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STATEMENT OF CLAIM

FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA
REGISTRY: VICTORIA
DIVISION: GENERAL

NO. VID 1153/2018

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION

Plaintiff

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED

ACN: 005 357 522

Defendant

Parties

1. The Plaintiff (**ASIC**):

- a. was established by s 7 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 1989 (Cth)* and continued in existence by s 261 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 (Cth)* (the **ASIC Act**);
- b. by s 8(1) of the ASIC Act, is a body corporate and may sue in its corporate name; and
- c. has statutory functions and powers conferred on it by the ASIC Act and by other statutes identified in s 12A of the ASIC Act.

2. The Defendant (**ANZ**):

- a. is a publicly listed company;
- b. provides banking and financial products and services to various categories of clients;
- c. is one of the four major banks operating in the Australian banking system; and
- d. is a listed disclosing entity to which s 674(2) of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* (the **Act**) applies.

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Underwriting Agreement

3. On the morning of 6 August 2015, ANZ entered into an underwriting agreement with JP Morgan Australia Limited (**JPM**), Citigroup Global Markets Australia Pty Ltd (**Citi**) and Deutsche Bank AG, Sydney Branch (**DB**) (together – **Underwriters**) in respect of an institutional share placement to be undertaken by the ANZ (**Underwriting Agreement**).

Particulars

The Underwriting Agreement is in writing and is dated 6 August 2015. A copy is in the possession of ASIC's solicitors and is available for inspection upon request.

4. The Underwriting Agreement provided, inter alia:
 - a. for the Underwriters to use their best endeavours to place new fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of ANZ (**Placement Shares**) with investors between 8:30am and 6:00pm on 6 August 2015 (**Placement Date**) (clause 1(a));
 - b. the issue price of the Placement Shares was to be no lower than \$30.95 per share (clause 1(b));
 - c. the Placement was intended to raise about \$2.5 billion (preamble);
 - d. the class of investors from whom the Underwriters would seek applications to place the Placement Shares was restricted to certain institutional investors (preamble; clause 1(e));
 - e. in the event that the number of shares successfully placed by the Underwriters with investors was less than the totality of the Placement Shares, the Underwriters must acquire the "Shortfall Securities" in specified proportions – 40% by Citi and 30% by each of JPM and DB (clause 3(e)).

The Placement

5. At about 8:38am on the Placement Date, the securities of ANZ were placed in a trading halt.
6. Immediately prior to being placed in a trading halt, securities in ANZ traded on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) at a price of \$32.58.
7. At about 8:44am on the Placement Date, ANZ issued a release to the ASX (**Placement Announcement**) entitled "*ANZ announces Institutional Placement (fully underwritten) and share Purchase Plan to raise a total of \$3 billion*".

Particulars

A copy of the Placement Announcement is in the possession of ASIC's solicitors and is available for inspection upon request.

8. The Placement Announcement stated, inter alia, that:
 - a. the Placement size was "fixed at \$2.5 billion and will not be increased" (p 1);
 - b. the Placement would be conducted by means of an "accelerated book-build" process with an "underwritten floor price" of \$30.95 (p 1); and
 - c. the Placement was fully underwritten by Citi, DB and JPM (p 1).
9. At or about the time of the Placement Announcement, the Underwriters commenced the process of seeking and accepting applications in the bookbuild.
10. The Placement did not attract the level of interest from institutional investors that was anticipated by ANZ and/or the Underwriters.

