



**ASX Announcement**

**22 January 2015**

## **OPTION ISSUE**

The Board of Emerald Resources NL (**EMR or Company**) wishes to advise that it has issued 20 million unlisted \$0.025 EMR options, exercisable on or before 21 January 2020 to employees and consultants as part of the incentive component of their remuneration packages.

The exercise price of the options represented a 20% premium to the 30 day VWAP of EMR shares at the time offer letters were sent to the employees and consultants on or about 19 December 2014. The options are subject to vesting conditions which restrict exercise of 50% of the options until 24 months from the date the employee or consultant was appointed and the remaining 50% until 36 months from their appointment date.

It is the EMR Board's view that such options are an effective tool to attract and incentivise high quality personnel and help to align the long term interests of management and shareholders.

The options have been issued in accordance with the Company's Employee Option Plan as approved by shareholders on 27 November 2014. No director or director related entity has been the recipient of these options.

The terms and conditions of the options and Appendix 3B to reflect the option issue are attached.

For further information, please contact;

**SIMON LEE AO**  
**Chairman**

## Terms and Conditions of \$0.025 Emerald Resources NL Options

1. Definitions:
  - (i) **ASX Listing Rules** means the official listing rules of ASX Limited;
  - (ii) **Company** means Emerald Resources NL (ACN 009 795 046).
  - (iii) **Corporations Act** means Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia.
  - (iv) **Exercise Price** means the exercise price of each EMR Option, being \$0.025.
  - (v) **Expiry Notice** means 5.00pm (Perth time) 5 years from the date of issue of the EMR Option.
  - (vi) **Exercise Notice** means the form prescribed by the Company from time to time for the purpose of exercising EMR Options.
  - (vii) **Share** means a fully paid ordinary voting share in the capital of the Company.
  - (viii) **EMR Option** means an option to subscribe for a Share at the Exercise Price prior to the Expiry Date in the manner set out in these Terms and Conditions.
  - (ix) **EMR Option Holder** means the person or persons registered as the holder of one or more EMR Options from time to time.
2. Each EMR Option carries the right to subscribe for one Share.
3. Each EMR Option is unlisted and is transferable subject to any restrictions on transfer imposed by ASX.
4. Subject to any restrictions imposed by ASX on the exercise of EMR Options, EMR Options may be exercised by the EMR Options Holder by delivering to the Company's registered office or the Company's share registry an Exercise Notice at any time prior to the Expiry Date.
5. Each Exercise Notice must state the number of EMR Options to be exercised and be accompanied by the relevant holding statement(s), if any, and payment (in Australian currency) to the Company of an amount (the **Application Monies**) being the result of the Exercise Price multiplied by the number of EMR Options being exercised.
6. Following receipt of a properly executed Exercise Notice and Application Monies in respect of the exercise of any EMR Options, the Company will issue the resultant Shares and deliver notification of shareholdings.
7. Subject to any restrictions imposed by ASX, the Company will make application to have the Shares (issued pursuant to an exercise of EMR Options) listed for quotation by ASX within 7 days of the date of issue.

8. Subject to any restrictions imposed by ASX, Shares issued pursuant to an exercise of EMR Options shall rank, from the date of issue, pari passu with existing Shares in all respects.
9. EMR Options carry no right to participate in pro rata issues of securities to shareholders unless the EMR Options are exercised before the record date for determining entitlements to the relevant pro rata issue.
10. Each EMR Option Holder will be notified by the Company of any proposed pro rata issue of securities to shareholders in accordance with ASX Listing Rules.
11. In the event of a reorganisation (including reconstruction, consolidation, subdivision, reduction, or return) of the capital of the Company, the terms of the EMR Options will be changed to the extent necessary to comply with the requirements of the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules (in force at the time of the reorganisation).
12. Except as noted in paragraph 11 above, a EMR Option does not confer the right to a change in exercise price or a change in the number of underlying securities over which the EMR Option can be exercised.
13. Any unvested options will lapse upon cessation of employment or termination of services agreement and any vested options will lapse if not exercised within 3 months of the cessation of employment or termination of services agreement. The options will fully vest in the event of a change of control event or at the Board's discretion.

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.*

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin: Appendix 5 Amended 01/07/98, 01/09/99, 01/07/00, 30/09/01, 11/03/02, 01/01/03, 24/10/05, 01/08/12, 04/03/13

Name of entity

Emerald Resources NL

ABN

72 009 795 046

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).*

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued  | Unlisted Options  |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued   | 20,000,000 unlisted \$0.025 options, expiring 21 January 2020 |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (e.g. 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) | Unlisted \$0.025 options, expiring 21 January 2020            |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the +issue date with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional +securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date from which they do</li> <li>• the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment</li> <li>• the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment</li> </ul>	<p>Upon exercise of the options, the shares will rank equally with the fully paid ordinary shares currently on issue.</p>
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>6 Purpose of the issue          (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>Issue of 20,000,000 unlisted \$0.025 options, expiring 21 January 2020 to employees and consultants as an incentive component of their remuneration packages.</p>
<p>6a Is the entity an +eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?</p> <p>If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the +securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>6b The date the security holder resolution under rule 7.1A was passed</p>	<p>27 November 2014</p>
<p>6c Number of +securities issued without security holder approval under rule 7.1</p>	<p>Nil</p>

