



## ASX Release

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ASX Ltd/SGX Singapore Exchange Ltd  
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Dear Sir,

### **Amendment to dividend reinvestment plan rules**

In accordance with listing rule 3.10.8, Beach Energy Limited (ASX: BPT, "Beach") advises that the Board has amended the rules of the Beach Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP), which are attached.

The amendments to the DRP are designed to reflect recent changes to the listing rules amending the timetable in Appendix 6A of the ASX Listing Rules in relation to dividends and distributions, such that the last day for elections under a DRP must be at least one business day after the record date.

Please contact Computershare Registry Services Pty Ltd on 1300 556 161 (within Aust) or +61 (03) 9415 4000 (outside Aust) if you have any questions on the DRP.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathryn Presser".

**Kathryn Presser**  
Company Secretary

**BEACH ENERGY LIMITED**  
**ABN 20 007 617 969**  
**DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

**RULES**

**(approved 23 May 2014)**

**1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

In the DRP:

**1.1 Definitions**

- 1.1.1 "**Applicable Law**" means each of the Corporations Act (2001) Cth, the Listing Rules and any other provision (where relevant) of Australian law, and, where applicable, provisions of the law of jurisdictions in which each Shareholder (and each person on behalf of whom a Shareholder holds Shares) resides or any other applicable laws.
- 1.1.2 "**Application Form**" means a notice or notices in such form as the Board may from time to time require by which:
- (a) a Shareholder may become a Participant; or
  - (b) a Participant may apply to vary the level of or terminate participation in the DRP.
- 1.1.3 "**ASX**" means ASX Ltd ABN 98 008 642 691.
- 1.1.4 "**ASX Market Rules**" means the market rules of ASX as waived or modified from time to time.
- 1.1.5 "**Beach**" means Beach Energy Limited ABN 20 007 617 969.
- 1.1.6 "**Board**" means the board of directors of Beach or a duly appointed committee appointed by the Board.
- 1.1.7 "**Constitution**" means the constitution of Beach.
- 1.1.8 "**Daily VWAP**" means, for a Trading Day, the volume weighted average price of all Shares sold on ASX on that Trading Day, not including sales arising from Excluded Transactions.
- 1.1.9 "**DRP**" means the Beach Energy Limited Dividend Reinvestment Plan and any amendments to the DRP.
- 1.1.10 "**Excluded Transaction**" means each of the following:
- (a) a transaction classified under the ASX Market Rules as a "Special Crossing";
  - (b) a "Crossing" (as defined in the ASX Market Rules) outside the "Open Session State" (as defined in the ASX Market Rules);
  - (c) any overseas trade;

- (d) any trade pursuant to the exercise of options over Shares; and
  - (e) any other sale which Beach considers may not be fairly reflective of natural supply and demand.
- 1.1.11 "**Full Participant**" means a Participant who participates in the DRP in respect of all the Shares held by him or her from time to time, including:
- (a) Shares currently held;
  - (b) Shares issued under the DRP;
  - (c) bonus Shares (if any) subsequently issued or allotted; and
  - (d) any other Shares acquired subsequently.
- 1.1.12 "**Listing Rules**" means the listing rules of ASX and any other rules of ASX which are applicable while Beach is admitted to the official list of ASX, each as amended or replaced from time to time, except to the extent of any express written waiver by ASX.
- 1.1.13 "**Market Price**" for a dividend means:
- (a) the arithmetic average of the Daily VWAP on each Trading Day during the Pricing Period, rounded to the nearest half cent; or
  - (b) if no Shares have been sold in the relevant Pricing Period, the price determined by the Board in its absolute discretion as representing the fair market value of Shares.
- 1.1.14 "**Partial Participant**" means a Participant who participates in the DRP in respect of some, but not all, of the Shares held by him or her.
- 1.1.15 "**Participant**" means a Shareholder participating in the DRP.
- 1.1.16 "**Participating Share**" means a Share participating in the DRP.
- 1.1.17 "**Pricing Period**" means, for a dividend, such period as the Board may determine, being a period of not less than 5 Trading Days commencing on the third Trading Day after the record date for the relevant dividend (or such other date as specified by the Board).
- 1.1.18 "**Rules**" means the terms and conditions of the DRP as amended from time to time in accordance with the Rules.
- 1.1.19 "**Share**" means a fully paid ordinary share in the capital of Beach.
- 1.1.20 "**Shareholder**" means a person in whose name Shares are registered.
- 1.1.21 "**Trading Day**" has the meaning given to that expression in the Listing Rules, provided that:
- (a) any day on which there is a trading halt on the Shares, or during which trading in the Shares is suspended, for the entire day will not be a Trading Day; and

