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Australian Securities Exchange
by electronic mail to kimberley.brown@asx.com.au

Attn: Ms. Kimberley Brown

Response to Price Query

Dear Ms. Brown:

Boart Longyear provides the following responses to the questions raised in your letter of 23 July 2014:

- 1. Is the Entity aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?***

The Company is unaware of any information that is generally unknown to the market that could explain the recent trading in its securities. As noted in the Company's responses to price queries from the ASX on 9 July 2014 and 16 July 2014, the recent volatility and volume of trading in the Company's shares may result from ongoing media speculation about the status and outcome of the Company's strategic review of recapitalisation options.

In addition, a substantial shareholder has undertaken a significant reduction in its holdings in recent weeks. Sales by that shareholder appear to be complete (or nearly complete) and the recent recovery in the Company's share price may reflect the absence of pressure from that shareholder's selling activity.

The Company reaffirms that its strategic review is ongoing and that it does not have material developments to report to the market regarding the review at this time.

The Company also notes that it continues to prepare and evaluate its as-yet incomplete financial results and key performance indicators for the half-year ended 30 June 2014, which are still subject to management, board and audit reviews. Subject to those ongoing reviews and confirmation of those results and determination of whether they differ materially from analyst estimates for the period, the Company will consider whether to report preliminary information to the ASX ahead of the normal planned reporting schedule. The Company does not, however, believe recent trading in its shares can be ascribed to speculation about its half-year financial results.

- 2. If the answer to question 1 is “yes”, is the Company relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1? Can an announcement be made immediately?**

Not applicable.

- 3. If the answer to question 1 is “no”, is there any other explanation that the Entity may have for the recent trading in its securities?**

Please see response to question 1 and the Company’s 21 July 2014 ASX announcement regarding Standard and Poor’s’ recent debt rating actions.

- 4. Please confirm that the Company is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.**

The Company confirms its compliance with the Listing Rules.

Sincerely,



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By email only

Dear Paul,

Boart Longyear Limited (the "Company")
RE: PRICE QUERY

We have noted a change in the price of the Company's securities from a closing price of \$0.087 on 18 July 2014 to an intraday high of \$0.195 at the time of writing today. We have also noted an increase in the volume of trading in the securities over this period.

In light of the price and volume increase, ASX asks you to respond separately to each of the following questions:

1. Is the Company aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?

In responding to this question, please consider in particular whether the Company is aware of any information that its earnings for the 6 month period ending 30 June 2014:

- (a) are likely to differ materially (downwards or upwards) from any earnings guidance it has given for the period; or
 - (b) if the Company has not given any earnings guidance for the period, are otherwise likely to come as a surprise to the market (by reference to analyst forecasts for the period or, if the Company is not covered by analysts, its earnings for the prior corresponding period)?
2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes":
 - (a) Is the Company relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1?

Please note that the recent trading in the Company's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore the Company may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is "yes", you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.

- (b) Can an announcement be made immediately?

Please note, if the answer to this question is “no”, you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).

- (c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?
3. If the answer to question 1 is “no”, is there any other explanation that the Company may have for the recent trading in its securities?
4. Please confirm that the Company is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

When and where to send your response

This request is made under, and in accordance with, Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by not later than half an hour before the start of trading (i.e. before 9.30 a.m. AEST) on Thursday, 24 July 2014. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in the Company's securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

You should note that if the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under Listing Rule 3.1 and it does not fall within the exceptions mentioned in Listing Rule 3.1A, the Company's obligation is to disclose the information “immediately”. This may require the information to be disclosed before the deadline set out in the previous paragraph.

ASX reserves the right to release a copy of this letter and your response on the ASX Market Announcements Platform under Listing Rule 18.7A. Accordingly, your response should be in a form suitable for release to the market.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail or by facsimile to 9241 7620. It should not be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office. This is to allow me to review your response to confirm that it is in a form appropriate for release to the market, before it is published on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

Listing Rule 3.1

Listing Rule 3.1 requires a listed 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. Exceptions to this requirement are set out in Listing Rule 3.1A.

The obligation of the Company to disclose information under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

In responding to this letter, you should have regard to the Company's obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1 – 3.1B*.

Trading halt

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, or if the answer to question 1 is “yes” and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in the Company's securities under Listing Rule 17.1.

If you wish a trading halt, you must tell us:

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

We may require the request for a trading halt to be in writing. The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted.

You can find further information about trading halts in Guidance Note 16 *Trading Halts & Voluntary Suspensions*.

If you have any queries or concerns about any of the above, please contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely,

[Sent electronically without signature]

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