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6d	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.1A	Nil	
6e	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting)	Nil	
6f	Number of +securities issued under an exception in rule 7.2	20,000,000 unlisted \$0.025 options, expiring 21 January 2020 issued in accordance with the Company's Employee Option Plan as approved by shareholders on 27 November 2014.	
6g	If +securities issued under rule 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 the source of the VWAP calculation.	N/A	
6h	If +securities were issued under rule 7.1A for non-cash consideration, state date on which valuation of consideration was released to ASX Market Announcements	N/A	
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	Refer Annexure	
7	<p>+Issue dates</p> <p>Note: The issue date may be prescribed by ASX (refer to the definition of issue date in rule 19.12). For example, the issue date for a pro rata entitlement issue must comply with the applicable timetable in Appendix 7A.</p> <p>Cross reference: item 33 of Appendix 3B.</p>	22 January 2015	
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	Number	+Class
		1,306,594,114	Fully paid ordinary shares

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	Number	+Class
9	Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	20,000,000 Unlisted \$0.025 options, expiring 21 January 2020
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	The Company does not have a dividend policy.

**Part 2 - Pro rata issue**

11	Is security holder approval required?	N/A
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	N/A
13	Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	N/A
14	+Class of +securities to which the offer relates	N/A
15	+Record date to determine entitlements	N/A
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	N/A
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	N/A
18	Names of countries in which the entity has security holders who will not be sent new offer documents  Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.  Cross reference: rule 7.7.	N/A
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	N/A

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20	Names of any underwriters	N/A
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	N/A
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	N/A
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	N/A
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of security holders	N/A
25	If the issue is contingent on security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	N/A
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and offer documents will be sent to persons entitled	N/A
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	N/A
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	N/A
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	N/A
30	How do security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	N/A
31	How do security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	N/A

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- 32 How do security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?
- 33 <sup>+</sup>Issue date

**Part 3 - Quotation of securities**

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

- 34 Type of <sup>+</sup>securities  
(tick one)
- (a)  <sup>+</sup>Securities described in Part 1
- (b)  All other <sup>+</sup>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 documents*

- 35  If the <sup>+</sup>securities are <sup>+</sup>equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional <sup>+</sup>securities, and the number and percentage of additional <sup>+</sup>securities held by those holders
- 36  If the <sup>+</sup>securities are <sup>+</sup>equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional <sup>+</sup>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 <sup>+</sup>securities

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**Entities that have ticked box 34(b)**

38 Number of +securities for which +quotation is sought N/A

39 +Class of +securities for which quotation is sought N/A

40 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the +issue date 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 N/A

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

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

	Number	+Class
42 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the +securities in clause 38)	N/A	

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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 is not available now, we 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.

Mark Clements  
Company Secretary  
22 January 2015

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# Appendix 3B – Annexure 1

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

Introduced 01/08/12 Amended 04/03/13

### Part 1

<b>Rule 7.1 – Issues exceeding 15% of capital</b>	
<b>Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated</b>	
<b>Insert</b> number of fully paid +ordinary securities on issue 12 months before the +issue date or date of agreement to issue	943,651,304
<p><b>Add</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2</li> <li>• Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval 5 August 2014 Share Issue</li> <li>• Number of partly paid +ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period</li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Include only ordinary securities here – other classes of equity securities cannot be added</i></li> <li>• <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i></li> <li>• <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i></li> </ul>	457,307,940
<b>Subtract</b> the number of fully paid +ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	94,365,130
<b>“A”</b>	1,306,594,114

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<b>Step 2: Calculate 15% of “A”</b>	
“B”	0.15 <i>[Note: this value cannot be changed]</i>
<b>Multiply</b> “A” by 0.15	195,989,117
<b>Step 3: Calculate “C”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1 that has already been used</b>	
<p><b>Insert</b> number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period <i>not counting</i> those issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under an exception in rule 7.2</li> <li>• Under rule 7.1A</li> <li>• With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4</li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>This applies to equity securities, unless specifically excluded – not just ordinary securities</i></li> <li>• <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i></li> <li>• <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i></li> </ul>	
“C”	Nil
<b>Step 4: Subtract “C” from [“A” x “B”] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1</b>	
“A” x 0.15 <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	195,989,117
<b>Subtract</b> “C” <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	Nil
<b>Total</b> [“A” x 0.15] – “C”	195,989,117 <i>[Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1]</i>

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## Part 2

<b>Rule 7.1A – Additional placement capacity for eligible entities</b>	
<b>Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated</b>	
<b>“A”</b>  <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 1 of Part 1</i>	1,306,594,114
<b>Step 2: Calculate 10% of “A”</b>	
<b>“D”</b>	0.10  <i>Note: this value cannot be changed</i>
<b>Multiply “A” by 0.10</b>	130,659,411
<b>Step 3: Calculate “E”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1A that has already been used</b>	
<b>Insert</b> number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period under rule 7.1A  <i>Notes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>This applies to equity securities – not just ordinary securities</i></li> <li>• <i>Include here – if applicable – the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i></li> <li>• <i>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</i></li> <li>• <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i></li> </ul>	
<b>“E”</b>	Nil

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<b>Step 4: Subtract "E" from ["A" x "D"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A</b>	
<b>"A" x 0.10</b> <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	130,659,411
<b>Subtract "E"</b> <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	Nil
<b>Total</b> ["A" x 0.10] – "E"	130,659,411 <i>Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A</i>

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