- (b) if there is a trading halt on the Shares, or trading in the Shares is suspended, for only part of the day, the Board will determine at its discretion whether that day will be a Trading Day.

## 1.2 Interpretation

In the DRP, unless something else is clearly intended:

1.2.1 words or expressions:

- (a) importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) importing a gender include the other genders; and
- (c) denoting individuals include corporations, firms, unincorporated bodies, authorities and instrumentalities;

1.2.2 any heading, index, or table of contents is for convenience only and does not affect the interpretation of these Rules; and

1.2.3 where a word or phrase is defined or given meaning, any other part of speech or grammatical form has a corresponding meaning.

## 1.3 Shareholder Reference Number or Holder Identification Number

Where a Shareholder has, in respect of Shares held by the Shareholder, separate Shareholder Reference Numbers or Holder Identification Numbers, the Shareholder shall, for the purposes of these Rules, be deemed to be a separate and distinct Shareholder in relation to each such Shareholder Reference Number or Holder Identification Number and the Shares from time to time allocated to that Shareholder Reference Number or Holder Identification Number.

## 2. OBJECTIVE OF THE DRP

Under the DRP, Shareholders who satisfy the eligibility rules of the DRP may elect to increase their Shareholding in Beach by reinvesting all or part of their dividends in additional Shares.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION IN THE DRP

### 3.1 Eligibility

Subject to Rule 3.3, any Shareholder is eligible to participate in the DRP if the Shareholder's (or any person on whose behalf the Shareholder holds Shares) registered address or place of residence is in Australia or New Zealand.

### 3.2 Optional, non transferable Participation

Participation by Shareholders in the DRP is subject to these Rules and:

3.2.1 is optional;

3.2.2 may be varied or terminated at any time; and

3.2.3 is not transferable.

### 3.3 Excluded Shareholders

Any Shareholder excluded from participation in the DRP under Rule 3.1 may participate in the DRP with the approval of the Board, which approval may be given (with or without conditions) or withheld in the Board's absolute discretion.

Nothing in the DRP or in these Rules require Beach to take any action under any laws outside of Australia or New Zealand which may affect or regulate the issue of Shares pursuant to the DRP or the right or entitlement of a person subject to those laws to participate in the DRP. Where any registration, qualification, approval or other prerequisite would be required for a Shareholder to participate in the DRP, unless the Board determines otherwise, it is the responsibility of that Shareholder to obtain any such registration, qualification or approval or satisfy any such prerequisite.

### 3.4 Allotment contravening Applicable Law

Where the Board considers that any allotment of Shares under the DRP or the holding of those Shares by a Participant (on its own behalf or on behalf of any other person) may breach an Applicable Law or the Constitution or otherwise may be impractical, undesirable, impossible or contrary to the interests of Beach, it may:

3.4.1 decline to allot the Shares;

3.4.2 reduce the number of Shares to be allotted; and/or

3.4.3 reduce the level of or suspend the participation of the Participant.

### 3.5 Application Form

Application to participate in the DRP must be made on an Application Form.

