Rule 2.7, 3.10.3, 3.10.4, 3.10.5

Appendix 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity

Merlin Diamonds Limited

ABN

86 009 153 119

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

1	⁺ Class of ⁺ securities issued or to be issued	(i)Convertible notes
		(ii) Ordinary shares
2	Number of ⁺ securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued	(i)600,000 convertible notes of \$1.00 per convertible note convertible at \$0.005 or the 5 day VWAP, whichever is lower.
		Interest on convertible notes at 10% pa which is payable in cash or shares based on a conversion price of \$0.005 or the 5 day VWAP, whichever is lower.
		(ii) 20,000,000 ordinary shares following conversion of convertible notes

3 Principal terms of the ⁺securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid ⁺securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if ⁺convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)

(i)Convertible notes have a value of \$1.00 per convertible note and are convertible at \$0.005 or the 5 day VWAP, whichever is lower.per convertible note i.e. number of notes divided by 0.005. Convertible notes mature in 2 years unless converted earlier. Interest payable at 10% pa which is payable in cash or shares based on a conversion price of \$0.005 or the 5 day VWAP, whichever is lower. Convertible notes are secured by a charge over the assets of the Company.

Shares rank pari-passu with existing shares on issue.

(ii) Conversion of 100,000 convertible notes @\$0.005 into ordinary shares

Do the ⁺securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing ⁺class of quoted ⁺securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment

5 Issue price or consideration

6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)

Yes, from the date of issue of the shares.

\$600,000

(i)Mining operations, mine capital and working capital.

(ii) Conversion of 100,000 convertible notes @\$0.005 into ordinary shares

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Is the entity an ⁺eligible entity that 6a has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?

> If Yes, complete sections 6b - 6h in relation to the +securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i

- The date the security holder 6b resolution under rule 7.1A was passed
- Number of +securities issued 6c without security holder approval under rule 7.1
- Number of +securities issued with 6d security holder approval under rule 7.1A
- Number of +securities issued with 6e security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting)
- 6f Number of securities issued under an exception in rule 7.2
- If securities issued under rule 6g 7.1A, was issue price at least 75% of 15 day VWAP as calculated under rule 7.1A.3? Include the issue date and both values. Include source of the VWAP the calculation.
- If securities were issued under rule 6h 7.1A for non-cash consideration, state date on which valuation of consideration was released to ASX Market Announcements
- 6i Calculate the entity's remaining issue capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A – complete Annexure 1 and release to ASX Market Announcements
- 7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

N/A

N/A

Refer clause 2. Assuming a conversion price of \$0.005, 120,000,000 shares.

N/A

20,000,000 14 June 2017

N/A

See attached

25 July 2018

N/A

N/A

		Number	+Class
8 Number and +class		3,227,708,538	Ordinary Shares
*securities quoted (<i>including</i> the securitie	on ASX	589,090,580	Options
2 if applicable)	, in section		

9 Number and ⁺class of all 2 ⁺securities not quoted on ASX 1 (*including* the securities in section 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class
23,000,000	Incentive Options
1,861,485	Convertible Notes
329,080,661	Unlisted options

10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)

a	N/A
ne	

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?
12	Is the issue renounceable or non- renounceable?
13	Ratio in which the ⁺ securities will be offered
14	+Class of +securities to which the offer relates
15	*Record date to determine entitlements
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions

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18 Names of countries in which the entity has 'security holders who will not be sent new issue documents Note: Security holders must be told how their

Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.

- 19 Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations
- 20 Names of any underwriters
- 21 Amount of any underwriting fee or commission
- 22 Names of any brokers to the issue
- 23 Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue
- 24 Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of *security holders
- 25 If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting
- 26 Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled
- 27 If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders
- 28 Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)
- 29 Date rights trading will end (if applicable)
- 30 How do ⁺security holders sell their entitlements *in full* through a broker?



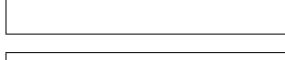
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31	How do +security holders sell part	
	of their entitlements through a	
	broker and accept for the balance?	

