

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

ACN/ARSN (if applicable) _____

The holder became a substantial holder on 10/03/16

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	11,735,157	11,735,157	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	11,735,157 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	11,735,157 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 Group 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	25/11/15	515,201 AUD		232,083 Common Stock
Wellington Management	01/12/15	662,825 AUD		300,433 Common Stock
Wellington Management	02/12/15	835,478 AUD		377,037 Common Stock
Wellington Management	03/12/15	678,704 AUD		296,883 Common Stock
Wellington Management	04/12/15	728,629 AUD		315,615 Common Stock
Wellington Management	07/12/15	482,551 AUD		205,105 Common Stock
Wellington Management	08/12/15	2,441,044 AUD		1,078,390 Common Stock
Wellington Management	09/12/15	554,014 AUD		255,012 Common Stock
Wellington Management	10/12/15	1,337,250 AUD		625,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	11/12/15	346,931 AUD		161,071 Common Stock
Wellington Management	14/12/15	2,736,240 AUD		1,300,000 Common Stock
Wellington Management	15/12/15	1,141,824 AUD		552,433 Common Stock
Wellington Management	23/12/15	67,332 AUD		32,789 Common Stock
Wellington Management	30/12/15	558,478 AUD		243,070 Common Stock
Wellington Management	31/12/15	-44,782 AUD		-19,992 Common Stock
Wellington Management	04/01/16	51,478 AUD		22,370 Common Stock
Wellington Management	07/01/16	54,761 AUD		26,729 Common Stock
Wellington Management	18/01/16	-48,192 AUD		-25,577 Common Stock
Wellington Management	29/01/16	-48,284 AUD		-25,615 Common Stock
Wellington Management	01/02/16	63,590 AUD		33,855 Common Stock
Wellington Management	10/02/16	103,756 AUD		49,554 Common Stock
Wellington Management	18/02/16	94,818 AUD		45,369 Common Stock
Wellington Management	19/02/16	63,880 AUD		30,954 Common Stock
Wellington Management	22/02/16	68,799 AUD		33,083 Common Stock
Wellington Management	26/02/16	-1,052 AUD		-513 Common Stock
Wellington Management	29/02/16	368,411 AUD		180,221 Common Stock
Wellington Management	01/03/16	343,040 AUD		157,221 Common Stock
Wellington Management	02/03/16	411,794 AUD		183,370 Common Stock
Wellington Management	03/03/16	683,978 AUD		286,447 Common Stock
Wellington Management	04/03/16	688,050 AUD		275,849 Common Stock
Wellington Management	07/03/16	1,550,236 AUD		591,096 Common Stock
Wellington Management	08/03/16	2,052,625 AUD		773,127 Common Stock
Wellington Management	09/03/16	1,332,141 AUD		532,251 Common Stock
Wellington Management	10/03/16	277,351 AUD		109,275 Common Stock