



11 November 2008

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Ms Julia Kagan
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Dear Ms Kagan

RE: PRICE QUERY

We refer to your letter dated 11 November 2008 in relation to the change in price in Asciano Group ("Asciano") securities.

Please find attached a letter from our Chairman, Mr Tim Poole addressed to Asciano's securityholders. This letter has just been sent to the ASX for release to the market.

In relation to the specific questions in ASX's 11 November letter, Asciano responds as follows:

1. Asciano is not aware of any information concerning it which, if known, could be an explanation for recent trading in securities of Asciano.
2. Not applicable.
3. Asciano notes section 1 of the attached letter (Asciano's Operational and Earnings Performance). Asciano's businesses are performing strongly and there is no reason to think that there may be a variance of more than 15 % from the previous period in operating profit before abnormal items and income tax.
4. There is no reason to think that the Group may record any material abnormal or extraordinary items for the half year ended 31 December 2008.
5. Asciano notes section 5 of the attached letter. There is no other explanation Asciano has for the price change in Asciano securities.
6. Asciano confirms that it is in compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, listing rule 3.1.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Mead".

Fiona Mead
Company Secretary

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Fiona Mead
Company Secretary
Asciano Group
MELBOURNE

By email only

Dear Fiona

Asciano Group (the "Group")

RE: PRICE QUERY

We have noted a change in the price of the Group's securities from \$1.72 at the close of trade yesterday 10 November 2008 to a low of \$0.635 as at the time of writing today. We also note an increase in the volume of securities traded.

In light of the price change and volume, please respond to each of the following questions.

1. Is the Group aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced which, if known, could be an explanation for recent trading in the securities of the Group?
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, can an announcement be made immediately? If not, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?

Please note, if the answer to question 1 is yes and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you need to contact us to discuss this and you need to consider a trading halt (see below).
3. Is there any reason to think that there maybe a change in the operating profit before abnormal items and income tax so that the figure for the half year ending 31 December 2008 would vary from the previous period by more than 15%? If so, please provide details as to the extent of the likely variation.
4. Is there any reason to think that the Group may record any material abnormal or extraordinary items for the half year ending 31 December 2008? If so, please provide details.
5. Is there any other explanation that the Group may have for the price change in the securities of the Group?
6. Please confirm that the Group is in compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, listing rule 3.1.

Your response should be sent to me by return e-mail or by facsimile on facsimile number 03 9614 0303. It should not be sent to the Company Announcements Office.

Unless the information is required immediately under listing rule 3.1, a response is requested as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than half an hour before the start of trading (ie before 9.30 a.m. EDST) on Wednesday, 12 November 2008.

Under listing rule 18.7A, a copy of this query and your response will be released to the market, so your response should be in a suitable form and separately address each of the questions asked. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me immediately.

Listing rule 3.1

Listing rule 3.1 requires an entity to give ASX immediately any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the entity's securities. The exceptions to this requirement are set out in listing rule 3.1A.

In responding to this letter you should consult listing rule 3.1 and Guidance Note 8 – Continuous Disclosure: listing rule 3.1.

If the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under listing rule 3.1 your obligation is to disclose the information immediately.

Your responsibility under listing rule 3.1 is not confined to, or necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

Trading halt

If you are unable to respond by the time requested, or if the answer to question 1 is yes and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should consider a request for a trading halt in the Group's securities. As set out in listing rule 17.1 and Guidance Note 16 – Trading Halts we may grant a trading halt at your request. We may require the request to be in writing. We are not required to act on your request. You must tell us each of the following.

- 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.
- Any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted. If a trading halt is requested and granted and you are still unable to reply to this letter before the commencement of trading, suspension from quotation would normally be imposed by us from the commencement of trading if not previously requested by you. The same applies if you have requested a trading halt because you are unable to release information to the market, and are still unable to do so before the commencement of trading.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Sent by electronic means without signature

Julia Kagan

Senior Adviser, Issuers