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Dear Ms Harris

**DAMPIER GOLD LTD (“DAU”): AWARE LETTER**

I refer to your letter dated 20 March 2018 wherein the Australian Securities Exchange sets out a chronological summary of statements from DAU’s quarterly reports since April 2017 in relation to the Australian food and agriculture produce business concept under Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd (“Aurigin” or “Aurigin Foods”).

We acknowledge that the ASX is seeking answers to a number of questions in relation to this business and also is requiring the Company to provide specific confirmations.

ASX requests, on page 7 of its letter: “Having regard to the above, ASX asks DAU to answer separately each of the following questions and provide the following confirmations in a format suitable for release to the market in accordance with Listing Rule 18.7A.”

The ASX questions and our answers (in italics) are set out below:

1. Have any directors of DAU set up stores or have proposals to set up stores in China or elsewhere on behalf of Aurigin (whether in the name of Aurigin or another name)? In answering this question please comment specifically on the attached interview with Annie Guo released on The Southern Enterprises News website referred to in paragraph 1 above and her statements regarding the establishment by Aurigin of a store in Tianjin and the proposals to set up 8 further stores.

*No*

*The “translated” article is incorrect in the following respects:*

*The press article describes Aurigin and its director’s vision for Aurigin in relation to the overall business concept and plans to establish a chain of retail outlets in China quite well and in a manner consistent with the Independent Expert’s Report, but the journalist has misunderstood the fundamentals of the business model as follows:*

- *The Aurigin Foods business model envisages that the “Franchisee’s” secure and establish stores, own or lease, staff, operate and manage*

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*these stores under the Aurigin franchise and operating framework. Aurigin's role is solely as the Franchisor and the supplier of product for those stores.*

*The first paragraph in the translated article incorrectly states the DAU has announced the opening of its first physical store and that 8 other stores will open soon.*

- *Firstly, the store in Tianjin referred to in the article, does not belong to Aurigin Foods. It was an existing established store selling Australian products and owned by a third party. To assist in lifting its profile the store was given the opportunity to trial under the Aurigin name.*
- *Aurigin or DAU have not incurred any costs associated with the operation of the Tianjin store.*
- *Secondly, we refer you to item 2.2 below with respect to the statement in the article that "8 other stores will open soon".*

*The article further states that "Aurigin plans to also open a store in Brisbane in addition to its existing store in Sydney". This statement is entirely incorrect as Aurigin does not have a store in Sydney and has no plans to open a store in Brisbane at this stage.*

2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes", please provide (as appropriate):
  - 2.1. The details including the date the stores were set up and the location of the stores; and/or
  - 2.2. details of the proposal to set up stores in China including the location of the stores.

*The 5 Australian franchisees who executed the franchise agreement in September/October 2017 originate from the following cities:*

*Anshan, Quindao, Laiwu, Guangzhou, Yingkou*

*The franchisee's intentions on execution of the agreements were to identify, secure, establish and obtain all operating licenses and approvals in these locations with the aim to open stores in these cities in 2018.*

*As at the date of this letter the 5 franchisees have identified premises and commenced securing approvals and establishing stores in their home locations as above.*



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3. In relation to the votes cast at the meeting to approve the disposal of Aurigin please advise of any associations (as the term “associate” is defined in sections 10 to 17 of the Corporations Act) between the 3 largest shareholders (or any of them) as set out in the extract from the Independent Experts Report (referred to in paragraph E above) and Annie Guo and/or Malcolm Carson.

*The three largest shareholders, being Quian Hang, Dezhi Qui and Columbus Minerals Pty Ltd are not associated.*

*Mr Carson is not associated with either Quian Hang, Dezhi Qui or Columbus Minerals Pty Ltd.*

*Ms Guo is not associated with either Quian Hang, Dezhi Qui or Columbus Minerals Pty Ltd. Ms Guo is, however, a director of Columbus Minerals Pty Ltd. Ms Guo is not a shareholder of Columbus Minerals Pty Ltd and does not exercise control or influence over the conduct of the affairs of Columbus Mineral Pty Ltd.*

4. Please advise the basis on which shareholders were excluded from voting in relation to the two resolutions passed at the Meeting held on 13 February 2018 referred to in paragraph F above and indicate if any were excluded.

