



Viking Ashanti Limited

Release of securities from escrow

12 April, 2011

In accordance with ASX listing Rule 3.10A Viking Ashanti Limited advises that ordinary fully paid shares will be released from escrow as follows:

<u>Date of release</u>	<u>Number</u>
6 th May 2011	20,000,000

An Appendix 3B application for quotation of these shares is attached.

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Viking Ashanti Background

Viking Ashanti's Akoase gold project contains a JORC classified, inferred resource of 500,000 ounces of gold based on 13Mt of ore @ 1.2g/t. Viking Ashanti's primary objective is to expand the resource to at least 1 million ounces of gold. At least 13,000 m of RC drilling is planned along with 2,500 m of diamond drilling at Akoase with a further 14,000m RC and 2,500m diamond drilling at West Star and Blue River through to May 2012.

The Akoase project is just 25km from Newmont Mining's 8.7M oz Akyem gold project while the West Star/Blue River projects are 15 km from the 2M oz Nzema project, operated by ASX listed Adamus Resources. Ghana also hosts the 60M oz Obuasi deposit (AngloGold Ashanti), 40M oz Tarkwa deposit (GoldFields) and the 17M oz Ahafo deposit (Newmont).

Ghana is socially and politically stable, operates under a well established Westminster legal system, has excellent internal infrastructure with a 25 year history of modern mining and a substantial internal skills base to support mining.

Viking Ashanti is well served by a strong board and management team with extensive West African experience.

The chairman, **Jack Gardner**, was a founding director of Mincor Resources, an ASX 200 company. He was chief technical officer of Kenor Mining Group, a Guinean gold mining company which grew from explorer to have production of over 100,000 oz and was subsequently sold to Crew Gold Corp for US\$350m. Mr Gardner was for 5 years executive chairman of Ghana Manganese Limited, immediately following its divestiture from Government ownership.

Peter McMickan, managing director, is a geologist whose 29 year career includes worldwide experience with Newmont, Pancontinental Mining, BP Minerals, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines and Homestake. Mr McMickan managed the mine geology, exploration and successful resource development of Kenor's Lero gold project in Guinea, West Africa expanding the resource to over 4 million ounces of gold in two years.

Appendix 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003.

Name of entity

VIKING ASHANTI LIMITED

ACN

126 200 280

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

1 +Class of +securities issued or to be issued

2 Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued

3 Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)

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4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment

5 Issue price or consideration

6 Purpose of the issue
 (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)

7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	Number	+Class
		56,349,131	Ordinary Shares

9	Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	Number	+Class
		12,817,536	Ordinary shares
		6,000,000	31 December 2012 options

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10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11 Is security holder approval required?

12 Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?

13 Ratio in which the +securities will be offered

14 +Class of +securities to which the offer relates

15 +Record date to determine entitlements

16 Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?

17 Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions

18 Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents
Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.
Cross reference: rule 7.7.

19 Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations

20 Names of any underwriters

21 Amount of any underwriting fee or commission

22 Names of any brokers to the issue

23 Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue

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| 24 | Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders | |
| 25 | If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting | |
| 26 | Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled | |
| 27 | If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders | |
| 28 | Date rights trading will begin (if applicable) | |
| 29 | Date rights trading will end (if applicable) | |
| 30 | How do +security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker? | |
| 31 | How do +security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance? | |
| 32 | How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)? | |
| 33 | +Despatch date | |

Part 3 - Quotation of securities -

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

- 34 Type of securities
(tick one)

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(a) Securities described in Part 1

(b) All other securities
Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents

35 If the +securities are +equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional +securities, and the number and percentage of additional +securities held by those holders

36 If the +securities are +equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional +securities setting out the number of holders in the categories
1 - 1,000
1,001 - 5,000
5,001 - 10,000
10,001 - 100,000
100,001 and over

37 A copy of any trust deed for the additional +securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38 Number of securities for which +quotation is sought

39 Class of +securities for which quotation is sought

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40	Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?	Yes					
	<p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the date from which they do • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment 						
41	Reason for request for quotation now	Shares to be released from escrow on 6 May 2011					
	<p>Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period</p> <p>(if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)</p>						
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Quotation agreement

1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.

2 We warrant the following to ASX.

- The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
- There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
- An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- We warrant that if confirmation is required under section 1017F of the Corporations Act in relation to the +securities to be quoted, it has been provided at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:



Company secretary

Date: 12 April 2011

Print name: Michael Langoulant

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