32 How do ⁺security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?

33 ⁺Despatch date



Part 3 - Quotation of securities

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

- 34 Type of securities (*tick one*)
- (a) \mathbf{X} Securities described in Part 1
- (b) All

All other securities

Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

Tick to	indicate	you	are	providing	the	information	or
docume	nts						

35	If the ⁺ securities are ⁺ equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional ⁺ securities, and the number and percentage of additional ⁺ securities held by those holders
36	If the ⁺ securities are ⁺ equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional ⁺ securities setting out the number of holders in the categories 1 - 1,000 1,001 - 5,000 5,001 - 10,000 10,001 - 100,000 100,001 and over
37	A copy of any trust deed for the additional ⁺ securities

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

- 38 Number of securities for which ⁺quotation is sought
- 39 Class of ⁺securities for which quotation is sought
- 40 Do the ⁺securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing ⁺class of quoted ⁺securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment
- 41 Reason for request for quotation now

Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period

(if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)

42 Number and ⁺class of all ⁺securities quoted on ASX (*including* the securities in clause 38)

Number	+Class	

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Quotation agreement

- ¹ ⁺Quotation of our additional ⁺securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the ⁺securities on any conditions it decides.
- 2 We warrant the following to ASX.
 - The issue of the ⁺securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
 - There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
 - An offer of the ⁺securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any *securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any *securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the *securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the ⁺securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the ⁺securities be quoted.
- 3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- 4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before ⁺quotation of the ⁺securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:

..... Date: 25-07-2018 (Director/Company Secretary)

Peter James Lee

Print name: Appendix 3B – Annexure 1

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Calculation of placement capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A for *eligible entities

Introduced 01/08/12

Part 1

Rule 7.1 – Issues exceeding 15% of capital			
Step 1: Calculate "A", the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated			
<i>Insert</i> number of fully paid ordinary securities on issue 12 months before date of issue or agreement to issue	1,505,252,384		
Add the following:			
• Number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2	664,789,992		
 Number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval 	615,830,155		
 Number of partly paid ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period 	Nil		
Note:			
 Include only ordinary securities here – other classes of equity securities cannot be added Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which 			
 this form is annexed It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items 			
<i>Subtract</i> the number of fully paid ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	0		
" A "	2,765,872,531		

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Step 2: Calculate 15% of "A"			
"B"	0.15		
	[Note: this value cannot be changed]		
<i>Multiply</i> "A" by 0.15	417,880,880		
Step 3: Calculate "C", the amount 7.1 that has already been used	of placement capacity under rule		
<i>Insert</i> number of equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period <i>not counting</i> those issued:	320,336,010		
Under an exception in rule 7.2			
Under rule 7.1A			
 With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4 			
 Note: This applies to equity securities, unless specifically excluded – not just ordinary securities Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items 			
"C"	340,336,010		
Step 4: Subtract "C" from ["A" x "I placement capacity under rule 7.1	3"] to calculate remaining		
"A" x 0.15	417,880,880		
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2			
Subtract "C"	340,336,010		
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3			
<i>Total</i> ["A" x 0.15] – "C"	77,544,870		
	[Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1]		

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Part 2

Rule 7.1A – Additional placement capacity for eligible entities				
Step 1: Calculate "A", the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated				
"A"				
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 1 of Part 1	2,785,872,531			
Step 2: Calculate 10% of "A"				
"D"	0.10			
	Note: this value cannot be changed			
<i>Multiply</i> "A" by 0.10	278,587,253			
Step 3: Calculate "E", the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1A that has already been used				
<i>Insert</i> number of equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period under rule 7.1A	221,500,000			
 Notes: This applies to equity securities – not just ordinary securities Include here – if applicable – the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed Do not include equity securities issued under rule 7.1 (they must be dealt with in Part 1), or for which specific security holder approval has been obtained It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items 				
"E"	221,500,000			

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Step 4: Subtract "E" from ["A" x "D"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A	
"A" x 0.10	278,587,253
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2	
Subtract "E"	221,500,000
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3	
<i>Total</i> ["A" x 0.10] – "E"	57,087,253
	Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A

In accordance with paragraph 5(e) of section 708A of the Corporations Act, the Company gives notice that it has issued 20,000,000 shares and 500,000 convertible notes without disclosure under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act. As at the date of this notice, the Company has complied with (i) the provisions of Chapter 2M as they apply to the Company; and (ii) Section 674 of the Corporations Act. The Company states that as at the date of this notice, there is no information that is excluded information within the meaning of sub-sections 708A(7) and (8) of the Corporations Act.

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