



Notice to ASX

21 July 2016

Response to Speculation in the Media

Bougainville Copper Limited (BOC:ASX) (**Company**) refers to recent media speculation regarding an allegation that the Autonomous Bougainville Government has directed its Mining Minister, Robin Wilson to issue the Company with a notice to “show just cause” in respect of Exploration Licence EL01 as to why Exploration Licence EL01 should not be terminated. This is in response to the announcement by Rio Tinto that it had transferred its controlling interest in the Company to the Autonomous Bougainville Government for the benefit of all the Panguna landowners and the people of Bougainville, and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

The Company confirms that it has not received any correspondence from the Bougainville Government in relation to the cancellation or termination of Exploration Licence EL01.

The Company has made this announcement in the interests of informing its shareholders and the market in light of the media speculation. The Company will make a further announcement in the event of any material developments.

By Order of the Board

Mark Hitchcock
Company Secretary