

# EL Corporation Limited (EIM)

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## Securities Trading Policy

### SUMMARY

#### Overview

This EL Corporation Limited (EIM) Securities Trading Policy summarises the law relating to insider trading and regulates dealings by Key Management Personnel (EIM directors, employees, consultants and their Associates) in shares, options and derivatives (Securities) issued by EIM. The purpose of the Policy is to ensure that all Key Management Personnel understand the law in relation to “insider trading” (under the Corporations Act) and the legal and EIM-imposed restrictions on trading in securities whilst in possession of price-sensitive information.

All staff and Key Management Personnel are required to understand their responsibilities and comply with the spirit and the letter of the Policy at all times.

It is important to remember that although this trading policy only applies to the persons specified above, the insider trading prohibitions set out in the (Australian) Corporations Act 2001 (C’wlth) (“**Corporations Act**”) and discussed below, apply to **all** persons (including members of your family).

### SCOPE OF THE POLICY

The EIM Securities Trading Policy covers:

- Directors, permanent employees (both part-time and full-time), contractors and consultants and their Associates;
- EIM shares, options or other securities in the shares, options and securities of other entities when there is a commercial or other link with EIM;
- All persons are covered by this policy that hold price-sensitive information that has not been released to the public – including actions they take themselves, actions that others may take on their behalf and communication of information to third parties.

### FURTHER ADVICE

If you do not understand the summary of the law relating to insider trading set out below or this trading policy, or if you are confused as to whether the law applies to you, please contact the Company Secretary. You may wish to seek your own professional legal advice before dealing in the Company’s Securities.

## **THE CORPORATIONS ACT**

### **Insider trading provisions**

If you have Inside Information (as defined in the following paragraph below) relating to the Company, it is illegal for you to:

- (a) deal in (that is, apply for, acquire or dispose of) the Company's Securities or enter into an agreement to do so; or
- (b) procure another person to apply for, acquire or dispose of the Company's Securities or enter into an agreement to do so; or
- (c) directly or indirectly communicate, or cause to be communicated, that information to any other person if you know, or ought reasonably to know, that the person would or would be likely to use the information to engage in the activities specified in paragraphs (a) or (b) above.

These prohibitions apply equally to the application for, grant, exercise or transfer of an option over the Company's Securities.

It does not matter how or in what capacity you become aware of the Inside Information. It does not have to be obtained from the Company to constitute Inside Information.

You cannot avoid the insider trading prohibitions by arranging for a member of your family or a friend to deal in the Company's Securities nor may you give "tips" concerning Inside Information relating to the Company to others, including customers.

### **What is inside information?**

Inside Information is information relating to the Company which is not generally available but would, if the information were generally available, be likely to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's Securities ("**Inside Information**"). Inside Information can include matters of speculation or supposition and matters relating to intentions or likely intentions of a person.

Information is regarded as being likely to have a material effect if it would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly invest in securities or other traded financial products in deciding whether or not to deal in the Company's Securities.

Examples of Inside Information could be:

- the financial performance of the Company against its budget;
- changes in the Company's actual or anticipated financial condition or business performance;
- changes in the capital structure of the Company, including proposals to raise additional equity or borrowings;
- proposed changes in the nature of the business of the Company;
- changes to the board of directors or significant changes in senior management;
- an undisclosed significant change in the Company's market share;

- likely or actual entry into, or loss of, a material contract;
- material acquisitions or sales of assets by the Company;
- a proposed dividend or other distribution or a change in dividend policy; or
- a material claim against the Company or other unexpected liability.

### **When is information generally available?**

Information is generally available if:

- it consists of readily available matter or deductions;
- it has been brought to the attention of investors through an announcement to ASX Limited (“**ASX**”) or otherwise brought to the attention of investors in securities, and a reasonable period has elapsed since it was announced or brought to investors’ attention; or
- it consists of deductions, conclusion or inferences made or drawn from information that is generally available.

Examples of possible readily observable matters are:

- a change in legislation which will affect the Company’s ability to make certain types of investments; or
- a severe downturn in global securities markets.

### **What are the consequences if you breach the insider trading prohibitions?**

Breach of the insider trading laws may subject you to:

- criminal liability – penalties include heavy fines and imprisonment; and
- civil liability – you can be sued by another party or the Company for any loss suffered as a result of illegal trading activities.

Breach of the law or this trading policy or both will also be regarded by the Company as serious misconduct which may lead to disciplinary action or dismissal.

### **RESTRICTIONS ON TRADING IN EIM SECURITIES**

Under the Policy, Key Management Personnel are prohibited from trading in EIM shares, options or other securities issued by the Company whilst in possession of unpublished EIM price-sensitive information. EIM price-sensitive information is information that a reasonable person would expect to have a material affect on the price or value of EIM securities.

In addition to these provisions, employees that work in certain areas of EIM are not permitted to trade in shares, options or other securities issued by the Company at any time, unless they have the appropriate approval. These rules also apply to trading in

securities for an entity or trust that is controlled by an EIM employee. These provisions cover employees in certain aspects of the business that are exposed to or have the potential to be exposed to important strategic and unpublished information about the Company.

## **HEDGING**

Key Management Personnel are prohibited under the Policy from entering into any schemes or arrangements that protect the value of shares, options or performance rights allocated under EIM incentive schemes, prior to them becoming fully vested. Any breach of this prohibition will also constitute a breach of the conditions of grant and could result in the forfeiture of the shares, options or performance rights.

