSN 119 992 175

**1. Details of substantial holder (1)**

Name State Street Corporation and subsidiaries named in paragraph 7 to this form

ACN/ARSN (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

The holder became a substantial holder on 23/10/2024

**2. Details of voting power**

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Number of securities	Person's votes (5)	Voting power (6)
Ordinary	111,276,159	111,276,159	6.07%

**3. Details of relevant interests**

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	For Lent securities: Relevant interest under section 608(8A) being the holder of securities subject to an obligation to return under a securities lending agreement. State Street Bank and Trust Company has lent the securities and retains a relevant interest	74,846,012 Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	Power to control the exercise of a right to vote attached to securities and/or the power to dispose of securities as investment manager or trustee	36,430,147 Ordinary

**4. Details of present registered holders**

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	AWARE SUPER PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE OF THE AWARE SUPER	AWARE SUPER PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE OF THE AWARE SUPER	8,951,445 Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	SPROTT ASSET MANAGEMENT LP	SPROTT ASSET MANAGEMENT LP	58,425,445 Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	RETAIL EMPLOYEES SUPERANNUATION TRUST	RETAIL EMPLOYEES SUPERANNUATION TRUST	7,469,122 Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	JPMorgan AG	n/a	129,708 Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	State Street Bank and Trust Co	n/a	36,119,572 Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	National Australian Bank LTD	n/a	180,867 Ordinary

**5. Consideration**

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-cash	
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**6. Associates**

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:


Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	Subsidiary of State Street Corporation
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	Subsidiary of State Street Corporation

**7. Addresses**

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	ONE CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 1, BOSTON MA 02114, UNITED STATES
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	LEVEL 15, 420 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY NSW 2000, AUSTRALIA

**Signature**

print name	<b>Alok Maheshwary</b>	capacity	<b>Authorised signatory</b>
sign here		date	<b>25/10/2024</b>

**DIRECTIONS**

- (1) If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg. a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 7 of the form.
- (2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (4) The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.
- (5) The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme (if any) that the person or an associate has a relevant interest in.
- (6) The person's votes divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.
- (7) Include details of:
  - (a) any relevant agreement or other circumstances by which the relevant interest was acquired. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
  - (b) any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the securities to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).

See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (8) If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person ( eg. if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".
- (9) Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.

## Annexure A

This is Annexure A referred to in Form 603, Notice of initial substantial holder



Alok Maheshwary

Authorised signatory

Dated the

25/10/2024

Holder of relevant Interest	Date of Acquisition	Consideration Cash	Consideration non-cash	Class and number of securities affected	
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	25/06/2024	n/a	n/a	500,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	26/06/2024	n/a	n/a	-1,526,468	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	01/07/2024	n/a	n/a	-200,154	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	02/07/2024	n/a	n/a	803,564	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	04/07/2024	n/a	n/a	-240,615	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	08/07/2024	0.33	n/a	418,208	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	09/07/2024	0.33	n/a	225,457	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	10/07/2024	0.33	n/a	1,151,047	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	11/07/2024	0.36	n/a	3,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	12/07/2024	0.37	n/a	13,514	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	12/07/2024	0.36	n/a	643,812	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	15/07/2024	n/a	n/a	95,504	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	15/07/2024	0.35	n/a	545,388	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	16/07/2024	0.35	n/a	12,616,379	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	17/07/2024	n/a	n/a	10,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	30/07/2024	n/a	n/a	5,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	01/08/2024	n/a	n/a	10,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	05/08/2024	n/a	n/a	-5,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	08/08/2024	n/a	n/a	1,509,409	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	08/08/2024	n/a	n/a	381,591	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	09/08/2024	n/a	n/a	296,737	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	16/08/2024	n/a	n/a	-595,027	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	19/08/2024	n/a	n/a	909,504	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	19/08/2024	n/a	n/a	-524,166	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	20/08/2024	n/a	n/a	-846,984	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	22/08/2024	n/a	n/a	1,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	27/08/2024	0.25	n/a	-8,963	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	29/08/2024	n/a	n/a	1,352,133	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	29/08/2024	n/a	n/a	3,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	30/08/2024	n/a	n/a	300,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	30/08/2024	0.23	n/a	828,560	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	05/09/2024	n/a	n/a	811,988	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	10/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-2,385,013	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	12/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-3,508,846	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	12/09/2024	n/a	n/a	2,301,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	13/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-1,795,440	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	16/09/2024	n/a	n/a	2,780,871	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	17/09/2024	n/a	n/a	57,000	Ordinary

STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	20/09/2024	0.23	n/a	-13,462	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	20/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-336,463	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	20/09/2024	0.23	n/a	-4,293,685	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/09/2024	n/a	n/a	132,570	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-2,525,896	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	24/09/2024	n/a	n/a	5,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	24/09/2024	n/a	n/a	631,579	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	24/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-1,151,080	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	25/09/2024	n/a	n/a	518,253	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	25/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-1,937,420	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	26/09/2024	n/a	n/a	1,077,472	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	27/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-3,643,228	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	27/09/2024	n/a	n/a	3,643,228	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	27/09/2024	n/a	n/a	-20,265	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	30/09/2024	n/a	n/a	387,426	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	01/10/2024	n/a	n/a	-3,261,637	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	01/10/2024	n/a	n/a	-300,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	01/10/2024	n/a	n/a	2,011,457	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	02/10/2024	n/a	n/a	819,988	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	02/10/2024	n/a	n/a	2,131,024	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	03/10/2024	n/a	n/a	-381,591	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	03/10/2024	n/a	n/a	550,445	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	04/10/2024	n/a	n/a	-392,026	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	07/10/2024	n/a	n/a	-1,738,998	Ordinary
STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS, AUSTRALIA, LIMITED	11/10/2024	0.28	n/a	5,538,062	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	17/10/2024	n/a	n/a	506,134	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	17/10/2024	n/a	n/a	394,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	18/10/2024	n/a	n/a	1,417,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	21/10/2024	n/a	n/a	-300	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	22/10/2024	n/a	n/a	5,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	22/10/2024	n/a	n/a	-289,156	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/10/2024	n/a	n/a	1,710,844	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/10/2024	n/a	n/a	5,758,278	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/10/2024	n/a	n/a	3,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/10/2024	n/a	n/a	18,000,000	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/10/2024	n/a	n/a	289,156	Ordinary
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY	23/10/2024	n/a	n/a	2,241,722	Ordinary

## Annexure B

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Alok Maheshwary

Authorised signatory

Dated the 25/10/2024

State Street Bank and Trust Company will, if requested by the company or responsible entity to whom this form must be given under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) or if requested by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC), provide a copy of the master securities lending agreement/s and security agreement/s referred to below to the company, responsible entity or ASIC.

**Part A: For relevant interests arising out of lending securities - State Street Bank and Trust Company acquires relevant interest as lender of the securities under securities lending authorisation agreement, subject to obligation to return under the agreement. (State Street Bank and Trust Company has lent the securities and retains relevant interest as per Part B of this Annexure.)**

Type of agreement:	Securities Lending Authorisation Agreement/ Global Master Securities Lending Agreement/ Securities Loan Agreement. A pro forma copy of the agreement will be given if requested by the ASIC or the company or responsible entity to whom the prescribed report is given.
Parties to agreement:	(1) State Street Bank and Trust Company (2) Counterparty / entities details to be shared, as and when requested.
Holder of voting rights	BORROWER
Are there any restrictions on voting rights?	(1) No (2) Yes. (Borrower has the right to vote, but may on-lend securities)
If yes, in what detail?	(1) Only if instructed to by the borrower (2) As determined by the owner of the securities
Date on which the securities were (or are) expected to be delivered to the borrower or its nominee (ie borrow date):	The dates on which the securities were delivered by State Street Bank and Trust Company as borrower are set out in Annexure A to this notice
Scheduled date (if any) when the securities are expected to be returned to the lender or its nominee (ie return date)	No scheduled return date
Does the borrower have the right to return the securities early? [Yes/No]	No scheduled return date. Borrower can return securities or equivalent securities at any time subject to giving notice
If yes, in which circumstances?	Borrower can return securities or equivalent securities at any time subject to giving notice
Does the lender have the right to recall the securities early (ie before the scheduled return date)? [Yes/No]	No scheduled return date. Lender can require return of securities or equivalent securities at any time subject to giving notice
If yes, in which circumstances?	Lender can require return of securities or equivalent securities at any time subject to giving notice
Are there circumstances in which the borrower will not be required to return the securities on settlement? [Yes/No]	No
If yes, in which circumstances?	n/a

**Part B: For relevant interests arising out of lending securities - State Street Bank and Trust Company acquires a relevant interest in securities through taking a security interest ("title transfer") over the securities as collateral to secure a securities loan. (See Part A of this Annexure for securities loan details.)**

Type of agreement:	Global Master Securities Lending Agreement Securities Lending Authorisation Agreement If requested, a pro forma copy of the agreement will be given to the ASIC or the company or responsible entity to whom the prescribed report was given.
Parties to agreement:	(1) State Street Bank and Trust Company (2) Counterparty / entities details to be shared, as and when requested.
Holder of voting rights	LENDER
Are there any restrictions on voting rights?	(1) Yes, but only if the borrower defaults and ownership is enforce; (2) Yes
If yes, in what detail?	(1) Only if the borrower defaults and ownership is enforced;
Date on which the securities were (or are) expected to be delivered to the borrower or its nominee (ie borrow date):	The dates on which the securities were transferred, as indicated in Annexure A to this notice
Scheduled date (if any) when the securities are expected to be returned to the lender or its nominee (ie return date)	No scheduled return date. Securities collateral is returned on termination of related securities loan
Does the borrower have the right to return the securities early? [Yes/No]	At any time subject to returning the borrowed securities or equivalent securities or providing alternative collateral
If yes, in which circumstances?	At any time subject to returning the borrowed securities or equivalent securities or providing alternative collateral
Does the lender have the right to recall the securities early (ie before the scheduled return date)? [Yes/No]	No, assuming the borrower returns the borrowed securities or equivalent securities
If yes, in which circumstances?	n/a (lender must return securities collateral if the borrower returns the borrowed securities or equivalent securities)