*The basis on which shareholders were excluded from voting on Resolution 1, was any party to the Proposed Transaction and any associates of those persons.*

*In relation to Resolution 2, Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd and any associates of Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd were excluded from voting.*

*No shareholders were excluded from voting on either of Resolutions 1 and 2. In that regard, we confirm that Mr Carson and Ms Guo (and their associates) hold no DAU shares.*

*It is relevant that both Resolutions were passed on a show of hands (i.e. no poll was sought or requested). If a poll were to have been called, then both Resolutions would have been passed irrespective of whether or not Columbus Mineral Pty Ltd votes were included or excluded.*

5. Referring to the quarterly reports please provide itemised expenditure for each quarter of the following:-

- 5.1. The payments for exploration and evaluation.



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- 5.2. The payments for staff cost and administration.
- 5.3. The payments for the export of Australian food and agriculture.
- 5.4. The payments for 'Other'.

*Expenditure items for each of the quarters (inclusive of GST) is as follows:*

	<b>\$000</b>
<b>March 2017</b>	
<i>Office costs</i>	19
<i>Directors fees</i>	23
<i>Consulting fees</i>	100
<i>Legal fees</i>	21
<i>ASIC/ASX</i>	1
<i>Business Development</i>	13
<i>Loan to Aurigin – design fees</i>	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>

*In the March quarter there was no exploration expenditure and the "Loan to Aurigin" constitutes the only payment for the "export of Australian food and agriculture".*

**June 2017**

<i>Exploration</i>	1
<i>Office costs</i>	24
<i>Other admin.</i>	6
<i>Directors fees</i>	40
<i>Consulting fees</i>	73
<i>Accounting</i>	21
<i>Legal fees</i>	19
<i>ASIC/ASX</i>	1
<i>Business Development</i>	11
<i>Loan to Aurigin – design fees</i>	20
<i>Loan to Aurigin – consulting</i>	20
<i>Loan to Aurigin – travel</i>	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>

*In the June quarter the "Loan to Aurigin" constitutes the payments for the "export of Australian food and agriculture".*





**September 2017**

<i>Exploration</i>	1
<i>Office costs</i>	45
<i>Other admin.</i>	47
<i>Directors fees</i>	30
<i>Consulting fees</i>	128
<i>Accounting</i>	7
<i>Legal fees</i>	20
<i>ASIC/ASX</i>	16
<i>Business Development</i>	16
<i>Loan to Aurigin – product costs</i>	43
<i>Loan to Aurigin – consulting</i>	2
<i>Loan to Aurigin – travel</i>	17
<i>Loan to Aurigin – administration</i>	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>379</b>

*In the September quarter the “Loan to Aurigin” constitutes the payments for the “export of Australian food and agriculture”.*

**December 2017**

<i>Exploration</i>	1
<i>Office costs</i>	26
<i>Other admin.</i>	3
<i>Directors fees</i>	20
<i>Consulting fees</i>	87
<i>Accounting</i>	2
<i>Legal fees</i>	29
<i>ASIC/ASX</i>	2
<i>Business Development</i>	41
<i>Loan to Aurigin – design fees</i>	17
<i>Loan to Aurigin – product costs</i>	153
<i>Loan to Aurigin – consulting</i>	4
<i>Loan to Aurigin – travel</i>	13
<i>Loan to Aurigin – administration</i>	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>471</b>

*In the December quarter the “Loan to Aurigin” constitutes the payments for the*



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*“export of Australian food and agriculture”.*

6. Please explain why the exploration & evaluation payments have been substantially less than the exploration & evaluation Estimated Outflows over the past four (4) quarters.

*DAU announced on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, execution of a non-binding heads of agreement with Vango Mining Limited (Vango). Subsequently a binding terms sheet was executed on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Furthermore, DAU in its September 2017 quarterly stated that it had negotiated a debt package to cover its share of the capital cost.*

*DAU’s budget estimates for exploration and evaluation over the last 4 quarters were based on an expectation of pre-development resource conversion drilling, finalisation of the agreements and the commencement of project development. To achieve this, both Vango and DAU required both site access and project funding.*

*Vango (being the tenement holder) has been faced with unexpected and unprecedented delays largely related to access, which it has only recently resolved as per its announcement to the market on 9 March 2018.*

*Both DAU and Vango remain committed to jointly developing the K2 project under an unincorporated joint venture.*

7. In answering these questions please advise the basis upon which the estimated Outflows for the next quarter were estimated with specific reference to the Company’s budgets and accounting policies and any other relevant documentation and considerations.

