



**BEST & LESS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD  
ACN 642 843 221**

**(THE COMPANY)**

**SECURITIES TRADING POLICY**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This document sets out the Company's policy on dealing by Directors and employees in:

- (a) securities of the Company (**Company Securities**); and
- (b) securities of other entities.

If you do not understand any part of this policy, the summary of the law, or how it applies to you, you should raise the matter with your manager or the Company Secretary before dealing with any securities covered by this policy.

**2. RATIONALE FOR THE POLICY**

Under Australian corporations legislation, the insider trading laws operate to prohibit people in possession of non-public price-sensitive information from dealing in securities or passing on the information to other people who may deal in securities.

This policy is intended to:

- (a) ensure that all Directors, employees and contractors of the Company (and their associates) are aware of the insider trading laws as they apply to trading in Company Securities; and
- (b) protect the reputation of the Company and its Directors and officers by seeking to avoid the possibility that misconceptions, misunderstandings or suspicions might arise as a result of trading by Directors and others who may be, or be perceived to be, in possession of inside information. This policy seeks to do so by imposing additional restrictions on the trading of securities by Restricted Persons (defined below).

**3. MEANING OF SECURITIES**

For the purposes of this policy, "securities" means shares, debentures, options to subscribe for new shares and options over existing shares, warrant contracts and other derivatives relating to the shares.

**4. INSIDER TRADING LAWS**

**4.1 Prohibition**

In summary, if you have any **inside information** (defined in section 4.3 below) about the Company (or another relevant entity, such as a company with which the Company is considering a transaction) which is not publicly known, it is a criminal offence for you to:

- (a) trade in Company Securities (or securities of the other relevant entity);
- (b) advise or procure another person to trade in Company Securities (or securities of the other relevant entity); or

- (c) pass on **inside information** to someone else (including colleagues, family or friends) knowing (or where you should have reasonably known) that the other person will, or is likely to, use that information to trade in, or procure someone else to trade in, Company Securities (or securities of the other relevant entity).

#### 4.2 **Consequences of insider trading**

This offence, called "insider trading", can subject you to:

- (a) criminal liability including large fines and/or imprisonment;
- (b) a civil penalty (fine) of up to hundreds of thousands of dollars; and
- (c) civil liability, which may include being sued for any loss suffered as a result of illegal trading.

#### 4.3 **Inside information**

"Inside information" is information that:

- (a) is not generally available; and
- (b) if it were generally available, a reasonable person would expect that it would — or would be likely to — influence investors in deciding whether to buy or sell particular securities.

The financial impact of the information is important, but strategic and other implications can be equally important in determining whether information is **inside information**. The definition of information is broad enough to include rumours, matters of supposition, intentions of a person (including the Company) and information which is insufficiently definite to warrant disclosure to the public.

Importantly, you need not be an "insider" to come across inside information. That is, it does not matter how you come to know the **inside information** (for example, you could learn it in the course of carrying out your responsibilities or in passing in the corridor or in a lift or at a dinner party).

#### 4.4 **Examples of insider trading**

The following list is illustrative only. Inside information could include:

- (a) the financial performance of the Company against its budget;
- (b) a possible acquisition or sale of any assets by the Company;
- (c) a possible change in the Company's capital structure;
- (d) market sensitive information such as a material upgrade or downgrade in forecast earnings;
- (e) a material trading update;
- (f) a proposed dividend;
- (g) senior management changes;
- (h) development of a new business line or product offering; or
- (i) any possible claim against the Company or other unexpected liability.

#### 4.5 **Insider trading is prohibited at all times**

If you possess **inside information**, you must not buy or sell Company Securities, advise or get others to do so or pass on the **inside information** to others. This prohibition applies regardless of how you learn the information.

The prohibition on insider trading applies not only to information concerning Company Securities. If a person has **inside information** in relation to securities of another company, that person must not deal in those securities.

#### 5. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Related to the above, Directors, employees and contractors also have a duty of confidentiality to the Company. You must not reveal any confidential information concerning the Company, use that information in any way which may injure or cause loss to the Company, or use that confidential information to gain an advantage for yourself.

#### 6. **TRADING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THIS POLICY**

##### 6.1 **Additional restrictions**

Additional restrictions (described below) on trading Company Securities apply to Restricted Persons (described below).

##### 6.2 **Restricted Persons**

For the purpose of this policy, **Restricted Persons** are:

- (a) all Directors;
- (b) the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and all other key management personnel of the Company; and
- (c) employees who have been notified that they are Restricted Persons for the purpose of this policy.

##### 6.3 **Close family members and entities closely connected with Restricted Persons**

For this policy:

- (a) a **close family member** of a Restricted Person means a spouse or de facto, any children or children living with the Restricted Person (including children of the Restricted Person's spouse or de facto); and
- (b) a **closely connected entity** of a Restriction Person means any family company or family trust that the Restricted Person or their close family members<sup>1</sup> may control or have an interest in,

(together **Closely Connected Persons**).

Each Restricted Person must:

- (c) ensure that any trading by their Closely Connected Persons are undertaken in accordance with this policy; and

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<sup>1</sup> Close family member is defined in paragraph (a) above.

- (d) ensure that his or her Closely Connected Persons are aware of this policy and the restrictions it contains.

#### 6.4 **Reasons for additional restrictions**

Restricted Persons are in positions where it may be assumed that they may come into possession of **inside information** and, as a result, any trading by Restricted Persons (or their Closely Connected Persons) may embarrass or reflect badly on them or on the Company (even if a Restricted Person has no actual **inside information** at the time).

This policy is designed to avoid the possibility that misconceptions, misunderstandings or suspicions might arise and also to protect the reputation of the Company and Restricted Persons.

