

2 February 2011

ASX Compliance Pty Ltd Exchange Plaza 2 The Esplanade PERTH WA 6000

Attention: Mr Nicholas Ong

Dear Sir

# **Price and Volume Query**

I refer to your letter dated 2 February 2011.

In response to the queries in your letter I advise as follows:

Murchison Metals Ltd ("Murchison") is not aware of any information concerning it that
has not been announced and which, if known, could be an explanation for recent
trading in the securities of the company.

Murchison notes, however, an article in today's Financial Review reporting that Deutsche Bank has acquired a 7.3% interest in the company. Murchison has sought further information from Deutsche Bank as to the nature of its holding. As noted in Murchison's December Quarterly Activities Report that was released to the market on 27 January 2011, Murchison is closely monitoring the nature of this investment.

The Financial Review article also refers to feasibility studies for the Jack Hills mine and Oakajee Port and Rail Project. Murchison confirms that the feasibility studies remain on track for completion in accordance with the revised schedule released to the market on 4 November 2010, that is, in the second quarter 2011. Murchison's December Quarterly Report also notes that as a consequence of the revised project schedule, an extension of certain project deadlines under the State Development Agreement for the Oakajee Port and Rail Project has been requested. Murchison is confident the extension will be obtained in the near future.

- 2. Not applicable.
- No.
- 4. Murchison confirms it is in compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, listing rule 3.1.



If you require any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Chris Foley

Company Secretary

**Murchison Metals Ltd** 

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Chris Foley
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Murchison Metals Limited

By Email: cfoley@mml.net.au

Dear Chris.

## Murchison Metals Limited (the "Company")

#### PRICE AND VOLUME QUERY

We have noted a change in the price of the Company's securities from \$1.285 on 31 January 2011 to \$1.485 today. We have also noted an increase in the volume of trading in the securities over this period.

In light of the price and volume change, please respond to each of the following questions.

1. Is the Company aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced which, if known, could be an explanation for recent trading in the securities of the Company?

In answering this question please address the recent press report about the Company is a takeover target and it is due to release its feasibility studies soon.

Please note that as recent trading in the Company's securities could indicate that information has ceased to be confidential, the Company is unable to rely on the exceptions to listing rule 3.1 contained in listing rule 3.1A when answering this question.

2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, can an announcement be made immediately? If not, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?

Please note, if the answer to question 1 is yes and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you need to contact us to discuss this and you need to consider a trading halt (see below).

- 3. Is there any other explanation that the Company may have for the price and volume change in the securities of the Company?
- 4. Please confirm that the Company is in compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, listing rule 3.1.

Your response should be sent to me by facsimile number (08) 9221 2020. It should <u>not</u> be sent to the Company Announcements Office.

Unless the information is required immediately under listing rule 3.1, a response is requested as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than 12.30 pm (W.S.T.) today.

Under listing rule 18.7A, a copy of this query and your response will be released to the market, so your response should be in a suitable form and separately address each of the questions asked. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me immediately.

### Listing rule 3.1

Listing rule 3.1 requires an 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. The exceptions to this requirement are set out in listing rule 3.1A.

In responding to this letter you should consult listing rule 3.1 and Guidance Note 8 - Continuous Disclosure: listing rule 3.1.

If the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under listing rule 3.1 your obligation is to disclose the information immediately.

Your responsibility under listing rule 3.1 is not confined to, or necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

### Trading halt

If you are unable to respond by the time requested, or if the answer to question 1 is yes and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should consider a request for a trading halt in the Company's securities. As set out in listing rule 17.1 and Guidance Note 16 – Trading Halts we may grant a trading halt at your request. We may require the request to be in writing. We are not required to act on your request. You must tell us each of the following.

- 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.
- Any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted. If a trading halt is requested and granted and you are still unable to reply to this letter before the commencement of trading, suspension from quotation would normally be imposed by us from the commencement of trading if not previously requested by you. The same applies if you have requested a trading halt because you are unable to release information to the market, and are still unable to do so before the commencement of trading.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Ong

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