Particulars

ASIC relies on the following communications:

(i) a telephone call between Mr Rick Moscati (Group Treasurer, ANZ) and Mr John Needham (Head of Capital and Structured Funding, ANZ) and at least Mr Richard Galvin and Harry Florin of JPM and Mr Michael Richardson of DB at about 2.30pm on the Placement Date;

(ii) a telephone call between Mr Rick Moscati and Mr John Needham of ANZ, and Mr Geoffrey Tarrant of DB at about 3.00pm on the Placement Date;

(iii) shortly after the above call between Mr Rick Moscati and Mr John Needham of ANZ and Mr Tarrant of DB, a meeting between Mr Rick Moscati, Mr John Needham and Mr Shayne Elliott (all of ANZ) on the Placement Date, during which meeting Mr Geoffrey Tarrant of DB called in;

(iv) a meeting between Mr Rick Moscati and Mr Mike Smith (Chief Executive Officer, ANZ) at about 5.30pm - 6.30pm on the Placement Date; and

(v) a telephone call between Mr Rick Moscati and Mr John Needham of ANZ and at least Mr Richard Galvin and Harry Florin of JPM and Mr Michael Richardson of DB at about 8.30pm on the Placement Date.

Further particulars may be provided prior to trial.

11. During the course of the Placement Date, there were communications between senior officers and employees of ANZ and representatives of the Underwriters to the effect that,

because the level of demand from institutional investors was less than had been expected, there was a prospect of the Underwriters acquiring a significant portion of the Placement Shares.

Particulars

The communications include the calls and meetings referred to in subparagraphs (ii) to (v) of the particulars sub-joined to paragraph 10.

Further particulars may be provided prior to trial.

12. At about 8:30pm on the Placement Date, ANZ accepted the Underwriters' final proposed allocations of Placement Shares in the course of a teleconference.

Particulars

The participants in the teleconference included at least Mr Rick Moscati and Mr John Needham of ANZ, Mr Richard Galvin and Harry Florin of JPM and Mr Michael Richardson of DB.

13. In the result:

- a. the share price was set at the minimum price of \$30.95; and
- b. owing to the inadequate level of demand from institutional investors, the Underwriters (with ANZ's knowledge and approval) allocated to themselves approximately \$791 million of the Placement Shares (**Underwriter Acquisition**).

Particulars

As to ANZ's knowledge and approval, ASIC refers to an email sent at 8:35pm on 6 August 2015 from Kristopher Salinger of Citi to Messrs Moscati and Needham, which email attached a document titled "ANZ Book Allocations v6.xlsx". ASIC also refers to and repeats paragraph 12 above.

A copy of the 8:35pm email is in the possession of ASIC's solicitors and available for inspection upon request.

14. Pursuant to the Underwriter Acquisition, the Underwriters allocated to themselves and subsequently acquired approximately 31% of the Placement Shares, or a total of 24,653,708 ANZ shares in the following proportions: (i) Citi - 9,861,480 shares (40%); (ii) JPM - 7,396,115 shares (30%); and (iii) DB - 7,396,113 shares (30%).

15. The outcome of the Placement was known to ANZ by about 8:30pm on the Placement Date.

16. The facts of, and the effect of, the outcome of the Placement known to ANZ by that time included:

(a) the fact of the Underwriter Acquisition; and

(b) the fact that the shares comprising the Underwriter Acquisition (**Underwriter Shares**) had been allocated to the Underwriters:

(i) in consequence of inadequate demand from institutional investors in respect of the Placement; and

(ii) as short-term holders of the shares.

17. The Underwriter Shares:

(a) amounted in number to about the equivalent volume of 3 days trading in ANZ shares on the ASX; and

(b) amounted in value to about 0.9% of the issued share capital of ANZ.

Completion Announcement

18. At about 7:30am on 7 August 2015, ANZ issued a release to the ASX in respect of the Placement (**Completion Announcement**).

Particulars

A copy of the Completion Announcement is in the possession of ASIC's solicitors and is available for inspection upon request.

19. The Completion Announcement stated, *inter alia*, "ANZ today announced that it had raised \$2.5 billion in new equity capital through the placement of approximately 80.8 million ANZ ordinary shares at the price of \$30.95 per share".

20. The terms of the Completion Announcement were approved by two ANZ disclosure officers, Ms Jill Craig (now, Jill Campbell) and Mr Paul Edwards.