*All estimated exploration expenditure was based on the exploration budgets prepared by both Vango and DAU and on the basis that both parties would be able to commence jointly funding operations at K2. To date, despite DAU’s preparedness to commit its budgeted cash resources to K2, this has not eventuated.*

8. Please confirm that DAU is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

*I confirm that DAU is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular,*



*Listing Rule 3.1.*

9. Please confirm that DAU's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of DAU with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

*I confirm that DAU's response to the questions has been approved by an officer of DAU with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.*

Sincerely

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**MALCOLM CARSON**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**DAMPIER GOLD LIMITED**

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20 March 2018

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Dear Mr Higginson

**DAMPIER GOLD LTD (“DAU”): AWARE LETTER**

ASX Limited (“ASX”) refers to the following:

- A. DAU’s quarterly activities report for the quarter ended March 2017 released on the ASX Market Announcements Platform (“MAP”) on Friday, 28 April 2017 at 11:24 am (AEST), which disclosed the following.

*“Australian Food and Agriculture Produce*

*During the quarter, Dampier directors investigated a business concept involving the export of high quality Australian food and agriculture products. Internationally, Australia is seen to have a clean, safe and healthy environment for the production and manufacture of quality food products.*

*As a result, there is considerable demand for Australian produce in international markets, and in particular China where food security and safety is of a major concern to the Chinese government and the Chinese population.*

*Dampier’s directors have been investigating the commercial viability of an Australian food aggregation, transport and distribution model. This investigation is early stage and presently there is no change of nature or scale to the operations of Dampier as a result this concept.”*

- B. DAU’s quarterly activities report for the quarter ended June 2017 released on MAP on Wednesday, 26 July 2017 at 4:17 pm (AEST), which disclosed the following.

*“Australian Food and Agriculture Produce*

*During the quarter, your directors have progressed the evaluation of the viability of exporting high quality Australian food and agriculture products, through Dampier’s wholly owned subsidiary Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd.*

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*Australian produced, packaged and manufactured products are regarded as safe, clean and healthy. The Chinese consumer is attracted to Australian food products due to an anxiety as to the safety and integrity of locally sourced and imported products. Accordingly, there is considerable Chinese demand for Australian produce.*

*Your directors have been considering an Australian food aggregation, transport and distribution model and establishing a supply chain and retail outlook network. In order to confirm the commercial viability of the concept, additional work will continue."*

- C. DAU's quarterly activities report for the quarter ended September 2017 released on MAP on Thursday, 26 October 2017 at 8:28 am (AEDT), which disclosed the following.

*"Australian Food and Agriculture Produce*

*During the quarter, your directors continued to evaluate through Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd the commercial viability of aggregating and exporting high quality Australian food and agriculture products for import and distribution in China.*

*Australian produced, packaged and manufactured products are regarded as safe, clean and healthy. The Chinese consumer is attracted to Australian food products due to concerns as to the safety and integrity of locally sourced and imported products."*

- D. DAU's announcement title "Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd" released on MAP on 10 January 2018 at 1:21 pm (AEDT) which stated as follows:

*"The Directors of Dampier Gold Ltd (ASX:DAU) (Dampier) are pleased to announce that Dampier has today entered into a conditional Share Sale Agreement for the sale of 100% of the issued capital of its wholly owned subsidiary, Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd (Aurigin) to Aurigin Australia Limited a company associated with Dampier directors Malcolm Carson and Annie Guo."*

*"Aurigin, through its wholly owned subsidiary Aurigin Foods Franchising Pty Ltd, has entered into franchise agreements with five different parties. The franchisees are currently in the process of establishing Aurigin stores in China. In addition, Aurigin has established relationships with a number of Australian manufacturers and suppliers of food products."*

- E. The independent expert report which forms part of DAU's notice of meeting released on MAP on 15 January 2018 at 4:45 pm (AEDT) which disclosed the following information on pages 1 and 2:

*"Aurigin has three subsidiary companies, being Aurigin Foods Franchising Pty Ltd (ACN 618 778 706), Aurigin Group Limited (a Hong Kong registered company) and Aurigin Foods (Shanghai) Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Aurigin Group Limited), and has entered into franchising agreements with five different parties, who are in the process of locating, securing and establishing stores in several regions in China."*

