

14 February 2024

ASX Limited
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Attention: Daniel Nugawela

By email: listingscomplianceperth@asx.com.au

Dear Daniel,

ASX Price Query Letter

In response to your correspondence dated 13 February 2024 regarding an increase in the price of the Company's shares, the Company's response is as follows:

1. Yes, the Company is aware of information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which if known, could explain the recent trading in its securities.
2. The information of which the Company is aware that it had not previously announced to the market is as follows:
 - (a) The Company had been relying on listing rule 3.1A in respect of that information.
 - The Company has previously advised that it had drilling results pending. These drill results follow the completion of a drill program for the Mt Isa East Joint Venture with Sumitomo Metal Mining Oceania. The last batch of results was received from our assay laboratory on Friday, 9 February 2024, and the Chief Operations Officer and Managing Director have been interpreting the results and drafting an appropriate announcement in the intervening period. The Company has released that announcement today 14 February 2024.
 - The Company advises that it is holding confidential and non-binding discussions with Carnaby Resources Limited (Carnaby) regarding a potential merger. Discussions remain confidential and incomplete and are at a relatively early stage. There is no certainty that a transaction between the Companies will eventuate. The Company has today advised the market that these discussions have commenced.
The Company will continue to update the market in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations.
 - (b) N/A refer above.
 - (c) Not applicable
3. In addition to those matters outlined in 2 above, the Company recently presented at a Blue Ocean Equity Investor Conference and provided an update on its activities. The Managing Director recorded an interview with East Coast Research on 7 February 2024 who published it on the morning of 13 February 2024. In addition, Hammer Metals has been and remains a very active explorer in the Mt Isa Copper District with a large portfolio of prospective tenure, the Company is not aware of any other matters which could explain the price and volume movements over recent days.

4. The Company confirms it is compliance with listing rule 3.1.
5. The Company confirms that the above response to the ASX queries have been approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy.

We further note that the Company was asked to provide the following additional detail:

- a) *Please advise whether any samples of the drilling exploration programme that the Company is currently undertaking have been sent to the laboratory? If yes, please provide the exact date on which the drill cores were sent to the laboratories.*
Hammer commenced drilling in late November 2023 and commenced providing samples to its assay laboratory in nine separate tranches between 27 November 2023 and 8 December 2023.
- b) *Please advise whether the Company is expecting any results from the laboratories in relation to its drilling programme and if yes, please advise when the results are expected to be provided to the Company. Please provide detailed information in relation to the timing of these results.*
Yes, the Company received the results from the drilling program progressively, the last tranche was reported on Friday, 9 February 2024.
- c) *Please advise when was the drilling completed.*
Drilling was completed on 8 December 2023. The delay between the completion of the drilling program and the final reporting of assays is to be expected over the Christmas / New Year break.
- d) *Please advise what arrangements (if any) HMX has in place to maintain confidentiality of its assay results? Please provide detailed information.*
Hammer maintains strict protocols with respect to the confidentiality of all of its drilling programs. The current program has been completed by a drilling contractor and laboratory service previously utilised by the company. The process to maintain confidentiality is as follows:
 - **Drilling undertaken was RC and so in this instance drill chips are logged on site by Company geologists;**
 - **Samples are conveyed to the lab by Company personal;**
 - **Sample numbers are allocated to each lot which have no location information when provided to the laboratory;**
 - **Once assays are completed Data is reported by the lab digitally to the Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director once all results are received and interpretation complete a draft announcement is circulated internally for approval.**

Should you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



Mark Pitts
Company Secretary
On behalf of the Board



13 February 2024

Reference: 88570

Mr Mark Pitts
Company Secretary
Hammer Metals Limited

By email

Dear Mr Pitts

Hammer Metals Limited ('HMX'): Price - Query

ASX refers to the following:

- A. The change in the price of HMX's securities from a low of \$0.036 to an intraday high of \$0.048 today.
- B. The significant increase in the volume of HMX's securities traded today.

Request for information

In light of this, ASX asks HMX to respond separately to each of the following questions and requests for information:

1. Is HMX aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?
2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes".
 - (a) Is HMX relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1? Please note that the recent trading in HMX's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore HMX may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is "yes", you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.
 - (b) Can an announcement be made immediately? Please note, if the answer to this question is "no", you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).
 - (c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?
3. If the answer to question 1 is "no", is there any other explanation that HMX may have for the recent trading in its securities?
4. Please confirm that HMX is complying with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.
5. Please confirm that HMX's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved under its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of HMX with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

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 **12.00 PM AWST Tuesday, 13 February 2024**. 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, HMX'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 HMX to request a trading halt immediately.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail at **ListingsCompliancePerth@asx.com.au**. 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.

Trading halt

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, or if the answer to question 1 is "yes" and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in HMX's securities under Listing Rule 17.1. If you wish 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*.

Suspension

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, ASX will likely suspend trading in HMX's securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A

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

Release of correspondence between ASX and entity

ASX reserves the right to release all or any part of this letter, your reply and any other related correspondence between us to the market under Listing Rule 18.7A.

Yours sincerely

ASX Compliance