21. The Completion Announcement did not disclose:

- a. the Underwriter Acquisition; or
- b. that the Underwriters had been allocated and were to acquire a significant proportion of the Placement Shares.

22. ANZ did not disclose the fact of the Underwriter Acquisition, or that the Underwriters had been allocated and were to acquire a significant proportion of the Placement Shares, to the ASX by other means at any stage.

23. The information described in paragraph 21 above:

- a. was not generally available to the market at the time (including to participants in the market for ANZ shares);
- b. if disclosed, was information that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect upon the price of ANZ shares;
- c. was likely to influence investors in deciding whether to acquire and in deciding whether to dispose of ANZ shares for reasons including:
 - (i) the size of the Underwriter Acquisition (whether it was described in quantum, percentage terms or generally as “significant”); and
 - (ii) the expectation of both sophisticated and unsophisticated investors that the Underwriters would promptly dispose of the acquired Placement Shares and place downward pressure upon the ANZ share price;

with the result *inter alia* that:

- (iii) potential purchasers of ANZ shares would likely refrain from purchasing shares in anticipation that the disposal of the Underwriter Shares would present an opportunity to purchase at a lower price; and/or
- (iv) sophisticated traders of ANZ shares would likely engage in trading activities such as shorting the shares in anticipation of being able to purchase them at a lower price.

Resumption of Trading

24. The halt upon trading in ANZ shares was lifted prior to the commencement of trading on 7 August 2015.
25. On 7 August 2015 ANZ shares opened at \$29.99 before hitting an intraday low of \$29.80 and closing at \$30.14.
26. More than \$1.1 billion of ANZ shares were traded on 7 August 2015.

Breaches of the Corporations Act

27. In the identified facts and circumstances, ANZ was required to notify the ASX of the Underwriter Acquisition and/or that the Underwriters had been allocated and were to acquire a significant proportion of the Placement Shares on the night of 6 August 2015 or, alternatively, prior to the recommencement of trading in ANZ shares on 7 August 2015.
28. ANZ failed to comply with its continuous disclosure obligations under s.674(2) of the Act by:
 - (a) failing to notify the ASX that approximately \$791 million of the \$2.5 billion of ANZ shares offered in the Placement were to be acquired by its underwriters rather than placed with investors;
 - (b) alternatively, by failing to notify the ASX that a significant proportion of the shares the subject of the Placement were to be acquired by the Underwriters.
29. The contravention arising from ANZ's failure as alleged in paragraph 28 above:
 - (a) materially prejudiced the interests of purchasers or disposers of ANZ Shares, including those persons who participated in the retail shareholder share purchase plan announced by ANZ on 6 August 2015;
 - (b) was serious, and attended by the following aggravating circumstances:
 - (i) from around 10:00am on 7 August 2015, Mr Moscati and Mr Needham took part in a conference call with representatives of the Underwriters during which each of the Underwriters undertook not to sell their Underwriter Shares on that

day and Mr Moscati requested that the Underwriters confer about how to manage the Underwriters' disposal of the Underwriter Shares; and

(ii) on 8 August 2015, Mr Moscati and Mr Needham took part in a further conference call with representatives of each of the Underwriters during which the Underwriters agreed with each other and with ANZ:

(A) not to sell down their respective portions of the Underwriter Shares in volumes greater than 5% of the daily volume of ANZ shares; and

(B) that if any of the Underwriters formed a view that they had an obligation to disclose the existence of the Underwriter Acquisition, they would consult before doing so.

Relief claimed

ASIC claims the relief set out in the Originating Process filed on 14 September 2018.

DATED 30 November 2018

This pleading was prepared by Christopher Caleo, Kathleen Foley and Aaron Cornish of Counsel.

CERTIFICATE OF LAWYER

I Savas Miriklis certify to the Court that, in relation to the statement of claim filed on behalf of the Plaintiff, the factual and legal material available to me at present provides a proper basis for each allegation in the pleading.

Date: 30 November 2018



Signed by Savas Miriklis

Lawyer for the Plaintiff