*"It is also noted that the five franchisees signed up to date have yet to commence any business and are in negotiations to acquire premises."*

*"Aurigin's management has been identifying and working with manufacturers and suppliers to establish the basis for a distribution chain to supply the franchisees."*



*“Conceptual store and packaging designs have recently been completed. Franchisees are in the process of locating, securing and establishing stores in several regions in China. Aurigin has been working with manufacturers and suppliers to establish a distribution chain to supply the franchisees.”*

*“The significant registered fully paid shareholders as at 22 September 2017, based on the top 20 shareholders list were disclosed as follows:*

	<i>No of fully paid shares</i>	<i>% of issued fully paid shares</i>
<i>Quian Hang</i>	<i>16,567,247</i>	<i>17.30</i>
<i>Dezhi Qui</i>	<i>12,847,844</i>	<i>13.42</i>
<i>Columbus Minerals Pty Ltd</i>	<i>12,630,849</i>	<i>13.19”</i>

F. The shareholder meeting held on 13 February 2018 pursuant to which shareholders of DAU approved the disposal of Aurigin Pty Ltd to current directors of DAU, Malcolm Carson and Annie Guo. The results of meeting stated that the resolutions were passed on a show of hands and the proxy votes disclosed in accordance with section 251AA of the Corporations Act were as follows:

Resolution	For	Against
Resolution 1 – Sale of Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd	43,658,886	27,756,668
Resolution 2 – Approval of loan to Related Party	43,642,386	27,773,168

G. ASX’s query letter to DAU dated 20 February 2018 and DAU’s response dated 23 February 2018 which were released on the ASX Market Announcements Platform (“MAP”) on Friday, 23 February 2018. In that letter DAU responded to ASX’s queries as follows:-

*ASX Question: Does DAU consider that the entry by Aurigin Foods Franchising Pty Ltd (“Aurigin Franchising”) (the wholly-owned subsidiary of Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd (“Aurigin”) into franchise agreements with five different parties (“Franchise Agreements”) to be information that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of its securities?*

DAU Answer: No

*ASX Question: If the answer to question 1 is “no”, please advise the basis for that view.*

*DAU Answer: By way of background, China represents a large market. There is however, significant risks for Australian entities seeking to establish a business in China. To our knowledge, Aurigin would be one of the few Australian entities seeking to enter the specific market that Aurigin is targeting, so there was and is no benchmark on which to measure future outcomes. In this regard, the business is conceptual in nature and remains at an early stage and there is no capacity to forecast or predict a time line or business value.*

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*In this context, the signing of franchise agreements simply represents the fact that Aurigin has sourced 5 parties who are prepared to become franchisees of a conceptual business that has no revenues or operating history whatsoever. The franchisees being parties who seek to set up a retail shop using the Aurigin brand and Aurigin sourced products, but at that stage without any of the necessary permits or premises.*

*The Company confirms that no supply contracts have been secured and no distribution network has been established or contracted. Without these essential elements, the franchise agreements could not have a material effect on the price or value of DAU's securities.*

*ASX Question: When did Aurigin Franchising first enter into each of the Franchise Agreements?*

*DAU Answer: The initial five agreements were executed by the 5 franchisees on the following dates:*

*18/9/2017*

*19/9/2017*

*22/9/2017*

*1/10/2017*

*5/10/2017*

*ASX Question: If Aurigin Franchising entered into a Franchise Agreement with a franchisee before 10 January 2018, did DAU make any announcement prior to 10 January 2018 which disclosed the information? If so, please provide details. If not, please explain why this information was not released to the market at an earlier time, commenting specifically on when you believe DAU was obliged to release the information under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and what steps DAU took to ensure that the information was released promptly and without delay.*

*DAU Answer: DAU did not make an announcement concerning the franchise agreements prior to 10 Jan 2018. No announcement was made prior to 10 Jan 2018 for the reasons outlined in section 2. [2<sup>nd</sup> query above]*

*ASX Question: Have any of the directors of DAU entered into Franchise Agreements with Aurigin Franchising?*