## **BLACKOUT PERIODS**

During certain times of the year (called “blackout periods”), Key Management Personnel are not permitted to trade in EIM securities, unless permitted to do so under this policy. The “blackout periods” do not restrict participation in the EIM Employee or Share Option Plan, however it does apply to the trading of EIM securities to which employees have become entitled under those plans (for example following the exercise of options) it is prohibited to trade shares that have been acquired as a result of the exercise of options during a blackout period.

Trading blackout periods in respect of company securities are imposed from the end of the half year and full year until release of financial results via ASX Forms Appendix 4D Half Year Report and Appendix 4E, Preliminary Final Report.

Under the Policy, the following periods are designated as “blackout periods”:

- No trading between the end of the financial year (i.e. effective from 1 January, in each year) until the day following the release to ASX of the Appendix 4E Preliminary Final Report, generally within two months of the end of the first half of the financial year); and
- From 30 June, in each year, until the day following the release to ASX of the Appendix 4D, Half Year Report, generally within two months of the end of the second half of the financial year; and
- Or any other period notified by the Board or Company Secretary.

## **RESTRICTIONS ON TRADING OF SECURITIES IN OTHER ENTITIES**

The EIM Securities Trading Policy is also intended to minimise the potential for any perception that EIM Key Management Personnel are trading in securities while in possession of unpublished, price-sensitive information about EIM’s securities or the securities of other entities at times when EIM may be in commercial discussions with those companies.

## **APPROVAL TO TRADE IN EIM SECURITIES**

All, Key Management Personnel and contractors are required to seek approval prior to trading in EIM securities.

Employees, consultants and contractors are required to seek approval from CEO or Managing Director.

Managing Director will obtain approval from the Chairman.

Chairman will seek approval from the Chair of the Board Audit Risk & Compliance Committee

Applications and approval is to be made and granted in the form attached.

A time limit in which securities may be traded will be advised and generally this approval will be for one month.

Company Secretary will maintain a register of applications and approvals granted or denied.

## **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN TRADING MAY TAKE PLACE IN A BLACKOUT PERIOD**

In exceptional circumstances, i.e. where, as a result of demonstrable severe financial hardship a member of Key Management Personnel is obliged to dispose of securities issued by the Company, subject to that person demonstrating to the Chairman and/or Managing Director that financial hardship, such as the threat of foreclosure on the residence in respect of a person or mortgage, a judgement in respect of a debt being obtained by a creditor, or a court order in a family law matter, the Chairman and/or Managing Director, as appropriate, may give written approval to proceed to sell an agreed number of shares in the Company within a specified time frame. A limited period in which to trade should be granted, say 20 business days, and the closing date during which securities can be traded should be notified to the individual and the Company Secretary.

## **SHORT TERM TRADING IN EIM SECURITIES**

The purchase and sale of EIM securities within one month is prohibited by Key Management Personnel and contractors.

## **PASSIVE TRADING IN EIM SECURITIES**

Key Management Personnel may participate during closed or blackout periods in the passive acquisition of EIM securities through plans approved by the EIM Board, such as dividend reinvestment plans if so implemented, share purchase plans and rights issues, with the proviso that an election to participate, once given, cannot be revoked during a closed or blackout period. Key Management Personnel are advised that the exercise of options is permitted during a blackout period; however the securities issued in respect of such options or share purchase plan are subject to these rules and may not be traded during a blackout period, including the blackout period in which the securities have been acquired.

Transfers of securities when there is no change in beneficial ownership, such as from an Eligible Person to that person's superannuation fund are permitted, as are investments in EIM shares by an investment fund or scheme where the assets are invested at the discretion of a third party.

## **BORROWING AGAINST SECURITIES**

In the event that a member of Key Management Personnel wishes to borrow against a security of EIM securities Board approval is to be obtained in advance of making any form of commitment that involves securities issued by the Company.

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **“Associate”**

- (a) a spouse or defacto spouse of the employee
- (b) a parent or child or the employee or the employee’s spouse or defacto spouse;
- (c) a company, partnership, or trust which
  - (i) the employee controls;
  - (ii) the employee and any person referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) control;
  - (iii) any person referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) controls; or
  - (iv) any other person with whom the employee is acting or proposing to act in concert regarding the acquisition of securities.

For the purposes of this definition, “control” means the ability (whether or not based on a legal right to determine the outcome of decision about the relevant entity’s financial and operating policies.

### **“Key Management Personnel”**

Key Management Personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning , directing and controlling the activities of the entity directly or indirectly including any director whether executive or otherwise of that entity

For the avoidance of doubt, EIM directors, employees, consultants and their Associates are included in the definition of Key Management Personnel.

### **“Employee”**

The employees, directors, full-time and part-time staff, as well as long-term contractors and consultants of EIM or any of its subsidiaries and includes an Associate of an employee.

### **“Securities”**

Includes options, shares and other securities, including without limitation debentures, derivatives and warrants issued or made available by the Company or any associated company.

### **“Trading”**

Trading includes dealing by way of option, exercise and rights trading and includes procuring or causing other persons to trade.

Application to trade in securities of the Company  
under the Company's share trading rules

EL Corporation Limited

Type of security: Ordinary shares

Form of transaction: Purchase/\*Sale

Maximum number of securities to be traded:

Name of person or entity that will be acquiring or selling shares:

\*delete not applicable

Approval or denial of approval to trade in securities in the Company

I,

hereby approve/\*reject the application to trade in  
securities of the Company

for a period of one month from today's date.

Signed

Dated