

Skin Elements Limited **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Ms Vanessa Nevjestic Advisor, Listings Compliance (Perth) Australian Stock Exchange

Dear Vanessa

Skin Elements Limited (SKN) – Aware Query

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Natural Science by Skin Elements

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Having regard to the above, ASX asks SKN to respond separately to each of the following questions and requests for information:

1. Does SKN consider the development and/or the launch of its Invisi Shield skin medical range ("Invisi Range") as referred to in the Announcement to be information that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of its securities?

No.

2. If the answer to question 1 is "no" with respect to the development and/or the launch of the Invisi Range, please advise the basis for that view.

The front cover page of the Announcement provided a business update in conjunction with the Half Year Report and Accounts.

The basis for the view that the Invisi Shield products being launched would not be expected to have a material effect on the price or value of SKN securities was formed on the basis that the market characteristics for this product range:

- a) is highly competitive,
- b) has low barriers to entry, and
- c) the Company is yet to secure sales contracts.

3. When did SKN begin development of the Invisi Range?

Skin Elements was approached in January 2018 by Absolut Solutions Pty Ltd (an independently owned company) to examine a hand sanitiser product that Absolut Solutions were proposing to market in Western Australia.

Absolut Solutions created the brand name Invisi Shield in 2018 and undertook initial test batch production and test marketing of the Invisi Shield hand sanitiser to independent pharmacies in Western Australia, and selected schools and daycare centres.

In late 2018, Skin Elements was approached by Absolut Solutions to assist with technical assessment of ingredients and formula in the hand sanitiser applications. Subsequently, recognising that they did not have suitable personnel and sufficient capital to progress the Invisi-Shield project to commercialisation, Absolut Solutions offered the project to Skin Elements Limited in late 2019.

Over January and February 2020, Skin Elements undertook a due diligence assessment of the Invisi Shield product which included a review of the test market feedback undertaken by Absolut Solutions and saw the increasing demand for hand sanitisers. This was completed on the 28 February 2020, when Skin Elements confirmed that they would take over the project from Absolut Solutions, acquired the Invisi-Shield brand and historical test market data.

Skin Elements is now proceeding to bring the project to commercialisation with a range of personal care hand sanitisers under the Invisi-Shield brand including:

- Invisi-Shield Extended Life Hand Sanitiser Alcohol Free formula with long lasting effectiveness against germs up to 24 hours which is currently being produced for sale.
- Invisi-Shield Natural Hand Sanitiser Fast acting plant based alcohol formula with natural moisturisers which is currently in production for sale.
- Invisi-Shield Natural Alcohol Free Hand Sanitiser —plant based formula containing natural bioflavonoid extracts with up to 2 hours anti-microbial action which is currently being formulated.
- 4. Please outline the research and development work undertaken since development commenced.

See 3 above.

5. When did SKN decide to release the Invisi Range?

On 28 February 2020, concurrently with the Board approval of the Half Yearly report.

6. If the answer to question 1 is "yes" with respect to the development and/or the launch of the Invisi Range, and SKN first became aware of the relevant information before the relevant date, did SKN make any announcement prior to the relevant date which disclosed the information? If so, please provide details. If not, please explain why the information was not released to the market at an earlier time, commenting specifically on when you believe SKN was obliged to release the information under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and what steps SKN took to ensure that the information was released promptly and without delay.

Not Applicable - see 1 above

7. Please provide details regarding the stage of development of the Invisi Range (including, but not limited to, detailed information regarding the testing undertaken on the Product, SKN's compliance with the Code of Best Practice for Reporting Life Science Companies and details of any regulatory approvals required for the marketing and sale of the Product).

The stage of development of the Invisi Shield hand sanitiser range is as follows:

- Invisi-Shield Extended Life Hand Sanitiser in manufacturing and is currently not required to be registered by the Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA). This product is deemed personal cosmetic products which comply with the Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods) Determination 2018.
- Invisi-Shield Natural Alcohol Hand Sanitiser In manufacturing and is currently not required
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 Determination 2018.
- Invisi-Shield Natural Alcohol Free Hand Sanitiser –currently being formulated. Once the new
 plant based formulas have been finalized, the assessment of any applicable regulatory
 framework and appropriate independent laboratory testing program will be undertaken.
 Further information will be released to the market at this time.

Notwithstanding that Skin Elements will always use best practice in reporting on matters, based on the information above, the Code of Best Practice for Reporting Life Science Companies is not applicable to Skin Elements for the Invisi Shield products.

8. Please explain what processes are involved in the "consolidation of market testing" of Invisi Range as referred to in the Announcement.

The consolidation of market testing meant a due diligence review by Skin Elements of the market feedback provided by Absolut Solutions.

9. If regulatory approvals are required for the production and sale of the Product, have these approvals been obtained? In answering this question please specify the dates on which any regulatory approvals were obtained and any conditions or material information regarding the regulatory approvals.

Invisi Shield products are currently not required to be registered by the Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA). Invisi Shield is a personal care sanitiser product range that offers personal users broad spectrum antimicrobial control and protection. The Invisi Shield Hand Sanitisers are deemed personal cosmetic products which comply with the Therapeutic Goods (Excluded Goods) Determination 2018.

10. Who manufactures the Product?

- Invisi-Shield Extended Life Hand Sanitiser manufactured by Skin Elements in Perth.
- Invisi-Shield Natural Hand Sanitiser manufactured by AWARE Environmental Ltd in Melbourne.
- 11. What are the material terms of the manufacturing agreement (if any)?

There are no long form manufacturing agreements in place. All work is undertaken through purchase orders as follows:

- Invisi-Shield Extended Life Hand Sanitiser Skin Elements currently sources ingredients and packaging for manufacturing of the product in Perth.
- Invisi-Shield Natural Hand Sanitiser On confirmation of order, AWARE Environmental Ltd source all ingredients and packaging and manufacture to an Invisi Shield formula specification provide by Skin Elements Limited for an agreed price per unit on up to 90 day payment terms.
- 12. Has SKN generated any revenue from the sale of the Invisi Range?

No but will be on sale presently.

13. If no revenue has been generated to date, please advise when SKN anticipates receiving revenue from the sale of the Invisi Range.

SKN is launching Invisi-Shield Extended Life Hand Sanitiser online sales next week.

The Invisi-Shield Natural Hand Sanitiser is being manufactured with 60,000 units to be available for sale in early April through the Company's website and its distributors.

14. Please provide detailed information in relation to any sales agreement currently in place for the Invisi Range products, including all material terms.

No sales agreements are in place at this time.

15. Please confirm that SKN is complying with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

We confirm that SKN is complying with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1. and there is no information that should be given to ASX about its financial condition under that rule that has not already been released to the market.

16. Please confirm that SKN'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 SKN with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

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Yours sincerely

Craig Piercy

Company Secretary



13 March 2020

Reference: ODIN15465

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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 **6:00 AM AWST Wednesday**, **18 March 2020**.

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, SKN'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 and may require SKN to request a trading halt immediately.

If you wish to request 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 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.

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 <u>ListingsCompliancePerth@asx.com.au</u>. 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

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

Suspension

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above ASX will likely suspend trading in SKN'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

Vanessa Nevjestic

Adviser, Listings Compliance (Perth)