*DAU Answer: No*

*ASX Question: Have any of the franchisees set up stores in China or elsewhere?*

*DAU Answer: No stores have been set up in China or elsewhere.*

- H. DAU's announcement titled "Sale of Aurigin Foods Pty Ltd" DAU released on MAP on 8 March 2018 at which stated that the sale of Aurigin to the directors had completed.
- I. The attached unofficial translation of the interview with Annie Guo which was published in the Southern Enterprises News website <http://www.senn.com.cn/sx/2017/12/12/225670.html> on 12 December 2017 which states as follows:



*“Aurigin Foods Pty Limited (“Aurigin”), a fully owned subsidiary of Dampier Gold Limited, an ASX listed company (“DAU”) has announced the opening of its first physical store chain today in Tianjin. There are 8 other stores which will open soon and they are going to be in Guangzhou, Laiwu, Anshan, Yingkou, Qingdao (3) and Weihai.”*

*Quarterly cashflow disclosure*

- J. DAU’s Appendix 5B cash flow report for the quarter ended 31 December 2016 released on MAP on 31 January 2017, which reported the following:
- Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$300,000.
  - Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$220,000.
- K. DAU’s Appendix 5B cash flow report for the quarter ended 31 March 2017 released on MAP on 28 April 2017, which reported the following:
- Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$1,000.
  - Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$193,000.
  - Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$300,000.
  - Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$150,000.
- L. DAU’s Appendix 5B cash flow report for the quarter ended 30 June 2017 released on MAP on 26 July 2017, which reported the following:
- Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$71,000.
  - Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$144,000.
  - Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to Australian food and agriculture export of \$52,000.
  - Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$200,000.
  - Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$170,000.
- M. DAU’s Appendix 5B cash flow report for the quarter ended 30 September 2017 released on MAP on 26 October 2017, which reported the following:
- Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$71,000.
  - Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$209,000.
  - Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to Australian food and agriculture export of \$88,000.
  - Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$300,000.



- Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$205,000.
- Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to Other [no explanation provided] of \$100,000.

N. DAU's Appendix 5B cash flow report for the quarter ended 31 December 2017 released on ASX's Market Announcement Platform ("MAP") on 30 January 2018, which reported the following:

- Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$1,000.
- Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$158,000.
- Actual cash outflow for the quarter relating to Australian food and agriculture export of \$288,000.
- Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to exploration and evaluation of \$205,000.
- Estimated cash outflows for the next quarter relating to administration and staff costs of \$200,000.

O. Listing Rule 3.1, which 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.

P. The definition of "aware" in Chapter 19 of the Listing Rules, which states that:

*"an entity becomes aware of information if, and as soon as, an officer of the entity (or, in the case of a trust, an officer of the responsible entity) has, or ought reasonably to have, come into possession of the information in the course of the performance of their duties as an officer of that entity",*

and section 4.4 in Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1 – 3.1B "When does an entity become aware of information"*.

Q. Listing Rule 3.1A, which sets out exceptions from the requirement to make immediate disclosure, provided that each of the following are satisfied.

*"3.1A Listing rule 3.1 does not apply to particular information while each of the following is satisfied in relation to the information:*

*3.1A.1 One or more of the following applies:*

- *It would be a breach of a law to disclose the information;*
- *The information concerns an incomplete proposal or negotiation;*
- *The information comprises matters of supposition or is insufficiently definite to warrant disclosure;*



- *The information is generated for the internal management purposes of the entity; or*
- *The information is a trade secret; and*

3.1A.2 *The information is confidential and ASX has not formed the view that the information has ceased to be confidential; and*

3.1A.3 *A reasonable person would not expect the information to be disclosed."*

R. ASX's policy position on the concept of "confidentiality", which is detailed in section 5.8 of Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1 – 3.1B*. In particular, the Guidance Note states that:

*"Whether information has the quality of being confidential is a question of fact, not one of the intention or desire of the listed entity. Accordingly, even though an entity may consider information to be confidential and its disclosure to be a breach of confidence, if it is in fact disclosed by those who know it, then it ceases to be confidential information for the purposes of this rule."*

Having regard to the above, ASX asks DAU to answer separately each of the following questions and provide the following confirmations in a format suitable for release to the market in accordance with Listing Rule 18.7A.

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4. Please advise the basis on which shareholders were excluded from voting in relation to the two resolutions passed at the Meeting held on 13 February 2018 referred to in paragraph F above and indicate if any were excluded.
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  - 5.1. The payments for exploration and evaluation.
  - 5.2. The payments for staff cost and administration.



