



ASIC

Australian Securities & Investments Commission

Our Reference: 13-50004

21 May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Astra Resources PLC & Astra Consolidated Nominees Pty Ltd

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) is writing to you as you have been identified as a shareholder of Astra Resources PLC.

ASIC has recently filed a claim in the Federal Court of Australia against parties associated with Astra Resources PLC.

ASIC's proceedings name the following companies and individuals as defendants:

- Astra Resources PLC (Astra Resources) (a company registered in England and Wales);
- Astra Consolidated Nominees Pty Ltd (Astra Nominees) (an Australian subsidiary of Astra Resources);
- Jaydeep Biswas (Biswas), of Brisbane (director of Astra Resources);
- Silvana De Cianni (De Cianni), of Adelaide (director of Astra Resources); and
- Barrie Meerkin (Meerkin) of Brisbane (previous director of Astra Resources and Astra Nominees).

ASIC alleges that in the period from 8 September 2011 to 8 September 2012:

1. Astra Nominees made offers of Astra Resources shares in breach of the *Corporations Act 2001* (the Act);
2. Astra Resources distributed share application forms in breach of the Act; and
3. Biswas, De Cianni and Meerkin, as directors, failed to take reasonable steps to prevent the above companies contravening the Act.

ASIC is seeking the following orders from the Court:

- Declarations that Astra Resources and Astra Nominees contravened the Act;
- Orders disqualifying Biswas, De Cianni and Meerkin from managing a company in Australia;
- Orders that the above companies publish notices and send letters to shareholders to the effect that the Court has found them to have contravened the Act and that affected shareholders may have a claim to a refund or damages;
- Orders declaring that affected share purchase contracts are voidable at the election of the purchaser.

ASIC has published information on our website www.asic.gov.au to provide further details about our proceedings against these parties.

You have been identified as one of those shareholders potentially affected by the declarations and orders being sought by ASIC.

The alleged contraventions relate to the failure by the companies and their directors to comply with the fundraising provisions of the Act. These provisions aim to protect investors and to ensure that all of the relevant facts, including information about the risks of an investment, are set out in the required disclosure documents. This disclosure enables potential investors to make an informed decision about whether or not to invest.

Should ASIC succeed in our claim, you will be notified of any orders entitling you to pursue a claim for damages or a refund of the amount paid for the shares.

If you wish to contact ASIC in relation to your investment in Astra Resources, you may wish to lodge a report of misconduct with ASIC through our website at www.asic.gov.au/complain, under the link 'Running of companies'. In completing the report, please include the following information in the section 'Brief description of your concerns':

- that you have received this letter;
- a description of how you came to take out shares in Astra Resources;
- if you have any particular concerns about Astra Resources in relation to share sales to investors or other dealings with the company; and
- whether you are prepared to provide further information to ASIC in relation to your investment.

ASIC endeavours to respond to all reports of misconduct within 28 days. Please note that ASIC is unable to provide you with any legal advice about your particular circumstances.