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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Marı	nota Energy Limited	
ABN 38 1	19 270 816	
We (the entity) give ASX the following in	oformation.
	t 1 - All issues oust complete the relevant sections (attach s	heets if there is not enough space).
1	⁺ Class of ⁺ securities issued or to be issued	Employee Options
2	Number of *securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued	125,000
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)	Options Expiring 21 December 2015 Exercisable at any time until expiry Exercise Price of \$0.083 Non transferable except as allowed under the Employee Share Option Plan Not quoted

Name of entity

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4 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

No, options are non transferable (except as allowed under the Employee Share Option Plan) and will not be quoted. Underlying shares issued on exercise of options will rank equally with existing shares upon issue.

5	Issue	price	or	consid	leration

\$Nil

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

Performance incentive for employees pursuant to Employee Share Option Plan

7 Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

21 December 2010

8 Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (*including* the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class
149,909,490	Ordinary Shares

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

Number	+Class
500,000	Ordinary Shares escrowed until
	18 August 2011
28,000,000	40 cent Options expiring 11 July 2012
290,000	4 cent Options expiring 23 December 2013
400,000	10.16 cent Options expiring 5 March 2015
125,000	8.3 cent Options expiring 21 December 2015

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

N/A			

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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New	issue	annou	ncement

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 entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.	
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19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	
20	Names of any underwriters	
	L	
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	
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23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	
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24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	
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25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	
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26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	
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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)	

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30		do *security holders sell their ements in full through a c?
31	of th	do *security holders sell <i>part</i> eir entitlements through a rand accept for the balance?
32	their	do *security holders dispose of entitlements (except by sale gh a broker)?
33	+Desp	atch date
	-	uotation of securities omplete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities
34	Type (tick o	of securities one)
(a)		Securities described in Part 1
(b)		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
Entitie	es tha	t have ticked box 34(a)
Additi	ional s	ecurities forming a new class of securities
Tick to docume		e you are providing the information or
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

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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 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)

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Quotation agreement

- ⁺Quotation of our additional ⁺securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the ⁺securities on any conditions it decides.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Sign here:	Virginia Suttell	Date:21/12/2010
C	(Director /Company Secretary)	

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