### 3.6 Commencement of Participation

Subject to Rule 10, upon receipt by Beach of a duly completed and signed Application Form, participation in the DRP will commence from the next last day for elections to participate in the DRP in respect of the payment of a dividend (as announced by Beach in accordance with the Listing Rules).

## 4. LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

### 4.1 Election of Level of Participation

Subject to Rules 3 and 4.4, a Shareholder may elect to become a Full Participant or a Partial Participant.

### 4.2 Deemed Full Participation

Subject to Rule 4.4, if a Shareholder elects to participate in the DRP but does not nominate the number of Shares to be subject to the DRP or the number of Shares so nominated is in excess of the number of Shares held by the Shareholder, then it is deemed that the Participant will be a Full Participant in the DRP.

### 4.3 Partial Participation

Under partial participation, only the number of Shares nominated by the Participant for participation in the DRP will participate in the DRP, subject to this Rule 4.

#### 4.4 **Minimum or Maximum Participation**

Subject to Rule 3, the Board may set a limit on the number of Shares (described as a maximum or minimum number, or both) which Shareholders may nominate for participation in the DRP. Failing any election by the Board the minimum number of Shares held by a Participant and which a Participant may elect to be Participating Shares is 100.

#### 4.5 **Shares held by Trustee, Nominee or in Brokers Clearing Account**

For Shares held by a trustee or nominee or in a broker's clearing account, the trustee, nominee or broker may participate to the extent of any maximum or minimum participation, as nominated by the Board under Rule 4.4, for each person who Shares who are held in that way, subject to Rule 3.

### 5. **OPERATION OF THE DRP**

#### 5.1 **Establish DRP Account**

Beach will:

- 5.1.1 establish and maintain a separate DRP account for each Participant; and
- 5.1.2 apply dividends payable on Participating Shares, on behalf of the Participants, in subscribing for Shares.

#### 5.2 **Determination of Shares for Allotment**

Subject to Rule 11, for each dividend payable on Participating Shares, Beach will:

- 5.2.1 determine the amount of the dividend payable in respect of each Participant's Participating Shares;
- 5.2.2 reduce the dividend payable under paragraph 5.2.1 by any amount, including withholding tax, where appropriate, which Beach is required to or may deduct for any reason from the dividend payable to that Participant;
- 5.2.3 credit to the Participant's DRP account the amount calculated under paragraph 5.2.1 less any amount under paragraph 5.2.2;
- 5.2.4 determine the number of Shares which can be acquired under the DRP by dividing the amount in the Participant's DRP account by the issue price per Share calculated under clause 5.3, and rounding up to the nearest whole number;
- 5.2.5 on behalf and in the name of the Participant, subscribe for the number of Shares determined under paragraph 5.2.4 and debit the Participant's DRP account in full; and
- 5.2.6 allot to the Participant the number of Shares determined under paragraph 5.2.4.

#### 5.3 **Determination of Share Price**

The price at which each Share is issued under the DRP in respect of a dividend will be the Market Price for that dividend discounted by an amount to be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion.

## 6. **SHARES ALLOTTED UNDER THE DRP**

### 6.1 **Allotted Shares**

Any Share allotted under the DRP will:

- 6.1.1 be allotted in accordance with the Listing Rules;
- 6.1.2 rank equally in all respects with existing Shares; and
- 6.1.3 be registered on a register selected by Beach being a register on which the Shareholder already holds Shares.

### 6.2 **Stock Exchange Listing**

Beach will apply promptly for the Shares allotted under the DRP to be listed for quotation on ASX.

## 7. **DRP STATEMENTS**

Beach will send to each Participant, as soon as practicable after each allotment of Shares under the DRP, a DRP statement detailing:

- 7.1 the number of Participating Shares of the Participant at the relevant record date;
- 7.2 the amount of the dividend payable on each Participating Share;
- 7.3 if applicable, the amount of withholding tax or other amount which has been deducted from the dividend payable on the Participant's Participating Shares;
- 7.4 the number of Shares allotted to the Participant under the DRP and the date of allotment of those Shares;
- 7.5 the issue price of each Share allotted to the Participant under the DRP;
- 7.6 the franked amount (if any) of the dividend and the imputation tax credit (if any) attaching to the dividend; and
- 7.7 subject to any Share transactions in the intervening period, the total number of Participating Shares of the Participant after the dividend.

