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Ashburton Minerals Ltd ("Ashburton" or "the Company")

Dear Sir/Madam

NON-RENOUNCEABLE RIGHTS ISSUE - REPLACEMENT APPENDIX 3B

The Company provides the attached Appendix 3B as a replacement to the document released to the market on 10 December 2012. The new Appendix 3B provides additional information in relation to ASX Listing Rules 7.1 and 7.1A.

Yours faithfully,

Rodney Dunn

Company Secretary

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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

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ASHBURTON MINERALS LTD

ABN

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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).

⁺Class of *securities issued or to be issued

Ordinary Fully Paid Shares Unlisted Options (exercisable at 0.3 cents on or before 31 December 2014) (New Options)

Number of *securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued 325,379,186 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares * 108,459,728 New Options *

* approximate numbers assuming full subscription by shareholders under the rights issue and no existing options are exercised prior to the record date. The actual number of shares and New Options to be issued depends on acceptances under the rights issue and whether any options are exercised prior to the record date.

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

Ordinary Fully Paid Shares New Options - exercisable at 0.3 cents on or before 31 December 2014

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Do the *securities rank equally 4 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 distribution) trust. interest payment
- the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution interest payment

Ordinary Fully Paid Shares - Yes; pari passu with existing ordinary fully paid shares.

New Options - shares issued on exercise of options will rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares

Issue price or consideration 5

0.2 cents per ordinary fully paid share. The New Options are free attaching options for which no additional cash consideration is payable.

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

Pursuant to a non-renounceable rights issue to raise funds for exploration work on the Company's projects, administrative expenses and general working capital

Is the entity an *eligible entity 6a that 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
- 6с without security approval under rule 7.1

19 November 2012

Number of *securities issued Nil holder

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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	325,379,186 ordinary fu 108,459,728 unlisted under exception 1 of Li	new options issued
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	N/A	
7	Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates	18 January 2013	
8	Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in section 2 if applicable)	Number 1,301,516,744 117,676,368	+Class Ordinary Fully Paid ATNO options with exercise price of 1 cent and expiring 30 April 2014
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9 Number and *class of all *securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in section 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class
108,459,728	Unlisted Options
	with exercise price of
	o.3 cents and
	expiring 31
	December 2014
	ATNAO - Unlisted
5,000,000	Options with
	exercise price of 7.25
	cents and expiring 21
	April 2014
	ATNAO - Unlisted
	Options with
5,000,000	exercise price of 8.7
	cents and expiring 21
	April 2014
	ATNAO - Unlisted
	Options with
5,000,000	exercise price of 10.15
	cents and expiring 21
	April 2014
	ATNAK - Unlisted
	options with exercise
5,500,000	price of 7.25 cents
	and expiring 14 June
	2014

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
	req	uired?		

No

Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?

Non-renounceable

Ratio in which the *securities will be offered

1 new share for every 3 shares held on the record date, together with 1 free attaching new option for every 3 new shares subscribed for

⁺Class of ⁺securities to which the offer relates

Fully paid ordinary shares

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15	⁺ Record date to determine entitlements	19 December 2012
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	N/A
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	Fractions will be rounded up to the nearest whole number
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.	UAE, Brunei, Switzerland, Germany, UK, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ireland, Philippines, PNG, Singapore, Thailand, USA.
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	10 January 2013
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	The Company reserves the right to pay a commission of up to 6% (exclusive of GST) of amounts subscribed through any licensed securities dealers or Australian financial services licensees in respect of any valid shortfall application form lodged and accepted by the Company and bearing the stamp of the licensed securities dealer or Australian financial services licensee.
25	If the issue is contingent on *security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	N/A

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26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	21 December 2012
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	10 December 2012
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 part of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	N/A
32	How do *security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	N/A
33	⁺ Despatch date	18 January 2013
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)	Securities described in Part	I
(b)	All other securities Example: restricted securities at the e	nd of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid,

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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 docum	re 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 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

- ⁺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.
- 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.

Sign here: Date: 13 December 2012

(Company Secretary)

Print name: Rodney John Dunn

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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

Part 1

Rule 7.1 – Issues exceeding 15% of capital		
Step 1: Calculate "A", the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated		
Insert number of fully paid ordinary securities on issue 12 months before date of issue or agreement to issue	584,048,034	
Add the following:		
 Number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2 	639,825,206	
 Number of fully paid ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval 	77,643,504	
 Number of partly paid ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period 	0	
 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 		
Subtract the number of fully paid ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	0	
"A"	1,301,516,744	

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Step 2: Calculate 15% of "A"		
"B"	0.15	
	[Note: this value cannot be changed]	
Multiply "A" by 0.15	195,227,512	
Step 3: Calculate "C", the amount of 7.1 that has already been used	of placement capacity under rule	
Insert number of equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period not counting those issued:		
Under an exception in rule 7.2	0	
Under rule 7.1A	0	
With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4	0	
 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"	0	
Step 4: Subtract "C" from ["A" x "B"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1		
"A" x 0.15	195,227,512	
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2		
Subtract "C"	0	
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3		
Total ["A" x 0.15] — "C"	195,227,512, assuming full subscription by shareholders under the rights issue referred to in this Appendix 3B and no existing options are exercised prior to the allotment date.	

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[Note: this is the remaining placement
capacity under rule 7.1]

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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"	1,301,516,744	
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 1 of Part 1		
Step 2: Calculate 10% of "A"		
"D"	0.10	
	Note: this value cannot be changed	
Multiply "A" by 0.10	130,151,674	
Step 3: Calculate "E", the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1A that has already been used		
 Insert number of equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period under rule 7.1A 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 	0	
"E"	0	

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Step 4: Subtract "E" from ["A" x "D"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A	
"A" x 0.10	130,151,674
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2	
Subtract "E"	0
Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3	
<i>Total</i> ["A" x 0.10] — "E"	130,151,674, assuming full subscription by shareholders under the rights issue referred to in this Appendix 3B and no existing options are exercised prior to the allotment date. Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A

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