

Form 603

Corporations Act 2001

Section 671B

Notice of initial substantial holder

To Company Name/Scheme Western Areas Limited

ACN/ARSN ACN 091049357

1. Details of substantial holder (1)

Name Wellington Management Company, LLP ("Wellington Management"), and its related bodies corporate

ACN/ARSN (if applicable) _____

The holder became a substantial holder on 08/01/14

2. Details of voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Number of securities	Persons' votes (5)	Voting power (6)
Common Stock	9,899,416	9,899,416	5.03%

3. Details of relevant interests

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
Wellington Management	investment/voting authority (see example agreement attached as Exhibit A) in respect of the ordinary shares issued and allotted pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement approved by the supreme court of South Australia on 21 June 2002	9,899,416 Common Stock

4. Details of present registered holders

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
Wellington Management	Unknown	Wellington Management	9,899,416 Common Stock

5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the 4 months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-cash	
See Exhibit B				

Exhibit A

Wellington Management Company, LLP ("Wellington Management")
Investment Management Agreement

Appointment of
Wellington Management
as Manager/ Acceptance
of Appointment

The Clients hereby appoint Wellington Management as investment manager to manage, supervise and direct the Clients' investment account or accounts (collectively, the "Account") under the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement. By execution of the Agreement, Wellington Management accepts appointment as investment manager and agrees to manage, supervise and direct the investments of the Account pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement.

Discretionary Authority -
Investments

Wellington Management shall have full and complete discretion to manage, supervise and direct the investment and reinvestment of assets in the Account and any additions thereto, subject to the investment objectives and guidelines attached to the Agreement. Wellington Management shall have full power and authority to act on behalf of the Account with respect to the purchase, sale, exchange, conversion or other transactions in any and all stocks, bonds, cash held for investment, and other assets, including shares of a registered investment company for which Wellington Management may act as investment adviser and, upon proper authorization by the Clients, interests in a collective trust maintained by a bank or trust company, including one maintained by an affiliate of Wellington Management. No cash or securities due to or held for the Account shall be paid or delivered to Wellington Management, except in payment of the management fee payable to Wellington Management under the Agreements pursuant to procedures approved by the Clients.

Exhibit B

5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the 4 months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-cash	
Wellington Management	07/11/13	7,065,454 AUD		2,666,813 Common Stock
Wellington Management	08/11/13	443,156 AUD		170,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	11/11/13	288,643 AUD		109,132 Common Stock
Wellington Management	12/11/13	200,075 AUD		75,500 Common Stock
Wellington Management	13/11/13	610,483 AUD		241,139 Common Stock
Wellington Management	14/11/13	2,485,298 AUD		980,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	15/11/13	432,446 AUD		170,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	18/11/13	632,675 AUD		250,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	19/11/13	122,515 AUD		48,642 Common Stock
Wellington Management	20/11/13	568,683 AUD		223,803 Common Stock
Wellington Management	21/11/13	101,368 AUD		42,887 Common Stock
Wellington Management	22/11/13	3,159,674 AUD		1,349,250 Common Stock
Wellington Management	25/11/13	5,282,737 AUD		2,281,960 Common Stock
Wellington Management	17/12/13	105,120 AUD		48,957 Common Stock
Wellington Management	18/12/13	154,622 AUD		71,747 Common Stock
Wellington Management	19/12/13	52,803 AUD		24,725 Common Stock
Wellington Management	20/12/13	333,571 AUD		147,032 Common Stock
Wellington Management	23/12/13	549,697 AUD		237,789 Common Stock
Wellington Management	24/12/13	173,869 AUD		76,135 Common Stock
Wellington Management	27/12/13	136,498 AUD		58,470 Common Stock
Wellington Management	30/12/13	794,305 AUD		335,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	31/12/13	105,337 AUD		44,476 Common Stock
Wellington Management	02/01/14	9,384 AUD		3,950 Common Stock
Wellington Management	03/01/14	4,142 AUD		1,741 Common Stock
Wellington Management	06/01/14	206,489 AUD		85,987 Common Stock
Wellington Management	07/01/14	23,550 AUD		10,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	08/01/14	345,250 AUD		144,281 Common Stock