## 8. **VARIATION TO PARTICIPATION IN THE DRP**

### 8.1 **Variation using Application Form**

Subject to Rule 4.4, a Participant may at any time increase or decrease the number of Participating Shares in the DRP by completing and returning to Beach an Application Form specifying the variation.

### 8.2 **Deemed Variation**

Where a Partial Participant sells or transfers Shares then, unless Beach receives an Application Form from the Partial Participant to the contrary, the Shares sold or transferred will be deemed to reduce the number of non-Participating Shares and, secondly the number of Participating Shares.

## 9. TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION

### 9.1 Termination using Application Form

A Participant may at any time terminate participation in the DRP by completing and returning to Beach an Application Form indicating the Participant's wish to terminate participation in the DRP.

### 9.2 Methods of Termination

A Participant is taken to have terminated participation in the DRP on:

- 9.2.1 receipt by Beach of an Application Form in accordance with Rule 9.1;
- 9.2.2 registration of a transfer of all of the Participant's Participating Shares;
- 9.2.3 termination of the DRP by the Board in accordance with Rule 11;
- 9.2.4 receipt by Beach of the notice of death, bankruptcy or liquidation of the Participant; or
- 9.2.5 the Participant ceasing to be eligible to participate in the DRP or where the Board excludes the Participant from participating in the DRP or declines to allot Shares to the Participant, in accordance with Rule 3.3 or Rule 3.4.

### 9.3 Joint Shareholders

For the purposes of Rule 9.2, the death of any one, two or more joint Shareholders does not automatically terminate participation by the remaining Shareholder of joint Shareholders.

### 9.4 Participating Share

A Share which has ceased to be a Participating Share is not prohibited from subsequently becoming a Participating Share.

## 10. APPLICATION FORM AND NOTICES

### 10.1 Form

All notices shall be in writing and in such form as Beach may from time to time require.

### 10.2 Shareholder Reference Number or Holder Identification Number

Applications must be made and notices must be given by the Participant separately in respect of each holding of Shares identified by a separate Shareholder Reference Number or Holder Identification Number in the books of Beach.

### 10.3 Effect

Applications and notices will be effective on receipt by Beach subject to:

- 10.3.1 these Rules;
- 10.3.2 in the case of an application to become a Participant, acceptance by Beach;



- 10.3.3 subject to paragraph 10.3.4, receipt by Beach by 5 pm on the last day for elections to participate in the DRP in respect of the payment of a dividend (as announced by Beach in accordance with the Listing Rules). Applications and notices received after the due date shall be deemed to have been received on the day following the next allotment made pursuant to Rule 5.2; and
- 10.3.4 such other restrictions as to the period of notice required as Beach may from time to time impose.

## **11. VARIATION, SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF THE DRP**

### **11.1 Board may vary, suspend and terminate**

The Board may at any time in its absolute discretion by notification on Beach's website and by notice to ASX:

- 11.1.1 vary the DRP, including the Rules and any agreement relating to the DRP;
- 11.1.2 suspend the operation of the DRP;
- 11.1.3 recommence the operation of the DRP; or
- 11.1.4 terminate the DRP.

Without limiting the foregoing or Rule 3.3 or Rule 3.4, the Board may alter, add to or otherwise vary the DRP or the Rules in any way which causes:

- (a) provisions different from those generally applying to the DRP to apply in relation to participation in the DRP by persons resident in, connected with or subject to the laws of any place outside Australia or New Zealand where the Board is of the opinion that to do so is necessary or desirable to enable participation by those persons, or
- (b) Shares held by or on behalf of persons resident in, connected with or subject to the laws of any place outside Australia or New Zealand to be ineligible to participate in the DRP where the Board is of the opinion that it is not practicable, possible or desirable to extend participation to Shares so held.