#### 6.5 **Restrictions on dealing**

Restricted Persons **must not** deal in Company Securities:

- (a) without prior approval (see rule 6.7); and
- (b) during any of the following blackout periods:
  - (i) the period each year from the close of trading of the day one month before the end of the full financial year until 10.00am on the next trading day following the date of announcement to ASX of the preliminary final statement or full year results;
  - (ii) the period each year from the close of trading of the day one month before the end of the financial half year until 10.00am on the next trading day following the date of announcement of half-yearly results; and
  - (iii) any other period that the Company specifies from time to time.

#### 6.6 **No speculative short-term trading**

Restricted Persons should not trade in Company Securities on a short-term basis or for speculative trading gain. The Company considers "short-term" to be a period of 6 months or less.

#### 6.7 **Prior clearance for dealing<sup>2</sup>**

Restricted Persons are only permitted to deal in Company Securities if they have given notice and obtained approval as set out below (and on the basis that rule 4.1 does not apply).

Restricted Persons must notify the Company in advance of any proposed dealing in Company Securities. The notification must be made to the person in rule 7 and confirm that they do not hold any **inside information**. Upon:

- (a) provision of notification;
- (b) approval in accordance with Rule 7; and
- (c) confirmation by the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer that there is no objection to the person trading following approval in accordance with Rule 7,

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<sup>2</sup> ASX 12.12.5: The procedures for obtaining prior written clearance for trading under rule 12.12.4.

the Restricted Person may undertake the proposed dealing.

The confirmation may be refused without reason, be granted conditional on a specific period of time within which trading is to occur, or be subsequently withdrawn if there is a change in circumstances or new information arises. Any refusal or withdrawal of a confirmation should be treated as confidential information and must not be communicated to any person.

## 6.8 **Exceptions for certain trading**

As an exception to the restrictions in rule 6.5(b), Restricted Persons are permitted to trade Company Securities in the following circumstances:

- (a) transfers of Company Securities to a Closely Connected Person or a Restricted Person's superannuation fund, in respect of which prior clearance has been obtained as set out in rule 6.7;
- (b) a disposal of Company Securities arising from the acceptance of a takeover offer, scheme of arrangement or equal access buy-back;
- (c) a disposal of rights acquired under a pro rata issue;
- (d) an acquisition of Company Securities under a pro rata issue;
- (e) an acquisition of Company Securities under a security purchase plan or dividend purchase plan where the Restricted Person did not commence or amend their participation in the plan during a blackout period;
- (f) an acquisition of Company Securities under an employee incentive scheme (however, the additional restrictions in this policy apply to any subsequent trade of any Company Securities issued to (or for the benefit of) a Restricted Person under an employee incentive scheme); and
- (g) where a Restricted Person has been granted approval to enter into margin lending or other secured financing arrangements (see rule 6.11), an involuntary disposal of securities that results from the margin lender or financier exercising its rights under the arrangement.

Restricted Persons are reminded that they must still comply with the insider trading laws even where they would otherwise be permitted by this rule 6.8 to trade in Company Securities.

## 6.9 **Exceptional circumstances**

If a Restricted Person needs to deal in Company Securities due to exceptional circumstances but such dealing would breach this policy, the Restricted Person must apply to the person specified in rule 7 for a waiver from compliance with the provisions in rules 6.5(b) or 6.6.

Exceptional circumstances include severe financial hardship, compulsion by a court order or any other circumstances that is deemed exceptional by the person specified in rule **Error! Reference source not found.**

The Restricted Person seeking a waiver under this rule must apply in writing to the person specified in rule 7 setting out the circumstances of the proposed dealing (including an explanation as to the severe financial hardship or circumstances that are otherwise exceptional) and the reason the waiver is requested. A waiver will only be granted if the Restricted Person's application is accompanied by sufficient evidence (in the opinion of the person specified in rule 7) that the dealing of the relevant securities is the most reasonable course of action available in the circumstances and confirmation that the person does not possess inside information.

A decision to grant a waiver must be given or refused by the person specified in rule 7, without giving reasons. Once given, a waiver can also be withdrawn if new circumstances come to light.

If a waiver is granted, the Restricted Person will be notified in writing (which may include notification via email) and in each circumstance the duration of the waiver to deal in securities will be 5 business days.

If a waiver is not granted, the Restricted Person must keep that fact confidential.

Unless otherwise specified in the notice, any dealing permitted under this rule must comply with the other sections of this Policy (to the extent applicable).

#### 6.10 **Requirements after trading**

Once a Restricted Person has completed a trade in Company Securities, the Company Secretary must be:

- (a) advised that the trade has been completed; and
- (b) in the case of Directors, provided with sufficient information to enable the Company to comply with the requirements to notify a change of interests to ASX.

#### 6.11 **Short-selling, hedging and margin lending transactions**

A Restricted Person must not engage in short-selling in respect of Company Securities.

A Restricted Person must not engage in transactions designed to hedge their exposure to Company Securities.

A Restricted Person must not enter into margin lending or other secured financing arrangements in respect of Company Securities, unless the prior approval of the Chairperson (or his or her delegate) has been obtained.

### 7. **CONSENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

Where this Policy requires a notification to occur, or consent, or waiver to be obtained (unless the context requires otherwise) the table below sets out whom each Restricted Person must notify or seek approval from.

<b>Restricted Person</b>	<b>Person to notify and obtain consent</b>
Chairperson of the Board	The Board
Other Restricted Persons	Chairperson of the Board (or his or her delegate)

### 8. **BREACHES OF THE POLICY**

Strict compliance with this policy is a condition of employment. Breaches of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment.

### 9. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information about this policy, contact the Company Secretary.

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