

Appendix 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

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Name of entity

James Hardie Industries plc

ABN

097 829 895 Incorporated in Ireland. The liability of members is limited.

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).

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| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued | Ordinary shares/CUFS issued on exercise of stock options. |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 17,200 ordinary shares/CUFS. |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (e.g. if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | Ordinary shares/CUFS issued on exercise of options, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17,200 at \$8.40 with expiry date of 21 November 2016 |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the +issue date with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional +securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Yes, rank equally with issued ordinary shares/CUFS.</p>
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>Allotment of ordinary shares/CUFS on exercise of options:</p> <p>17,200 at \$8.40</p>
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>Exercise of stock options issued pursuant to the James Hardie Industries 2001 Equity Incentive Plan (2001 Plan).</p>
<p>6a Is the entity an +eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?</p> <p>If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the +securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i</p>	<p>No. Equity securities issued under the 2001 Plan are no longer the subject of security holder approval.</p>
<p>6b The date the security holder resolution under rule 7.1A was passed</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>6c Number of +securities issued without security holder approval under rule 7.1</p>	<p>17,200</p>
<p>6d Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.1A</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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6e	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting)	Not applicable	
6f	Number of +securities issued under an exception in rule 7.2	Not applicable	
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.	Not applicable	
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	Not applicable	
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	66,508,318 (Annexure 1 attached)	
7	<p>+Issue dates</p> <p><small>Note: The issue date may be prescribed by ASX (refer to the definition of issue date in rule 19.12). For example, the issue date for a pro rata entitlement issue must comply with the applicable timetable in Appendix 7A.</small></p> <p><small>Cross reference: item 33 of Appendix 3B.</small></p>	17 March 2016	
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	Number 445,571,151	+Class Ordinary shares/CUFS

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	Number	+Class
9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	112,227	2001 Plan Options
	705,563	2001 Plan RSUs
	3,347,644	2006 Plan RSUs
	1,106 2001 Plan RSUs have been cancelled.	
	No 2006 Plan RSUs have been cancelled.	
	No 2001 Plan stock options have been cancelled.	
10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	Ordinary shares/CUFS issued on exercise of stock options rank for dividends equally with issued ordinary shares/CUFS.	

Part 2 - Pro rata issue

11 Is security holder approval required?	Not applicable
12 Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	Not applicable
13 Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	Not applicable
14 +Class of +securities to which the offer relates	Not applicable
15 +Record date to determine entitlements	Not applicable

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16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	Not applicable
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	Not applicable
18	Names of countries in which the entity has security holders who will not be sent new offer documents <small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small>	Not applicable
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	Not applicable
20	Names of any underwriters	Not applicable
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	Not applicable
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	Not applicable
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	Not applicable
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of security holders	Not applicable
25	If the issue is contingent on security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	Not applicable
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and offer documents will be sent to persons entitled	Not applicable

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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	Not applicable
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	Not applicable
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	Not applicable
30	How do security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	Not applicable
31	How do security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	Not applicable
32	How do security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	Not applicable
33	+Issue date	Not applicable

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 1

(b) All other +securities

Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, 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

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Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents

- 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

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 +issue date 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
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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)

Not applicable

42 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the +securities in clause 38)

Number	+Class
Not applicable	Not applicable

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Appendix 3B – Annexure 1

Calculation of placement capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A for eligible entities

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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 the +issue date or date of agreement to issue	445,672,673
<p>Add the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2 • Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval • Number of partly paid +ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Include only ordinary securities here – other classes of equity securities cannot be added</i> • <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i> 	<p>1,551,725</p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
Subtract the number of fully paid +ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	(1,653,247)
“A”	445,571,151

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Step 2: Calculate 15% of "A"	
"B"	0.15 <i>[Note: this value cannot be changed]</i>
Multiply "A" by 0.15	66,835,672
Step 3: Calculate "C", the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1 that has already been used	
<p>Insert number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period <i>not counting</i> those issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under an exception in rule 7.2 • Under rule 7.1A • With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4 <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This applies to equity securities, unless specifically excluded – not just ordinary securities</i> • <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i> 	327,354
"C"	327,354
Step 4: Subtract "C" from ["A" x "B"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1	
"A" x 0.15 <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	66,835,672
Subtract "C" <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	(327,354)
Total ["A" x 0.15] – "C"	66,508,318 <i>[Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1]</i>

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Rule 7.1A – Additional placement capacity for eligible entities	
Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated	
“A” <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 1 of Part 1</i>	Not applicable
Step 2: Calculate 10% of “A”	
“D”	0.10 <i>Note: this value cannot be changed</i>
Multiply “A” by 0.10	Not applicable
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 <i>Notes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This applies to equity securities – not just ordinary securities</i> • <i>Include here – if applicable – the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>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</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i> 	Not applicable
“E”	Not applicable

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Step 4: Subtract “E” from [“A” x “D”] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A	
<p>“A” x 0.10</p> <p><i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i></p>	Not applicable
<p>Subtract “E”</p> <p><i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i></p>	Not applicable
<p>Total [“A” x 0.10] – “E”</p>	<p>Not applicable</p> <p><i>Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A</i></p>

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