### **11.2 Date of effect of variation, suspension and termination**

Any termination, variation, suspension or recommencement of the DRP takes effect upon the date specified by the Board in the notice to ASX.

### **11.3 Participation to continue**

If the Board varies these Rules, a Participant continues to participate under the modified DRP unless Beach is notified by the Participant to the contrary by an Application Form.

### **11.4 Suspension**

Any suspension of the DRP under Rule 11.1 will be effective until such time as the Board resolves either to recommence or terminate the DRP.

#### **11.5 Cessation of Participation**

From the date determined under paragraph 11.2 until the suspension ceases to have effect under paragraph 11.4, all Participating Shares will automatically cease to be Participating Shares.

#### **11.6 Recommencement of DRP**

If the Board resolves to recommence the operation of the DRP it may direct that Shares which were recorded as Participating Shares immediately prior to the date determined under paragraph 11.2 be reinstated as Participating Shares with effect from the date of the recommencement of the DRP.

#### **11.7 Conditions of Recommencement**

Beach will, by notification on Beach's website and by notice to ASX, give notice of the conditions of recommencement and any directions made under Rule 11.6.

#### **11.8 Non Receipt of Notice**

The accidental omission to give notice of any variation, suspension, termination or recommencement of the DRP or the non-receipt of any notice by anyone entitled to notice does not invalidate the variation, suspension, termination or recommencement of the DRP.

#### **11.9 No Liability**

Any variation, suspension, recommencement or termination of the DRP under Rule 11.1 will not give rise to any liability on the part of, or right of action against, Beach or the Board.

### **12. PARTICIPATION COSTS**

No brokerage, commission or other transaction costs and no stamp duty and other duties are payable by Participants on Shares allotted under the DRP.

### **13. GENERAL**

#### **13.1 Excluded Dividend**

Any dividend payable on Shares which a Participant has nominated as participating in the DRP and which Beach is entitled to retain as a result of a charge in favour of Beach in accordance with the Constitution or other requirements of law, will not be available for the purpose of participating in the DRP.

#### **13.2 Binding Rules**

These Rules bind a Participant.

#### **13.3 Rules subject to Applicable Law**

These Rules are subject to Applicable Law and to the Constitution.

#### **13.4 No Liability or Warranty**

Neither Beach, its Board or its officers:

- 13.4.1 take any responsibility or assume any liability for, or as a consequence of, the taxation liabilities of Participants; or
- 13.4.2 represent or warrant that a Participant will gain any taxation advantage or will incur a taxation liability or disadvantage, as a result of participation in the DRP; or
- 13.4.3 will be liable or responsible to any Participant for any loss or alleged loss or disadvantage suffered or incurred by a Participant as a result, directly or indirectly, of the establishment or operation of the DRP or participation in the DRP or in relation to any advice given with respect to participation in the DRP.

### 13.5 **Administration**

The Board has absolute discretion to:

- 13.5.1 resolve any disputes concerning the DRP in such matter as it thinks fit;
- 13.5.2 adopt any administrative procedures as it thinks appropriate;
- 13.5.3 take and rely upon independent professional or expert advice in or in relation to the exercise of any of its powers or discretions under these Rules;
- 13.5.4 delegate to any one or more persons the exercise of any of its powers or discretions arising under the DRP; and
- 13.5.5 enter into any underwriting arrangements regarding the DRP as it thinks appropriate.

### 13.6 **Board Decision final and binding**

Any decision, determination, approval, interpretation or opinion of the Board under these Rules is in its absolute discretion and is final and binding on the Participants.

### 13.7 **Governing Law**

The DRP and these Rules are governed by the laws of South Australia.