5.3. The payments for the export of Australian food and agriculture.

5.4. The payments for 'Other'.

6. Please explain why the exploration & evaluation payments have been substantially less than the exploration & evaluation Estimated Outflows over the past four (4) quarters.
7. In answering these questions please advise the basis upon which the estimated Outflows for the next quarter were estimated with specific reference to the Company's budgets and accounting policies and any other relevant documentation and considerations.
8. Please confirm that DAU is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.
9. Please confirm that DAU's responses to the questions above have been authorised and approved in accordance with its published continuous disclosure policy or otherwise by its board or an officer of DAU with delegated authority from the board to respond to ASX on disclosure matters.

***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 3:30 pm AWST on Friday 23 March 2018**. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in DAU'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 DAU'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 at [tradinghaltspert@asx.com.au](mailto:tradinghaltspert@asx.com.au). 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 Rules 3.1 and 3.1A***

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

It should be noted that DAU's obligation to disclose information under Listing Rule 3.1 is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

***Trading Halt***

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in DAU'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*.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the above.

Yours sincerely

*[sent electronically without signature]*

Elizabeth Harris  
**Principal Adviser, ASX Listings Compliance**



Translation of article released on The Southern Enterprises News website on 12 December 2017

Aurigin Foods Pty Limited (“Aurigin”), a fully owned subsidiary of Dampier Gold Limited, an ASX listed company (“DAU”) has announced the opening of its first physical store chain today in Tianjin. There are 8 other stores which will open soon and they are going to be in Guangzhou, Laiwu, Anshan, Yingkou, Qingdao (3) and Weihai.

These first 9 stores to be operated by Aurigin are the first of its type in China where the store chain model is used to incorporate Australian food element in a ‘food & supermarket’ chain. This model is designed to promote the originality and authenticity of Australian food. Aurigin, through its own strategy and technology will ensure that 100% of its products are coming from Australia. This will also help to bring real, safe and healthy food products to the Chinese consumers.

The food store chain sells 100% Australian food, comprised of 4 main categories: supermarket foods, coffee (including coffee, tea and snacks), ice creams and alcohol. All of these products come from the biggest producers in Australia. Aurigin’s strategy is to source its products directly from producers to protect the originality and authenticity of the products. All of the products will go through very strict quality control processes before they arrive at the stores for consumers. This strategy will cut off any unnecessary processes and agents between producers and consumers and will ensure the control of product quality in order to deliver the refresh products to consumers.

In terms of choosing the location of the stores, Aurigin decided to target ‘tiers 2 and 3’ cities where there is a lack of imported and quality foods. Throughout the research and market analysis for the past 2 years, Aurigin decided the location of its first 9 stores (see above). These cities all have very strong customer demand. In the next 2 years, Aurigin plans to open up a further 100 stores in similar cities.

The managing director of Aurigin, Annie Guo said: “the goal of Aurigin is to effectively connect quality Australian food products to Chinese consumers. In the past, many Australian producers rely on wholesalers and distributors to deliver products to consumers. This process will not only take more time and money, it is also unable to ensure the authenticity and quality of the products. Aurigin’s strategy is aimed at solving this issue. Many Chinese consumers use online platforms to buy imported food products, however, they are unable to test or try out before they buy. Our stores will ensure that they can experience the products before they buy. Aurigin also plans to open online stores in the future so that our customers can introduce our products to their families and friends.”

“The Chinese government is committed to food safety and Aurigin, together with its peers will work hard to achieve this goal.”

Aurigin will also use its stores as a base to work with relevant nutrition authorities in China and Australia to design quality nutrition plans targeted at students, the middle class, the elderly and the wealthy class to come up with specified nutrition plans.

At the present, Aurigin plans to also open up a store in Brisbane in addition to its existing store in Sydney using the same food store chain model. Aurigin Australia has successfully designed its ‘Aurigin Organic’ brand, which sells 100% organic food. Aurigin Organic will be the second generation product by Aurigin to bring it to the Chinese consumers.

Aurigin is headquartered in Sydney Australia, focused on production and export sale of quality Australian food to China. It also operates a franchise model where interested parties may join as part of its chain, as well as an online platform down the track.

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