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Cleansing 708A Notice

Hughes Drilling Limited (**Hughes**) advises that on 3 October 2013 Hughes issued a total of 26,918,080 ordinary fully paid shares in Hughes (**Shares**) at an issue price of \$0.26 per Share as consideration for the acquisition of the entire issued voting share capital of JSW Australia Pty Ltd ACN 125 989 791 (**Issue Consideration**). The issue fell within section 708 of the Corporations Act.

For further details on the Issue Consideration see Hughes's announcement on 19 August 2013 and 2 October 2013.

Hughes has issued the Shares without disclosure to investors under section 708A(5) Corporations Act 2001 (**Corporations Act**).

Details of the securities issued

Class of securities:	Ordinary shares
ASX Code of the securities:	HDX
Date of the issue of the securities:	3 October 2013
Total number of securities issued:	26,918,080

For the purposes of section 708A(6) Corporations Act, Hughes advises:

1. the Shares were issued without disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act;
2. this notice is being given under section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act;
3. as at the date of this notice, Hughes has complied with:
(a) the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act as they apply to Hughes; and
(b) section 674 of the Corporations Act; and
4. as at the date of this notice, there is no information that is 'excluded information' (within the meaning of sections 708A(7) and 708A(8) of the Corporations Act).

Signed for and on behalf of Hughes.



Paul Brenton
Company Secretary